



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				

‘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. The 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:

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Questions?