

# Castlehead High School

Options Launch Event  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**Work Hard Be Kind**

# Introduction

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- Overview of the options launch event
  - Introduction to the personalisation and choice/options process
  - Curricular pathways
  - Skills development
  - Post-school destinations
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# Positive destinations

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Post-school transition



- School Leaver destinations are published annually
  - Leavers destinations – The most up to date information available for session 2023/2024 will be published by the Scottish Government in February, with a predicted figure for Castlehead being **97%**. This is an increase trend over the last 3 years.
  - **37%** Higher Education
  - **25%** Further Education
  - **25%** Employment
  - Remaining to training/voluntary/personal skills development
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# Top influencers on learning and career choices

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- Friends
- Media
- Teachers
- Parents and carers
- Extended family
- SDS Careers Advisers

PARTNERSHIP WORKING IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

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# Sources of information

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- [www.parentforumsotland.org.uk](http://www.parentforumsotland.org.uk) – general website for parents in Scotland
  - [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) - SDS website with career planning tools and information
  - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents/topics> - Direct access to parent section, it contains links to info specific for S1 parents/ S2-3 re options / S4-6 re destinations
  - [www.apprenticeship.scot](http://www.apprenticeship.scot) – more on apprenticeships which have changed significantly from those 15+ years ago
  - [www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk](http://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk) – West College Scotland website (has courses starting Jan 2025)
  - [www.ucas.com/](http://www.ucas.com/) - University entry system (deadline 29<sup>th</sup> Jan for Sept 2025 start)
  - [www.ukcat.ac.uk/](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk/) - all about the mandatory test for medicine/dentistry
  - [www.lnat.ac.uk/](http://www.lnat.ac.uk/) - all about the mandatory test for entry for law
  - [www.unistats.com/](http://www.unistats.com/) - Statistics and information to compare Universities and courses
  - [www.hecsu.ac.uk/](http://www.hecsu.ac.uk/) - Information on what graduates go on to do with their degrees
  - [www.saas.gov.uk/](http://www.saas.gov.uk/) - SASS (uni and college) funding website
  - <https://erasmusplus.org.uk/> - info on studying abroad
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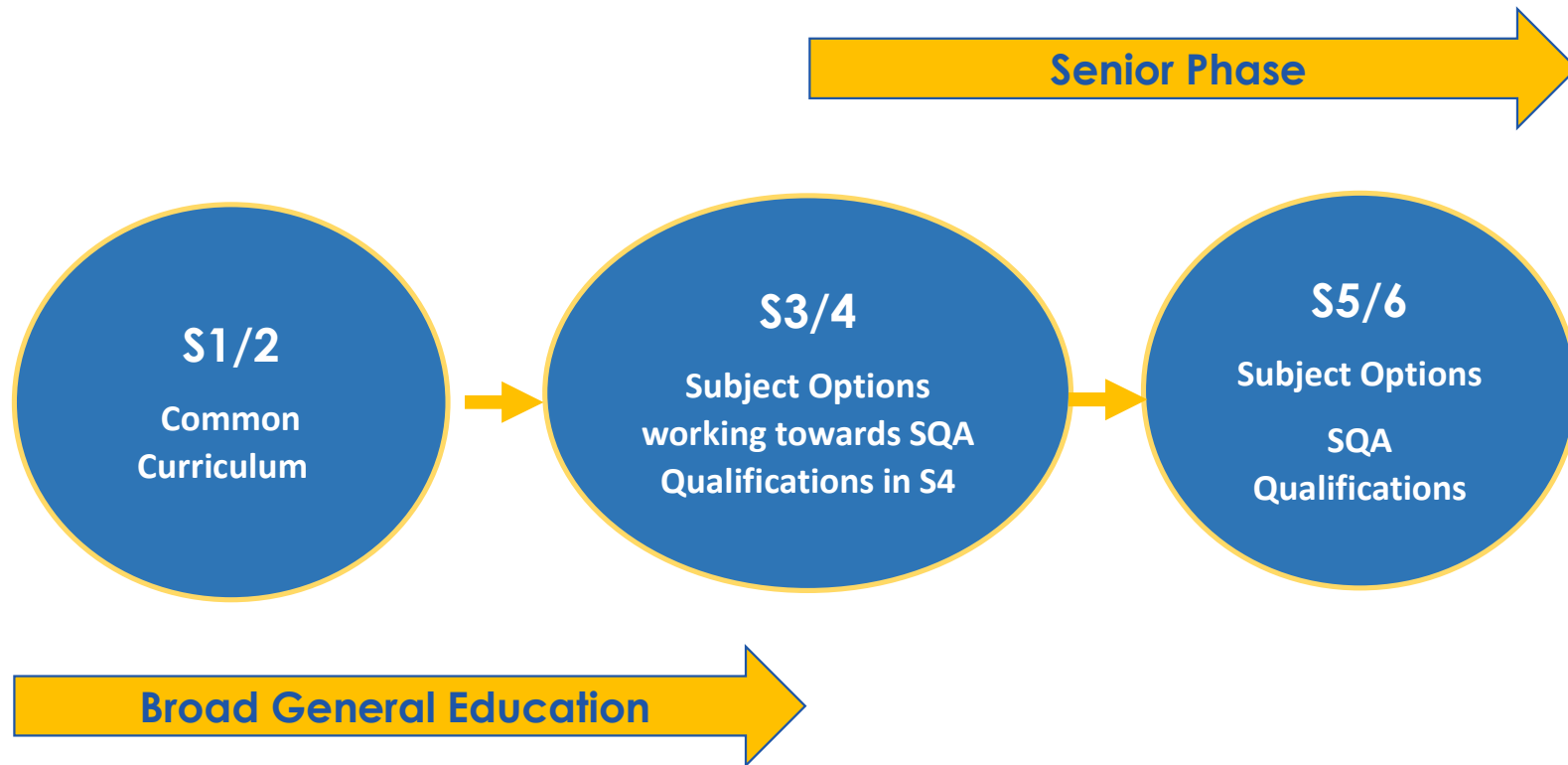
# Overview of Options Process

Mr Dunlop  
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# Curricular transitions

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# Changes to Curricular Structure

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- Last session we changed the structure of our curriculum, which mainly affects S3 and S4 pupils
  - We increased the pathways, options and qualifications available in S3 and 4 pupils to better meet the needs of our pupils
  - We Increased wider achievement opportunities for all pupils, including accredited wider achievement
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# What does this mean ?

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- Instead of choosing 6 subjects (plus English Maths and core subjects) at the end of S2, pupils choose 5 subjects
  - Pupils do not have to drop one of their subjects at the end of S3, but instead continue to study the same subjects for 2 year (S3 and S4)
  - This allows for more depth of learning in the 5 chosen subjects and for wider achievement
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# Why were the changes made ?

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- To increase opportunities for attainment and achievement for all pupils
  - To provide more flexible pathways to meet the needs of all learners
  - To increase pace, challenge, enjoyment and depth of learning
  - To increase our focus on skill development and relevance of learning to future life and work
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# Senior Phase Progression

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## S3 and S4

Pupils choose 5 subjects across curricular areas plus English and Maths and core subjects.

Pupils will develop skills and knowledge across their subjects and work towards Qualifications and awards in these subjects. Pupils will also have opportunities for accredited wider achievement.

Flexible and vocational pathways will be available to meet the needs of all learners.



## S5

Pupils will build upon their skills and knowledge from S3 and 4 in undertaking further National qualifications and awards relevant to their post-school pathway.

Pupils will continue to have opportunities to develop their leadership skills and for accredited wider achievement



## S6

Pupils will work towards further National Qualifications and awards in at least 4 subjects. Pupils have further opportunities for accredited wider achievement and leadership development



# S3 Curriculum

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Personalisation and choice



Broad range of subjects across 8 curricular areas

- Languages
  - Mathematics
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Religious and Moral Education
  - Sciences
  - Social Studies
  - Technologies
  - Expressive Arts
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## S4 Curriculum

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- Pupils continue to study 5 chosen subjects plus English and Maths, working towards SQA qualifications and awards
  - Core subjects; Religious and Moral Education, Physical Education and Personal, Social and Health Education
  - Additional SQA Awards in Personal Development and Employability
  - Wider Achievement Opportunities
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## S5/6 Curriculum

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- S5 pupils study 5 subjects, working towards SQA qualifications and awards
  - S6 pupils study at least 4 subjects, working towards SQA qualifications and awards
  - Leadership and volunteering opportunities to enhance skills, qualifications and experience
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# SCQF - Learner Pathways and Progression

Bex Feeney

Modern Languages Teacher

Project Leader Skills & Pathways



# What is the SCQF?

- It's Scotland's lifelong learning framework – designed to help people of all ages and circumstances to access appropriate education and training over their lifetime, so as to fulfil their personal, social and economic potential
- It helps people understand qualifications and how they relate/compare to one another
- It helps people plan their learning and provides a mechanism for making better informed choices
- It recognises people's learning and gives them credit for what they've achieved. This means that it can support credit transfer





# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



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



# SCQF Database



**11800+** qualifications/learning programmes



**54** organisations (known as Credit Rating Bodies) have the authority to place qualifications on the SCQF



**300** different organisations own these qualifications



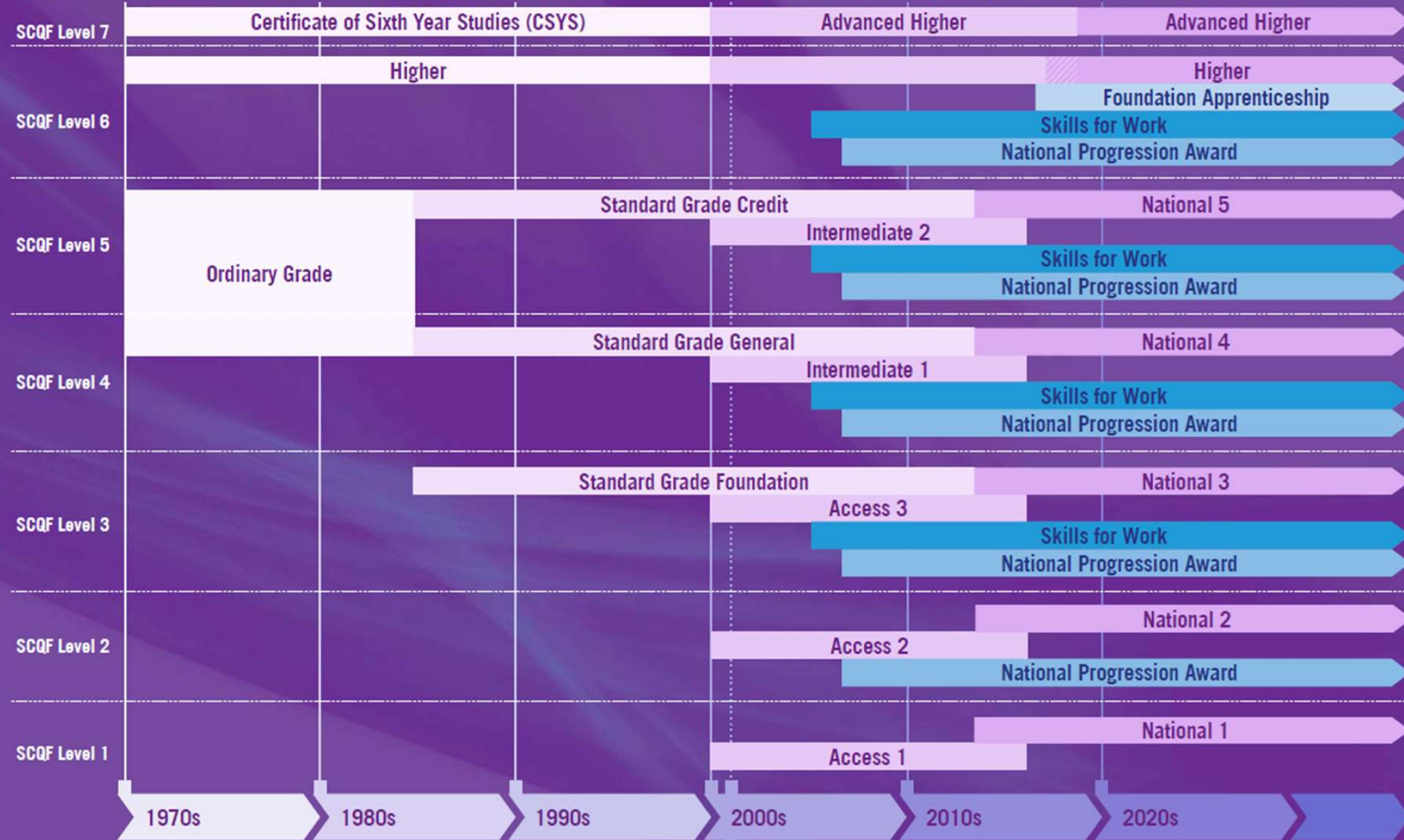
**850** other qualifications in addition to SQA, university degree, Apprenticeships and SVQ qualifications are on the SCQF



**93%** of programmes at SCQF Level 6 are not Highers

# SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website ([www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk)). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website ([www.sqa.org.uk/cfe](http://www.sqa.org.uk/cfe)).



2001: Creation of Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework. All levels are approximate for qualifications delivered prior to this date.

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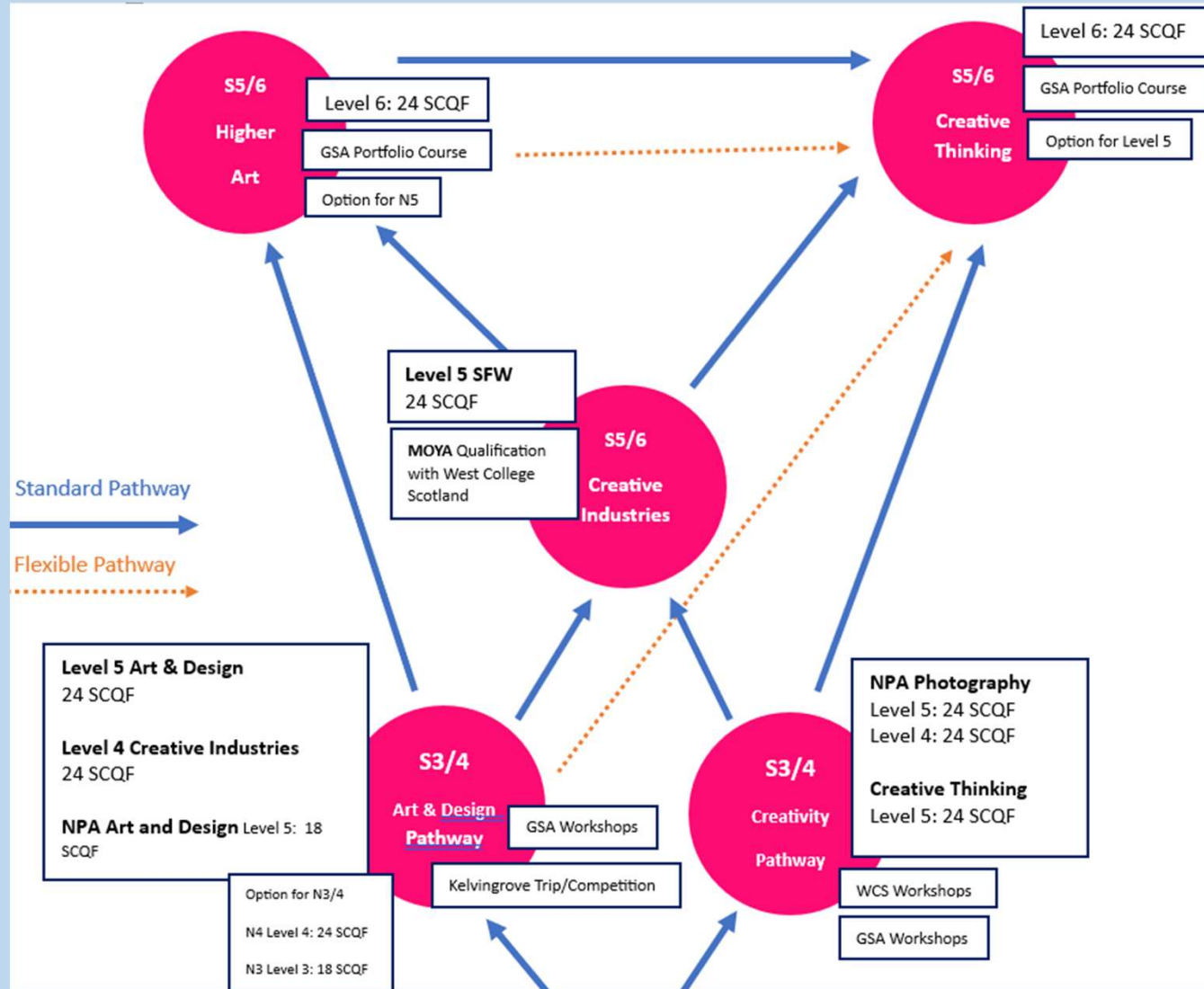
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# National 5 or Level 5?

- National, Higher and AH qualifications account for less than 10% of SQA catalogue
- **48** National 4s / **55** National 5s / **54** Highers
- **350+** at Level 4 / **700+** at level 5 / **750+** at level 6

# Example pathway



## What else do we offer?

- L5 Photography – can then lead to L6 Photography at college
- L5 Psychology – can lead to L6 Psychology at college
- L5 Wellbeing
- L5 Bike Maintenance
- L6 Leadership
- L6 Communications & Literature
- L6 Scottish Studies
- L7 Refereeing
- (S6) L7 Open University Modules – range of subject areas including Law, Languages, Health and Social Care and Sport and Exercise

# S5 into S6 - UWS Foundation Academy

- 20 credits at SCQF level 7
- If applying to an eligible degree programme at UWS equates to a B at Higher
- Offered to those interested in applying to university who may need advice with study pathways, support with the application process or their qualifications may fall slightly short of the typical entry requirements
- UWS campus visit in June
- 10 weeks of school-based learning with UWS tutor



# Developing the Young Workforce





# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to provide examples of some of the wide range of programmes on the SCQF. However, as there are currently more than 11,500 programmes on the SCQF, you may wish to visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

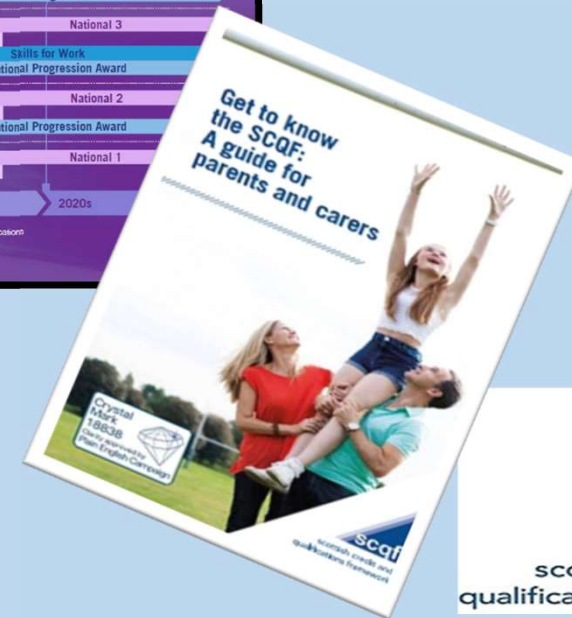
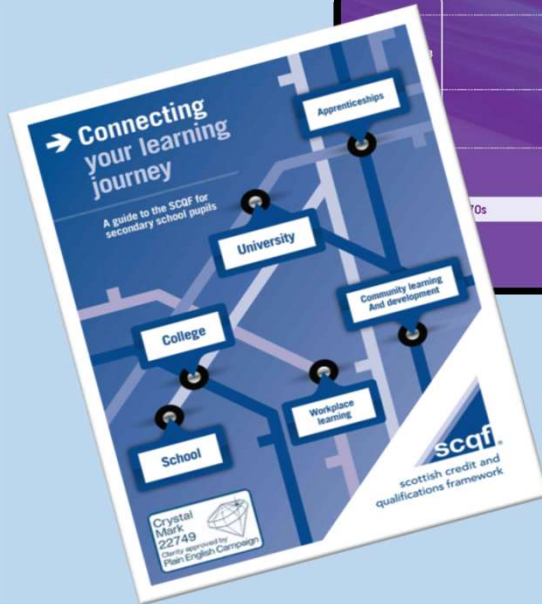
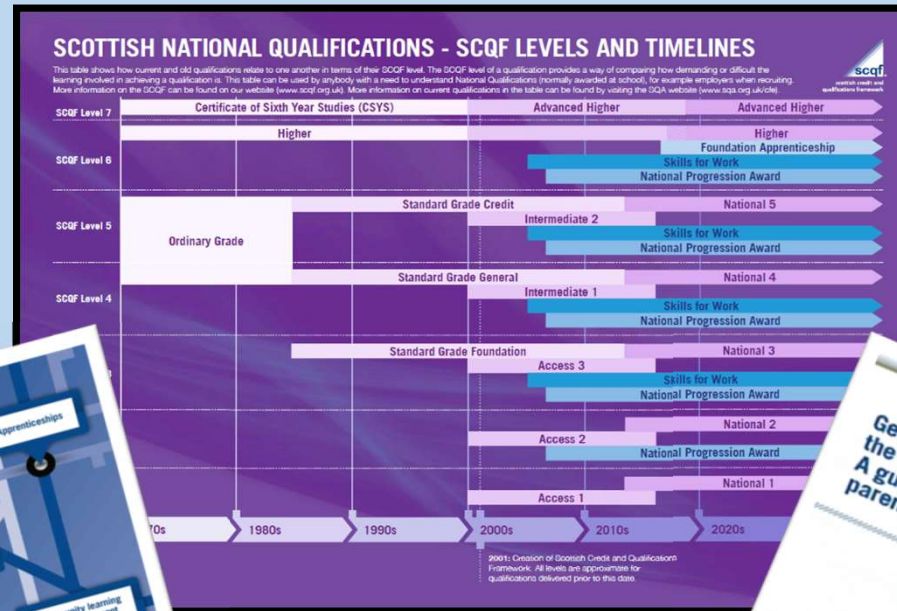


SCQF LEVELS					
12	Examples of other programmes on the SCQF				
11			NHS Education for Scotland Glaucoma Management	Chartered Management Institute Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership	Historic Environment Scotland Building Conservation in Context
10			NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management	BASI BASI Ski Level 4 Technical	Chartered Banker Institute Adv. Diploma in Banking & Leadership in a Digital Age
9			Mountain Training Scotland Winter Mountain Leader Award	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Response Driver Training Instructor	Social Enterprise Academy Developing Skills for a Coaching Culture
8	COSCA Counselling Skills Certificate	Foundation for Social Improvement Certificate in Fundraising Practice	Chippendale International School of Furniture Chippendale School of Furniture Award	College Development Network Teaching in Colleges Today	Institute of Counselling Certificate in Spiritual & Holistic Care
7	The Boys' Brigade George VI Leadership Programme	Youth Scotland Youth Achievement Awards - Platinum	London School of Mosaic Diploma in Mosaic Studies	Scottish Amateur Swimming Association Early Childhood Swim Teaching	Lanarkshire Recovery Consortium Advocacy Practice
6	SLQ Sports Leadership	Direct Devitt Comedy and Confidence	NHS Education for Scotland Caring for Smiles	Deaf Action Introduction to Tutoring British Sign Language	Diversity Matters Everyone Together
5	Cycling Scotland Bikeability Scotland Instructor	Glam Candy Bridal Makeup	The Outward Bound Trust Adventure & Challenge Award	Glasgow Kelvin College Certificate in Youthwork Practice	Rural & Urban Training Scheme Bikefix Leadership Award
4	Street Soccer Scotland First Steps to Employment	West College Scotland Vocabulary in Action	Learning Alliance Scotland Effective Mentoring & Peer Education	Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Emergency Training	South Lanarkshire Council Exploring and Sharing Youth Work Practice
3	Shetland College, UHI Letters, Leaflets and Labels	West Lothian Council Employability Award	Glasgow Clyde College Click 2 Connect	The Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills	Lead Scotland Community Action and Leadership
2	Youth Scotland Hi5 Three Star Award	Playback ICE Moving on Transition in Action	Newbattle Abbey College Forest and Outdoor Learning Skills 2	SQA Awarding Body Steps to Work Award	The Shieling Project CIC The Shieling Project Award
1	SQA Awarding Body Cycling Award	Borders College Ready for Retail	Edinburgh College Let's Get Thinking Creatively	SQA Awarding Body Personal Achievement Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards	



# Chat to our SCQF Ambassadors!

We have a team of ambassadors ready to answer any questions you may have



# Making informed choices

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- Aptitudes and skills
  - Enjoyment and interests
  - Progression pathways
  - Intended post-school pathway
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# Support Available

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- Pupil Support Teacher
  - Skills Development Scotland
  - My World of Work
  - Reporting data and parent's evening
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# Senior Phase Support and Opportunities

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- West College Scotland school's courses and Foundation Apprenticeships
  - Focus West
  - Glasgow School of Art- School of Creativity partnership
  - University of the West of Scotland Foundation Academy
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# S2 Personalisation Timeline

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- **January 2025-** Options launch event
  - **Early February 2025-** S2 Options booklet issued, Scoping options completed
  - **Mid-February 2025-** S2 Options form issued
  - **Late February 2025-** Individual interviews with SDS and Pupil Support teacher
  - **March 2025-** S2 options process completed
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# Senior Options Timeline

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# Options Launch Event

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## Oakshaw House Area

- Languages and Literacy
  - Maths
  - Science and ICT
  - Humanities
  - Design
  - Home Economics and Music
  - PE Department
  - Pupil Support
  - Support for Learning
  - West College Scotland
  - Skills Development Scotland
  - SCQF Ambassadors
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