

Structure of the Curriculum in S5

In S5 pupils may study courses at Higher Level or at National 5 or National 4, NPA Level 5 or NPA Level 4. Pupils normally continue with subjects studied in S4.

All pupils in S5 will have a full 32 period timetable. Every pupil will receive one period per week of Personal and Social Education and one period per week of Health and Wellbeing, leaving 30 periods for courses of your choice.

All Higher courses are taught 6 periods per week as is National 5 Mathematics. The college course option also takes up 6 periods in S5. All other National and NPA courses are taught for four periods per week. Some pupils may find that once they have decided on their combination of Higher and National/NPA courses that the total number of taught periods is 28 rather than 30. We offer a range of two period options to cater for this.

Most pupils who choose to return for a fifth year at school plan to go to college, university or into a job that requires higher qualifications when they do leave. It is in a pupil's best interest to gain the highest set of qualifications in S5 as they can. This normally means **studying the courses they are best at in S5** and picking up any other essential courses in S6.

In Session 2018 – 2019 there will be an opportunity for pupils in S5 to begin a Foundation Apprenticeship. This is a two-year course which will continue in S6.

Making Good Choices – Advice for Pupils

Making good choices as to which courses to follow and what level of qualification to aim for can be a stressful time for both pupils, parents and carers. However, by following some basic principles the process can be made much more straightforward for all concerned.

1. Give some thought about what you want to be doing in one, two, five and ten years' time. You don't necessarily need to be specific but at least narrow down your choices to a general area or two.
2. Research what qualifications you need and at what level to follow these ambitions. For colleges and universities, look at their official websites and/or give them a phone call. The people who work in admissions are there to answer questions about how to get onto courses.
3. Look at the 'My World of Work' website: <http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk> for careers advice and/or make an appointment to see one of the SDS advisors based in school.
4. If you are considering a university course in the future, you should also look at <https://www.ucas.com/> which is the starting point for finding out about university courses.
5. Look at job adverts for the kinds of jobs or careers you want to get into and note the types and levels of qualifications the employers are expecting.
6. Choose subjects that you enjoy.
7. Choose subjects that you are already doing well in (these are likely to be the ones you enjoy most).
8. *Do not* choose a subject just because you like the teacher. There is no guarantee that you will get the same teacher next year.
9. *Do not* choose a subject just because your friend is choosing it too. There is no guarantee you will be in the same class and you are there to work not to socialise.

Course Choice Information for pupils in S4 who will be in S5 in Session 2018 – 2019

Whatever combination of courses you decide to opt for please be aware that you are committing yourself to attending all your lessons every week, to complete all the work required for your courses, to prepare properly for assessments and to behave in accordance with school rules. **Once you have started in a subject you are expected to remain in that subject for the whole year.**

Information about the SQA courses on offer to pupils in S6 are available from the SQA website. The web addresses for each course are shown in Appendix 1, along with any school-specific information. Please note that where there is a cost shown against the course, pupils who have requested a free school meal or who live in SIMD 1 – 3 do not pay.

Pupils, parents and carers should find out as much information as possible about the courses, along with requirements for jobs, college and university courses before choosing courses.

For pupils looking to attend college after Queen Anne, links to nearby colleges are given below:

Fife College	http://www.fife.ac.uk
SRUC Elmwood Campus	http://www.sruc.ac.uk
Edinburgh College	http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk

For those pupils who are aiming for university after Queen Anne it is worthwhile looking at the statements that universities have made about qualifications and admissions in light of the changes brought about by the introduction of the Curriculum for Excellence. You will find links to these statements on this page: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65733.html>

Progression Routes

Level Achieved	Recommended level for future study
National 3	National 4
National 4	National 5
National 5 D	A similar course at National 5
National 5 C	A similar course at National 5 or the same subject at Higher
National 5 B	Higher
National 5 A	Higher

The Course Choice Process

Late November to early December 2017

- Guidance Teachers go over the course choice process, focussing on good reasons for choosing courses.
- Pupils indicate their likely choices during a trial run in PSE. This information is used to plan the course choice form for January.
- Guidance Teachers check the trial run choices and discuss any issues with pupils and parents/carers prior to the main choices being made.

January 2018

- Pupils are informed at assemblies about the main choice process.
- Parents/Carers are informed at the Parents/Carers' Information Evening on **January 10th** about the main choice process.
- Pupils, parents/carers make the choices for Session 2018 – 2019. (**Deadline for returning the form is Friday 26th January but earlier submissions are welcome.**)

January to Early March

- The choices are processed.
- Guidance Teachers will be in contact with pupils, parents/carers where there are issues with the choices.

Early March to May

- The timetable is constructed.
- Guidance Teachers will be in contact with pupils, parents/carers where there are issues with the choices.

Wednesday June 6th

- Timetables issued to pupils.
- New timetable begins

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Subject	Levels and SQA URLs	Notes
Administration & IT	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48579.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45687.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47435.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47918.html	
Applications of Mathematics	National 4 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/81279.html	
Art & Design	National 3 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48580.html National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47385.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47388.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47892.html	
Biology	National 3 http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseUnitSupportNotes_N3_Sciences_Biology.pdf National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseUnitSupportNotes_N4_Sciences_Biology.pdf National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/BiologyCourseSpecN5.pdf Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseUnitSupportNotes_Higher_Sciences_Biology.pdf	
Business Management	Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47919.html	
Chemistry	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48583.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47423.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47428.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47913.html	
Computing Science	National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56922.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56923.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56924.html	
Creative Computing	NPA Level 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/63338.html NPA Level 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/69525.html	

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Dance	National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47389.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47893.html	
Design & Manufacture	National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47450.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/81108.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47927.html	There is a cost of £10 for the National 4/5 course.
Drama	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_ExpressiveArts_Drama.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_ExpressiveArts_Drama.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/DramaCourseSpecN5.pdf Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpecification_Higher_ExpressiveArts_Drama.pdf	
Duke of Edinburgh Awards	Gold, Silver & Bronze https://www.dofe.org/what-is-dofe	
Engineering Science	National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47451.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/81112.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47928.html	Pupils require a high level of mathematical skill for National Engineering Science. Pupils who will not have Mathematics at level 5 next session should consider an alternative course.
English	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48588.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45673.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45674.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47904.html	
Financial Services	National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/27731.html	
French	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N5_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47909.html	

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Foundation Apprenticeships	<p>Specific details of the apprenticeships were not available at the time of publication. We will provide more details on the school website when they become available. This website will give general information about them. https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/apprenticeships-in-a-nutshell/ Pupils must have gained Level 5 in both Literacy and Numeracy to start a Foundation Apprenticeship.</p>	
Geography	<p>National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48591.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47441.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47446.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47922.html</p>	
German	<p>National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N5_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47909.html</p>	
Graphic Communication	<p>National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47452.html National 5 (Units Only) http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/81124.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47459.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47929.html</p>	
Health & Food Technology	<p>National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_HealthandWellbeing_HealthandFoodTechnology.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_HealthWellbeing_HealthFoodTechnology.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/HealthandFoodTechnologyCourseSpecN5.pdf Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpecification_Higher_HealthandWellbeing_HealthFoodTechnology.pdf</p>	There is a cost of £20.
History	<p>National 3 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48594.html National 4 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47442.html National 5 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47447.html Higher www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47923.html</p>	
Human Biology	<p>Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseUnitSupportNotes_Higher_Sciences_HumanBiology.pdf</p>	

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Mandarin	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseSpec_N5_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47909.html	There will be no Mandarin courses offered after Session 2018 – 2019.
Mathematics	National 4 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47417.html National 5 www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47419.html Higher www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47910.html	
Mathematics of Mechanics	Advanced Higher www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48505.html	
Mathematics: Statistics	Advanced Higher www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48506.html	
Media Studies	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48598.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45667.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47414.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47908.html	
Modern Studies	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48600.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45701.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47448.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47924.html	
Music	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48601.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47387.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47391.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47895.html	
Music Technology	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56948.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56949.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56950.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/56951.html	

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Performance Skills Units	National 2 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48570.html National 3 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48603.html National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47394.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47399.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47901.html	These are stand-alone units from the Physical Education courses. Pupils may choose a 4-periods per week option or a 2-periods per week option. The level of Unit achieved will depend on the pupil's aptitude for the sport.
Photography	NPA Level 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/63340.html NPA Level 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/63340.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47896.html	Pupils must have a pass at National 5 in English for entry to the Higher Photography course.
Physical Education	National 2 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48570.html National 3 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48603.html National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47394.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47399.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47901.html	
Physics	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48604.html National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47425.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47430.html Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47916.html	
Politics	Higher https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47925.html	
Practical Cake Craft	National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/HospitalityPracticalCakeCraftCourseSpecN5.pdf	There is a cost of £72 which can be paid in two equal instalments.
Practical Cookery	National 3 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N3_SocialStudies_Hospitality_PracticalCookery.pdf National 4 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files/nq/CfE_CourseSpec_N4_SocialStudies_Hospitality_PracticalCookery.pdf National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/Hospitality_PracticalCookeryCourseSpecN5.pdf	There is a cost of £37.
Practical Woodworking	National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47455.html National 5 (Units Only) http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/81211.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47462.html	There is a cost of £10.

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Ready, Study Cook	<p>Aim of Course To develop practical cookery skills to enable learners who are about to leave home the knowledge and skills to cook healthy meals for themselves. You will have the opportunity to study for the Royal Environmental Institute of Scotland’s Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate which could be useful for you if you wanted to get a job in a the Hospitality industry, whether a career or simply a part-time job.</p> <p>Course Content The Course will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food preparation techniques and processes • Healthy eating • Organisation and time management skills • Menu Planning and the use of leftovers • Good hygiene and safety practices <p>There is a cost of £30 to cover the ingredients used in this course.</p>	
RMPS	<p>National 3 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48609.html National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47420.html National 5 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45699.html Higher http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47911.html</p>	
Saltire Awards	<p>https://saltireawards.org.uk/</p>	
Sign Language	<p>British Sign Language Level One http://portal.ibsl.org.uk/qualificationsdoc/1475677044SFA%20Purpose%20Statement%20Level%201.pdf</p>	<p>This course is delivered by an external tutor who comes into school twice a week. Pupils are also required to put in some additional time outwith the school day (a few hours over each term) to ensure that they meet the full requirements for the award. A £50 contribution towards the costs of this course is expected from pupils.</p>

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Sports Leadership	NPA Levels 4 & 5 https://www.sportsleaders.org/qualifications-programmes/sports-leadership		
Travel & Tourism	National 4 http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65336.html National 5 https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65335.html		
Courses at Fife College	Please contact Fife College for details.	Pupils spend Mondays and Wednesday afternoons at Fife College. Pupils may only be able to gain unit awards at the college rather than a full course award. Pupils will be responsible for making their own way to the college and home again.	

Information about National and Higher courses are also available from the National Parent Forum website. This is more “parent friendly” than some of the information on the SQA website.

For Nationals <https://www.npfs.org.uk/nationals-in-a-nutshell/>

For Highers <https://www.npfs.org.uk/highers-in-a-nutshell/>