

## S2-S3 Personalisation in Curriculum for Excellence

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### School Values

Learn and improve

Get involved

Think of the consequences

Respect all

## The S3 Curriculum

- Last year of the Broad General Education
- Leads into course choices for the Senior Phase: qualifications at National 3, National 4 or National 5 (plus Higher in S5/6 and Advanced Higher in S6)
- Pupils will not be precluded from choosing a subject for national qualifications if they have not studied it in S3

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## Curriculum Structure

An S3 pupil's timetable will have:

Portlethen Academy Broad General Education Curriculum																													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
English				Mathematics				Subject 1			Subject 2			Subject 3			Subject 4			Subject 5			Subject 6			PE		RE	PSE

One subject from each curricular area and one free choice

Expressive arts and fitness

Modern Languages

Social Studies

Science

Technologies

## Progression in Learning

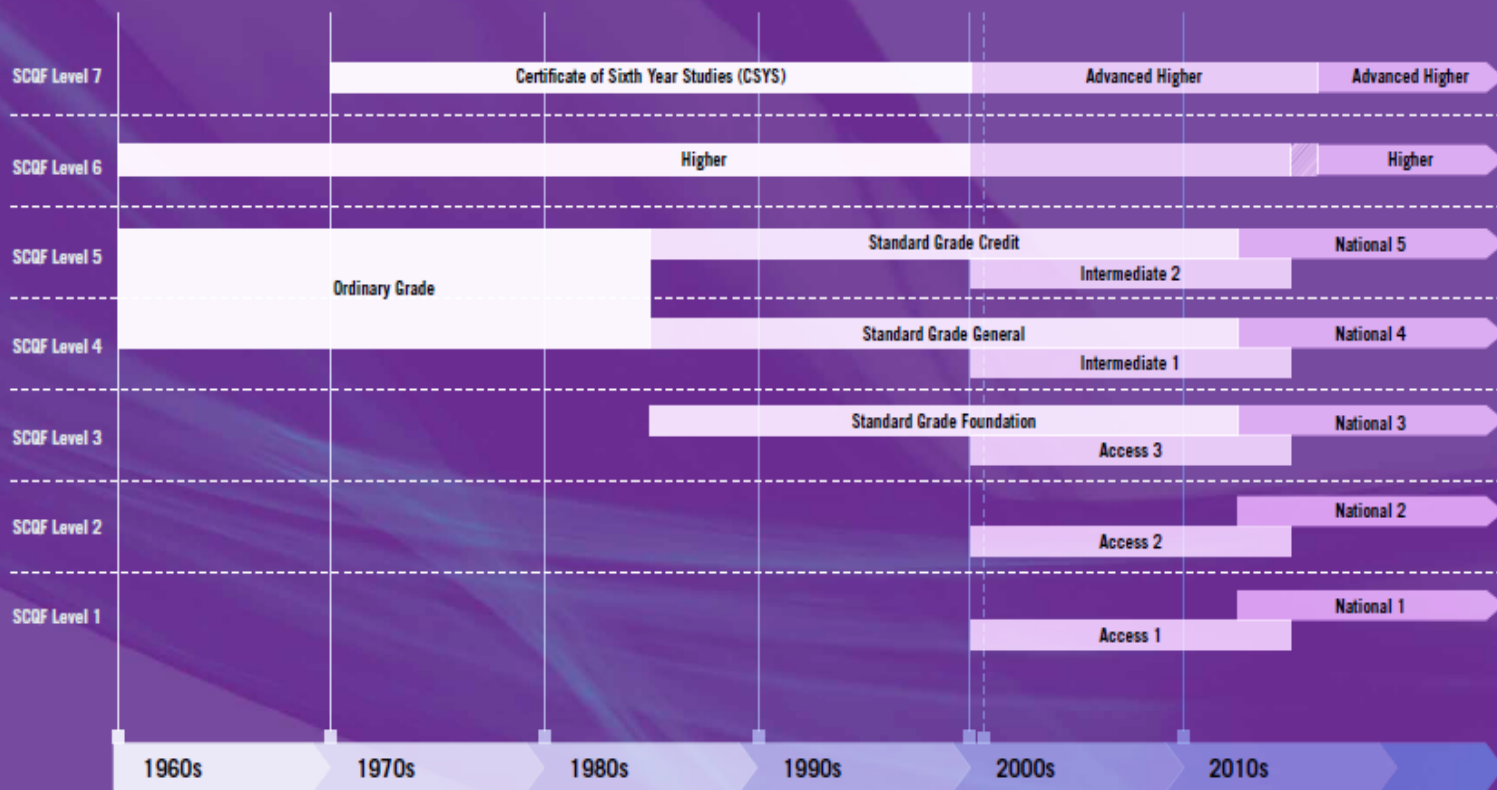
- Courses in S3 designed to deliver experiences and outcomes at CfE level 3 and level 4
- Build the foundations for courses in the Senior Phase
- Should impact choice process throughout the Senior Phase
- The end of S3 profile summarises a pupil's achievements up to this point

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## SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website ([www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk)). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website ([www.sqa.org.uk/cfe](http://www.sqa.org.uk/cfe)).



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## Course Progression

	S4 6 subjects	S5 5 subjects	S6 4 subjects
SCQF Level 1	National 1	National 1	National 1
SCQF Level 2	National 2	National 2	National 2
SCQF Level 3	National 3	National 3	National 3
SCQF Level 4	National 4	National 4	National 4
SCQF Level 5	National 5	National 5	National 5
SCQF Level 6		Higher	Higher
SCQF Level 7			Advanced Higher

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Portlethen Academy Senior Phase Curriculum																																	
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S4	English					Mathematics					National 1					National 2					National 3					National 4					PE	RE	PSE
S5	National / Higher 1					National / Higher 2					National / Higher 3					National / Higher 4					National / Higher 5					Enrichment					Em	PSE	
S6	Nat / High / Ad High 1					Nat / High / Ad High 2					Nat / High / Ad High 3					Nat / High / Ad High 4					Self Study					Enrichment					Le	PSE	

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## Looking ahead

Faculty	Subjects	Levels Available				
		N3	N4	N5	H	AH
Business Education and Computing Science	Administration and IT	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Business	✓	✓			
	Business Management			✓	✓	✓
	Computing Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Economics				✓	
Design and Technology	Design and Manufacture		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Engineering Science		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Graphic Communication		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Practical Metalwork		✓	✓		
	Practical Woodwork		✓	✓		
English	English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Media Studies (S5 and S6 only)					
Expressive Arts	Art and Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Drama	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health Promotion	Health and Food Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hospitality	✓	✓	✓		
	Physical Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Humanities	Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Modern Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Philosophy (S5 and S6 only)			✓	✓	
Mathematics	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	✓		
	Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mathematics 2 year (S4 and S5 only)			✓		
Modern Languages	French		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Spanish		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Human Biology				✓	
	Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Laboratory Science (S5 and S6 Only)			✓		
Enrichment (S5 and S6 only)	Accounting (Units)			✓		
	Introduction to Media (Units)	✓	✓			
	Literacy / Numeracy (Unit)		✓	✓		
	Music Performance (Unit)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Music Technology (Course)		✓	✓		
	Practical Woodwork (Course)		✓	✓		
	Sports Academy 1 – PE (Units)		✓	✓		
	Sports Academy 2 – PE (Unit)				✓	
	Sports Academy 3 – Practical Refereeing				✓	
	Statistics (Units)				✓	
	Textile Technology (Unit)		✓			
	NPA Cyber Security SCQF Level 5		Not applicable			
	NPA Enterprise and Employability SCQF Level 5		Not applicable			
	Science Lab Support (Work Experience)		Not applicable			
	Supervised Study (S5 only)		Not applicable			
YAB8 Modules (S6 only)		Not applicable				
NES College Courses	Please see attached list	Various levels of qualification				



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North East Scotland College School Link Courses 2019 / 2020



For further information on the courses below, please visit the NEScol website <http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/school-links>

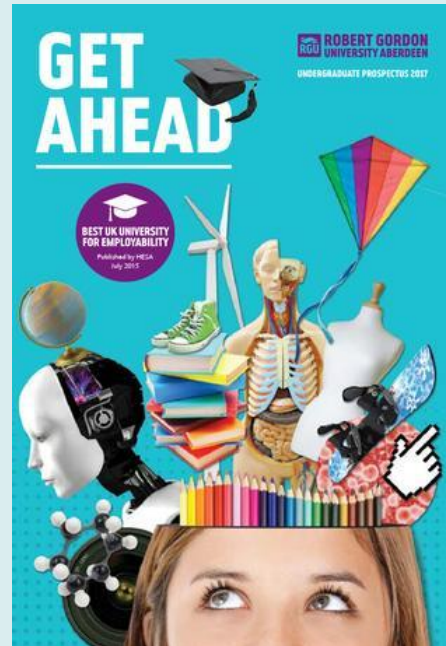
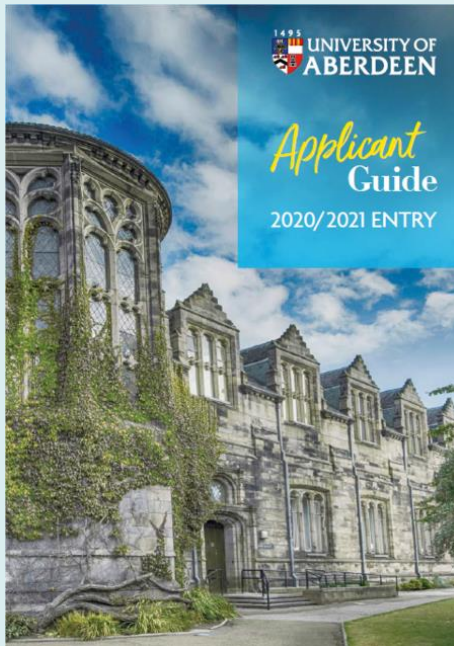
Course	SCQF level	Time	Location	Available for		
				S4	S5	S6
Professional Development Award SCQF Level 7 Politics	7	Fri 9am – 12noon	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
Higher Psychology	6	Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
Higher Sociology	6	Mon 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
FA Business Skills (1 Year model)	6	Wed 2pm – 5pm and one full day	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
FA Accountancy	6	Mon and Wed 2pm - 5pm and one full day	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Children and Young People	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Children and Young People	6	Wed 9.30am-3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Civil Engineering	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Creative and Digital Media	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Electrical Engineering	6	Tues and Thurs 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Altens		✓	
FA Food and Drink Operations	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA IT Software	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Mechanical Engineering	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Altens		✓	
FA Scientific Technologies (Lab skills)	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Social Care and Healthcare	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
NPA SCQF Level 6 Exercise and Fitness Leadership	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
NPA SCQF Level 6 Technical Theatre	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
SfW N5 Construction Crafts	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 EE & Childcare	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 Health Sector	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 Hospitality	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 Travel and Tourism	5	Mon and Wed 2pm – 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N4 Engineering	4	Fri 8.45am – 12 noon	Portlethen Academy	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Beauty Therapy	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Hairdressing	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Intro to Vehicle Technology	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
STEM College Certificate Course	4	Tues and Thurs 2pm – 4.30pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
Preparation for Work Supported Learning School Link	3	Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓

Key			
FA	Foundation Apprenticeship	SfW	Skills for Work
NPA	National Progression Award	C&G	City and Guilds
NC	National Course	SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

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Full-time Prospectus 2020-21

## How to choose

### 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?**

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.

2

**Where could they take you?**

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.

3

**What subjects do you enjoy?**

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?

4

**What subjects are you good at?**

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.

5

**What do others think you're good at?**

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.

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## What Employers Want

- The best grades possible for the learner
- Positive attitude
- Communication skills
- Work experience
- Willing to take on a challenge
- Confidence
- Relevant preparation for and knowledge of the industry
- Teamwork

## Course Information and Advice

- School website: Parent Area – Option Booklets

<http://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/S2-into-S3-Course-Booklet-2018-19.pdf>

### Portlethen Academy

S2 into S3 Personalisation  
Course Booklet  
January 2020



Subjects for S3

## Course Information and Advice

- Teachers – subject and Guidance
- Keep options open – subjects from each area
- S2 Pupil Pathway Event, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Careers Fair, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – ideas and inspiration!

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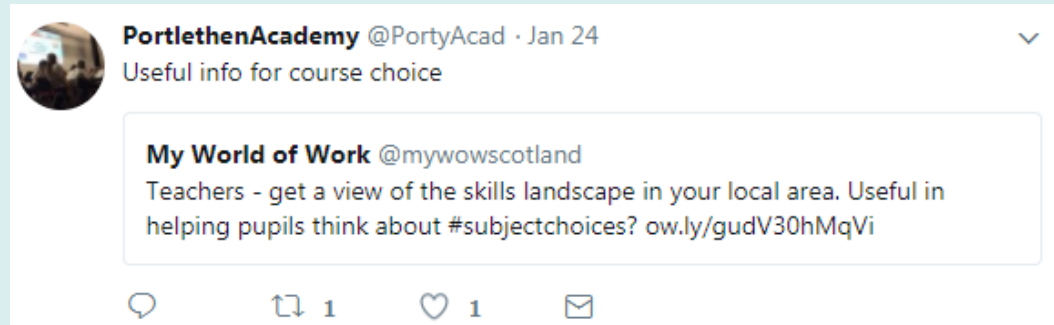
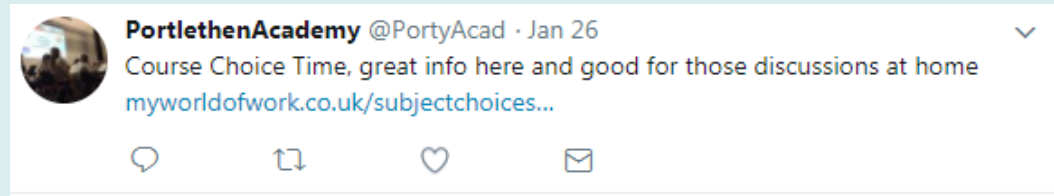
- Skills Development Scotland

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/>

- My World of Work

[https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_campaign=Subject\\_Choices&utm\\_content=video](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Subject_Choices&utm_content=video)

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Pupil Name: <b>Pupil A</b>	Tutor Group: <b>2A</b>	Career Interest: <b>Maths Teacher</b>
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Curricular Area	Subject	Choose one subject and a reserve from each curricular area		Rank from 1-6
		1	Reserve	
Expressive Arts & Fitness	Art and Design Drama Music Performance P.E.	1	Performance PE	2
		Reserve	Art	
Modern Languages	French Spanish Beginners Spanish	1	French	4
		Reserve	Beginners Spanish	
Social Studies	Geography History Modern Studies	1	Geography	1
		Reserve	Modern Studies	
Science	Biology Chemistry Physics	1	Physics	6
		Reserve	Biology	
Technologies	Business Awareness Computing Science Design and Technology Health and Food Technology Practical Technologies	1	Computing Science	5
		Reserve	Business Awareness	
Free choice		1	Modern Studies	3
		Reserve	Art	

Pupil Signature: <b>Pupil A</b>	Date: <b>23/02/2020</b>	Parent/Carer Signature: <b>Pupil A's Parent / Carer</b>	Date: <b>23/02/2020</b>
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## What Happens Next?

- Options forms issued Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February
- Options discussed with Guidance teacher and subject teachers
- Forms returned by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- New timetable begins in June