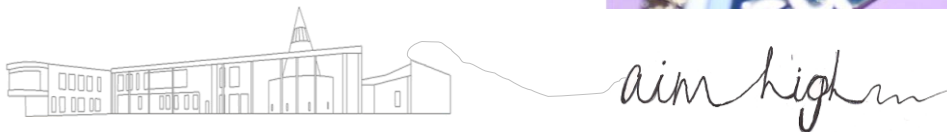


SCQF School Ambassador Programme

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.



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](#)



Qualification	SCQF level	First certificate issued	Last certificate issued	Certificate title	Assessed by
Advanced Higher	7	1990	2000	Scottish Qualifications Certificate (2000)	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Higher	6	1970	2000	Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (2000)	Scottish Qualifications Board (SQA) from 2000
Ordinary Grade	5	1960	1990	Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) from 1960	Scottish Qualifications Board (SQA) from 2000
Standard Grade	4	1960	1990	SCE from 2000	SQA from 2000
Intermediate 1 & 2	3	1960	1990	SCE from 2000	SQA from 2000
Access 1, 2 & 3	2	1960	1990	SCE from 2000	SQA from 2000
National 1, 2, 3 & 4	1	1960	1990	SCE from 2000	SQA from 2000



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				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				

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](#)



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



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



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