

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 studies at in a particular subject.

SCQF Levels		SQA Qualifications	Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs		
12			î	1	Doctoral Degree	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			Profess Developme		Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	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					

'Eligibility', rather than 'Recommendations'

Students become 'eligible' to study a course according to the following criteria:

- If a student has attained a **level 4 pass** in a particular subject in S4 or S5, they are eligible to study this subject at level 5 in S5 or S6.
- If a student attained a National 5 course award of A, B or C in S4 or S5 (or a 'pass' for ungraded courses), they are eligible to study this subject at Higher in S5 or S6.
- If a student attained a National 5 course award of D in S4 or S5, or No Award, if they wish to continue studying this subject, they should repeat it in S5 or S6. Should an S5 student attain a course award of A, B or C, they will be eligible to study the Higher course in S6.

• If a student attained a **Higher course award of A, B or C** in S5, they are eligible to study this subject at Advanced Higher in S6.

- For other types of course, such as National Progression Awards, generally speaking:
 - S4 students should study these at level 5
 - S5 and S6 students should study these at level 6

S5 timetables (current S4)

- All S5 students must have a full timetable.
- This means that subjects need to be chosen from each of the **five** Course Choice columns, which will account for 30 periods per week.
- The additional 3 periods per week will be made up of:
 - Citizenship (1 period per week)
 - Health & Wellbeing (1 period per week)
 - Enrichment (1 period per week)
- It is expected that most S4 students will attain a National 5 course award at A-C in most of the subjects they study. Therefore, most S4 students should be choosing Higher courses in S5.

S6 timetables (current S5)

- All S6 students must have a full timetable.
- This means that options need to be chosen from each of the five columns, which will accounts for 30 periods per week.
- One column can be 'volunteering'; another can be 'independent study'
- As a default, students must study at least 4 certificated courses. Generally, we would expect these to be at level 6 or level 7.
- In addition, S6 students will be timetabled for:
 - Citizenship (1 period per week)
 - Health & Wellbeing (1 period per week)
 - Enrichment (1 period per week)

S6 timetables

• S6 should not be seen as a year of 'coasting'. It is as important an academic year as S4 and S5. They key difference with the S6 year and other years in the senior phase is that students can study fewer courses, but are expected to use the extra available time to volunteer in the school or community, or to study independently.

SENIOR PHASE COURSE APPLICATION FORM

Name: Reg: Head of House:

Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4		Column 5		
SHORT COURSES - 3 periods per week										
1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	
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	English (S4 only)		Maths (S4 only)		
			LONG C	OURSES - 6 per	iods 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		Maths Applications of Maths Sports Coaching Applied Science (NPA)		English Criminology Volunteering/Employability		
			HIGHER	COURSES - 6 pe	riods per week					
English Art & Design Chemistry Graphic Communication Modern Studies		Spanish Physics Human Biology Maths Physical Education		French Biology Music History Art & Design Health & Food		Chemistry Business Management Politics Maths Leadership/Young Enterprise (NPA)		English Computing Geography Classics Criminology		
			Co	llege School Pa						
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Graphic Communication	English Geography	Maths		Music	Physical Education	History	Biology	Physics	Chemistry	

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