

## Pathways in the Senior Phase

The senior phase curriculum, from S4 to S6 (from around ages 15 to 18). It enables them to extend and deepen their learning and continue to develop skills for learning, life and work, through qualifications and also through a range of opportunities for personal development. It ultimately supports young people in moving on to the next stage – whether that is college, university, training or employment.

### Flexibility and choice

In the senior phase, schools and their partners have flexibility to offer a range of pathways that meet the needs and raise the attainment levels of all learners:

**Colleges**

**Employers**

**Community  
Learning**

Schools are taking a range of approaches to the senior phase and are able to offer greater personalisation and choice for young people in a variety of ways.

Employers are important partners in Curriculum for Excellence and there are now more opportunities open to employers and schools to work directly with each other. Employers can offer a range of programmes and opportunities, including mentoring, 'real-life' work placements, work shadowing, internships and training programmes, as part of the curriculum. This benefits employers, by developing the skills and experience in young people that they need for their own businesses, and young people, by developing the skills they will need for the future jobs market.

The changes brought about by Curriculum for Excellence mean that young people will leave school more prepared for the world of work. The breadth and depth of skills, knowledge and experience that young people gain through the curriculum will give them more confidence to apply their learning and use their skills in real-life situations.

### Vocational and work based learning

As well as the new National Qualifications, which offer increased flexibility with a greater focus on skills and applying learning to real-life situations, there is also a wide range of SQA vocational qualifications and awards that young people can take as part of their senior phase curriculum. These include:

**Enterprise &  
Employability**

**Personal  
Development**

**Skills for Work**

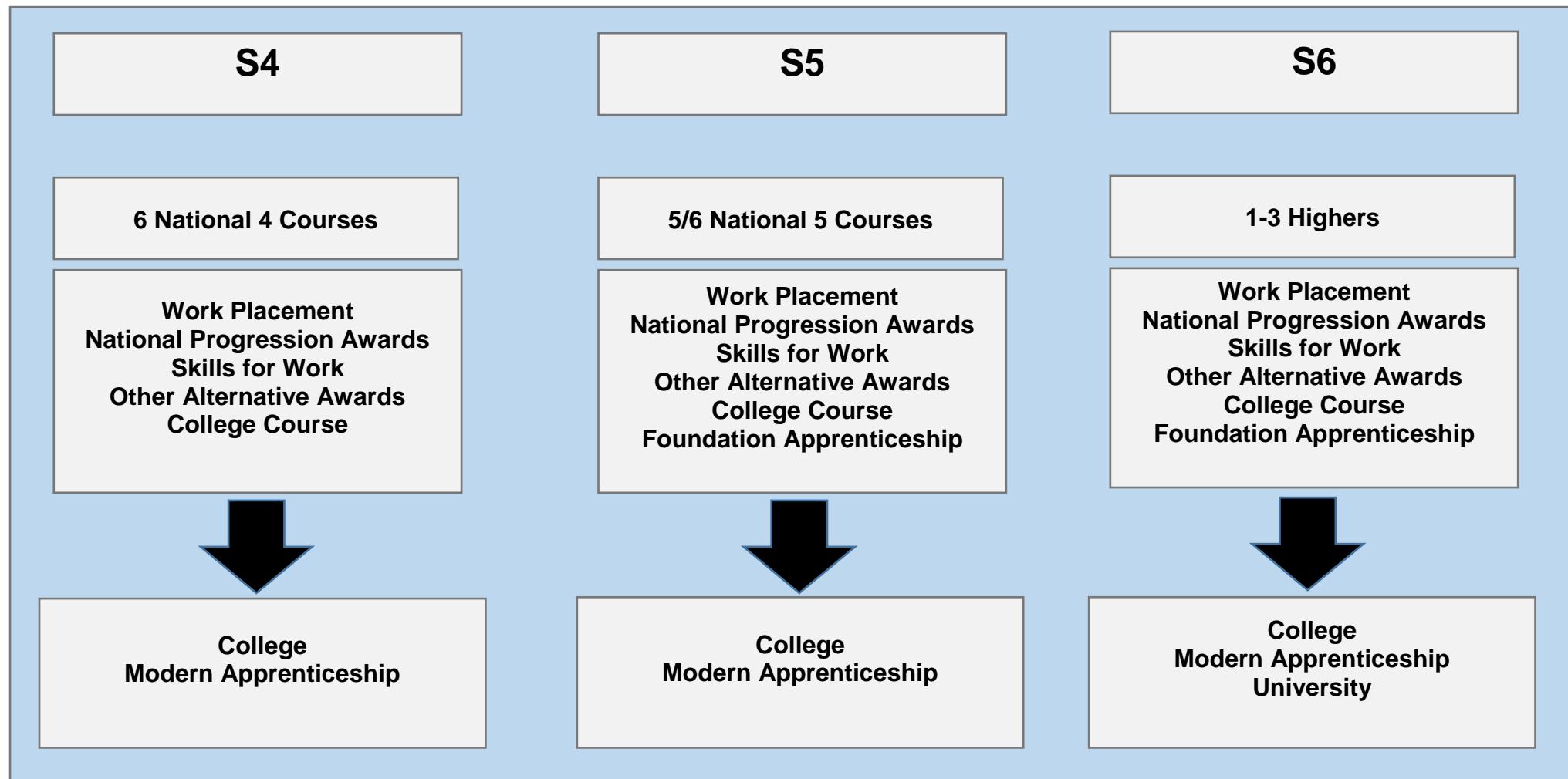
**National  
Progression Awards**

**Certificate of work  
Readiness**

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## Pathways

### Young Person 1



**Young Person 2**

**S4**

**6 National 5 Courses**

Work Placement  
National Progression Awards  
Skills for Work  
Other Alternative Awards  
College Course

**S5**

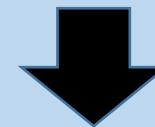
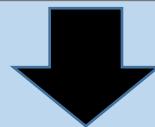
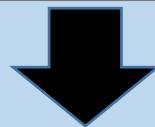
**1-4 Highers  
National 5 courses**

Work Placement  
National Progression Awards  
Skills for Work  
Other Alternative Awards  
College Course  
Foundation Apprenticeship

**S6**

**1-3 Advanced Highers**

Work Placement  
National Progression Awards  
Skills for Work  
Other Alternative Awards  
College Course  
Foundation Apprenticeship



**College  
Modern Apprenticeship**

**College  
Modern Apprenticeship  
University**

**College  
Modern Apprenticeship  
University**

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