

SCQF School Ambassador Programme

In session 2021 – 2022 St Joseph's Academy will embark on the SCQF School Ambassador Programme. Some members of staff have received training from SCQF staff and a group of young people will take on the role of SCQF School Ambassadors. The ultimate goal for our ambassadors will be to raise awareness of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) and promote this among pupils and parents/carers. This presentation should provide you with some initial information as we begin the journey towards Bronze status.



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Senior Phase Curriculum

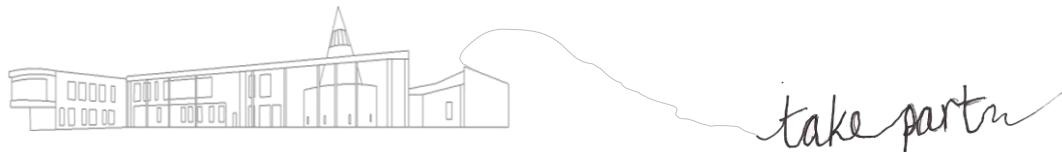
Next session our Senior Phase curriculum offer will be extended with the introduction of a number of new courses.

Subject departments will continue to offer National Qualifications ranging from National 3 to Higher, with a few offering Advanced Higher.

In addition pupils will have the opportunity to choose courses aligned to Developing the Young Workforce (DYW).

Our School College Partnership will remain on offer and young people will have the opportunity to engage in vocational qualifications delivered at SCQF Levels 4 - 7.

Information on new courses will be included in our Option Choice Handbook.



What is the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework?

The SCQF is the national qualifications framework for Scotland. The framework is designed to help individuals understand and compare various qualifications in Scotland.

Using the SCQF young people can plan their learner journey realising that there are different learning routes which can be taken to arrive at the same destination. Engaging with the framework enables staff, pupils and parents/carers to understand the parity of esteem between traditional national qualifications and other qualifications such as Skills for Work, National Certificates, Foundation Apprenticeships and National Progression Awards.

The SCQF has 12 levels and each level indicates the level of difficulty of a particular qualification. Every qualification has SCQF credit points and these are included on a young person's SQA Exam certificate.

[SCQF Video](#)

[What's the SCQF in my SQA Certificate?](#)



SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

National qualifications in Scotland have changed four times since the 1960s. Ordinary Grades, Standard Grades, Access, Intermediate and Nationals can make the current qualification system confusing for some. The creation of the SCQF in 2001 helps clarify levels and compare old qualifications with new.

The Old v New diagram explains this further. This can be found by clicking the link.

[Old V New](#)



QUALIFICATIONS – KEY INFORMATION					
Qualification	SCQF level	First certificate issued	Last certificate issued	Certificate title	Awarded by
Advanced Higher	7	2000	–	Scottish Qualifications Framework (SCQF)	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
CSYS	7+1	1970	2002	Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS)	Scottish Qualifications Board (SQA) until 1996
Higher	6	1988	–	Scottish Certificate of Education (SCCE)	Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board (SCEB) until 1996
Ordinary Grade	5 & 6/5	1982	1998	NQ	SQA until 1996
Standard Grade	5	1988	2012	NQ	SQA until 1996
Intermediate 1 & 2	4 & 5	2000	2012	NQ	SQA
Access 1, 2 & 3	3, 4 & 5	2000	2012	NQ	SQA
National 1, 2, 3 & 4	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	2014	–	NQ	SQA
Advanced Higher					
This qualification was introduced as part of the 'Higher Still' reforms. It is at SCQF level 7 and is awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).					
Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS)					
The CSYS joined the SCYP and is estimated to be at level 7 of SCQF level 7. The qualification was awarded from 1970 until 1998 as a separate certificate called the Certificate of Sixth Year Studies by the Scottish Qualifications Board (SQA). From 1998 to 2002 it was awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).					
Higher					
The Higher has now replaced for over 100 years. During this time it has undergone a number of reforms. It has always had the purpose of providing qualifications for progression to further study. It was first introduced in 1944. It was awarded on the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) until 1996, the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCCE) from 1996 to 2002 and the Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board (SCEEB). Since 2002, it has been awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).					
Ordinary Grade (O Grade)					
The O Grade was awarded from 1982 until 1998. It replaced the SCYP and is estimated to be at level 5 of SCQF level 5. It was awarded on the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCCE) until 1996, the Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board (SCEEB), which later became the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). It was gradually replaced by the National Qualifications Framework (NQ) from 1998 until 2002.					
Standard Grade					
Standard Grade was introduced over a number of years from 1984 – different subjects were introduced in different years. It is awarded at Three levels – Credit (SCQF level 5), Standard (SCQF level 6) and Foundation (SCQF level 7). It was awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). It was gradually replaced by the National Qualifications Framework (NQ) from 1998 until 2002.					
Intermediate 1 & 2					
These qualifications were introduced as part of the 'Higher Still' reforms. Intermediate 1 and 2 are at SCQF levels 4 & 5 respectively. They were awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). They have been replaced by National Qualifications at levels 1, 2 and 3.					
Access 1, 2 & 3					
These qualifications were introduced as part of the 'Higher Still' reforms. Access 1, 2 and 3 are at SCQF levels 3, 4 and 5 respectively. They were awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). They have been replaced by National Qualifications at levels 1, 2 and 3.					
National 1, 2, 3 & 4					
National Qualifications were introduced as part of Curriculum for Excellence and have been awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SCQF) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). They are at SCQF levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. They were awarded on the National Qualifications Framework (NQ) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) from 2002 until 2006. The National Qualifications Framework was replaced in 2006 by the National Qualifications Framework (NQ) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). For more information about the National Qualifications Framework (NQ) visit www.sqa.org.uk					



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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 to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12			↑	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				Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate
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				

What might a learner journey look like?

At St Joseph's we realise all of our learners are unique some preferring traditional courses while others opting for the learning experience offered by vocational type courses.

To enable us to offer a curriculum which aims to cater for all our young people we engage in the support offered from Ayrshire College and a number of local partners.

The next few slides provide an overview of some learner journeys.



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Example Learner Journey 1

BSc Microbiology (Hons)

Entry Requirements

4 Highers (Level 6): AABB/AAAC

Two of the Highers must be sciences

– Biology B and Chemistry B

Applicants must also have Maths

and English National 5 B

Route – Achieve at least 4 Highers at school and apply

BSc Microbiology (Hons)

Entry Requirements

HNC (Level 7) Graded Unit B

Route

National 5 (Level 5) qualifications

NQ Applied Sciences Level 5

NQ Applied Sciences Level 6

HNC Applied Science (must achieve a B
in graded unit_

[Amanda's Learner Journey](#)



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Example Learner Journey 2

Project Search Course (Crosshouse Hospital) for young people with Additional Support Needs

Route

S3 Various options including access to Lifeskills courses via Support for Learning

S4 – S6 National 3 and 4 qualifications (Level 3 and 4) and access to college taster options at the Supported Learning Centre within Ayrshire College

Leave at end of S4, S5 or S6 having secured a place on the Routes to Careers – Employment (Level 4) at Ayrshire College Supported Learning Centre. Completion of this course enabling progression to Project Search, NC Level 4/5 course in the wider curriculum or employment.



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Example Learner Journey 3

HNC Coaching and Developing Sport

Entry Requirements

2 Highers (Level 6) including Physical Education

Route – Achieve at least 2 Highers at school and apply

HNC Coaching and Developing Sport

Entry Requirements

NC Course Level 6

Route

National 4 (Level 4) qualifications at school
NC Sports and Fitness Level 5
Advanced Sport and Fitness Level 6



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Example Learner Journey 4

Job Early Education and Childcare Practitioner

Route

S3 Opt for Childcare burst delivered by Ayrshire College in school
Possible work experience placement in a local nursery

S4 Apply for Skills for Work Early Education (Level 4) as part of School
College Link Programme

Leave at end of S4 having secured a place on the NC Early Learning and Childcare Course (Level 5). Completion of this course applying for entry on to Level 6 course thereafter applying for jobs as a Support Worker in a range of early learning and childcare settings.

SCQF Your Child's learning - Sorted



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Should you require more information in relation to any areas of the presentation please use the contact page on the school website.

Additional information can be found on the SCQF website: <https://scqf.org.uk/>



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