



# Baldragon Academy

## S4-S5/S5-S6 Course Choice

### 15 February 2024

Starting at 5.30pm

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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
- Course Choice form and booklet



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 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](http://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.**
- 5 course choices need to be made.
- Pupils cannot 'crash' subjects in S5.
- Pupils can choose college as an option.
- 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.



- 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.
- Pupils can choose college as an option.
- PE, RE and PSE are elective – giving choice and flexibility.



- 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.



# Example ...

ELECTIVE CHOICES						
SCQF L7	Art (Design)	Art (Expressive)	Biology	Business Management	Chemistry	Computing Science
	English (CC)	Geography	History (CC)	Mathematics (CC)	Music	Music Technology
		Modern Studies	Physical Education	RMPS	College course	
SCQF L6	Admin & IT	Applications of Mathematics	Art & Design	Business Management	Chemistry	
	<b>Computer Games Development</b>		Computing Science	English	French	Geography
	Graphic Communication	History	Human Biology	Mathematics	Modern Studies	Music
	Photography	Physical Education	Physics	RMPS	<b>Scientific Technologies</b>	College course
SCQF L4/5	Admin & IT	Applications of Mathematics	Art	Biology	Business Management	
	<b>Barista/Bakery/Customer Service Award</b>		Chemistry	<b>Computer Games Development</b>	Computing Science	
	Early Learning for Children	English	Fashion & Textiles	French	<b>Furniture Making</b>	
	Geography	Graphic Communication	Health & Food Technology	History	Mathematics	
	Media Studies	Metalworking	Modern Studies	Music	Music with Technology	
	<b>Personal Finance</b>	Physical Education	Physics	Practical (Applied) Science	Practical Cookery	
		<b>Sport and Fitness</b>	Woodworking	College course		

Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5

Pupil Signature		Date	
Parent Signature		Date	
PT Guidance Signature		Date	

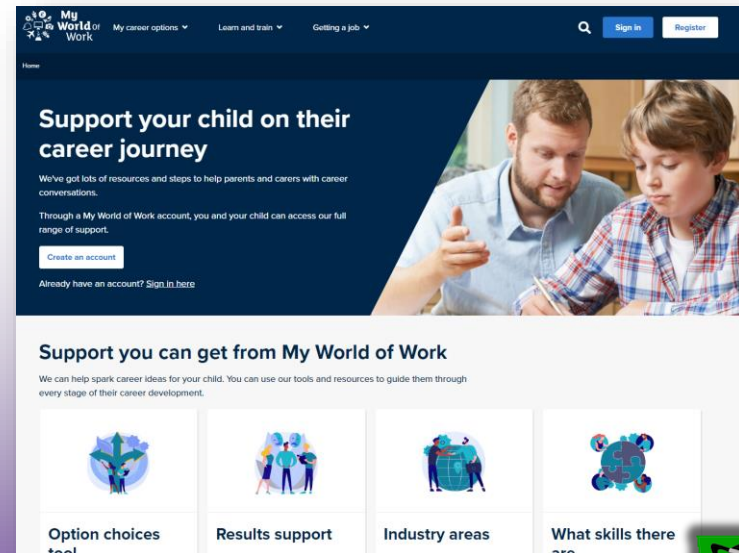
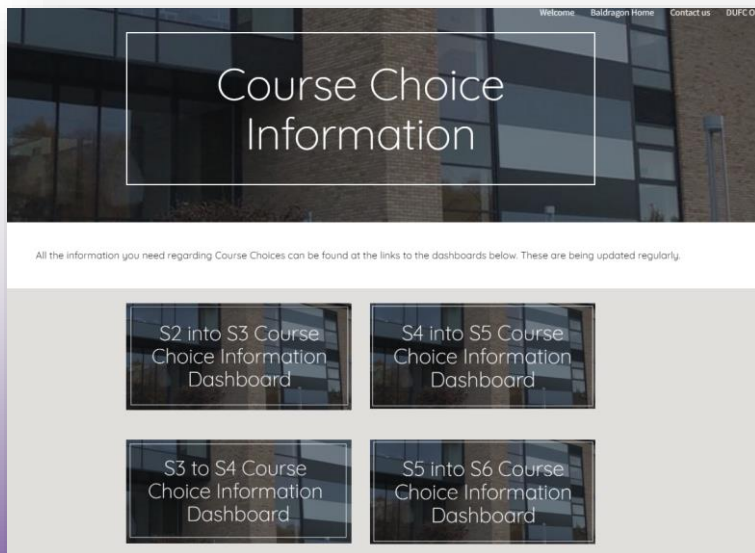
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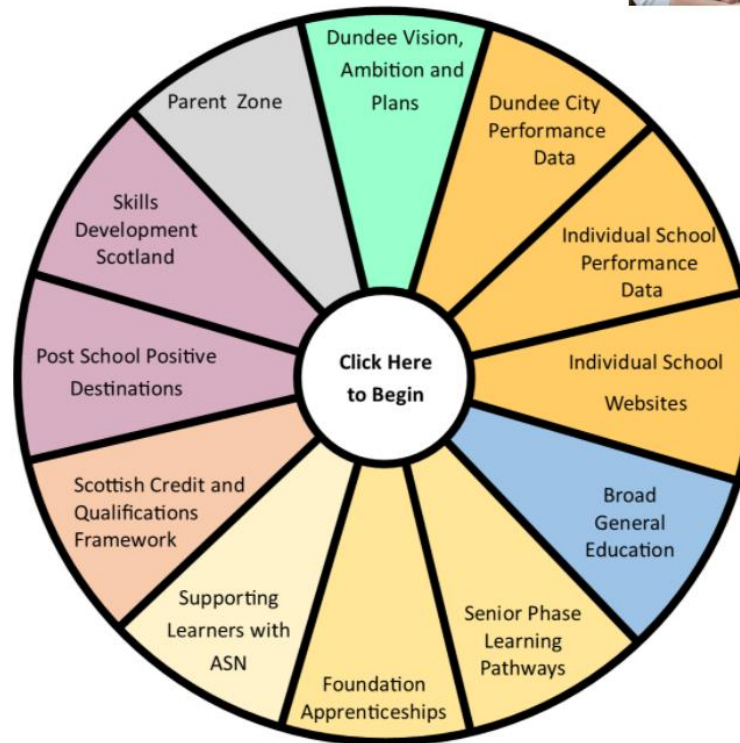


- Information to parents:
  - Reports - two so far; one imminent; one more in April.
- At home:
  - Discuss choices and pathways.
  - Together, engage in [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk).
- Follow up discussions with guidance teacher.
- All courses are subject to staffing and pupil uptake/demand.
- If thinking about leaving, see the Guidance Teacher.



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

A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS




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We are funded by Scottish Government and hosted by Children in Scotland.

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## Parentzone Scotland

Parentzone Scotland provides information and advice about education in Scotland. It includes practical ideas to support learning at home in a variety of curriculum areas, along with information on additional support needs, and tips on how parents can get involved in their child's school and education.



### BSL

Access British Sign Language (BSL) translations for key information and advice to help parents support their children's learning including.



### My child

Find out what your child is entitled to in terms of learning and support as they progress through their education.



### Curriculum in Scotland

This section provides a simple introduction to Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence, including information on the Broad General Education and the Senior Phase.

