

Baldragon Academy

S3 to S4 Course Choice

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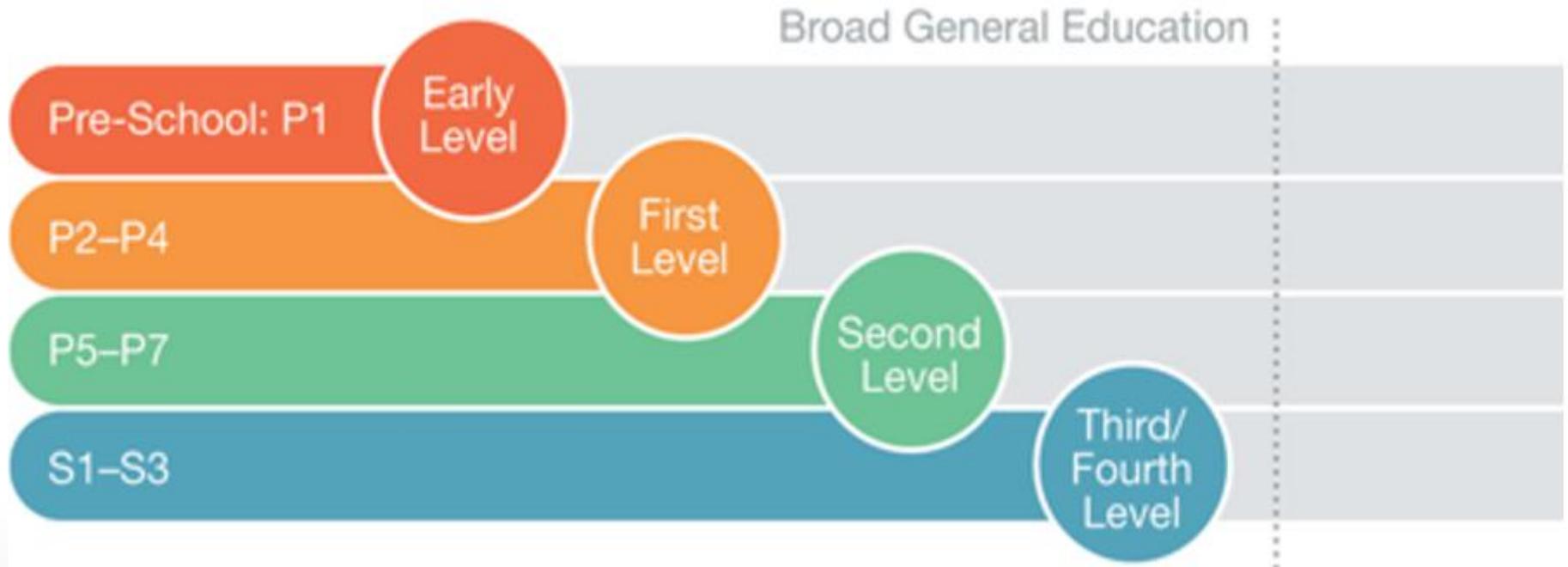
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- The principles behind the S3 into S4 course choice process.
- The course choice process.
- Describe how course choices lead into the Senior Phase of National Qualifications, and beyond, from the Broad General Education (CfE).



Where have we been...?

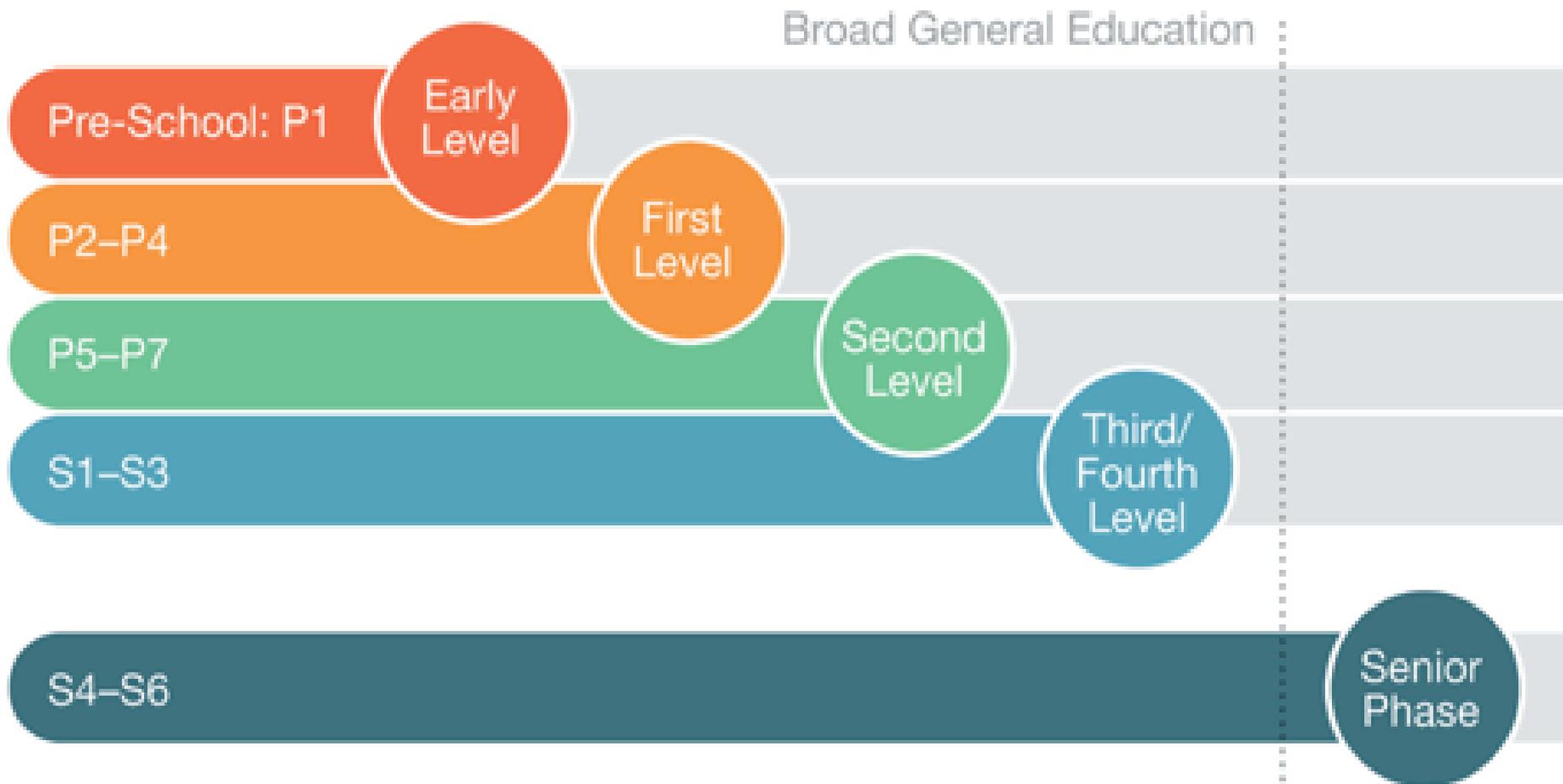


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Where are we going...?

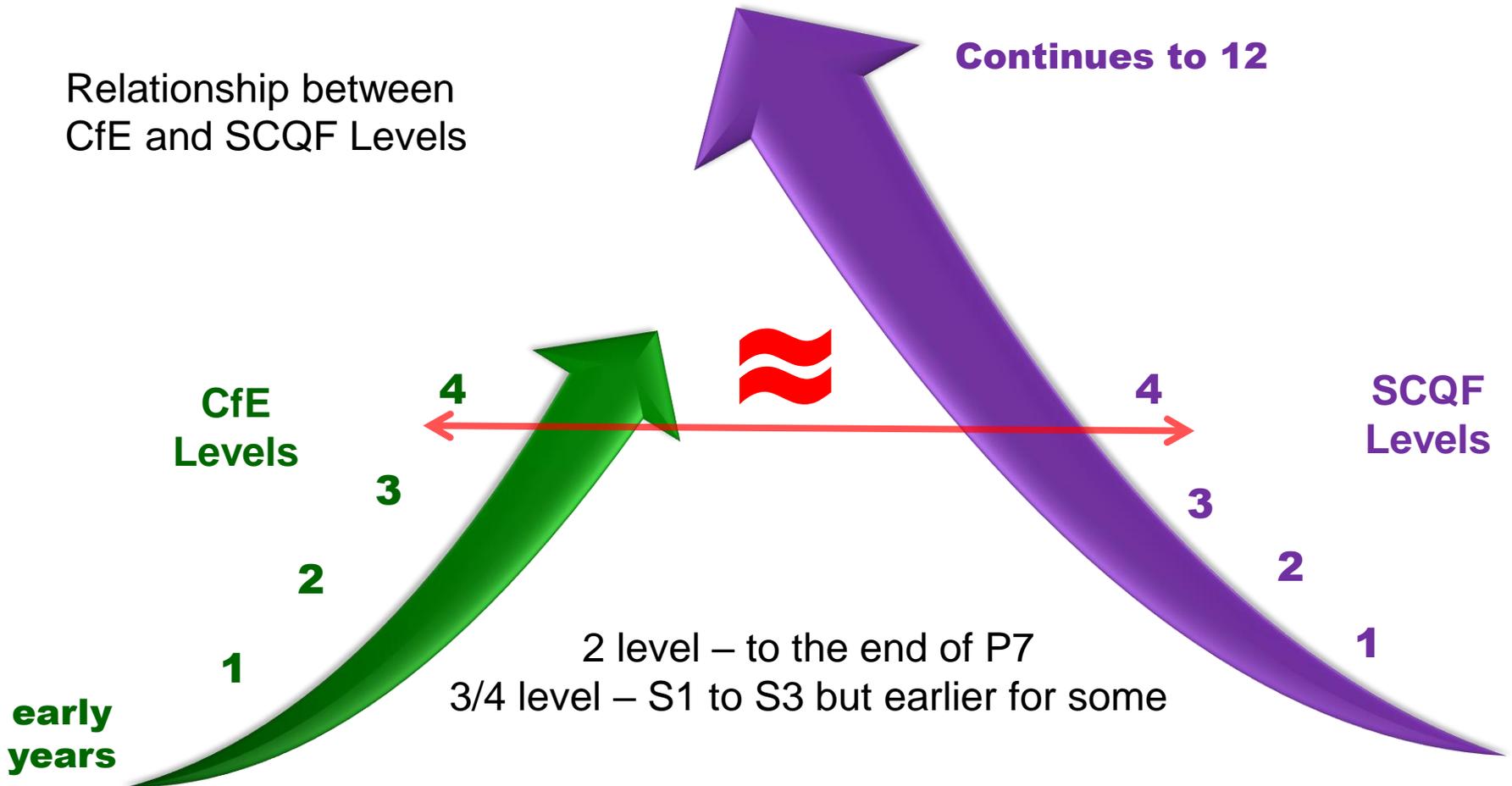


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Relationship between CfE and SCQF Levels



THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			

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- Plan your senior phase by considering how you will progress your subjects from S3.
You must base your S4 choices on the subjects you studied in S3.
- English, Mathematics, Core PE, SE and RME are mandatory subjects in S4 for everyone. You must do these.
- Make a choice in each column C to F. You must also make a reserve choice in each column.
- All of your choices, including reserves, must be based on those you studied in S3.
- We will do our best to meet all of your first choices cannot make any guarantees. You must make reserve choices.
- All courses are subject to staffing and pupil uptake/demand.



- College courses are studied at Dundee & Angus College at either Kingsway or Gardyne Campus on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon (Column C) and/or a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (Column D).
- Consider how you will make progress from S4 choices into S5/6. Think about how any college options will impact on your pathway in school, college or a career.

Choosing a college option may limit your progression in school.

- Information about all courses can be found in the Senior Phase Option Course Information and the School/College Programmes Booklets.
- You can find these handbooks on the school website: <https://tinyurl.com/BA-CCDocs>



Subject choice ...

S3 into S4 Option Choices

Baldragon Academy S3 into S4 Option Choices 2021-22

Name:	_____			Flame:	_____	Date of birth:	_____
		Leaving at end of S4	Leaving at end of S5	Leaving at end of S6			
Career Intentions (if known)							

S5 Pathways
 Before you select your S4 Course Choice, please consider carefully what your course choice would be for S5 in 2021/22.
 With the exception of School/College Partnership courses, pupils in S5 cannot take subjects that they have not previously studied in S4.

	A	B	C	D	E
HIGHER SCQF 6	English RMPS	Mathematics Photography	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course- History Modern Studies Music with Technology <small>* see course leaflet</small>	Art Biology Biology/Human (H) Business Management Computing Science Geography Physics Physical Education	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design Fashion & Textiles French Graphic Communication History Music Physics
N4NS SCQF 4/5	English Media Studies (NS) Practical Cake Craft (NS)	Mathematics Applications of Mathematics	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course- Early Education & Childcare History Modern Studies (NS) Music with Technology Physical Education Practical (Applied) Science <small>* see course leaflet</small>	Art Biology Business Management College Course- Computing Science Geography Hospitality PC Passport Physics Physical Education Sport and Fitness Woodworking <small>* see course leaflet</small>	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design Fashion & Textiles French Graphic Communication Hospitality History Metalworking Music Physics

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Paper copies of the handbook are in the library and with your guidance teacher.

S3 into S4 Option Choices

	A	B	C	D	E	F
National 3/4/5 SCQF Level 3-5 (5 periods)	English	Mathematics	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course- Early Education & Childcare History Modern Studies Music with Technology <small>* see leaflet</small>	Art Biology Business Management College Course- Computing Science Geography Hospitality PC Passport Physics Physical Education Woodworking <small>* see leaflet</small>	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design Fashion & Textiles French Graphic Communication History Hospitality Metalworking Music	Art History Hospitality Modern Studies Music Physical Education Physics

Subject studied in S3						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Choice 1	English	Mathematics				
Reserve Choice						
Name of college course if chosen						

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Subject studied in S3	
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
Choice 1	English	Mathematics				
Reserve Choice						
Name of college course if chosen						

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- Core RME, PE and PSE
- English and Maths
- Further 4 subject choices
- College options



- Information to parents:
 - report with current subjects and CfE levels;
 - information sharing with parents;
 - relevant links within school communication;
 - emailed by Friday 19 February 2021.
- Discussions at home.
- At home together, engage in www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- Complete Microsoft course choice form – **return by Monday 1 March 2021**
- Follow up discussions with guidance teacher
- Confirmation letter of subjects and SCQF level





How to Guide - Course Choice

Career conversations

Talking to your child about careers is important. Not only when they're making big decisions, such as subject choices and what to do when they leave school, but also throughout their school lives and beyond.

My World of Work can help

Go to our [parents and carers section](#) to find out more about using **My World of Work** with your child.

Register for an account (click on link to register) will help your child make the most of My World of Work.



Understanding The S4-S6 Years in Secondary Schools within Dundee (Taletta's Resource)

A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Please click here to access links if using a mobile device



My World of Work My career options ▾ Learn and train ▾ Getting a job ▾

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We're here for you.

With the effects of COVID-19 continuing, you can still count on us for career information, advice and guidance. Our careers centres are closed but we're here online or by calling 0800 917 8000. Our helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

Find the latest information:

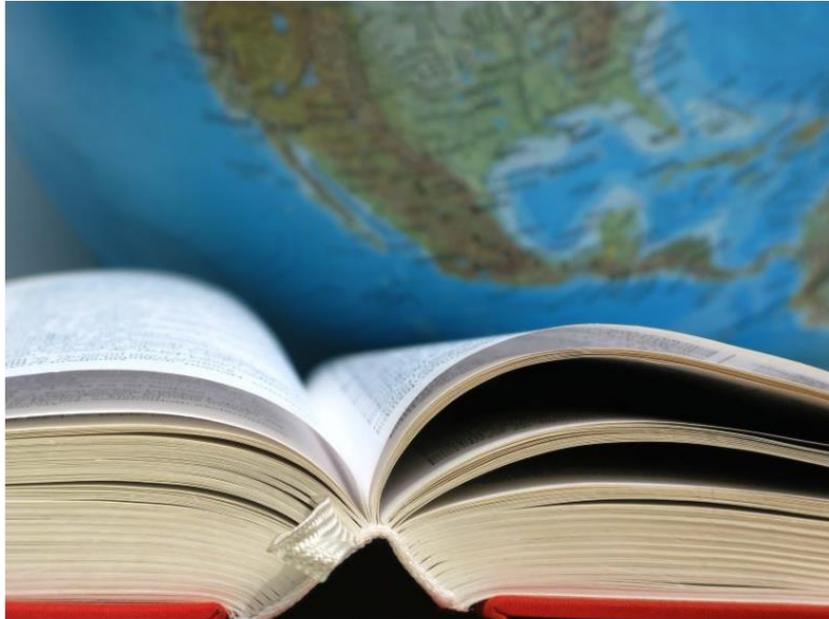
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- Employment and redundancy support
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Help with Subject Choices

If you're choosing subjects or know someone who is, My World of Work is there to help.

The subjects young people choose at school can have an impact on what they can study at college or university and what jobs they can go for in the future.

Scotland's career information and advice web service is packed with tools, information and resources to help pupils make informed choices about their future.

My World of Work will help with answering key questions and putting together a shortlist of subjects young people can discuss with their parents, carers, teachers and careers adviser.

They can start by working out:

What are my strengths?

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