



Baldragon Academy

S4-S5/S5-S6 Course Choice

17 February 2021

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Broad General Education :

Pre-School: P1

Early Level

P2-P4

First Level

P5-P7

Second Level

S1-S3

Third/
Fourth Level

S4-S6

Senior Phase

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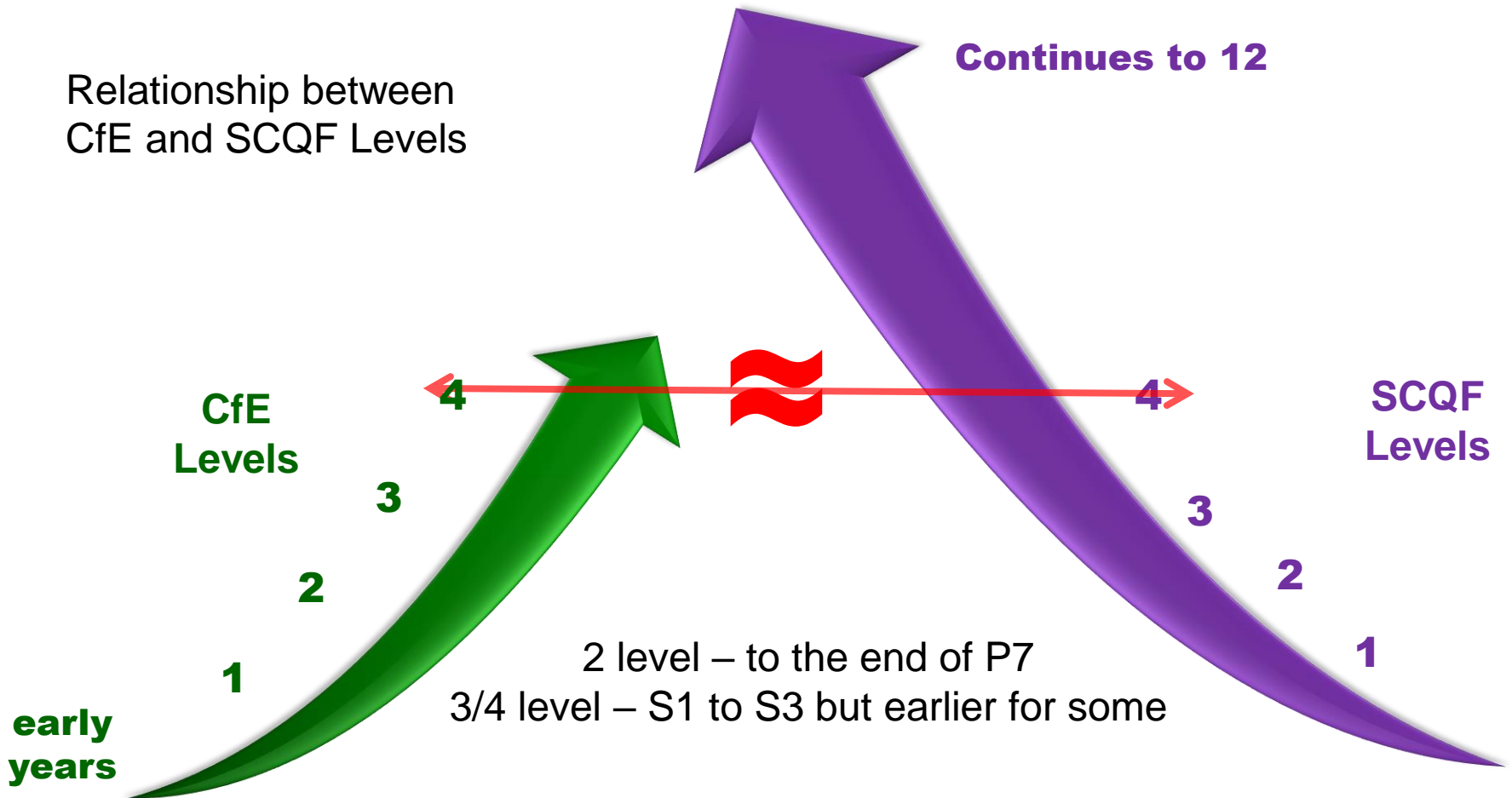
- The principles behind the S4-S5/S5-S6 course choice process.
 - The course choice process.
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Considerations ...

- Staying on or moving on
- Careers advice – Skills Development Scotland, My World of Work
- Reasons for choices – think carefully
- Support available
- College links
- Course Choice form and booklet



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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- **S5 subjects must be based on S4 learning.**
- Pupils cannot 'crash' subjects in S5.
- Consider how these choices then relate to S6 and further progression.
- Choices are about a continuation of the learning journey.
- Core PE, RE and PSE are compulsory subjects in S5 for all.
- 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.



- 5 course choices need to be made.
- Pupils can choose college as an option.
- Information to parents:
 - report with current subjects and levels to support progression;
 - information sharing with parents;
 - relevant links within school communication;
 - emailed by Wednesday 17 February 2021.
- Discussions at home.
- At home together, engage in www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- Complete Microsoft course choice form – **return by Monday 26 February 2021**
- Follow up discussions with guidance teacher
- Confirmation letter of subjects and SCQF level (subject to SQA results)



- If you choose 3 Highers or less, you must study 5 subjects.
- If you choose 4 Highers you may leave one column blank for supervised study.
- If you choose 1 or 2 Advanced Higher and any other levels, you may leave one column blank for supervised study.
- If you choose 3 Advanced Highers you may leave two columns blank for supervised study.

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Baldragon Academy S5/6 Option Choices 2021-22 (S4 into S5)

Name		Date		Date of birth	
		Learning at Christmas 2021		Learning at end of S5	
		Learning at end of S5		Learning at end of S6	
Exam timetable (if home)					
S6 only options					
ADVANCED HIGHER SCOF 7 5pp	A	B	C	D	E
			Art (Design) Art (Expressive) Chemistry College Course * see courses booklet	Accounting Art (Design) Art (Expressive) Business Management English French Geography History Mathematics Modern Studies	Biology Chemistry Computing Science Physics Music
S5 & S6 Options					
HIGHER SCOF 6 6 pp	A	B	C	D	E
	English RMP5	Mathematics Applications of Mathematics Photography	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course History Modern Studies Music with Technology Physical Education * see courses booklet	Art Biology Biology Human Business Management College Course Computing Science Geography Physics Physical Education * see courses booklet	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design French Graphic Communication History Music Physics
HIGHER SCOF 6 plus type 5 pp	English Media Studies (NS) Practical Cook Craft (NS)	Mathematics Applications of Mathematics PC Passport	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course Early Education & Childrens History Modern Studies Music with Technology Physical Education Practical (Applied) Science * see courses booklet	Art Biology Business Management College Course Computing Science Geography Hospitality PC Passport Physics Physical Education Sport and Fitness Woodworking * see courses booklet	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design Fashion & Textiles French Graphic Communication Hospitality History Media/IT Music Physics

S4 into S5 Course Choice Rules

Plan your S5 choices by considering how you will make progress from S4. **You must take your choices on the subjects you studied in S4.**

Consider also how your choices will help you make progress into S6 or a future career/education beyond school.

Think about how your college options will impact on your pathway in school, college or a career. **Choosing a college option may limit your progression in school.**

Make a choice in each column A to E. **You must take your choices on the subjects you studied in S4.**

You may select any combination of Higher and HIGHER courses.

For every NA or NC course you choose, you will have an additional period allocated to a nationally accredited skills, qualification training, the work work.

You may choose a college course in Column C and/or Column D.

Some college courses offer progression but others do not. Look for information in the School/College Programme Booklet and plan your pathway carefully.

You must continue 2 year college courses (RMC or Foundation Apprenticeship) into S6.

College courses are studied at Dundee & Angus College, at either Kingsway or Gateway Campus on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon (Column C) and/or a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (Column D).

Information about all courses can be found in the Senior Phase Option Course Information and the School/College Programmes Booklet.

You can find these handbooks on the school website: <http://baldragon.ac.dundeeby.sch.uk/for/parents/parents>

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

Subjects (with levels) studied in S4					
Choice	A	B	C	D	E
Name of college course if chosen					

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Name		Class		Date of birth	
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Leaving at Christmas 2021	Leaving at end of S5	Leaving at end of S6
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Career Intentions (if known)	
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S6 only options

	A	B	C	D	E
ADVANCED HIGHER SCQF 7 6ppw			Art (Design) Art (Expressive) Chemistry College Course* * see courses overleaf	Accounting Art (Design) Art (Expressive) Business Management English French Geography History Mathematics Modern Studies	Biology Chemistry Computing Science Physics Music

S5 & S6 Options

	A	B	C	D	E
HIGHER SCQF 6 6 ppw	English RMPS	Mathematics Applications of Mathematics Photography	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course* History Modern Studies Music with Technology Physical Education * see courses overleaf	Art Biology Biology Human Business Management College Course* Computing Science Geography Physics Physical Education * see courses overleaf	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design French Graphic Communication History Music Physics

N4/5 5ppw plus 1ppw Skills	English Media Studies (N5) Practical Cake Craft (N5)	Mathematics Applications of Mathematics PC Passport	Admin & IT Art Chemistry College Course* Early Education & Childcare History Modern Studies Music with Technology Physical Education Practical (Applied) Science * see courses overleaf	Art Biology Business Management College Course Computing Science Geography Hospitality PC Passport Physics Physical Education Sport and Fitness Woodworking * see courses overleaf	Biology Chemistry Computer Games Design Fashion & Textiles French Graphic Communication Hospitality History Metalworking Music Physics	S k i l l s	S k i l l s	S k i l l s
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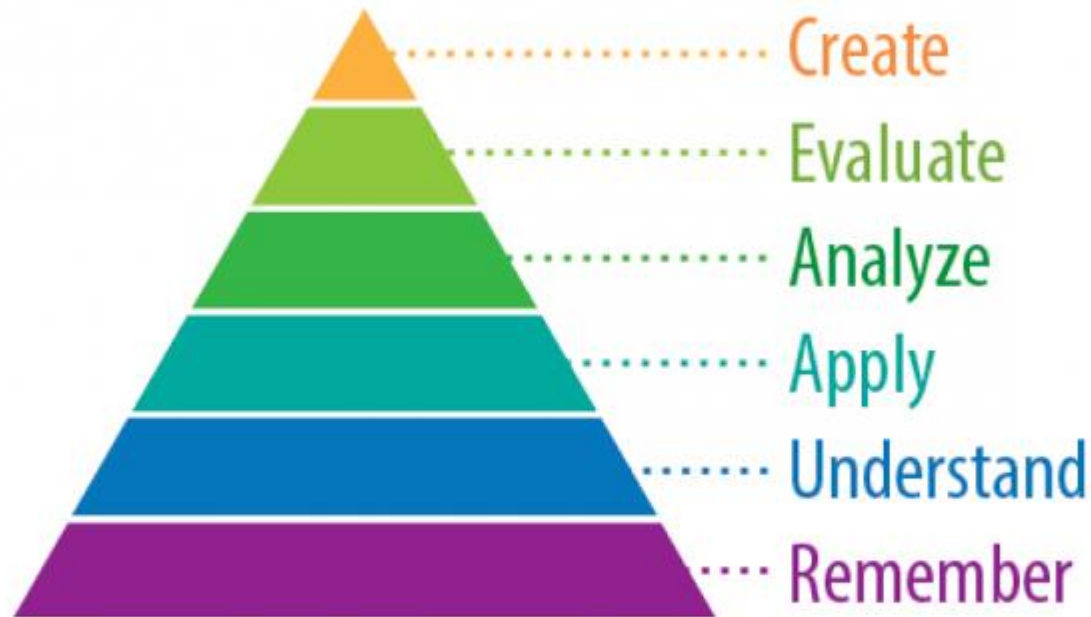
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- The Senior Phase focuses on the totality of learning.
- Points pupils gain are a numerical representation of the skills they have developed over their time in school.
- The greater the number of points, the greater the number of skills.
- It is about maximising the experience of learning.
- Pupils who repeat very often don't achieve.





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Ready Reckoner for SQA Qualifications in the SCQF

Customer Contact Centre 0345 279 1000 customer@sqa.org.uk

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) helps people to understand and compare different qualifications in Scotland.

It does this by using two measures:

Levels (1-12) show how complex the learning of a qualification is. Credit points indicate the volume of learning required to achieve a qualification.

One SCQF credit point represents 10 notional learning hours.

SQA qualifications are developed using SCQF level and credit points. This information is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate. The Ready Reckoner shows the level and credit points for SQA Units, Courses and Group Awards.



www.scqf.org.uk

Units	
Type	SCQF credit points
Higher National Units SCQF levels 5-12	8
National Units SCQF level 7	8
National Units SCQF levels 1-6	6
SVO Units SCQF levels 4-12	varies

National qualifications		
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points
Advanced Higher	7	32
Higher	6	24
National 5	5	24
National 4	4	24
National 3	3	18
National 2	2	18
National 1	1	6

Scottish Baccalaureates	
SCQF level	SCQF credit points
7	104

Group Awards		
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points
Higher National Diploma	8	240
Higher National Certificate	7	96
National Certificate	4-6	72
National Certificate	2-3	54
Awards ¹	1-12	varies
Professional Development Awards ¹	6-12	varies
National Progression Awards ¹	2-6	varies

Scottish Vocational Qualifications ²	
	SCQF level
SVO 5	11
SVO 4	8-9
SVO 3	6-7
SVO 2	5
SVO 1	4

¹ These are flexible Group Awards. SCQF credit points will vary according to the number of credits that they are made up of.

² Please refer to SQA's website for information on SVOs. The allocation of SCQF credit points and levels to SVOs will be undertaken as and when they are revised.

More information on the SCQF, and SQA's interactive ready reckoner, can be found at www.sqa.org.uk/scqf

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Where young people can learn

Young people have all sorts of options about what and where they learn between S4 and S6. They can learn in different ways and in different places such as:



CfE is about giving each young person as much flexibility as possible. That's because staying in school/college after 16 gives them the best chance of secure and rewarding work.

**their own school and other schools – for example if their own school doesn't offer a certain course*

e-SGOIL digital hub provides a wider and more equal choice of subjects for pupils across all secondary schools in the Western Isles, and beyond. From bases in Lewis and North Uist, staff teach pupils across Scotland.

West Lothian secondary schools have a virtual campus. For some courses, some pupils are taught online, meeting the teacher and other pupils at key points.





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.

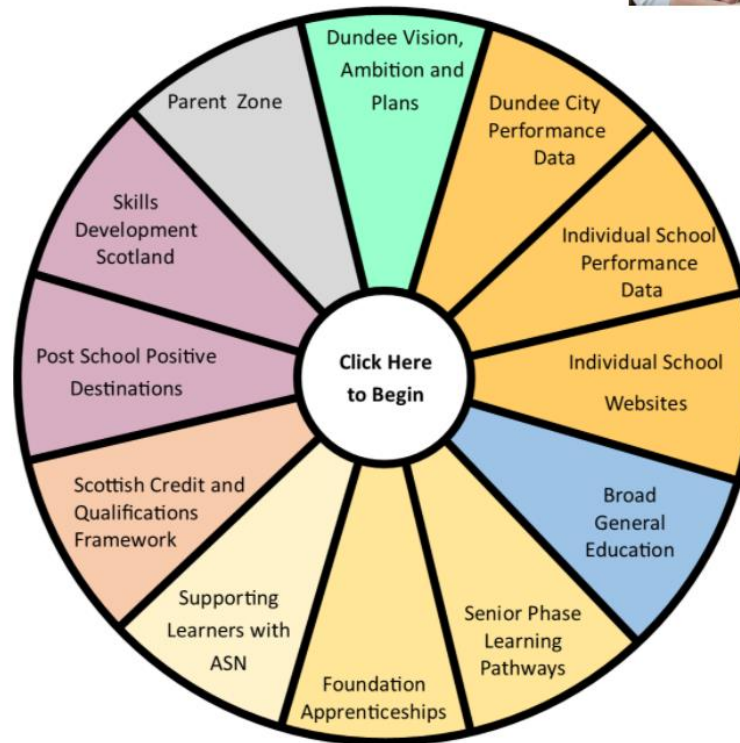
My World of Work can help

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



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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:

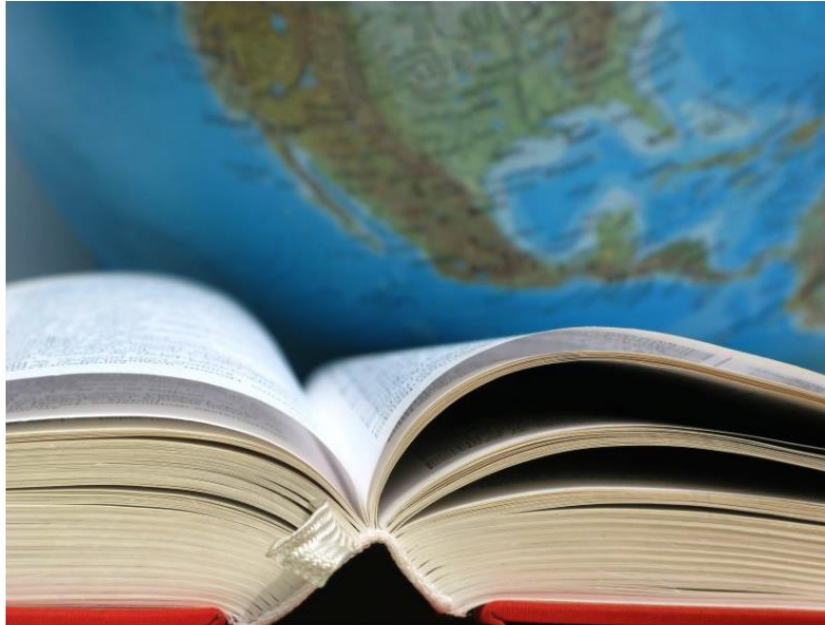
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Help with Subject Choices

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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