

Linlithgow Academy

Senior Phase Pathways Publication

2026-2027



Head Teacher Introduction

Your 'Senior Phase' (S4/S5/S6), is an important phase in your education. These three years are the period in your education when you will gain a range of nationally recognised qualifications. At this time you should explore all options and gather as much information and advice as you can. You should aim high and follow a programme that builds on your experience and strengths. That way you will have the greatest chance of success at the highest level you can. The success of your Senior Phase will help shape your future career and lifestyle.

The vast majority of you will opt to stay on at school through choice. Only make that choice if school takes your learning forward and you are prepared to commit one hundred percent to the expectations we have for you. That will help ensure success. For a few students school is not the place to take your learning forward and you may choose to leave. I wish those of you who decide to leave Linlithgow Academy every success for the future.

School Leaving Dates

The dates on which you may leave school are fixed by law:

- If you are 16 years old before 30 September 2026 you may leave on 31 May 2026
- If you are 16 years old after 30 September 2026 you must remain in full time education until at least the end of the Christmas term 2026

Christmas Leavers can get a great deal out of their last term in education. There are worthwhile courses that you can access via school which will help you gain employment or link into colleges. You may be able to do other things at school or in the community which will add to your experience and range of skills and qualities.

Subject pathways

If your decision is to return to school next session, I hope that this booklet will help you in designing the most appropriate programme to maximise your chances of gaining qualifications at the highest level you can. The courses described in this booklet give you a significant range of possibilities however; **some courses will only run if there is sufficient demand for them**. If you wish to do a course not on offer at Linlithgow Academy it may be possible for you to do the course at another school through the West Lothian Campus, via Virtual Campus (on-line learning) or at West Lothian College.

Your House Head will help you to identify your interests, strengths, needs and career aspirations. Through PSE, and an individual interview if required, you will be helped to choose an appropriate programme for your remaining years in school. This programme is based on your levels of attainment, your potential and your expected career path. By providing the range of courses and levels we do, we expect you to accept that you have certain responsibilities relating to yourself, your school work and to the life of the school.

We therefore expect that you:

- set yourself challenging, but attainable targets, and not to be satisfied with doing just enough to get by
- give a commitment to prepare for and attend classes, to contribute fully, to think about your performance, to ask for help as required and to use feedback from teachers in order to improve
- complete all required homework to the best of your ability
- persevere to achieve your goals and take more responsibility for your own studies
- give a commitment to behave appropriately and considerately within and out-with the school and to consider how you can contribute to enhancing the quality of life of the school
- give a commitment to establish and maintain good relationships with other students and staff and to do what you can to create an environment which encourages a willingness to learn among students
- embrace the range of experiences which we offer, both curricular and extra-curricular

I hope that all who progress into the Senior Phase have a successful and productive year and as a school we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Grant Abbot

Head Teacher



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Timeline of Course Choice Activities for Session 2025-2026

Current stage	Date	Activity
S2	Monday 19 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S2-S3 Course Choice booklet available.
	Monday 26 th Jan– Friday 6 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil course choice awareness raising timeslot; Faculty planned activities to ensure pupils have a clear understanding of all courses offered. (Faculty Specific plans required)PSE Input/ S2 Assembly
	Week beginning 16 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Choice completed in PSE classes
	<u>Week beg 2nd March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality Assurance Checks and follow ups
S3	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S3 PSE programme begins to look at planning for choices and changes
	Thursday 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moving into Senior Phase Parents' Information Evening/ Careers Evening/Faculty Course Choice evening
	Monday 19 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Phase Course booklets available
	Wk beg 26th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Progress Report
	Monday 26 th Jan– Friday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil course choice awareness raising timeslot; Faculty planned activities to ensure pupils have a clear understanding of all courses offered. (Faculty Specific plans required)
	Week beginning 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Choice Input week
	<u>Week beg 9th March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality Assurance Checks and follow ups
S4	Thursday 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Careers Evening/ Faculty Course Choice evening
	Monday 19 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Phase Course booklets available
	Wk beg 19th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S4 Parents Evening
	Monday 26 th January – Friday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil course choice awareness raising timeslot; Faculty planned activities to ensure pupils have a clear understanding of all courses offered. (Faculty Specific plans required)
	PSE lessons in January & February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S4 PSE programme begins to look at planning for choices and changes
	Week beginning 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Choice Input week
	<u>Week beg 9th March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality Assurance checks and follow ups
S5	Wk beg 5th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S5/S6 Parents Evening
	Thursday 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Careers Evening/ Faculty Course Choice evening
	Monday 19 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Phase Course booklets available
	Monday 26 th January - Friday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil course choice awareness raising timeslot; Faculty planned activities, to ensure pupils have a clear understanding of all courses offered. (Faculty Specific plans required)
	PSE lessons in January & February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S5 PSE programme begins to look at planning for choices and changes
	<u>Week beg 9th March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Choice Input week
	<u>Week beg 16th March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality Assurance Checks and follow ups

Five big questions when you're choosing your subjects

Answering these questions will help when you're making your decision. You can use them to put together a shortlist of subjects.

1 How do you like to learn?	2 Where could they take you?	3 What subjects do you enjoy?	4 What subjects are you good at?	5 What do others think you're good at?
Do you like English and drama because you get to talk and listen? Or woodwork because you are good with your hands? Working out how you like to learn can help you choose your subjects.	Know what you want to do when you leave school? Picking the right subjects could help you get there, or keep your options open if you haven't decided yet.	You're more likely to get better marks in subjects that you find interesting. Does time fly by in some subjects and go at a snail's pace in others?	What do you get your best marks in? There may be some you've never studied before but would do well in. Use your My World of Work account and try the Strengths quiz for ideas.	Talk to your parents, friends, family, teachers and careers adviser. What do they think would suit you and why? Ask for their opinions, and see how they weigh up with your own thoughts.

[Click here to access the My World of Work \(WOW\) website](#) which provides further guidance on choosing subjects.

What to avoid



It's easy to choose subjects for the wrong reasons, too. Avoid picking subjects just because:

1. You like the teacher – the teacher may change
2. There isn't much homework – that will change
3. Your friends are taking the subject – it might be right for them, but not for you

Stereotypes

Think something is a boys or girls subject? There's no such thing. Careers expert Beth Urquhart explains [why you shouldn't let stereotypes get in the way of picking the subjects you want](#).

Have you considered an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship pathways now begin in schools in S5/6 with Foundation Apprenticeships. These can lead into Modern Apprenticeships on leaving school, or even Graduate Apprenticeships which can lead to achieving a university degree qualification.

Foundation Apprenticeships



Are you thinking about your S5 subject choices? A Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) could be a good option for you.

An FA:

- Is the same level as a Higher. You take it as one of your S5 subject choices and work towards a qualification over one or two years
- Gives you the chance to find out what working life is really like. You'll get real work experience with an employer and spend some time learning at college too
- Is available in a range of industries including engineering, financial services and digital technology

Interested? Find out what's available in your school on Apprenticeships.scot.

Foundation Apprenticeships can now be undertaken in S5 and S6 and are completed in association with West Lothian College. It may be possible to take some of these courses over 1 year if you are an S6 pupil. The following Foundation apprenticeships have been available:

- **FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP IN CONSTRUCTION (LEVEL 4 and 5)**

Apprenticeships in a Nutshell

Apprenticeships are a great way for young people to gain skills while working – ‘earning while learning’. They used to be mainly for traditional trades, but this is definitely no longer the case. Scottish apprenticeships are supported by the Scottish Government and respond to industry to fill skills gaps and create a closer link between education and employers. There’s an incredible variety on offer and many of them are in sectors where there is a real shortage of suitably skilled workers. Employers recognise the benefits to them of a truly diverse workforce.

Scottish apprenticeships provide flexible, practical opportunities for young people to pursue work-based learning that suits their needs, goals and aspirations, while giving them first-hand experience of the world of work. Whether a young person is still in school or looking at their options once they leave, an apprenticeship could be for them. This guide tells you everything you need to know about apprenticeships so you can help them get on the right path to a bright future.

There are three types:

Foundation Apprenticeships
combine learning and training with school subjects

Modern Apprenticeships
combine paid work with training

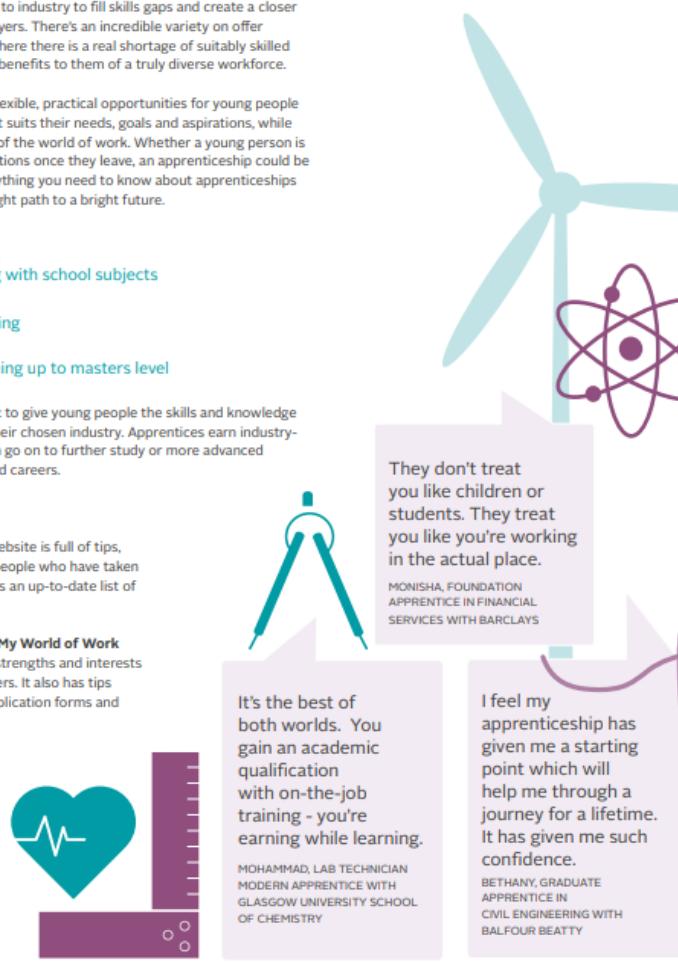
Graduate Apprenticeships
combine paid work with learning up to masters level

All three types share the same aim: to give young people the skills and knowledge they need to develop a career in their chosen industry. Apprentices earn industry-recognised qualifications. They can go on to further study or more advanced training, and to rewarding, well-paid careers.

Getting started

The www.apprenticeships.scot website is full of tips, videos and case studies of young people who have taken the apprenticeship route. It also has an up-to-date list of what’s available in your area.

Another good place to start is the [My World of Work](http://www.myworldofwork.scot) website. It explains how to match strengths and interests to school subjects and future careers. It also has tips and tools for writing CVs, filling application forms and preparing for interviews.



Foundation Apprenticeships

A work-based qualification for secondary-school pupils

- Foundation Apprenticeships are designed for school students, usually starting in fifth year and studying for Highers and Nationals, and are an ideal way for young people to gain experience and an industry-recognised qualification in areas of key growth sectors.
- Some of Scotland’s biggest organisations are involved, including Scottish Water, the NHS and local authorities.
- They’re a great way for young people to try out a career and see if it’s right for them.
- Apprentices spend part of the school week at college (or a learning provider) and with an employer, to gain practical work experience as well as an industry-recognised qualification at SCQF Level 6 - the same level of learning as a Higher.
- They normally take up to two years to complete.

How does it work?

Time out from school will be included in the apprentice’s class timetable alongside the other subjects they’re studying. This time out, usually a couple of afternoons a week spent in a local college (or at a learning provider) and with an employer, gives them the chance to learn the skills of their chosen field, develop useful industry contacts and gain hands-on experience in the workplace.

Even if this taster shows this is not the right career for them, they will still have gained an industry-recognised qualification and developed general skills such as timekeeping, problem-solving and teamwork – which all employers want to see in the people who work for them.

Who pays?

There’s no cost to the apprentice or their family.

What surprised me when I started was how much you got treated like adult. It has built my confidence right up.
CALLUM, FOUNDATION APPRENTICE IN ENGINEERING WITH SCORE EUROPE

I wanted to become a nurse when I was older, so I thought a Foundation Apprenticeship would be a good qualification for that.
HEATHER, FOUNDATION APPRENTICE IN SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE

Both technically and commercially, we have a group of young people who are better trained, better educated and better ready for work than we have ever seen before.
BOB WATERSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GREENFOLD SYSTEMS

When I started I was pretty scared because I was going into a completely different place where I didn’t know people. But you get so much support from the teachers, from the lecturers, from everyone.
MONISHA, FOUNDATION APPRENTICE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Foundation Apprenticeships are available in a range of subjects which relate to growth sectors:

- accountancy
- business skills
- civil engineering
- creative and digital media
- engineering
- financial services
- food and drink technologies
- hardware and system support
- scientific technologies
- social services and healthcare
- social services – children and young people
- software development

Where can a Foundation Apprenticeship lead?

Armed with new skills, more confidence, an industry-recognised qualification and a track record of practical experience, a young person will have excellent options on completing a Foundation Apprenticeship.

- **They could gain accelerated entry to a Modern Apprenticeship**, if it’s in the same subject area as their Foundation Apprenticeship. If it’s in a different subject, they’ll already have experience of learning on the job, which looks good to employers who are recruiting Modern Apprentices.
- **They could go on to study for a degree or a diploma**: Scottish universities and colleges view the Foundation Apprenticeship as the equivalent of a Higher.
- **They could start a Graduate Apprenticeship**, going to work for an employer while studying for a degree.
- **They could enter the jobs market**: their practical experience, work-readiness and new skills will make their CV stand out and give them an advantage over other candidates.

Modern Apprenticeships

Learning on the job, while gaining a qualification and getting paid

- Modern Apprenticeships are designed for anyone who is over 16 and has left school.
- Modern Apprentices are employees, so they start earning straight away. Through a combination of work and on-the-job training, they develop valuable skills and experience as they work towards an accredited, industry-recognised qualification.
- Most Modern Apprentices would recommend this route.



How does it work?

Modern Apprenticeships are run as a partnership between an employer, a local training provider and Skills Development Scotland. They have three basic components:

- a relevant qualification (SCQF 5 to 11)
- core skills
- industry-specific training

Training usually takes place in the workplace, but there may be off-the-job learning at a training centre or college too.



Who pays?

Skills Development Scotland makes a contribution towards the cost of training, and the employer pays the Modern Apprentice.



Where does a Modern Apprenticeship lead?

With their training complete and equipped with an industry-recognised qualification, Modern Apprentices are in a great position to make progress in their careers. The latest figures from Skills Development Scotland show that of those who finished their apprenticeship:

- 91% are in work or have gone on to further education.
- Three-quarters were kept on by the same employer.
- Four out of five have already seen at least one form of career progression, such as working for higher pay or doing a job with more responsibilities.

Successful Modern Apprentices might also be able to gain accelerated entry to a Graduate Apprenticeship in a related subject.

I am getting the chance to get trained, while I am earning and getting hands-on skills rather than going to university and maybe building up lots of debts before looking for a job.
ERIN DE GROOME, APPRENTICE STONEMASON ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

There are around 80 different types of Modern Apprenticeship. Looking at skills, strengths, interests, ambitions and education will help a young person to find an apprenticeship that suits them. They could start their career with an apprenticeship in areas such as:

- accountancy
- childcare
- construction
- creative industries
- cyber-security
- digital marketing
- engineering
- finance
- healthcare
- hospitality
- IT and digital
- renewable energy
- science
- textiles and fashion

76%
are more
enthusiastic
about learning

81%
say they now are
more
confident

74%
feel they have
better
long-term career
prospects

Graduate Apprenticeships

A new way to work, learn and earn

- Graduate Apprentices are in paid jobs and spend most of their time learning at work, but they are also students at university or college.
- Graduate Apprenticeships allow young people to put their learning into practice right away, to solve problems on real projects, in the real world.
- They are designed by industry and for industry, so apprentices can be confident that what they are learning is relevant and right for the job.
- They are currently available from SCQF level 8 (DipHE) through to SCQF level 11 (Master's degree level).
- A Graduate Apprenticeship could be the next step after a Foundation or Modern Apprenticeship in the same subject area.



How does it work?

Apprentices spend the majority of their time with their employer and the remainder at university or college. They'll have access to the same facilities and benefits as any other student.

The employer and the university decide on the split between work and learning. In some cases the apprentices will go to classes one day a week. In other cases, there might be online learning, or blocks of learning for several weeks throughout the year.



Who pays?

College or university is fully funded and, as employees, apprentices also earn a salary.



Where can a Graduate Apprenticeship lead?

The courses and qualifications are designed by industry for industry to create well-trained, highly skilled workers. Everything a Graduate Apprentice learns will be relevant to their future career.

Available across a number of colleges and universities across Scotland there are eleven courses to choose from so far:

- IT: Software Development at SCQF level 10
- IT: Management for Business at SCQF level 10
- IT: Cyber Security at SCQF level 10
- IT: Cyber Security at SCQF level 11
- Engineering: Design and Manufacture at SCQF level 10
- Engineering: Instrumentation, Measurement and Control at SCQF level 10
- Civil Engineering at SCQF level 8
- Civil Engineering at SCQF level 10
- Construction and the Built Environment at SCQF level 10
- Business Management at SCQF level 10
- Business Management; Financial Services at SCQF level 10

Further information on colleges and universities involved can be found at www.apprenticeships.scot

More information

Head to www.apprenticeships.scot for all the latest vacancies, as well as advice and information about how to get started.

The school careers advisor or guidance teacher will also have more details about all three types of apprenticeship.



Young people with additional support needs

There is help available for young disabled people who want to take up an apprenticeship, and they may be eligible for additional support such as Access to Work grants. The Two Ticks (now known as Disability Confident) symbol on the job vacancies on www.apprenticeships.scot means that candidates are guaranteed an interview if they identify themselves as disabled and meet the minimum criteria for the job.

Useful websites

Apprenticeships.scot

www.apprenticeships.scot

My World of Work

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Skills Development Scotland

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk



the National Parent Forum of Scotland

www.parentforumscotland.org

enquiries@parentforumscotland.org

[parentforumscotland](https://www.facebook.com/parentforumscotland)

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Things you need to know

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Our [Senior Course Choice Sheet](#), which can be viewed at the back of this booklet, sets out the courses available for our senior students to choose from. Our Senior Curriculum encompasses opportunities for pupils to experience wider achievement and leadership opportunities, vocational experiences or bespoke individual planning options that best suit their learner journey.

S4

All S4 pupils must do English and Maths (English will consist of 4 60 minute period). Pupils will choose a further 4 subjects which they will undertake 5 periods per week. Pupils will have 1 period PSE (where they will complete L5 SCQF Mental Health and Wellbeing). All S4 pupils will also undertake a level 6 SCQF qualification in Emergency First Aid at Work.

S5

Pupils will choose 6 options. Pupils will have 1 period PSE (where they will complete L6 SCQF Customer Services and 2 periods PE (they can opt to use these for supervised study).

S6

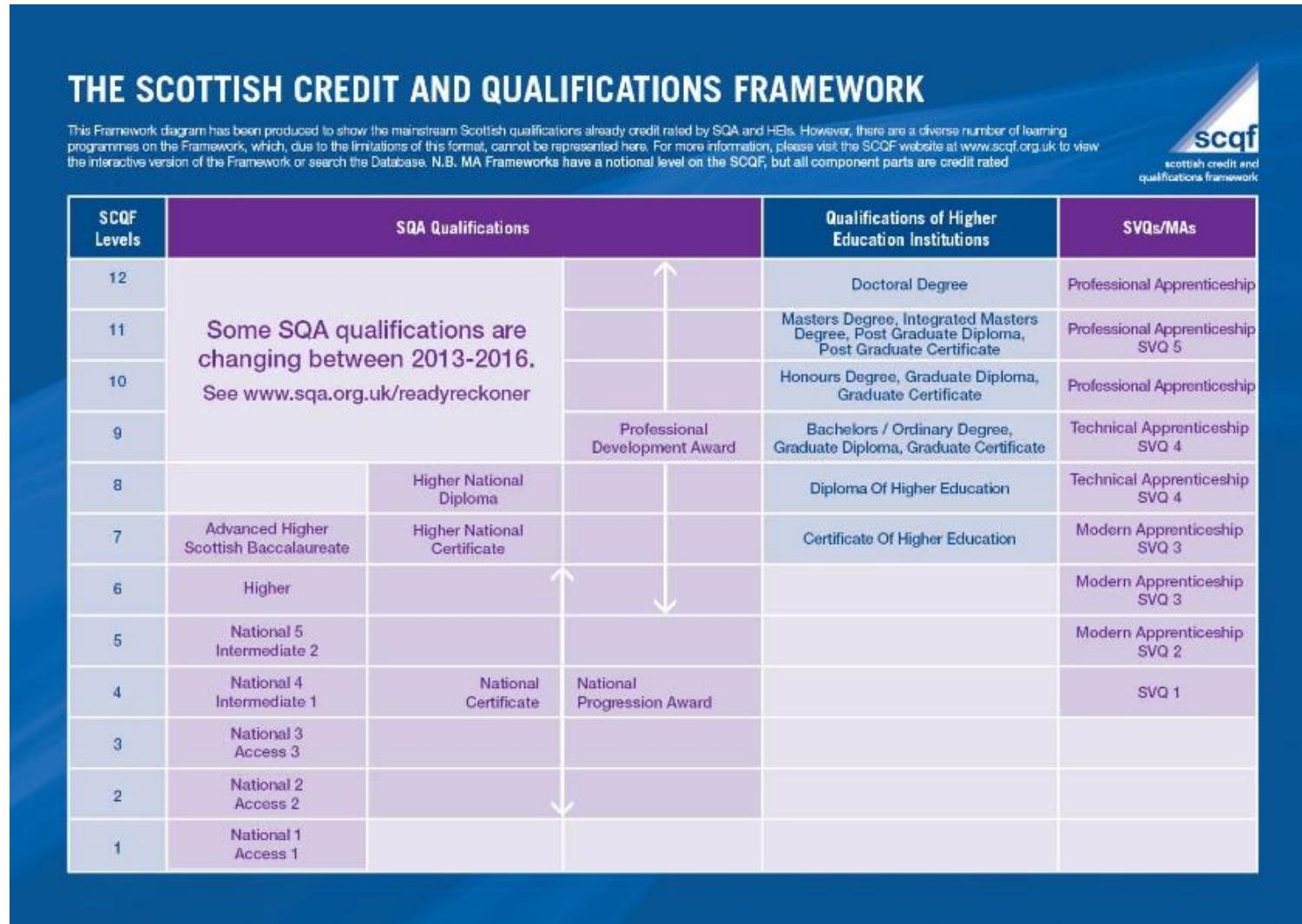
S6 Pupils choose a minimum of 4 subjects which they will undertake 5 periods per week. S6 pupils undertaking 4 curricular choices will also be involved in further leadership development activities across the year.

NOTE: As part of school improvement plans for the session we are looking to ensure that our Curriculum pathways meet the needs of all learners so this is subject to change

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

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The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership promote lifelong learning in Scotland. Through the Framework you can gain a better understanding of qualifications in Scotland and plan your future learning. [Link here.](#)



Progression Routes through the Senior Phase

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Entry requirements to courses can vary dependent on numerous factors. However, as a general, but by no means rigid, rule the following table can be considered a starting guide.

Minimum Attainment	Progresses to
Completion of the Broad General Education Of CfE	Multi-level National courses Presentation may be at N3, N4 or N5 level depending on the engagement and achievements of each pupil throughout each course
National 4 pass	National 5
National 5 pass (A-C)	Higher <small>(Pupils with a C Pass at Nat 5 will be interviewed prior to securing a place)</small>
An appropriate grouping of National 5 passes (all at A-C)	Foundation Apprenticeship <small>(in partnership with West Lothian College)</small>
Higher (A-B pass)	Advanced Higher



Availability of courses and levels at a glance.

The following subject pages give specific information about courses, entry attainment levels based on Principal Teacher recommendations and other information which may be useful in deciding which courses are appropriate. Progression pathways are illustrated so you can plan for future years.

Courses	Level of study						
	Nat 4	SCQF L5	Nat 5	SCQF L6	Higher	SCQF L7	AH
<i>Acting and Performing</i>							
<i>Administration and IT</i>							
<i>Applications of Mathematics</i>							
<i>Art & Design</i>							
<i>Biology</i>							
<i>Business & Enterprise</i>							
<i>Business Management</i>							
<i>Chemistry</i>							
<i>Communications and Literature</i>							
<i>Computing Science</i>							
<i>Cyber Security</i>							
<i>Design and Manufacture</i>							
<i>Drama</i>							
<i>Early Education and Childcare</i>							
<i>English</i>		S4		S4			
<i>Geography</i>							
<i>Football Performance, Coaching and Officiating</i>							
<i>French</i>							
<i>Future Skills</i>							
<i>Graphic Communication</i>							
<i>Courses</i>	Level of study						

	<i>Nat 4</i>	<i>SCQF L5</i>	<i>Nat 5</i>	<i>SCQF L6</i>	<i>Higher</i>	<i>SCQF L7</i>	<i>AH</i>
History							
Hospitality: Practical Cookery							
Hospitality: Skills for Work							
Journalism							
Lab Skills							
LEAPs Transition Course							
Mathematics							
Modern Studies							
Music							
Musical Theatre							
Open University							
Physical Education							
Physics							
Politics							
Practical Woodworking							
Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies							
Scientific Technologies							
Sports Coaching, Development and Organisation							
Spanish							
Travel and Tourism							
West Lothian College *							
West Lothian Academy**							

* Courses are completed at West Lothian College **West Lothian Academy allows S6 Pupils to access AH courses mainly through virtual learning. [Click here](#) for further information.

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Subject information

Contents Page: Subjects on offer in this academic session (*dependant on uptake*) are listed below.

Course levels and progression routes can be seen on each subject page. If reading this electronically, hyperlinks will take you straight to subject pages and then back to this page.



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National 4 (S4 only) (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (S4 only) (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will study different genres of literature and will develop the core skills of reading, writing, talking and listeningThe Added Value Unit (AVU) combines different elements of a course into overall assessment which learners are required to pass in order to achieve a course at National 4	<p>English: Analysis and Evaluation (National 5) Learners will develop listening and reading skills in the context of literature, language and media. They will understand, analyse and evaluate detailed texts, including specified Scottish texts.</p> <p>English: Creation and Production (National 5) Learners have the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in a range of contexts and will create and produce detailed texts in both written and oral forms.</p> <p>Spoken Language Unit: The purpose of this performance—spoken language is to provide evidence of the candidates' skills in talking and listening. It is a compulsory requirement for a course award. There are four aspects to the spoken language performance, and candidates must achieve them all.</p>	<p>English: Analysis and Evaluation (Higher) Learners will develop listening and reading skills in the contexts of literature, language and media. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate detailed and complex texts.</p> <p>English: Creation and Production / Creation and Production (Higher) Learners will develop talking and writing skills in a wide range of contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce detailed and complex language in both written and oral forms.</p> <p>Spoken Language Unit: The purpose of this performance—spoken language is to provide evidence of the candidates' skills in talking and listening. It is a compulsory requirement for a course award. There are four aspects to the spoken language performance, and candidates must achieve them all.</p>	<p>English: Analysis and Evaluation (Advanced Higher) Learners will provide evidence of their ability to critically respond to previously studied complex and sophisticated texts, and of their ability to carry out an independent study into an aspect or aspects of literature.</p> <p>English: Creation and Production (Advanced Higher) Learners will provide evidence of their writing skills through the production of writing which demonstrates a range of skills necessary for the deployment of language to create effect.</p>
Course Assessment			
<p>Courses from National 4 to Advanced Higher include assessment of added value. At National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, the added value will be assessed in the Course assessment. The added value for the Course must address the key purposes and aims of the Course, as defined in the Course rationale. It will do this by addressing one or more of breadth, challenge or application.</p>			
Possible career path			
<p>Click here for more information on the career options below</p>			
<p>This will enable you to access a wide variety of careers as communication is a skill required across all jobs and further education courses</p>			

**SCQF Level 6****(S5/6 ONLY)****Course Content**

This course provides successful students with the opportunity to gain the equivalent of a C pass in Higher English without the pressure of sitting the Higher exam. The course primarily focuses on developing comprehension, analysis and evaluation skills in situations that are more directly relevant to situations/scenarios that would be expected in further education and the workplace.

Course Assessment

There is no final exam for this course – instead you will undertake a number of assessments through the year – these will include such things as: writing a business paper/proposal; drawing conclusions from a complex report; engage in formal solo or group discussions analysing TED talk style lectures.

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

This will enable you to access a wide variety of careers as communication is a skill required across all jobs and further education courses

**SCQF Level 6****S6 ONLY****Course Content**

The Journalism course will include activities that involve analysis of feature writing and other types of print journalism; research and interviewing for their own writing; analysis of design and layout of print; collation of a portfolio of writing

Course Assessment

Candidates will work through four units over the course of the year. All units must be passed to achieve a course award. These units involve the study of:

- Research and Interview Skills for Journalism
- Feature Writing
- News Writing for print
- Page Layout and Design for print

Possible career path

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Candidates will develop skills required for careers such as law, journalism or business. Candidates hoping to work in HR, PR or administration would also benefit from the development of communication skills



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through N4, pupils will study the key concepts of the target language and will have developed the core skills of reading, writing, talking and listening in a wide variety of contexts. The Added Value Unit (AVU) combines different elements of a course into overall assessment which learners are required to pass in order to achieve a pass at National 4 	<p>Understanding Language (N5) learners have the opportunity to develop reading and listening skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.</p> <p>Using Language: learners have the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.</p>	<p>Understanding Language (Higher) Learners will be required to provide evidence of their reading and listening skills in the modern language, using detailed and complex language, in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture.</p> <p>Using Language (Higher) Learners will be required to provide evidence of their talking and writing skills in the modern language, using detailed and complex language, in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture.</p>	
Course Assessment			
<p>Courses from National 4 to Advanced Higher include assessment of added value1. At National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, the added value will be assessed in the Course assessment. The added value for the Course must address the key purposes and aims of the Course as defined in the Course Rationale. It will do this by addressing one or more of breadth, challenge or application.</p>			
Possible career path			
Click here for more information on the career options below			
Air Cabin Crew Airline or Airport Passenger Service Assistant Broadcast Journalist Call Centre Agent Children's Holiday Representative Conference Producer Cruise Ship Worker Diplomatic Service Operational Officer	Export Sales Manager Freight Forwarder Games Tester Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst Hotel General Manager Hotel Receptionist Immigration Officer and Assistant Officer	Investment Banker Literary Agent Patent Attorney Patent Examiner Researcher – Broadcasting Resort Representative Retail Buyer Stockbroker	Teacher - Primary or Nursery School Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Foreign Languages Teacher of English as a Foreign Language Tour Guide Tour Leader or Manager Tourist Information Centre Assistant Translator



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through N4, pupils will study the key concepts of the target language and will have developed the core skills of reading, writing, talking and listening in a wide variety of contexts. The Added Value Unit (AVU) combines different elements of a course into overall assessment which learners are required to pass in order to achieve a pass at National 4 	<p>Understanding Language (N5) learners have the opportunity to develop reading and listening skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.</p> <p>Using Language: learners have the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed language in the contexts of society, learning, employability and culture.</p>	<p>Understanding Language (Higher) Learners will be required to provide evidence of their reading and listening skills in the modern language, using detailed and complex language, in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture.</p> <p>Using Language (Higher) Learners will be required to provide evidence of their talking and writing skills in the modern language, using detailed and complex language, in one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, or culture.</p>	
Course Assessment			
<p>Courses from National 4 to Advanced Higher include assessment of added value¹. At National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, the added value will be assessed in the Course assessment. The added value for the Course must address the key purposes and aims of the Course as defined in the Course Rationale. It will do this by addressing one or more of breadth, challenge or application.</p>			
Possible career path			
<u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u>			
Air Cabin Crew	Export Sales Manager	Investment Banker	Teacher - Primary or Nursery School
Airline or Airport Passenger Service Assistant	Freight Forwarder	Literary Agent	Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Foreign Languages
Broadcast Journalist	Games Tester	Patent Attorney	Teacher of English as a Foreign Language
Call Centre Agent	Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst	Patent Examiner	Tour Guide
Children's Holiday Representative	Hotel General Manager	Researcher – Broadcasting	Tour Leader or Manager
Conference Producer	Hotel Receptionist	Resort Representative	Tourist Information Centre Assistant
Cruise Ship Worker	Immigration Officer and Assistant Officer	Retail Buyer	Translator
Diplomatic Service Operational Officer		Stockbroker	



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
N/A	Unit 1-Expressions & Formulae Unit 2- Relationships Unit 3 - Applications & overall external SQA assessment.	Unit 1-Applications Unit 2-Relationships & Calculus Unit 3-Expressions & Functions & overall external SQA assessment.	Unit 1-Methods in Algebra & Calculus Unit 2-Applications of Algebra & Calculus Unit 3-Geometry, Proof and Systems of Equations & overall external SQA assessment.
Additional Information	Additional Information	Additional Information	Additional Information
	A or B pass recommended for progression to Higher.	Highly recommended for students progressing on to Further/Higher education.	Highly recommended for students progressing on to Further/Higher education. A or B recommended for progression to AH
Possible career path			
Click here for more information on the career options below			
Accountant - Industry and Commerce Accountant - Private Practice Accountant - Public Sector Accounting Technician Actuary Aerospace Engineer Air Traffic Controller Airline Pilot Architect Architectural Technologist Astronomer or Astrophysicist Bank or Building Society Customer Branch Adviser Bank or Building Society Manager Biochemist Bookmaker Broadcast Engineer Building Standards Surveyor Cardiac Physiologist Cashier Civil Engineer Civil Engineering Technician Civil Service Administrator - Fast Stream Clinical or Biomedical Engineer	Credit Manager Croupier Data Analyst Data Scientist Database Administrator Diplomatic Service Operational Officer Economic Development Officer Economist Estimator Financial Adviser Forensic Scientist Games Designer Games Programmer Games Tester Geologist Geophysicist Helicopter Pilot Insurance Account Manager Insurance Broker Insurance Claims Handler Insurance Loss Adjuster Insurance Risk Surveyor Insurance Underwriter	Investment Banker Investment Operations Administrator IT Security Co-ordinator or Specialist Market Research Executive Materials Scientist or Engineer Mathematician Medical Physicist Merchant Navy Deck Officer Merchant Navy Engineering Officer Meteorologist Motor Vehicle Technician Nanotechnologist Naval Architect Network Architect Network Engineer Nuclear Engineer Oceanographer Operational Research Officer Patent Attorney Patent Examiner Petroleum or Reservoir Engineer Pharmacist	Rehabilitation Engineer Risk Manager Royal Air Force Airman or Airwoman Software Engineer or Developer Statistician Stockbroker Structural Engineer Structural Engineering Technician Subsea Engineer Surveyor - Building Surveyor - Hydrographic Surveyor - Land or Geomatics Surveyor - Minerals or Waste Management Surveyor - Planning and Development Surveyor - Quantity Surveyor - Rural Practice Surveyor - Valuation Systems Analyst Teacher - Primary or Nursery School Teacher - Secondary School - Computing Teacher - Secondary School - Mathematics Technical Surveyor Web Developer



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)
Course Content		
<p>The N4 Applications course is an SQA course with the same weighting as N4 Maths.</p> <p>The National 4 Applications of Mathematics course explores the applications of mathematical techniques and skills in everyday situations, including financial matters, statistics, and measurement. The skills, knowledge and understanding in the course also support learning in other curriculum areas, such as technology, health and wellbeing, science, and social studies.</p> <p>The following provides a broad overview of the subject skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ analyse real-life situations and problems involving mathematics◆ identify valid mathematical operational skills to tackle real-life situations or problems◆ select and apply numeracy skills◆ select and apply skills in finance, statistics, measurement, geometry, graphical data and probability◆ use mathematical reasoning skills to draw conclusions or justify decisions◆ communicate mathematical information in an appropriate way	<p>The N5 Applications course is an SQA course with the same weighting as N5 Maths.</p> <p>The National 5 Applications of Mathematics course explores the applications of mathematical techniques and skills in everyday situations, including financial matters, statistics, and measurement. The skills, knowledge and understanding in the course also support learning in other curriculum areas, such as technology, health and wellbeing, science, and social studies.</p> <p>The following provides a broad overview of the subject skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ analyse real-life situations and problems involving mathematics◆ identify valid mathematical operational skills to tackle real-life situations or problems◆ select and apply numeracy skills◆ select and apply skills in finance, statistics, measurement, geometry, graphical data and probability◆ use mathematical reasoning skills to draw conclusions or justify decisions◆ communicate mathematical information in an appropriate way	<p>The Higher Applications course is an SQA course with the same weighting as Higher Maths.</p> <p>The Higher Applications of Mathematics course explores the applications of mathematical techniques and skills in everyday situations, including financial matters, statistics, and measurement. The skills, knowledge and understanding in the course also support learning in other curriculum areas, such as technology, health and wellbeing, science, and social studies.</p> <p>The following provides a broad overview of the subject skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ analyse real-life situations and problems involving mathematics◆ identify valid mathematical operational skills to tackle real-life situations or problems◆ select and apply numeracy skills◆ select and apply skills in finance, statistics, measurement, geometry, graphical data and probability◆ use mathematical reasoning skills to draw conclusions or justify decisions◆ communicate mathematical information in an appropriate way
Course Assessment		
3 Unit assessments and AVU	Overall external SQA assessment.	Overall external SQA assessment.
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below		



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Design and Development Information System Design and Development <p>Added Value Unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Systems Software Design and Development Database Design and Development Web Design and Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Systems Software Design and Development Database Design and Development Web Design and Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Design and Development Database Design and Development Web Design and Development
Course Assessment			
Possible career path			
Click here for more information on the career options below			
Air Traffic Controller Airline Pilot Astronomer or Astrophysicist CAD Technician Character Artist Civil Service Administrator - Fast Stream Computer Forensic Analyst Data Analyst Data Scientist Database Administrator Forensic Scientist Front End Developer	Games Designer Games Programmer Games Tester Geophysicist Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst Helicopter Pilot Illustrator IT Helpdesk Analyst IT Security Co-ordinator or Specialist IT Support Engineer IT Trainer	Management Consultant Manufacturing Systems Engineer Mathematician Nanotechnologist Network Architect Network Engineer Nuclear Engineer Operational Research Officer Patent Attorney Patent Examiner Physicist	Project Manager SEO Specialist Signaller Software Engineer or Developer Software Tester Systems Analyst Teacher - Secondary School - Computing Telecommunications Engineer User Experience (UX) Designer Web Designer Web Developer



National Progression Award

SCQF Level 6

Minimum Requirements

Keen interest

Course Content

The rise of the internet has led to cybercrime such as identity theft, fraud and blackmail - do you have the knowledge and skills to protect against cyber attacks?

This course covers 3 main units:

- Ethical Hacking - you will learn how to implement techniques and technologies used to defend systems from cyber attacks
- Data Security - this unit looks at legal and ethical considerations, and the practical methods to protect personal and corporate data
- Digital Forensics - you will gain practical skills in identifying evidential sources across a range of digital devices and mediums

Possible career path[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Air Traffic Controller

Airline Pilot

Astronomer or Astrophysicist

CAD Technician

Character Artist

Civil Service Administrator - Fast Stream

Computer Forensic Analyst

Data Analyst

Data Scientist

Front End Developer

Games Designer

Games Programmer

Games Tester

Geophysicist

Government Intelligence

Officer or Analyst

Helicopter Pilot

Illustrator

IT Helpdesk Analyst

IT Trainer

Management Consultant

Manufacturing Systems

Engineer

Mathematician

Nanotechnologist

Network Architect

Network Engineer

Nuclear Engineer

Operational Research Officer

Patent Attorney

SEO Specialist

Signaller

Software Engineer

or Developer

Software Tester

Systems Analyst

Teacher - Secondary

School - Computing

Telecommunications

Engineer

User Experience

(UX) Designer

Web Designer

**Higher****(SCQF Level 6)****Course Content**

Factors contributing to effectiveness of the administrative practices within organisations

Customer Care

Communication in administration

ICT (WP, SS, DB)

Course Assessment

An exam component (question paper) and a practical assessment both of which count towards your final award. Both components are externally marked.

Possible career path[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Accommodation Warden	Events Organiser	Lecturer - Further Education	Quality Control Technician
Administrative Assistant or Officer - Courts	Export Sales Manager	Legal Secretary	Receptionist
Airline or Airport Passenger Service Assistant	Facilities Manager	Library or Information Assistant	Recruitment Consultant
Archivist	Factor – Property	Local Government Administrative Assistant or Officer	Registrar of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships
Call Centre Agent	Freight Forwarder	Local Government Officer	Restaurant Manager
Charity Fundraiser	Fundraising Manager	Local Government Revenues Officer	Retail Manager
Cinema or Theatre Manager	Funeral Director	Management Consultant	Revenue and Customs Officer
Civil Service Administrative Assistant and Officer	Health Records Staff	Market Research Executive	SEO Specialist
Civil Service Administrator - Fast Stream	Health Service Manager	Medical Secretary	Signaller
Clerical or Administrative Assistant	Heritage Centre Manager	Office Manager	Sports or Leisure Centre Manager
Clerk of Court	Hotel General Manager	Personal or Executive Assistant	Systems Analyst
Company Secretary	Hotel Porter	Post Office Customer Service Consultant	Teacher - Secondary School - Business Education
Conference Producer	Hotel Receptionist	Printing Administrator	Tourist Information Centre Assistant
Customer Service Administrator	Housekeeping Manager	Prison Officer	Training Officer or Manager
Digital Marketer	Housing Officer	Procurement Administrator	Transport Manager
Diplomatic Service Operational Officer	Human Resources Officer or Manager	Procurement Manager	Travel Agency Manager
Document Controller	IT Helpdesk Analyst		
Emergency Call Handle	IT Trainer		



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<p>Business plays an important role in society. We all rely on businesses and entrepreneurs to create wealth, prosperity, jobs and choices.</p> <p>The purpose of the Course is to develop learners' understanding of the way in which businesses operate in the current dynamic, changing, competitive and economic environments, and to encourage enterprising attitudes.</p> <p>The Course aims to enable learners to develop knowledge and understanding of business such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enterprise• Business start up• Business Survival• Organising Business• Stakeholders• Internal Factors that affect businesses• External Factors that affect businesses	<p>Business plays an important role in society, as it creates wealth, prosperity, jobs and choices. It is therefore essential to have effective businesses and business managers to sustain this role.</p> <p>The N5 Business Management course helps candidates develop an understanding of the economic and financial environment in which businesses operate. Candidates gain skills in personal financial awareness through improving knowledge of financial management in a business context. The course introduces candidates to the dynamic, changing, competitive, and economic environment of industry and commerce. It develops skills in communicating and presenting business-related information, in a variety of formats, to the various stakeholders of an organisation.</p> <p>By studying this course, candidates develop an appreciation of customer focus, enterprise, and decision-making.</p> <p>Units of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Influences• Marketing · Operations• Human Resource Management• Finance	<p>The course highlights the different ways in which large organisations operate. Candidates learn to understand and make use of business information to interpret and report on overall business performance, in a range of contexts.</p> <p>Using current business theory and practice, the course reflects the integrated nature of large organisations, their functions and decision, making processes.</p> <p>Candidates develop understanding of: the ways in which society relies on organisations and how external influences can affect them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a range of methods that businesses and other organisations use to meet customer needs- enterprising skills and attributes- how to analyse and interpret business information and communicate concisely. <p>Units of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Influences• Marketing• Operations• Human Resource Management Finance
Course Assessment		
Two unit assessments and an added value assessment all of which count towards your final award.	An exam component (question paper) and a practical assessment both of which count towards your final award. Both components are externally marked.	An exam component (question paper) and a practical assessment both of which count towards your final award. Both components are externally marked.
Possible career path		
Click here for more information on the career options below		
The skills learned in business can be transferred to any career		

**National Progression Award - SCQF Level 6****Course Content**

The Enterprise and Business NPA pathway allows you to gain two qualifications.. All students will complete the Level 6 Enterprise & Business (NPA) followed by either Powering Futures or PC Passport.

Level 6 - Enterprise & Business (NPA) - The NPA has been developed with the purpose of providing candidates the skills and progression to consider starting a business or may in the future have an interest in doing so. The focus of the qualification is on pre-enterprise activity, with the aim of developing the knowledge and skills required to start a business. The enterprising knowledge and skills gained from the qualification are equally relevant to any workplace, equipping candidates for employment in a wide range of areas, or for further study. The NPA aims to: Enhance and develop enterprising skills and attitudes, Develop knowledge to support business start-up activity, Develop knowledge and skills in promoting a business, Enhance and develop knowledge of customer management techniques, Provide practical, experiential learning about starting a business and transferable skills for employment

AND Either

Level 6 – Powering Futures - Powering Futures aims to empower the next generation with enhanced skills and abilities, creating a talent pipeline for businesses transitioning to Net Zero. These skills and abilities are developed within this programme, where learners engage with real-life business challenges through problem-based, interdisciplinary learning. Learners will develop their meta-skills by creating a sustainable solution to a real-life business challenge and presenting this to a panel of judges. As learners engage in this programme, they are exposed to the application of meta-skills within workplace settings, which will support them in their progression to positive and sustained destinations.

Or

Level 6 – PC Passport - The NPA PC Passport at SCQF level 6 provides learners with up-to-date knowledge and skills in a range of popular IT software, such as Office 365. Learners will improve skills in key areas such as word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software, preparing them for employment and further study. Units of study will be, Web Apps, Word Processing, Presentations and Spreadsheets.

Course Assessment

Level 6 - Enterprise & Business (NPA) - The NPA contains four units: Unit 1) Business Formation: An Introduction, Unit 2) Business Skills and Behaviours, Unit 3) Business Formation: Commercial Aspects and the Law, Unit 4) Finance and E-Business, Unit 5) Business Formation: Developing a Business Idea. Assessments of this award will be a combination of practical and knowledge assessments under closed and open-book assessment conditions.

Level 6 – Powering Futures - This course is assessed continuously across the academic year, with teachers measuring progress against clear performance criteria outlined in the Outcomes Table. Learners gather evidence of their work in a provided logbook and collaborate in teams to tackle a real sustainability challenge set by local businesses. At the end of the programme, they present their solutions to a panel of industry judges, while elements of Outcome 4 are assessed directly through teacher observation.

Level 6 – PC Passport - Evidence is produced by means of an e-portfolio, learners are required to collate a portfolio of evidence which may take a variety of digital forms, eg text, graphics, web pages, video clips, audio clips.

Possible career path

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CURRICULAR AREA: SCIENCE

SUBJECT: BIOLOGY

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Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Cell BiologyUnit 2 Multicellular OrganismsUnit 3 Life on Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Cell BiologyUnit 2 Multicellular OrganismsUnit 3 Life on Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 DNA and the GenomeUnit 2 Metabolism and survivalUnit 3 Sustainability and Interdependence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Cells and ProteinsUnit 2 Organisms and EvolutionUnit 3 Investigative Unit
Additional Information			
The course will be of interest and value to learners wishing to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of Biology. The course is a broad and up to date selection of concepts and ideas relevant to the central position of life science within our society	In National 5 you will study the topics Cell Biology, Life on Earth and Multicellular organisms. In addition, you will complete an assignment comprising practical and research based work.	The course allows learners to develop deeper understanding of the underlying themes of biology. The scale of topics range from molecular through to whole organism and beyond. Learners develop an understanding of DNA and how the structure of the genome leads to the basis of evolution and biodiversity	The Advanced Higher course builds on the Higher Biology course looking at the topics of Cells and Proteins, Organisms and Evolution and Investigative biology.
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam. This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam. This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam. This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award
Possible career path			
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National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Chemical Changes and StructureUnit 2 Nature's ChemistryUnit 3 Chemistry in Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Chemical Changes and StructureUnit 2 Nature's ChemistryUnit 3 Chemistry in Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Chemical Changes and StructureUnit 2 Researching ChemistryUnit 3 Nature's ChemistryUnit 4 Chemistry in society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Inorganic and Physical ChemistryUnit 2 Organic Chemistry and instrumental analysisUnit 3 Researching chemistry
Additional Information			
An experimental and investigative approach is used to develop knowledge and understanding of Chemistry concepts. The relevance of Chemistry is highlighted by the study of the applications of Chemistry in everyday contexts.	This course will allow learners' to begin to understand and investigate their natural world through practical experimentation. They will investigate topical issues with the use of practicals which will help develop their analytical skills and make them more confident learners. Learners will deepen their knowledge on topics such as: Rates of Reactions, Acids and Bases, Energy from Fuels, Nuclear Chemistry and Chemical Analysis. Numeracy skills will continue to be developed by carrying out scientific calculations.	This course will allow learners' to develop an appreciation of the impact of Chemistry on their everyday lives by applying their knowledge and understanding of chemical concepts in practical situations. Learners will build on previous experiences and are introduced to new topics such as: Alcohols, Esters, Fragrances, Equilibria, Chemical Energy, and Periodicity. Numeracy skills will continue to be developed by carrying out calculations that are currently used in the chemical industry.	The course builds on the knowledge and skills developed by learners' in the Higher Chemistry course and continues to develop their curiosity, interest and enthusiasm for chemistry in a range of contexts such as: Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Transition Metals, Stereo Chemistry, Atomic Orbitals and Spectra and Electromagnetic Radiation. Learners develop important skills relating to Chemistry, including developing scientific and analytical thinking skills and making reasoned evaluations. These skills will all be combined during the SQA examination.
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>
Possible career path			
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National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1 Electricity and Energy Unit 2 Waves and Radiation Unit 3 Dynamics and Space 	<p>The following topics are covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics Space Electricity Properties of matter Waves and Radiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1 Our Dynamic Universe Unit 2 Particles and Waves Unit 3 Electricity Unit 4 Researching Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1 Rotational Motion and Astrophysics Unit 2 Quanta and Waves Unit 3 Electromagnetism Unit 4 Investigating Physics
Additional Information			
The course will be of interest and value to learners wishing to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of Physics. The course is a broad and up to date selection of concepts and ideas relevant to the central position of Science within our society.	<p>National 5 Physics allows learners to gain a better understanding of the world around them. This course will develop your problem solving skills and make use of calculations to explain the answers to questions like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How do rockets take off and land? -Why do F1 cars travel at such high speeds? -Why is radioactivity dangerous? <p>The course focuses on the following topics; Waves, radioactivity, Dynamics, Energy, Space and Electricity.</p>	<p>Higher Physics builds upon the learning that will have taken place in National 5 Physics. Using problem solving skills and calculations you will be able to explain the answers to questions like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Time travel is possible but how can it happen? -What will happen to our Universe in the future? -Why do particle accelerators explain how the Universe began? <p>The course focuses on the following topics; Dynamics, Space, Electricity, Particles and Waves.</p>	<p>Advanced Higher Physics builds upon the learning that will have taken place in Higher Physics. Using problem solving skills and calculations you will be able to explain the answers to questions like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why quantum Physics the future of digital technology? -How do the Northern lights appear in our atmosphere? -What is Space-time and how do we use it? <p>The course focuses on the following topics; Rotational motion, Astrophysics, Quantum Physics, Waves and Electromagnetism.</p>
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>	<p>This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.</p> <p>This course also has an externally assessed assignment which contributes to the overall award</p>
Possible career path			
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**National progression Award****(SCQF Level 6)****Course Content****Mandatory Units:**

- Lab safety
- Chemistry fundamentals
- Mathematics for Science
- Experimental Procedure

Additional Information

The NPA Laboratory Science is a specialised award which allows candidates to gain knowledge and technical skills in quality issues, microbiology, chemistry, quantitative skills and other science areas. As such, it is intended to prepare candidates for employment at technician or technologist level in science laboratories. Moreover, the NPA supports the Life Sciences level 2 Modern Apprenticeship. The award develops clear career and education pathways for learners including a range of study options in higher education, particularly in the field of science

Course Assessment**Internally assessed****Possible career path**[**Click here for more information on career options**](#)

This NPA could open up employment opportunities as a laboratory technician in the biotechnology, chemical, microbiological, pharmaceutical and environmental industries.

**National 5****(SCQF Level 5)****Course Content**

Unit 1: Careers Using Lab Science

Unit 2: Working in a Lab

Unit 3: Lab Skills

Investigation: Pupils have the responsibility of using the knowledge they have gained during the first two units to plan and carry out an experiment, they then need to write this up to pass this element.

Additional Information

This course will allow pupils to develop a comprehensive skill set which will enable them to thrive in a lab environment. Pupils will gain an appreciation of the scope of where lab skills can take them as they look at local, national and global industries which rely on people with these relevant skills. They will look at constructing a CV and being able to articulate their areas of strength and development; skills which are essential for them to thrive in the wider world of work. Pupils will look at preparation, handling and safe storage of chemicals which is underpinned by legislation including safe handling of radioactive materials. Pupils will also carry out some common lab techniques such as titration, chromatography and distillation. These skills will be assessed with an internal investigate at the end of the academic year

Course Assessment

Internally assessed

Possible career path

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This could open up employment opportunities as a laboratory technician in the biotechnology, chemical, microbiological, pharmaceutical and environmental industries.

**Level 7****(SCQF Level 7)****Course Content****The Young STEM Leader Programme (YSLP)**

The Young STEM Leader Programme (YSLP) aims to inspire more young people to develop an interest in STEM and pursue the study of STEM subjects and relevant future pathways

Additional Information

Young people in Scotland have the chance to inspire, lead and mentor their peers through the creation and delivery of STEM activities, events and interactions within their schools, communities or youth groups.

As well as allowing Young STEM Leaders (YSLs) to develop important leadership, communication and employability skills, working towards a YSLP Award will also motivate young people to progress their STEM studies and perhaps eventually embark on a career in STEM. Above all else, this programme aims to promote STEM curiosity in young people and to encourage them to learn about the world around them in a fun and engaging way.

Young STEM Leaders will collate evidence in their Log, which can be completed digitally on the YSLP website, on paper or by submitting photos, videos or other digital media.

Course Assessment

Internally assessed

Possible career path

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This could open up opportunities in all sectors as this is a leadership course

**National 5
(SCQF Level 5)****Course Content**

The National 5 Practical Woodworking course provides opportunities for candidates to gain a range of theoretical and practical woodworking skills relating to tools, equipment, processes and materials. They also develop skills in reading and interpreting working drawings and related documents as well as an understanding of health and safety. The course is practical, exploratory and experiential in nature. It engages candidates with technologies, allowing them to consider the impact that practical technologies have on our environment and society.

Through this, they develop skills, knowledge and understanding of:

- ◆ woodworking techniques
- ◆ measuring and marking out timber sections and sheet materials
- ◆ safe working practices in workshop environments
- ◆ practical creativity and problem-solving skills
- ◆ sustainability issues in a practical woodworking context

This course develops skills in three main areas. Each area provides opportunities for candidates to understand safe working practices, sustainability issues, and good practice in recycling within a workshop environment. Each area of study covers a different set of woodworking skills. All areas include skills and associated knowledge in measuring, marking out, cutting and jointing techniques.

The areas of study are:

- Flat-frame construction: Candidates develop skills, knowledge and understanding in the use of woodworking tools and in making woodworking joints and assemblies commonly used in flat-frame joinery, involving complex features. Candidates develop their ability to read and use drawings and diagrams depicting both familiar and unfamiliar woodwork tasks.
- Carcase construction: Candidates develop skills, knowledge and understanding in the use of woodworking tools and in making woodworking joints and assemblies commonly used in carcase construction, involving complex features. This may include working with manufactured board or with frames and panels. Candidates use working drawings or diagrams in both familiar and unfamiliar contexts that require some interpretation on their part.
- Machining and finishing: Candidates develop skills, knowledge and understanding in using machine and power tools. Candidates also develop skills in a variety of woodworking surface preparations and finishing techniques.

Course Assessment

The N5 Practical Woodwork course assessment is 100% on the practical activity. Included in this is manufacture of a final model, written case study and a written log book. This practical activity will be worth 80 marks and will make up 100% of the course assessment.

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Boat or Ship Builder Builders' Merchant Cabinet Maker Ceiling Fixer Craft Designer or Worker	Fine Artist Furniture Designer Furniture Polisher or Finisher Glazier	Joiner or Carpenter Locksmith Musical Instrument Technologist Picture Framer Product Designer	Prop Maker Roofer Roofer – Felt Sculptor Set Designer	Stagehand Teacher - Secondary School - Technological Education Vehicle MET Technician Wood Machinist
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National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<p>In National 5 Graphic Communication, learners develop practical, creative and digital skills that help them communicate ideas visually. The course shows how graphic communication is used in industry, design and everyday life, providing a strong foundation for further study and future careers.</p> <p>Learners develop skills in 2D graphic communication, such as technical drawings and layouts, and 3D and pictorial graphics, which help them visualise and present ideas clearly. They gain confidence using drawing equipment, materials and industry-standard software, while building an understanding of professional standards and conventions. Learners also explore how graphic communication technologies impact society and the environment, including sustainability and responsible design.</p> <p>The course supports the Career Education Standard by helping learners understand their strengths, build skills for learning, life and work, and make informed choices about future pathways in areas such as design, engineering, construction and digital media.</p> <p>Through the course, learners develop key Skills Development Scotland meta-skills, including problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, self-management, resilience, digital literacy and communication. They also apply numeracy skills, such as scale and measurement, and learn to respond positively to feedback.</p>	<p>Higher Graphic Communication develops advanced visual, technical and creative skills used across design, engineering, architecture and digital industries. The course builds on prior learning and challenges learners to apply their skills in more complex and unfamiliar contexts, encouraging independence and accuracy.</p> <p>Learners produce accurate 2D, 3D and pictorial graphics to communicate ideas clearly and professionally. They work with recognised graphic communication standards and conventions, similar to those used in industry, and create a range of graphics including preliminary ideas, final production drawings, promotional and informational graphics. Learners also develop their understanding of colour, illustration and presentation techniques, selecting appropriate approaches for different audiences and purposes.</p> <p>Throughout the course, learners review and evaluate their work, identify improvements and develop strong spatial awareness, enabling them to interpret and produce increasingly complex graphics. They confidently use drawing equipment, materials and computer-aided design (CAD) software, gaining experience of techniques used in commercial and industrial practice. Learners also explore the impact of graphic communication technologies on society and the environment, including future developments.</p> <p>The course supports the Career Education Standard by helping learners build skills for learning, life and work and make informed choices about progression. Key Skills Development Scotland meta-skills include problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, self-management, resilience, digital literacy, communication and numeracy.</p>	<p>Advanced Higher Graphic Communication is a demanding and highly regarded course that develops advanced visual, technical and creative skills required for progression to university, professional training and highly skilled careers in areas such as engineering, architecture, product design and digital media.</p> <p>Learners produce high-level 2D, 3D and pictorial graphics in increasingly complex and unfamiliar contexts, applying professional standards, protocols and conventions. They use both manual techniques and advanced computer-aided design (CAD) to model, visualise and communicate complex ideas accurately. Learners plan, develop and refine work through an iterative design process, critically evaluating decisions and justifying improvements.</p> <p>The course also develops advanced skills in commercial and visual media graphics, where learners consider audience, purpose and context, and apply sophisticated approaches to layout, colour, illustration and presentation. Throughout the course, learners demonstrate high levels of independent working, time management and personal responsibility.</p> <p>Advanced Higher Graphic Communication strongly supports the Career Education Standard by preparing learners to make informed post-school choices and understand professional practice. Learners develop Skills Development Scotland meta-skills, including complex problem solving, critical thinking, advanced creativity, self-management, resilience, digital literacy, communication, numeracy and spatial reasoning</p>
Course Assessment		
<p>Learners complete a Graphic Communication Assignment, applying their skills and knowledge to produce a final piece of work that demonstrates their understanding of the course and a final course exam.</p>		<p>Learners complete an Advanced Higher Graphic Communication Project, demonstrating integrated skills, creativity and professional judgement and a final course exam.</p>
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below		



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)		
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content		
<p>National 5 Design and Manufacture helps learners develop practical, creative and problem-solving skills through the design and manufacture of products. The course shows how design ideas are developed, tested and made in real-world industrial and manufacturing contexts, providing a strong foundation for further study and employment.</p> <p>Learners explore how existing products are designed and manufactured, evaluating products with guidance to understand what makes them successful. They use a range of research and idea-generation techniques to develop design ideas and write a simple design specification. Learners use graphic techniques to communicate ideas and create models and prototypes using simple manufacturing and modelling techniques.</p> <p>Throughout the course, learners select and use tools, equipment, software and materials safely and effectively, while planning a simple manufacturing process. They apply creative design skills to refine and improve their ideas and contribute to evaluating their own design proposals and manufacturing decisions.</p> <p>Learners also develop a basic understanding of materials, manufacturing processes and the impact of design and manufacturing technologies on society and the environment. The course supports the Career Education Standard by developing skills for learning, life and work. Learners build key Skills Development Scotland meta-skills, including problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, self-management, resilience, communication, numeracy and digital literacy.</p>	<p>Higher Design and Manufacture develops learners' creative, technical and analytical skills through realistic design and manufacturing challenges. The course builds on National 5 and prepares learners for progression to engineering, product design, manufacturing and STEM-related careers.</p> <p>Learner's research and evaluate existing product types, selecting and using a range of research techniques and assessing their usefulness. They generate and refine ideas using a variety of creative idea-generation techniques and write a detailed design specification based on function and performance requirements. Learners apply key design factors such as usability, aesthetics, sustainability and manufacture when resolving design problems.</p> <p>Learners use graphic techniques to communicate design solutions clearly, justifying their choice of techniques. They create and evaluate models and prototypes, selecting appropriate modelling and manufacturing techniques to represent ideas in three dimensions.</p> <p>Learners plan a manufacturing process, analyse its effectiveness and make informed improvements. Throughout the course, they confidently select and use tools, equipment, software and materials to design, make and test prototypes.</p> <p>Learners also develop a broad understanding of materials and industrial manufacturing processes and critically evaluate how design and manufacturing technologies impact society and the environment. The course supports the Career Education Standard by developing skills for learning, life and work.</p> <p>Learners build key Skills Development Scotland meta-skills, including problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, self-management, resilience, communication, numeracy and digital literacy.</p>			
Course Assessment				
Two unit assessments and an added value assessment all of which count towards your final award.	An exam component (question paper) and a Design assessment (folio) and Practical assessment (prototype model) all of which count towards your final award. All components are externally marked.	An exam component (question paper) and a practical assessment (folio) both of which count towards your final award. Both components are externally marked.		
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below				
Aerospace Engineer Air Conditioning Engineer Architect Architectural Technologist BIM Technician Building Technician Cabinet Maker Chemical Engineer	Construction Manager or Site Manager Control and Instrument Engineer Dental Technician Drilling Engineer Electrical or Electronic Engineering Technician Electrician Electricity Distribution Worker	Gas Service Engineer Heat Treatment Operative Interior Designer Landscape Architect Lightning Conductor Engineer Manufacturing Systems Engineer Marine Engineer Medical Field Service Engineer	Musical Instrument Technologist Naval Architect Nuclear Engineer Pattern Cutter or Grader Petroleum or Reservoir Engineer Product Designer Refrigeration Engineer Rehabilitation Engineer	Sheet Metal Worker Special Effects Technician Stagehand Structural Engineer Structural Engineering Technician Subsea Engineer Telecommunications Engineer Toolmaker



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<p>In the physical environments unit you will study the processes that shape our natural world and investigate how humans interact with their environment. We will learn about the causes of UK weather and its impact on people's daily lives.</p> <p>In Human environments you will study world population and development and discover how places and rural practices are changing with the growing population.</p> <p>In Global Issues you will investigate how earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms are caused and how they impact on people and the environment.</p> <p>Added value assignment- You will carry out a research project on a geographical topic of your choice allowing you to demonstrate your skills in geographical techniques.</p>	<p>In the physical environments unit you will study the processes that shape our natural world and investigate how humans interact with their environment. We will learn about the causes of UK weather and its impact on people's daily lives.</p> <p>In Human environments you will study world population and development and discover how places and rural practices are changing with the growing population</p> <p>In Global Issues you will investigate how earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms are caused and how they impact on people and the environment.</p> <p>Added value assignment- You will carry out a research project on a geographical topic of your choice allowing you to demonstrate your skills in geographical techniques.</p>	<p>In Physical environments you will study the Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Lithosphere & Biosphere, including how our earth stays warm enough to support life, how coastal and glacial landscapes are formed and the importance of soil as a valuable resource.</p> <p>In Human Geography studies how humans interact with their environments. You will learn about how cities in developed and developing countries have changed, you will study the issue of soil degradation on the edge of the Sahara desert and how it affect the lives of the people living there, and issues of ageing populations, high birth rates and migration in the Population unit Global Issues looks at the interaction of human and physical geography in global settings. You will study the issue of River Basin Management in China, and how changing the river has had huge impacts on the lives of people living and working on it. You will also study Development and Health, which investigates the impact that disease has on people in economically less developed countries, and how governments can work towards improving the health of their populations.</p> <p>you will apply these to an urban planning problem and you will complete an Added value assignment on a geographical topic of your choice allowing you to demonstrate your skills in geographical techniques</p>	<p>There are two units within the AH course: Geographical Skills and Geographical Issues. Within each of these units there is flexibility to allow for personalization and choice- pupils can focus on the Geography that interests them the most. The theme of Sustainability will permeate the course.</p> <p>Many important transferable skills are included in the course, many of which are essential at university. These include, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The ability to carry out independent fieldwork and research · The ability to use a range of maps, statistical and fieldwork/ research techniques used to interpret, explain and analyse geographical phenomena. <p>It is due to these skills that AH Geography is an attractive and useful subject for many university degrees</p>
Course Assessmnet			
Internally assessed	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	
Possible career path			
Click here for more information on the career options below			
Astronomer Cartographer Commercial/residential surveyor	Environmental Consultant Ecologist Political risk analyst	Secondary school teacher Seismologist Sustainability Consultant	Town Planner Transport planner



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content
<p>Studying History at National 5 means you don't just find out more about the past, but you understand the world in the present better.</p> <p>National 4 History covers three different historical eras: Scottish History, British History, and history from the wider world. The topics selected will take into account both teacher expertise, and pupil feedback.</p> <p>Over recent years, for the British unit we have studied the Atlantic Slave trade, considering both what the experience of enslaved Africans was like, as well as how the trade changed Africa, Britain and the Caribbean.</p> <p>For the Scottish History component, we have looked at a range of topics over recent years. This range from the story of Mary Queen of Scots and the Reformation; Scotland's experience of WW1; the movement of people to and from Scotland from 1830 – 1930; and the Union between Scotland and England in 1707.</p> <p>For the European and World Component, in recent years we have looked at the campaigns for Civil Rights in 20th Century America. Other potential options include The Crusades, WW2 and the Cold War.</p>	<p>Studying History at National 5 means you don't just find out more about the past, but you understand the world in the present better.</p> <p>National 5 History covers three different historical eras: Scottish History, British History, and history from the wider world. The topics selected will take into account both teacher expertise, and pupil feedback.</p> <p>Over recent years, for the British unit we have studied the Atlantic Slave trade, considering both what the experience of enslaved Africans was like, as well as how the trade changed Africa, Britain and the Caribbean.</p> <p>For the Scottish History component, we have looked at a range of topics over recent years. This range from the story of Mary Queen of Scots and the Reformation; Scotland's experience of WW1; the movement of people to and from Scotland from 1830 – 1930; and the Union between Scotland and England in 1707.</p> <p>For the European and World Component, in recent years we have looked at the campaigns for Civil Rights in 20th Century America. Other potential options include The Crusades, WW2 and the Cold War.</p>	<p>In Higher History, we cover three revolutionary periods of world history, looking at cross cutting themes of identity, conflict and authority.</p> <p>Scottish Wars of Independence: This is a fascinating study of the wars and battles of Wallace, Bruce and others against the English. Be prepared to reconsider the stories and legends that you think you know.</p> <p>Britain and Ireland, 1900–1985: We'll look at the experience of Ireland in the twentieth century, considering why tensions existed, why there were several conflicts in the 20th century (including the Easter Rising, the Irish War of Independence and 'The Troubles') and why peace has been so hard to achieve.</p> <p>Russia, 1881–1921: We will look at the development of opposition to autocracy in a large multi-national state, the collapse of the Tsarist regime and the rise of the Bolsheviks during the years from 1881–1921.</p>	<p>Germany: Versailles to the outbreak of the Second World War</p> <p>In Advanced Higher History learners study just one topic in depth: the history of Germany in the interwar period. This is a popular topic with History departments and with students for good reason. It will allow us to study the impact wars have on society; how democracies are built (and how they fail); how a tyrant such as Hitler could come to power in modern democracy; what government and life was really like under a dictatorship. The study will allow students to engage with political, economic and social history.</p> <p>Learners will build on the essay and source skills learned at higher, and will learn how to write more sophisticated essays. There is a 4,000 word dissertation, written on topic of the learner's own choosing, which is relevant to the unit of study. This is excellent preparation for university, and the student will become an expert on their chosen topic, but it will require a good deal of reading and the ability to set and meet deadlines.</p>
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam and a 20 mark research assignment, completed in school but marked by the SQA	A 'final' externally assessed SQA exam and a 30 mark assignment completed in school but marked by SQA	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam and a 50 mark dissertation, completed at home/ in school but externally assessed
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below			
Academic researcher Archaeologist Archivist Broadcast journalist Civil Service administrator	Historic buildings inspector/conservation officer Human resources officer Library or Information Professional Marketing executive Museum Assistant or Visitor Centre Assistant	Museum or Art Gallery Curator Museum/gallery exhibitions officer Parliamentary Assistant Policy officer Political researcher	Teacher - Secondary School Solicitor Talent agent Tour Guide Tour Leader or Manager



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Issues – Terrorism Social Issues – Crime and the Law Democracy in Scotland Added Value Assignment – A research project on a Modern Studies related topic of your choice which makes up a percentage of your grade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Issues – Terrorism Social Issues – Crime and the Law Democracy in Scotland Added Value Assignment – A research project on a Modern Studies related topic of your choice which makes up a percentage of your grade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Inequality in the UK World Power – The USA Democracy in Scotland and the UK Assignment 			
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	
Additional Information			
Throughout the course you will explore the causes, consequences and solutions to the different issues you will study. For example, why people become criminals and terrorists, how these issues affect society, whether or not our prisons are effective in dealing with criminals and how does the international community work to stop terrorism. You will also study how democracy works in Scotland, looking at how citizens like yourself can influence the decisions that are made.	Throughout the course you will explore the causes, consequences and solutions to the different issues you will study. For example, why people become criminals and terrorists, how these issues affect society, whether or not our prisons are effective in dealing with criminals and how does the international community work to stop terrorism. You will also study how democracy works in Scotland, looking at how citizens like yourself can influence the decisions that are made.	Throughout the course you will explore the causes, consequences and solutions to the wealth and health inequality in the UK. That is, why some people are poorer or more likely to suffer health issues than others. You will also study how democracy works in Scotland and the UK, which will build on your learning if you have taken the National 5 course. The final topic you will study is the USA where you will explore how democracy works there but also why people suffer from inequality. Finally, you will complete a research assignment on an issue of your choosing where you will examine possible solutions to an issue and make a recommendation based on your own independent research.	
Possible career path			
<u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u>			
Advice Worker Advocate Advocates' Clerk Archivist Broadcast Journalist Careers Adviser Community Education Officer Copy Editor	Economic Development Officer Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst Journalist or Reporter Judge or Sheriff Library or Information Assistant Library or Information Professional Local Government Officer Member of Parliament	Paralegal Parliamentary Assistant Police Officer Procurator Fiscal Producer – Radio Radio Broadcast Assistant Reporter to the Children's Panel Researcher – Broadcasting	Runner Social Worker Solicitor Sub-editor – Journalism Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Studies Trade Union Official TV or Radio Presenter

**Higher
(SCQF Level 6)****Course Content**

This is for S6 Only – entry requirements a minimum of a B in Higher English and a B in a Higher Humanities subject

- Political theory (Power, Authority and Legitimacy, Democracy & Political Ideologies)
- Political systems (Constitutions, the Legislative Branch & Executive Branch)
- Political Parties and elections (Dominant ideas of political parties, Political campaign management strategies & Theories of voting behaviour)
- Course Assignment (assessed by the SQA)

Course Assessment

The course has a final exam externally assessed by the SQA

Additional Information

Politics makes a distinctive contribution to the curriculum through its study of important political concepts and ideologies, the comparison of different political systems, and the evaluation of factors that impact on the electoral performance of political parties.

Candidates develop knowledge and understanding of key political concepts. The theoretical perspective of the course enables candidates to identify, explore and analyse political issues in order to develop their own views and perspectives. Candidates develop analysing and evaluating skills during the course which help them to interpret and understand political issues.

Candidates develop:

Knowledge and Understanding of:

- significant political concepts and ideologies
- political systems through comparative study
- political parties and elections

The ability to analyse and evaluate political ideas, events, issues, systems, parties and electoral performance

A range of data-handling and evaluating skills

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Advice Worker	Economic Development Officer	Paralegal	Runner
Advocate	Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst	Parliamentary Assistant	Social Worker
Advocates' Clerk	Journalist or Reporter	Police Officer	Solicitor
Archivist	Judge or Sheriff	Procurator Fiscal	Sub-editor — Journalism
Broadcast Journalist	Library or Information Assistant	Producer – Radio	Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Studies
Careers Adviser	Library or Information Professional	Radio Broadcast Assistant	Trade Union Official
Community Education Officer	Local Government Officer	Reporter to the Children's Panel	TV or Radio Presenter
Copy Editor	Member of Parliament	Researcher – Broadcasting	



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)		National 5 (SCQF Level 5)			
Course Content		Course Content			
Travel & Tourism: Employability					
This unit investigates job roles and careers across the travel & tourism industry. Learners will demonstrate their employability skills and attitudes in a work related practical activity. They will evaluate their own potential for a chosen job in the travel & tourism industry.					
Travel & Tourism: Customer service					
This unit outlines the benefits of good customer service to the travel & tourism industry. It deals with customer issues and actions required to respond to customer's needs and wants.					
Travel & Tourism: Scotland					
In this unit the learner will gather information, describe a range of destinations and attractions, identify current trends, and describe the impact of tourism in Scotland					
Travel & Tourism: UK and worldwide					
In this unit the learner will gather information, describe a range of destinations and attractions, identify current trends, and describe the impact of tourism in the UK and the rest of the world. The learner should also be able to provide information to potential customers on selected destinations, for example, recommend accommodation, activities, attractions and amenities and produce a travel itinerary on selected areas.					
Course Assessment					
There is no external exam for this course. Units will be assessed throughout the year.					
Additional Information					
Tourism is a major employer and revenue earner to the economy. The provision of travel & tourism in schools responds to the needs of the industry for a well –trained workforce that can meet the needs of visitors.					
This course is designed to enable learners to gain knowledge of a variety of tourist destinations, both in Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world. The basic skills and knowledge and understanding relating to a range of occupations in travel & tourism which will prepare candidates for employment in the industry are also a focus.					
Possible career path					
Click here for more information on the career options below					
Advice Worker Advocate Advocates' Clerk Archivist Broadcast Journalist Careers Adviser Community Education Officer Copy Editor	Economic Development Officer Government Intelligence Officer or Analyst Journalist or Reporter Judge or Sheriff Library or Information Assistant Library or Information Professional Local Government Officer Member of Parliament	Paralegal Parliamentary Assistant Police Officer Procurator Fiscal Producer – Radio Radio Broadcast Assistant Reporter to the Children's Panel Researcher – Broadcasting	Runner Social Worker Solicitor Sub-editor — Journalism Teacher - Secondary School - Modern Studies Trade Union Official TV or Radio Presenter		



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<p>The course allows candidates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ develop an understanding and respect for different beliefs, values and viewpoints ➢ learn how to express their values and beliefs ➢ put their values or beliefs into action in ways which benefit others ➢ make informed moral decisions <p>The units covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: World Religion – Judaism Candidates study the religion of Judaism and its impact, relevance and significance through studying some key beliefs and practices found within the religion, and the contribution these make to the lives of followers • Unit 2: Morality and Belief Candidates study moral issues raised by conflict looking at their background, implications and responses from religious and non-religious organisations • Unit 3: Religious and Philosophical questions Candidates study the question 'Does God exist?' They will examine its implications and a range of responses from religious groups, philosophers and scientific viewpoints. 	<p>The course allows candidates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ develop an understanding and respect for different beliefs, values and viewpoints ➢ learn how to express their values and beliefs ➢ put their values or beliefs into action in ways which benefit others ➢ make informed moral decisions <p>The units covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: Buddhism Candidates develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of the impact of Buddhism today • Unit 2: Morality and Belief Candidates will gain an in-depth knowledge and understanding of issues relating to justice, including causes of crime. • Unit 3: Religious and Philosophical Questions-Origins Candidate's develop skills to critically analyse the religious and philosophical question "what is the origins of the Universe and life?" 		
Additional Information	Additional Information	Additional Information	
Pupils will research, analyse and evaluate information to draw detailed, reasoned and well structured conclusions when responding to different ideas and viewpoints.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will evaluate and express well-structured views of contemporary moral questions and responses in detail, explaining relevant theoretical ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In depth factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of religious, moral and philosophical questions and responses. 	
Course Assessment			
Internally assessed	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	This course has a 'final' externally assessed SQA exam.	
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below			
Advocate Advocates' Clerk Broadcasting Community Education Officer	Judge or Sheriff Procurator Fiscal Politics	Reporter to the Children's Panel Solicitor Social Care	Teacher - Primary or Nursery School Teacher - Secondary School - Religious Education Youth worker



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	Advanced Higher (SCQF Level 7)		
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	Course Content		
<p>Expressive unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and develop thoughts and ideas in 2D and/or 3D formats in response to a theme. Produce observational drawings and studies and develop expressive ideas and compositions by experimenting with and using art materials, techniques and/or technology in creative and expressive ways. <p>Design unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, research and develop creative design ideas in response to a given brief Develop creativity and problem solving skills and consider the design opportunities, issues and constraints of the brief Experiment with and develop media handling skills when producing design ideas in 2D/or 3D formats. <p>Art & Design studies is integrated into the units.</p>	<p>Expressive folio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, research and develop creative expressive work in response to a theme or stimulus. Develop knowledge and understanding of artists' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice. Respond to a theme and produce 2D/3D analytical drawings, studies and investigative research. Produce a single line of development and a final piece. Reflect on and evaluate your creative process and the visual qualities of their work. <p>Design folio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, research and develop creative design work in response to a design brief – either 3D or 2D Graphic Design. Develop knowledge and understanding of designers' working practices and the social, cultural and other influences affecting their work and practice. Respond to a design brief and compile a variety of 2D/3D investigative material and market research. Produce a single line of development and a design solution. Reflect on and evaluate their design process and the aesthetic and functional qualities of their work. <p>Art & Design studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the work of artists and designers Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the impact of social, cultural and/or other influences on artists' and designers' work and practice. Show knowledge and understanding of expressive art and design elements, using appropriate art and design vocabulary. 	<p>You will choose to produce either an Expressive OR Design folio. If you are intending on furthering a career in Art and Design you will be given guidance on producing a professional portfolio.</p> <p>Expressive:</p> <p>You will select a theme or stimulus for their portfolio. You follow a creative process to develop expressive art ideas and resolve and realise artworks which are influenced by your investigation into art practice.</p> <p>Design:</p> <p>You will select a design brief for your portfolio. You will follow a design process to develop design ideas and resolve and realise solutions which are influenced by your investigation into design practice</p> <p>Written work takes the form of a contextual analysis by discussing related contexts and analysing their impact on the features of the design work. You then reflect on and evaluate your work.</p>			
Course Assessment					
Assessment is based on the Design and Expressive units and the critical element of the course.	Assessment is based on the externally marked Portfolio and a Question Paper. N5: 80% - portfolio, 20% - question paper. Higher: 77% - portfolio, 23% - question paper.		Assessment is based on the Portfolio and Contextual Analysis.		
Possible career path					
Click here for more information on the career options below					



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)
Course Content		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama Skills• Drama: Production Skills <p>Added Value Unit : Drama: Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama Skills• Drama: Production Skills <p>Added Value Unit : • Drama: Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama Skills• Drama: Production Skills
Course Assessment		
Course is assessed through Performance evidence from the Units of the Course	Course is assessed by a Performance , a Question Paper and evidence from the Units of the Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course is assessed by a Question Paper and a Practical Examination.
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below		
Actor Arts Administrator Camera Operator Choreographer Community Arts Worker Dancer	Floor Manager – Television Holiday Centre Worker Lighting Technician Producer – TV or Film Production Assistant	Prop Maker Runner Set Designer Stage Manager Stagehand Stunt Performer



NPA (SCQF Level 6)		
Course Content		
The NPA Musical Theatre course, provides learners with an exciting experience which develops skills of collaboration, creative thinking and self-discipline. Pupils will engage in the following areas:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning a programme of audition pieces.Preparation of an audition.group danceGroup and solo singing piece.listening and evaluating self and otherstaking care of the muscles of the body, vocal health and resources (eg scripts, scores)taking responsibility for own part in a live performance		
You need to have a keen interest in dance, singing and performing with relevant experience within or outside school.		
Course Assessment		
The majority of the assessment is practical based with written assignments and projects used to evidence		
The mandatory unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acting through Song Optional Units (must do two units): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Theatre Performance: Solo Singing SkillsTheatre Performers: Group Singing SkillsGroup Dance PerformancePreparation for Audition		
Possible career path Click here for more information on the career options below		
Actor Arts Administrator Camera Operator Choreographer Community Arts Worker Dancer	Floor Manager – Television Holiday Centre Worker Lighting Technician Producer – TV or Film Production Assistant	Prop Maker Runner Set Designer Stage Manager Stagehand Stunt Performer

**NPA
(SCQF Level 6)****Course Content**

The NPA Acting and Performance course, provides learners with an exciting experience which develops skills of collaboration, creative thinking and self-discipline. Pupils will engage in the following areas:

- develop a range of appropriate skills in voice, movement, acting and stagecraft
- integrate voice, movement, acting and stagecraft in production
- work with text
- work in rehearsal and performance creatively and innovatively
- work cooperatively in teams
- develop an understanding of theatre practice
- develop an ability to respond to direction
- develop candidates' skills as actors and performers

You need to have a keen interest in theatre, acting and performing with relevant experience within or outside school

Course Assessment

Most of the assessments are practical, with written assignments and projects used to evidence their ability and progress.

Student must complete two mandatory units:

- Drama: Theatre Skills in Performance
- Professional Theatre in Context

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Actor
Arts Administrator
Camera Operator
Choreographer
Community Arts Worker
Dancer

Floor Manager – Television
Holiday Centre Worker
Lighting Technician
Producer – TV or Film
Production Assistant

Prop Maker
Runner
Set Designer
Stage Manager
Stagehand
Stunt Performer



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<u>Music:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music: Performing Skills Music: Composing Skills Understanding Music 	<u>Music:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music: Performing Skills Music: Composing Skills Understanding Music 	<u>Music:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music: Performing Skills Music: Composing Skills Understanding Music 	
Course Assessment			
Added Value Unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance on 2 instruments/voice 	Course assessment: Performance of 8 minutes to 8 minutes 30 seconds on 2 instruments/voice Question Paper Composition Assignment	Course is assessment: Performance of 12 – 13 minutes on 2 instruments/voice Question Paper Composition Assignment	
Possible career path			
<u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u>			
Arts Administrator Community Arts Worker Composer or Songwriter Disc Jockey – DJ Film or Video Editor Music Promotions Manager	Music Promotions Manager Music Therapist Piano Tuner Producer – Radio Production Assistant Radio Broadcast Assistant	Musician - Popular Roadie Runner Sound Technician Stage Manager Teacher - Secondary School	Singer - Classical Singer – Popular Musician - Classical



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	
Course Content		
Mandatory units <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Development• Play in Early Education and Childcare• Working in Early Education and Childcare Optional units <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parenting• First Aid Care of Children	Mandatory units <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Development and Health• Play in Early Education and Childcare• Working in Early Education and Childcare Optional units <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parenting• First Aid• Care and Feeding of Children	
Course Assessment		
At National 4, learners cover basic issues in each area and begin to develop relevant skills such as team working skills and helping to plan play experiences. They also develop transferable employability skills.	National 5 Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare is an introductory qualification that develops the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for work in early education and childcare sector. Learners begin to prepare for working in the sector. They also develop transferable employability skills.	
This course is internally assessed	This course is internally assessed	
Possible career path		
Click here for more information on the career options below		
Care Home Manager Childminder Children's Holiday Representative Classroom Assistant - Primary or Nursery School	Community Education Officer Learning Support Assistant Lecturer - Further Education Nanny	Nursery Worker Play-worker or Play Assistant Teacher - Secondary School – Learning Support and Behaviour Support



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)	National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	Higher (SCQF Level 6)	
Course Content	Course Content	Course Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unit 1 Performance SkillsUnit 2 Factors Impacting on Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Component 1 - PortfolioComponent 2 - Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Component 1 – Question PaperComponent 2 - Performance	
Course Assessment			
Assessment is based on demonstration of performance skills and Portfolio showing knowledge of factors that impact on performance	Assessment is made of an examination of practical skills within two different activities. These are assessed in competitive one off performance contexts. A submission of a Portfolio showing knowledge of factors that impact on performance is also submitted to the SQA.	Assessment is made in an examination of practical skills within two different activities. These are assessed in competitive one off performance contexts. A written question paper is also completed in a final exam.	
Possible career path			
<u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u>			
Army – Officer Army – Soldier Bodyguard Diver Firefighter Fitness Instructor Gym Instructor Lifeguard or Pool Attendant	Outdoor Activities Instructor or Leader Personal Trainer Physiotherapist Physiotherapy Support Worker Police Officer Psychologist - Sport and Exercise Royal Air Force Airman or Airwoman Royal Air Force Officer	Royal Marine Royal Marines Officer Royal Navy Officer Royal Navy Rating Sport and Exercise Scientist Sports Coach or Instructor Sports Development Officer Sports or Leisure Centre Assistant	Sports or Leisure Centre Manager Sports Professional Sports Therapist Stunt Performer Swimming Teacher Teacher - Secondary School - Physical Education Yoga Teacher

**SFA Referee Award with NPA in Sport Coaching****SCQF Level 6 and 7****Minimum Requirements**

Candidates with a strong leaning towards and interest in sport and fitness, with particular interest in football. S5 and S6 candidates who may have achieved National 5 or Higher PE awards.

Candidates who aspire towards developing opportunities for young people to participate in their chosen sport(s). Interest in learning to be able to referee football matches and supporting PE classes in addition to the course as there will be an expectation of this

Course Content

Participate in a variety of roles related to recreational physical activity (performer, coach, referee etc.)

Develop knowledge and understanding of current practices, thinking and philosophies of Sports Development and its impact on communities and sport in general.

Develop knowledge and skills in planning, implementing and evaluating aspects of Sports Development.

Laws of the game

Practical Refereeing

Course Assessment

Maintaining a portfolio evidencing the candidate's participation, research and development activities relating to recreational physical activity in the school and local community.

Promote, introduce and maintain new opportunities for Linlithgow Academy and catchment primary school pupils to participate in physical activity.

Laws of the Game

Closed book, recorded online multiple-choice assessment. Five hours of practical sessions / observational checklists/recording materials

Practical Refereeing

Record of Progress and Development. Responses to recordings of preparatory and match day incidents. Written record of misconduct and match reports

Personal development diary/fitness tests. Referee 11 a side football game of 2 halves. All paperwork completed to match this final assessment

Possible Career Path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Qualified SFA Referee and Various sports coaching opportunities



Sport and Recreation with NPA in Play in Sports
SCQF Level 5 and 6
Minimum Requirements
<p>An interest in the Sport and recreation industry.</p> <p>Candidates with a strong leaning towards and interest in Sport and Fitness.</p> <p>S5 and S6 candidates who may have achieved National 5S or Higher PE awards.</p> <p>Candidates who aspire towards improved performance in their chosen sport(s).</p>
Course Content
<p>The Course covers the main practical activities involved in carrying out a supportive role in sport and recreation environments — sourcing information about career pathways, identifying and reviewing skills and experiences; assisting with planning, setting-up and delivering activity sessions; dealing effectively and courteously with clients; assisting with emergency procedures; assisting with setting-up, dismantling and checking equipment and resources; helping to plan and review a training programme, and establishing good practice in identifying and reviewing goals.</p> <p>The Course also covers health and safety legislation and risk assessment.</p> <p>Develop knowledge and understanding of current practices, thinking and philosophies of Sports Development and its impact on communities and sport in general. Develop knowledge and skills in planning, implementing and evaluating aspects of Sports Development.</p>
Course Assessment
Candidates produce a portfolio which contains evidence of investigating opportunities to participate in sports development in the local area, and facilitating the participation of others
Possible Career Path
<p><u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u></p>
Various roles within sports clubs and organisations such as a coach, instructor, administrator or performer.



National 4 (SCQF Level 4)		National 5 (SCQF Level 5)	
Course Content		Course Content	
Practical Cookery Course enhances learners' personal effectiveness in cookery and provides a set of skills for those who wish to progress to further study in the hospitality context. Three Units 1. Cookery Skills, Techniques and Processes 2. Understanding and Using Ingredients 3. Organisational Skills for Cooking Added Value Unit – Producing a Meal.		Practical Cookery Course enhances learners' personal effectiveness in cookery and provides a set of skills for those who wish to progress to further study in the hospitality context. Three Units 1. Cookery Skills, Techniques and Processes 2. Understanding and Using Ingredients 3. Organisational Skills for Cooking The learner will be assessed by a practical activity drawing on the knowledge, understanding and skills developed across the Course. The activity will require learners To extend cookery-related knowledge, understanding and skills, and to apply them in the production of a meal to a given specification. Learners will plan, prepare and cook a three-course meal for a given number of people within a given timescale and present it appropriately.	
Course Assessment			
Internally Assessed		There will also be a written assessment worth 25% of the final mark.	
Possible career path <u>Click here for more information on the career options below</u>			
Baker or Confectioner	Chef or Cook	Health and Safety Inspector	Personal Trainer
Biochemist	Dietetic Support Worker	Health Improvement Officer	Sports Coach or Instructor
Biologist	Dietitian	Health Visitor or Public Health Nurse	Teacher - Secondary School - Home Economics
Biotechnologist	Distillery Worker	Laboratory Technician	Technical Brewer
Brewery Worker	Environmental Health Officer	Lecturer - Further Education	Technical Distiller
Butcher	Food Counter Assistant	Meat Process Worker	Trading Standards Officer
Catering Manager	Food Scientist or Technologist		

**National 5 (SCQF Level 5)****Course Content**

The SfW Hospitality pathway allows you to gain two Level 5 qualifications in the area of Hospitality industry.

SfW Hospitality -The course introduces the different sectors of the hospitality industry, the provision of hospitality locally, nationally and internationally and also which sectors can be described as 'commercial' and 'non-commercial'. They will learn about the organisational aims of hospitality establishments and the products and services they provide. Learners will also have the opportunity to prepare for and take part in a job interview. The course will also develop vocational skills and knowledge, and the focus is on experiencing the areas of the professional kitchen, food and drink service, customer care skills, reception skills and hospitality events. Learners will be involved in menu planning and have practical experience of preparing, cooking and presenting a range of commodities, serving food and drinks, undertaking reception duties and planning, organising and running a small hospitality event. Learners will be working as a member of a team, communicating appropriately, undertaking aspects of problem solving and numeracy, and may also use information technology. The course places emphasis throughout all units on the employability skills and attitudes which will help to prepare learners for the workplace

Barista - The Award in Barista Skills at SCQF level 5 will develop the knowledge, understanding and technical skills required for the role of a barista. This qualification covers areas such as the different types of coffees and other beverages typically served by a barista. Setting up, operating, cleaning and closing specialist equipment is also covered. Learners will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills by preparing and serving different hot and cold beverages.

Course Assessment

SfW Hospitality - To achieve the award of National 5 Skills for Work Hospitality course, learners must achieve a pass in all 4 units of the course: · Developing Skills for Working in the Hospitality Industry, Developing Skills for Working in the Professional Kitchen, Hospitality: Front of House Operations and Hospitality Events

Barista - The Barista Skills SCQF Level 5 course is assessed through practical activities where you show both your knowledge and your hands-on ability. You will learn about different types of coffee and other drinks and be asked to demonstrate that you can set up, operate, clean and shut down specialist equipment safely. A big part of the assessment is preparing and serving a variety of hot and cold beverages to a professional standard, just like you would in a real café. Assessment of this unit requires learners to produce evidence of their underpinning knowledge of coffee and other beverages and participate in activities to demonstrate their practical skills. By the end of the course, you will have proven that you can work confidently as a barista and meet industry expectation

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Any career in the Hospitality Industry

**SCQF Level 6****Course Content**

This integrated studies programme develops knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that students need to flourish in a world of increasing complexity and rapid change. Students will develop key competencies in the areas of self-management and social intelligence and develop their meta-skills in critical and creative thinking. Successful completion of this programme of study will lead to the achievement of four Level 6 SCQF Awards: Leadership, Personal Development, Employability and Religion, Belief and Values.

Employability

This course is designed to develop your employability skills so that you are equipped with the skills, knowledge and experience to support your transition into the world of work. You will learn about building positive relationships in a working environment and the standards expected of employees and employers

Personal Development

This Award aims to help learners become more independent and to develop their potential as contributing members of their societies. Learners will develop self-reliance, self-esteem and confidence through independent study

Leadership

Aims to encourage learners to respect the cultures and beliefs of others through working cooperatively with them and through valuing their contribution. The award encourages learners to develop knowledge of leadership styles, skills and qualities and to understand the impact a leader can have on others and on the success of an activity. The Award is jointly certificated by SQA and the Chartered Management Institute.

Religion, Beliefs and Values

The Religion, Belief and Values Award helps to deepen their knowledge and understanding of how religion and value can shape and contribute to the lives of individuals and communities. The Award encourages learners to explore and reflect on their personal values, and to deepen their understanding of this through practical engagement in local, national or global communities.

Course Assessment

Assessments is all completed internally through folio and practical activities.

Possible career path

[Click here for more information on the career options below](#)

Essential skills and knowledge for every career pathway

Further information on subject courses/curricular pathways can be obtained from;



the National Parent
Forum of Scotland



[nationals-in-a-nutshell-series](#)



<http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>



<https://www.sqa.org.uk/>

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-in-scotland>

What are Universities saying about school curriculum pathways?

Read their statements by clicking the links below.

- University of Aberdeen
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/cfe.php>
- University of Abertay Dundee
<http://www.abertay.ac.uk/applying/ukeu/cfe/>
- University of Edinburgh
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/entry-requirements/scottish>
- Edinburgh Napier University
<http://www.napier.ac.uk/study/welcome/applicants/Documents/Edinburgh-Napier-CfE-Statement.pdf>
- University of Glasgow
http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_273068_en.pdf
- Glasgow Caledonian University
<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearchstudy/applicationprocess>
- Heriot-Watt University
<https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply.htm>
- University of the Highlands and Islands
<https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/studying-at-uhi/first-steps/admissions/>
- Open University in Scotland
<http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/>
- Robert Gordon University
<http://www.rgu.ac.uk/future-students/parents-teachers-and-advisers/curriculum-for-excellence>
- University of St Andrews
<https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/ug/undergraduateadmissionspolicy/curriculumforexcellence/>
- University of Stirling
<http://www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements/curriculumforexcellence/>
- Dundee:
<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/applicants>
- RCS
<http://www.rcs.ac.uk/studyhere/how-to-apply/excellence.html>
- University of Strathclyde
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/undergraduate/beforeyouapply/seniorschoolpupils6thformcollegestudentsorcollegestudents/>
- University of the West of Scotland
<https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/admissions-application/>

There are a wide range of opportunities offered at West Lothian College, from Level 4 to Level 7



[For more information on any of these courses please access WLC website by clicking here.](#)

Following your initial online application for a place on one of these college courses, the college will invite you to attend an interview prior to offering any places.

Securing a place at college which is delivered in the evening or on a Friday afternoon does not count as part of your 'In school' curriculum.

The following Foundation Apprenticeships are delivered by West Lothian College

- **FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP IN CONSTRUCTION (LEVEL 4 and 5)**

Oversubscribed courses:

Courses which are traditionally oversubscribed, **construction, automotive and hairdressing**, will have 4 learners invited from each school.

Faculty teams will select who is being invited in for interview based on applications.

Where there are high volumes of applications of a similar standard from individual schools college staff will liaise with school for guidance.

[For more information on these courses please access WLC website by clicking here.](#)

West Lothian Academy 2026 – 27

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The West Lothian Academy is not the same as studying a subject within your own school and applies a different operating model. It is an extended/additional online programme offered to young people who can't access a course within their own school, therefore widening access to the courses available throughout West Lothian Council.

Students

What to expect and your role if studying on the West Lothian Academy
Full column allocation
Two periods each week of “live learning” via Microsoft Teams
Must attend all “live learning” classes with camera turned on
Responsible for own learning and using all allocated periods efficiently and effectively
Conduct yourself safely, responsibly and appropriately at all times
Other allocated periods provided for self -learning/study as communicated and supported by class teacher (Microsoft Teams and Class Notebook)
Regular tracking updates received via own school (completed by class teacher)
In-person taught tutorials (approximately twice per term) at a central venue, transport provided
Exams/prelims will be taken in own school
All/any agreed ASN support requirements in place
Commit to the course for the full year/session – withdrawing from the course is not within the expectations, think very carefully at course choice time. Is this the right course and way of learning for you at this stage?
If you are interested in studying any Modern Languages Advanced Higher courses, please speak to a Mrs Bulloch. This can be considered via a slightly alternative route to the West Lothian Academy Advanced Higher operating model in partnership with Edinburgh College

Due to the live learning element on either a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, students can choose to study up to two (maximum) West Lothian Academy courses

Parents/Carers

Summary of what to expect
Regular tracking/progress updates completed by class teacher and disseminated by own school throughout the year
One parents/carers evening following prelims (likely to be end of January) to meet with the class teacher about progress/strengths and next steps
West Lothian Academy point of contact – Mrs Bulloch
Discuss fully with your child at course choice time – is this the right course and way of learning for your child?
All agreed ASN support will be provided in discussion with yourself, your child, your child's school and the class teacher

Courses Offered 2026-27

AH Biology	AH Maths
AH Business	AH PE
AH Chemistry	AH Physics
AH Computing	AH RMPS
AH Geography	H Philosophy
AH History	

Open University (YASS)

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YASS, the Young Applicants in Schools Scheme, is designed to bridge the gap between school and university, college or employment and helps motivated students stand out from the crowd. It encourages independent learning and builds confidence. Taking part in YASS develops key skills like time management and using an online study environment. All courses are online.

Registration for YASS modules is organised through the school, although students deal directly with the OU when it comes to course work and assessment. The list of courses available is not normally released until after Easter.

S6 pupils can choose from a wide range of university level (SCQF 7) courses which can be studied in school alongside their other subjects.

There are courses in a range of subject areas, from science to law, languages to accounting and much more.

You can choose to study a 10 or 30 credit course in a subject area that interests you. The courses start in October and run for either six or nine months depending on the credit level.

The number of credit points indicates the amount of credit you can count towards an Open University qualification and how many hours it might take you to study. One credit point represents approximately ten hours of study.

Please note: these credit points are not part of the UCAS tariff points system.

YASS receives support from the Scottish Funding Council. This continues to allow them to offer fully funded places for pupils from local authority schools undertaking 10 and 30 credit modules. Funding is only in place for one course per student.

[Read our answers to questions that are frequently asked](#) about the scheme by potential YASS students and school co-ordinators.

Benefits of YASS

Taking an Open University course gives students the opportunity to deepen their existing knowledge or try a completely different subject.

- Skills gained through YASS can add valuable content to CVs and job applications. Studying through YASS can also help demonstrate a genuine interest in apprenticeship areas.
- YASS courses can help students' applications to university or college standout and contribute valuable content to their personal statements. YASS courses can be entered on the education section of UCAS application forms.
- Taking a YASS course can help students enhance their knowledge, broaden skills and study subjects in a different way. Students taking arts subjects, for example, might like to study maths or science to broaden their skills. Or they might opt for a course which relates closely to their Higher or Advanced Higher subjects to improve knowledge and help them to approach topics in a different way.
- Students have access to the entire OU library which they can use not only for their YASS course but for the other subjects they are studying as well.
- YASS students are treated just the same as all other OU students and can obtain specialised student and IT support if required. They also have access to guidance about course choice and careers options through the OU website.

For further information please go to <https://www5.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/courses-schools-and-early-learning/young-applicants-schools-scheme>

If you are interested in finding out how to enrol, please contact Mr Forrester (stuart.forrester@westlothian.org.uk).

Keen to prepare for university study? If you are a LEAPS-eligible student, the LEAPS Transitions Course could be an S6 timetable option for you!

The LEAPS Transitions Course is designed to give you the skills and experience needed to make a positive **transition from school to university**. Throughout the course, you will work with academics and students from other schools on **developing first-year university-level academic skills**. You will gain confidence and an understanding of what it takes to be successful at university. This is a unique opportunity to **get the ‘uni’ experience before starting for real**. During the course you will be enrolled at the University of Edinburgh, but the course itself will be helpful regardless of which university you hope to study at after school.

Term one will focus on **academic skills** and a **writing assessment**; Term two will have a **lecture series** and a **group poster assessment**.

The focus will be on developing successful academic practice – in other words, how to be successful at university – and you will have the chance to work with students and academics/lecturers from a broad range of subject areas. You will not study one subject. Instead, you will study lots of subjects, while **focusing on developing key academic skills**.

Course Level

- It is offered as a 20 credit SCQF Level 7 course.
- It is the same level as Advanced Higher/first-year university-level study.

Course Structure

- The course forms one option on your S6 timetable.
- It will run from September 2025 – March 2026.
- Sessions take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon. (All students **must attend both sessions** each week.)

- Your time commitment works out as approximately six hours per week, plus assessment preparation.
- Classes will be with a mix of students from other schools

Teaching

- Led by the LEAPS Transitions Course lecture team.
- Visiting academics from Edinburgh Napier, Edinburgh, Queen Margaret and Heriot-Watt Universities.
- Every student has a dedicated class Tutor (current postgraduate student).

Location of Course

- The course will be a mix of online sessions and in-person sessions on university campuses in Edinburgh.
- Travel arrangements and costs will be supported by LEAPS.

Typical Timetable

- Tuesdays 14.15-15.30 Online Lecture
- Thursdays 14.00-15.00 Online Tutorial or 14.00-17.00 On-campus Tutorial (this will alternate each week)
- Students with longer journeys into Edinburgh will have fewer on campus sessions and more online sessions.

University Admissions

- Many universities in Scotland consider the LEAPS Transitions Course for university admissions purposes – some will accept it as a Higher, some will consider it at confirmation stage.
- Find details in the [LEAPS Transitions Course & University Entry Requirements guide here](#)
- By taking this course you are demonstrating to universities that you are committed to preparing for university-level study – a great thing to mention in your UCAS Personal Statement!

Entry Requirements

To register for the LEAPS Transitions Course, you should;

- Be [LEAPS-eligible](#).
- Be aiming to apply to university.
- Be in S6 when you take the course
- Be on track to achieve the Highers/National 5s required for university entry.

Interested?

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Qualification Level		Courses Available					S4-6 What you need to know	Your Subject Choices
SCQF Levels 4 and 5	National (N4/N5)	Biology Chemistry Physics Lab Skills Graph Com Design and Man Woodwork	Maths Application of Mathematics Business	English French Spanish History Geography Modern Studies Travel & Tourism	Art & Design Drama Music Early Education and Childcare	PE Sports coaching, development and organisation Hosp: Practical Cookery SFW Hospitality		
SCQF Level 6	Higher & NPA/SVQ (*) S5/6 only	Biology Chemistry Physics Scientific Technologies Football Performance, Coaching, officiating PE	Maths Application of Mathematics Business Admin & IT Enterprise and Business	English Communication French Spanish Geography History Modern Studies RMPS	Graph Com Design and Man Art & Design Drama Musical Theatre Acting and Performing Music	College course (*) Foundation Apprenticeship (WLC) (*) WL Academy Future Skills	S4 Pupils Only 6 subjects + 3 core periods Core: PE x2 /PSE (2 pds)	
SCQF Level 7/6	Adv. Higher Higher & NPA S6 only	Biology Chemistry Physics Graph Com	Maths Computing Science Geography History	English Higher Politics STEM	Art & Design Open University WL Academy Music	L6 Journalism College course (*) LEAPs Transition Course	S5/6 Pathway Programme Class commitment consists of: S5: 6 Subjects + 3 core periods - PSE/PE x 2 S6: 4 Subject minimum Additional personalised opportunities for Leadership, Personal Development, First Aid and Wider Achievement qualifications will be undertaken across S5 and S6.	
Please indicate opposite the course you have applied for if you have selected one of the WL Academy/COLLEGE/ Open University options.								
Parent/Carer Signature and date (Must be completed)								