

# 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 have taken 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

This session our Senior Phase curriculum offer has been 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.



# 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?](#)



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# 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	Awarded by
Advanced Higher	7	2001	-	Higher Certificate (HC)	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
CHYS	7	1976	2001	Certificate of Higher Studies (CHYS)	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Higher	6	1960	2001	Higher Certificate (HC)	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Ordinary Grade	5	1960	2001	OG	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Standard Grade	4	1980	2001	SGS	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Intermediate 1 & 2	3	2001	2001	IG	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
Access 1, 2 & 3	2	2001	2001	AC	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)
National 1, 2 & 3	1	2001	2001	NAT	Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)



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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](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	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	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				



# SCQF at St Joseph's Academy

SCQF Level 5					
All qualifications below are also offered at SCQF Levels 4 and 3					
Faculty	Qualification	Course Title	Faculty	Qualification	Course Title
English	National 5	English	Social Subjects	National 5	Geography
	Level 5 Award	Mental Health and Wellbeing		National 5	History
Expressive Arts	National 5	Art & Design		National 5	Modern Studies
	National 5	Drama*		National 5	Skills for Work Travel & Tourism
	National 5	Music	Modern Languages	National 5	French
	National 5	Music Technology		National 5	German
	National 5	Skills for Work Creative Industries		National 5	Spanish
Mathematics	National 5	Applications of Maths	Physical Education	National 5	Physical Education
	National 5	Mathematics		National 5	Skills for Work Sports & Recreation
	Level 5 Award	Personal Finance		NPA	Team Sports & Fitness (Football)
Science	National 5	Biology	Technologies	National 5	Business Management
	National 5	Chemistry		National 5	Computing Science
	National 5	Physics		NPA	Computer Games Development
	National 5	Skills for Work Health Sector		NPA	Cyber Security
Religious Education	National 5	RMP5		National 5	Graphic Communication
Ayrshire College	SCQF Level 4 and 5	Various Courses		National 5	Practical Woodworking



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# SCQF at St Joseph's Academy

SCQF Level 6		
Faculty	Qualification	Course Title
English	Higher	English
Expressive Arts	Higher	Art & Design
	Higher	Drama
	Higher	Music
Mathematics	Higher	Mathematics
Modern Languages	Higher	French
	Higher	German
	Higher	Spanish
Science	Higher	Biology
	Higher	Chemistry
	Higher	Physics
Social Subjects	Higher	Geography
	Higher	History
	Higher	Modern Studies
	Higher	Politics
Physical Education	Higher	Physical Education
	SQA Leadership Award	Leadership
Religious Education	Higher	RMP5
Technologies	Higher	Business Management
	Higher	Computing Science
	NPA	Cyber Security
	Higher	Graphic Communication
Ayrshire College	SCQF Level 6	Various courses

SCQF Level	National Qualifications	National Progression Awards (NPA)	Skills for Work Courses	Higher Education Institutions
12				Doctoral Degree
11				Masters Degree
10				Honours Degree
9				Bachelors Degree
8				Diploma of Higher Education (DHE)
7	Advanced Higher			Certificate of Higher Education (CHC)
6	Higher	Level 6	Level 6	
5	National 5	Level 5	Level 5	
4	National 4	Level 4	Level 4	
3	National 3	Level 3	Level 3	



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# SCQF at St Joseph's Academy

SCQF Level 7		
Faculty	Qualification	Course Title
English	Advanced Higher	English
Expressive Arts	Advanced Higher	Art & Design (Expressive)
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Maths
Science	Advanced Higher	Biology
	Advanced Higher	Chemistry
	Advanced Higher	Physics
Social Subjects	Advanced Higher	History
Modern Languages	Advanced Higher	French
	Advanced Higher	Spanish
	Scottish Baccalaureate	Languages
E-Sgoil/ UHI (Distance learning)	Advanced Higher	Geography
Ayrshire College	Foundation Apprenticeship HNC	Various courses
Open University	SCQF Level 7 Modules	Various courses



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# 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.



*be curious*



# 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



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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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# Need more information?

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/>



Developing the  
Young Workforce



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# ***Eco Committee***

Our school is working to do more for our environment through this achieve our green flag and do better we aim to do this by establishing an **Eco Committee**. If anyone is interested in volunteering please email [\*eap.maitlandcatriona@glow.sch.uk\*](mailto:eap.maitlandcatriona@glow.sch.uk)



# Charity Club

- Help support a charity of students' choice by organising fundraisers
- Looking for members – anyone can join
- Email [eap.rameckersjulia@glow.sch.uk](mailto:eap.rameckersjulia@glow.sch.uk) or [eap.maitlandrosslin@glow.sch.uk](mailto:eap.maitlandrosslin@glow.sch.uk) for more info or if interested or come to the library to speak to Ros or Julia in S6

