



2022

# **Senior Phase Curriculum Information Evening**

*Preparing for Choices into & through the Senior Phase*

# SCQF Framework

## *What is SCQF?*

- A framework to recognise lifelong learning.
- Can help you to understand and compare a range of qualifications.
- Covers achievements from school, youth clubs, college, university and the workplace.
- Shows that qualifications have the same worth wherever they have been achieved.

# Why do I need to know about SCQF?

- This information will appear on your son's or daughter's SQA certificate
  - The certificate will refer to SCQF levels
  - The certificate will recognise your son's or daughter's SCQF credits
    - 1 credit = 10 hours of study,  
so the 240 hours of learning for a Higher is 24 credits.
- Recognises wider achievement
- Helps employers understand different types of qualifications
- Helps universities/colleges identify the level your child has studied at in a particular subject.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12			↑		Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award		Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	↑ ↓			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards	↓			
1	National 1, Awards				

# S4 Curriculum (Current S3)

## **Making choices**

- Senior Phase years as a whole
- Progression on from subjects studied in S3.
- Compulsory subjects.

# Levels of Study

- All subjects are offered as either 'long' or 'short' courses.
- Teachers will make recommendations as to which option (long or short) would be best for individual students.
- Increase choice; increase attainment

# S4 timetables

- All S4 students should have a **full timetable**, meaning there are no independent study periods.
- If a student stopped studying a subject at the end of S2, they should be able to pick this up again in S4, but this will need to be as either a level 4 course or a long National 5 course (the short National 5 option wouldn't be available).
- Once enrolled in a course, students are **not permitted to 'drop'** the course or level of study (such as level 5 to level 4) without written approval from the Depute Rector Year Head.

# Recommendations

S3 students moving into S4 will receive level-of-study Recommendations from teachers:

Recommendation	What this means
<b>Level 5 – Long or Short</b>	You are likely to achieve an A-D course award or a pass at a NPA if you study this course as a long or a short course. The decision as to which length of course to study is up to you.
<b>Level 5 - Long</b>	You are likely to achieve an A-D course award or a pass at a NPA if you study this course as a long course, but not as a short course. If you are choosing this subject, we recommend that you do so as a long course.
<b>Level 4</b>	You are unlikely to achieve an A-D course award or a pass at a NPA if you are studying this subject as either a long or a short level 5 course this year. We recommend that you study at level 4 this year, with the option to study at level 5 next year.



# SENIOR PHASE COURSE APPLICATION FORM

Name: «Known\_As» «Surname»

Reg: «Reg»

Head of House: «HoH»

## Recommended Levels:

Admin & IT	
Business & IT	
Business Management	
Computing	
Computing Games Design	
Graphic Communication	
Practical Metalwork	
Practical Woodwork	

Childcare	
Health & Food	
Physical Education	
Practical Cookery	
Bee Keeping	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	

Criminology	
Geography	
History	
Modern Studies	
Princes Trust	
French	
Languages for Life & Work	
Spanish	

Art & Design	
Art (NPA)	
Drama	
Music	
Musical Theatre	
Photography	

Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	Column 5
SHORT COURSES - 3 periods per week							
1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4	5
Computing Childcare Princes Trust Chemistry (N4) Music French Criminology	Biology Art (NPA) Business Management Languages for Life & Work	Modern Studies Bee Keeping (NPA) Biology Drama	Chemistry History Biology (N4) Photography (NPA)	Physics Geography Physical Education Music Business Management	Chemistry Musical Theatre (NPA) Computing		
LONG COURSES - 6 periods per week							
History Drama Physics Admin & IT Graphic Communication Art & Design Physical Education		Business & IT (NPA) Computer Games Design (L5&6) Geography Practical Metalwork Spanish Practical Cookery Chemistry		French Art & Design Modern Studies Practical Woodwork Health & Food Biology College		English	Maths

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1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4	5
						English	Maths

Write your chosen subject in the **green box** and the level in the **orange box**.

**Forms to be returned by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**Questions?**