

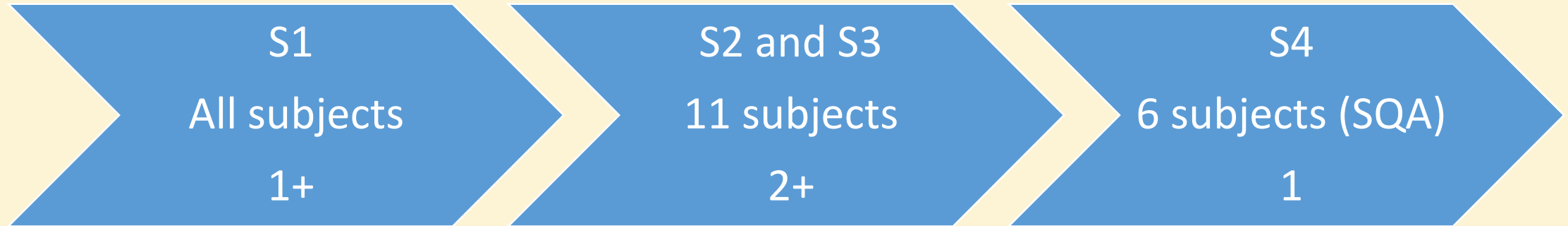
PHS Curriculum Review Survey

Parental View

October 2020

Background to Curriculum Review

Current structure:



Parental Concerns

First choice point too early

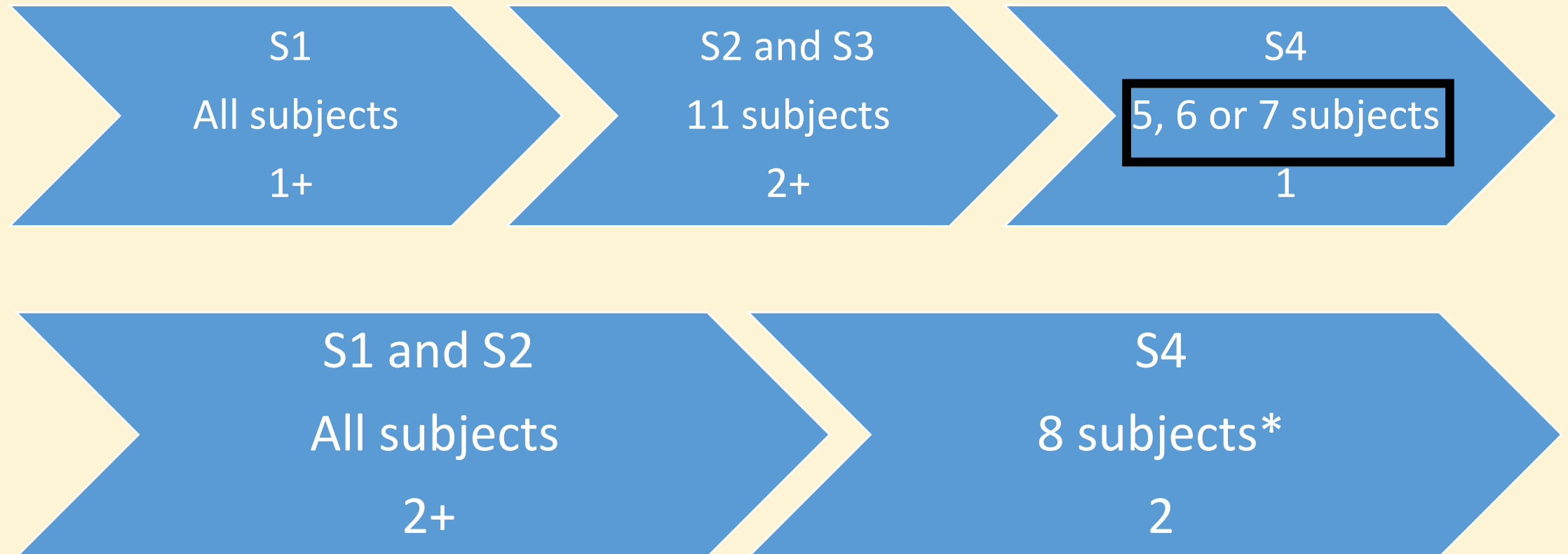
Fatigue in S3

1 year too rushed, and subject choice too narrow

Survey to parents asked:

- In which years do you currently have children?
- When do you think is the best time to start choosing subjects?
- How many Nationals do you think should ideally be sat at the end of S4?
- Rank Curriculum structures (next slide)
- Open Comments

Curriculum structures to rank:



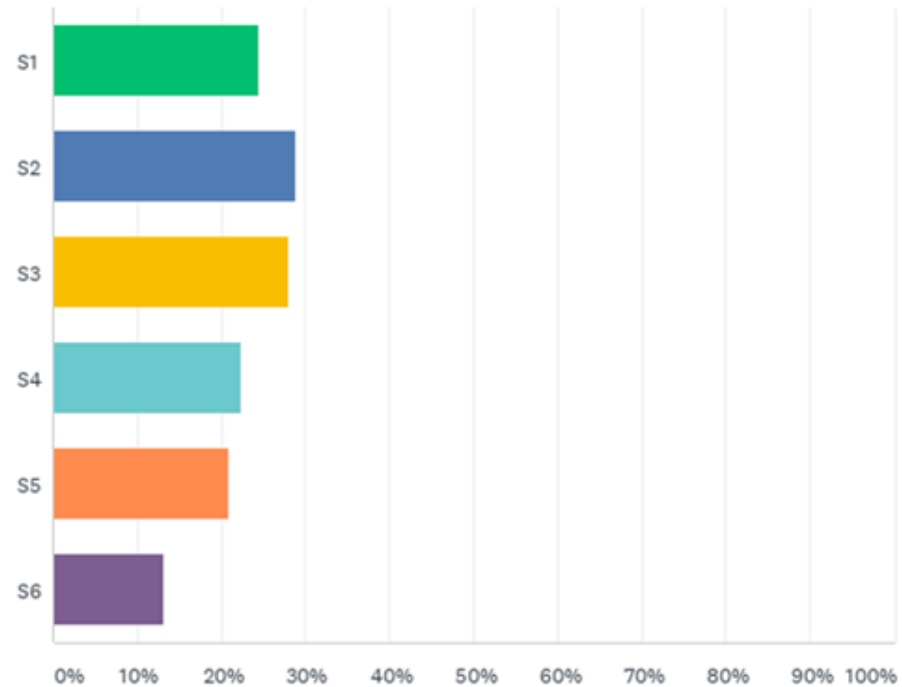
* Need to be selected from columns to meet Broad General Education Requirements (BGE)

Results:

- 345 respondents

Q1: Parents. In which years do you currently have children? Please tick all that apply

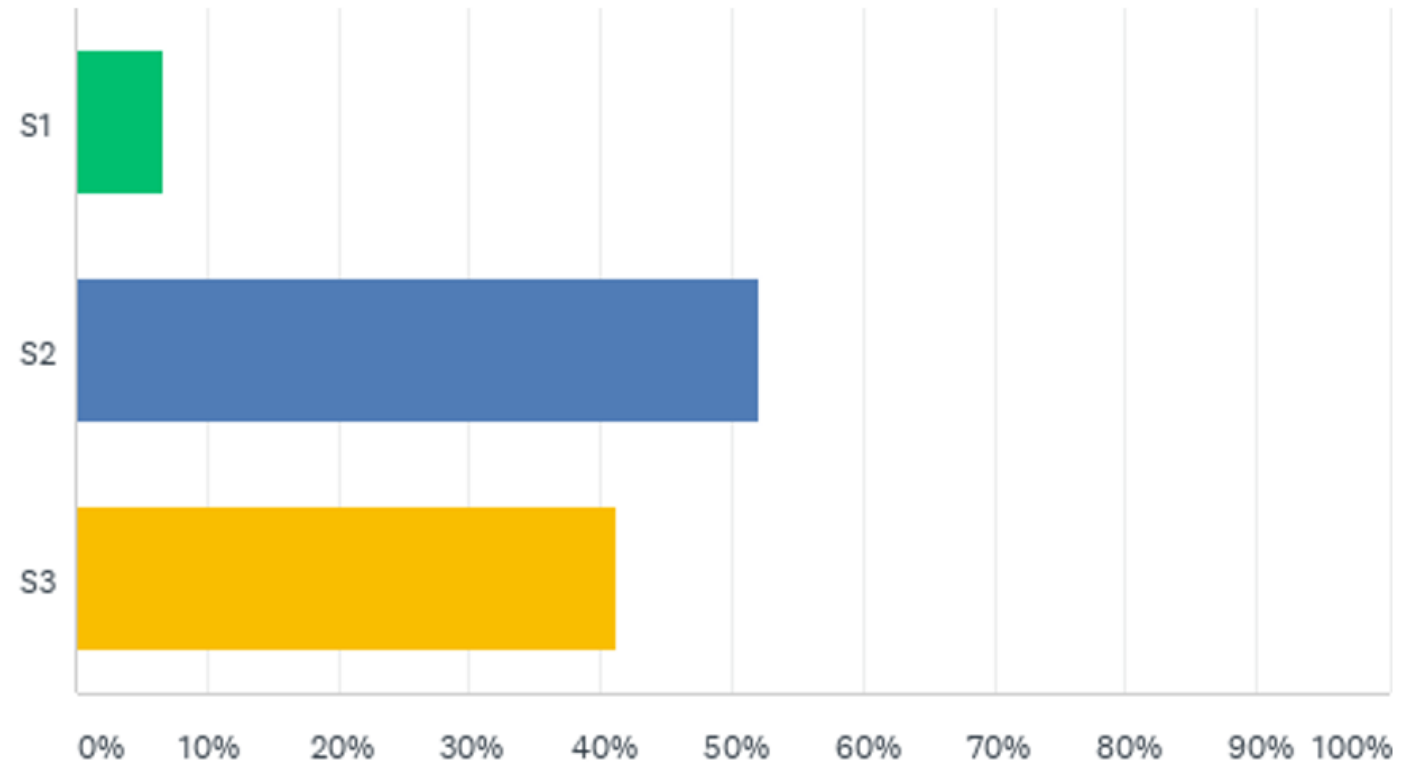
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Results

Q2: Q2 When do you think is the best time to start choosing subjects to specialise in? Please tick one

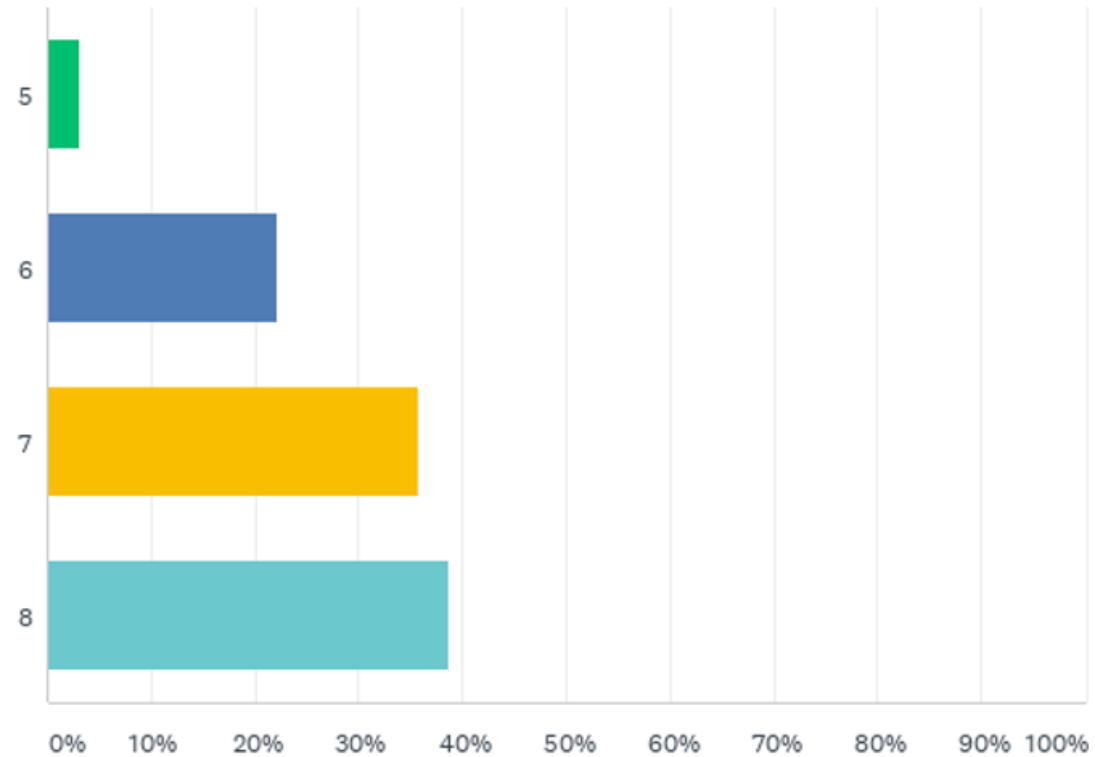
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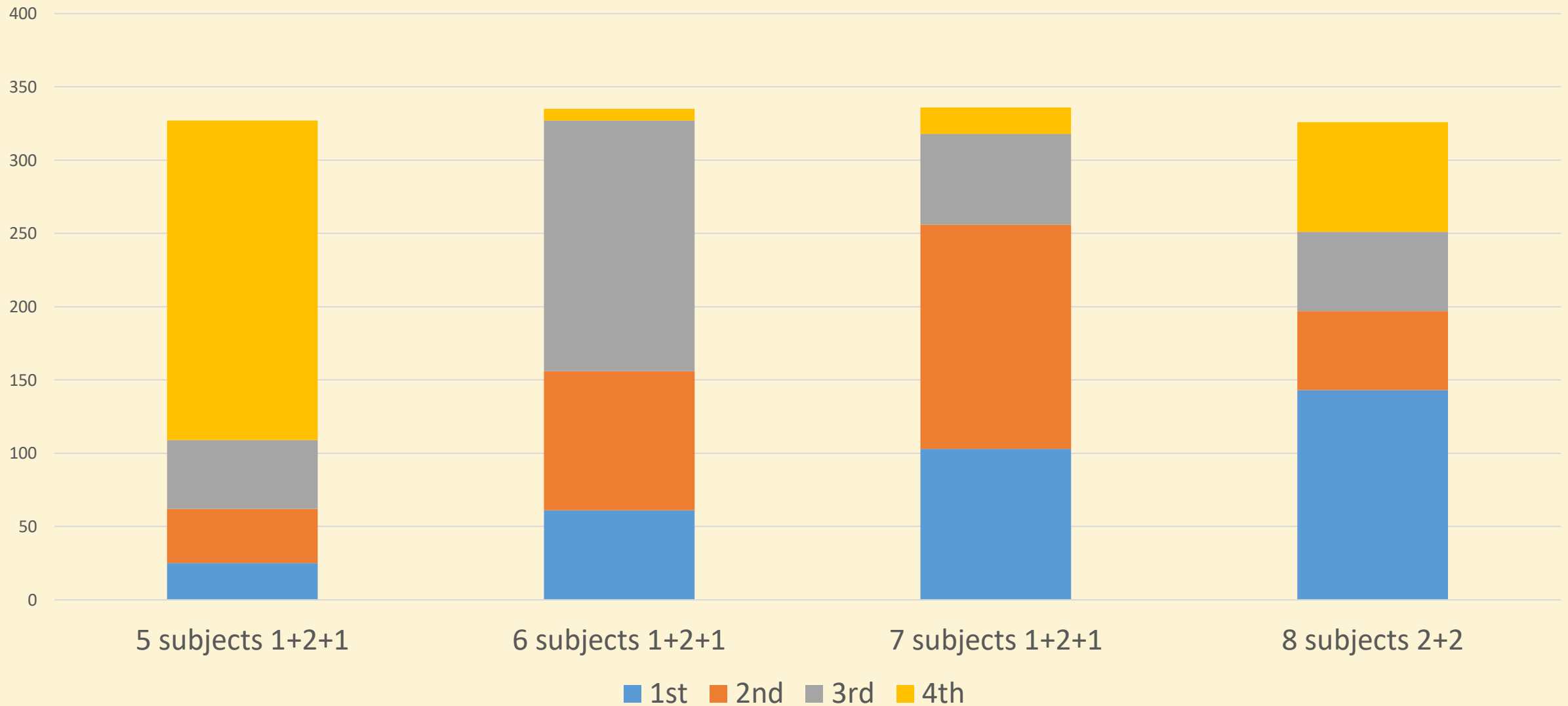
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Q3: How many Nationals do you think should ideally be sat at the end of S4? Tick one

Answered: 343 Skipped: 2



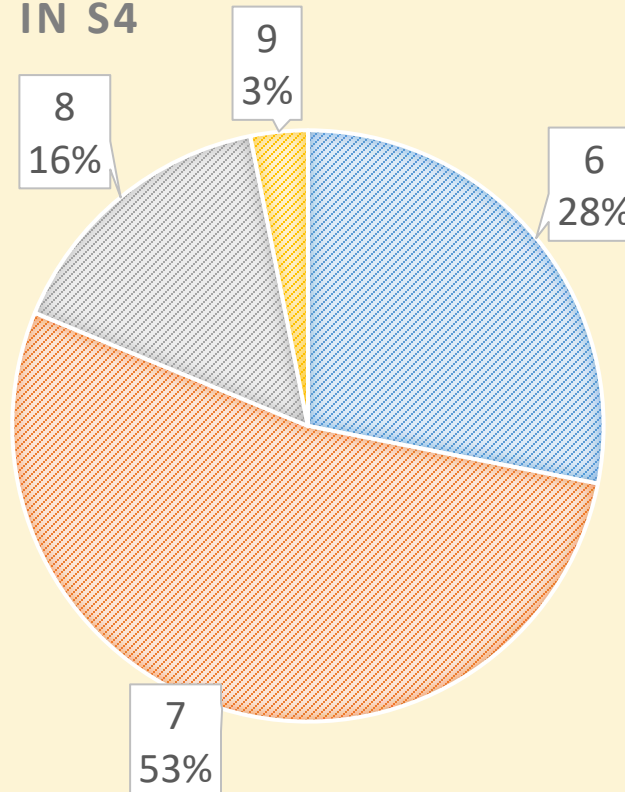
Curriculum Structure



Review of: 20 comparator schools, top 10 schools, plus two Edinburgh schools

Choice point in S1 in only 6% of schools reviewed

NUMBER OF SUBJECTS STUDIED IN S4



Summary

- Overall the parents who responded had children in a wide range of years within the school.
- It was clear that the parents felt that S1 was NOT the correct First Choice point. S1 choice point in comparator schools is rare
- There was also a clear preference for a greater number of subjects to be studied than at present – so 7 or 8. Greater than 6 subjects studied in 72% of comparator schools.
- The most preferred curriculum structure from the options presented being 2+2 with 8 subjects.