

S2-S3 Personalisation in Curriculum for Excellence

Thursday 12th January 2023

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 SCQF Level 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Pupils will not be precluded from choosing a subject for national qualifications if they have not studied it in S3

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

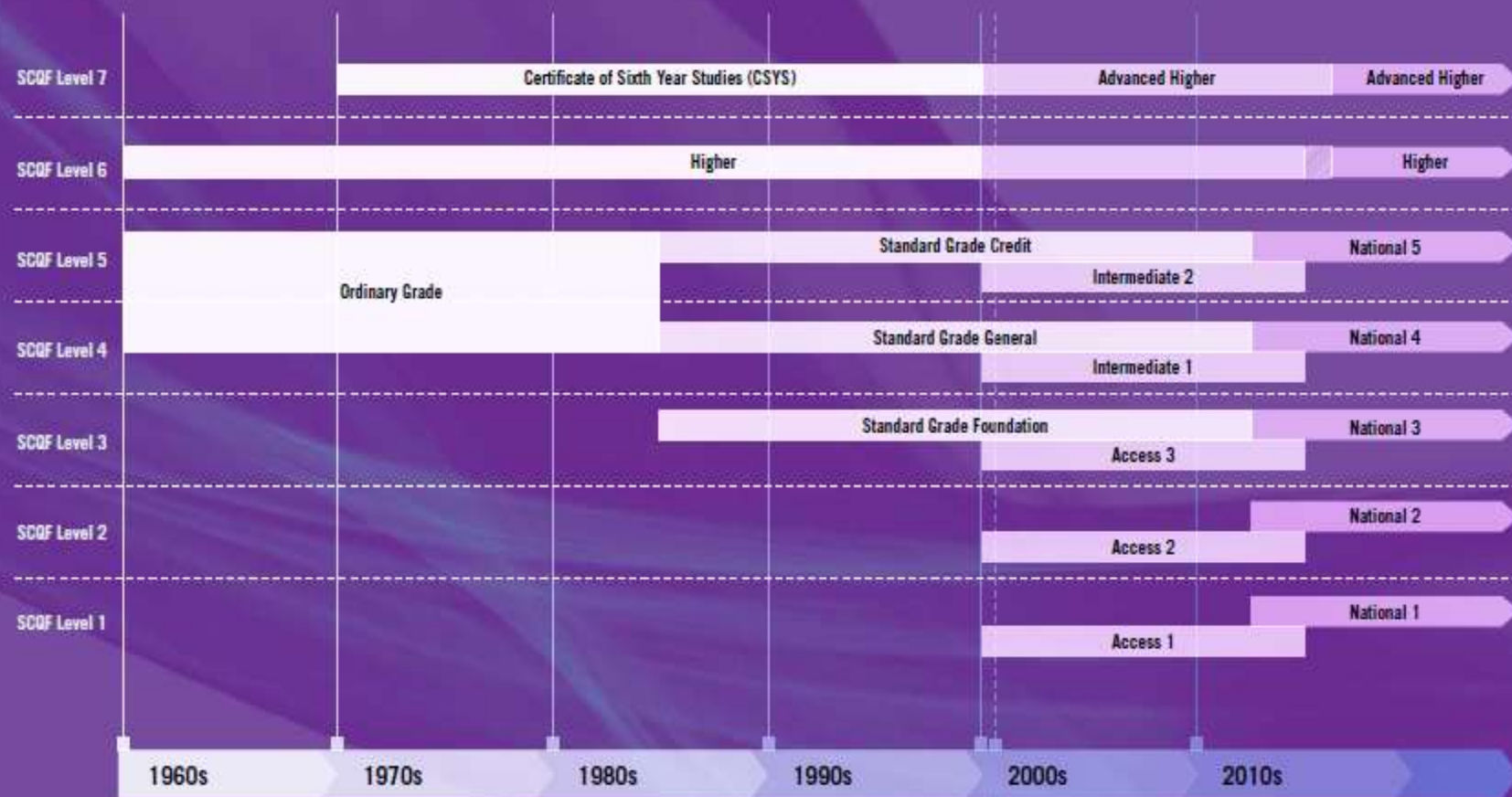
- Courses in S3 designed to deliver experiences and outcomes at CfE level 3 and level 4
- Build the foundations for courses in the Senior Phase
- Will impact choice process throughout the Senior Phase
- The end of S3 profile summarises a pupil's achievements up to this point

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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). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk/cfe).



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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Course Progression

	Portlethen Academy Senior Phase 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
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	SCQF Levels Available				
		L3	L4	L5	L6	AH
Business Education and Computing Science	Accountancy			✓	✓	
	Administration and IT		✓	✓	✓	
	Business / Business Management	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Computing Science		✓	✓	✓	✓
Design and Technology	Cyber Security			✓	✓	
	Engineering Science		✓	✓	✓	
	Graphic Communication		✓	✓	✓	
	Practical Metalwork		✓	✓	✓	
English	Practical Woodwork		✓	✓	✓	
	English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Media Studies (S5 and S6 only)			✓	✓	
	Psychology (S5 and S6 only)			✓	✓	
Expressive Arts	Art and Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Drama	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	NPA Acting and Performance				✓	
Health Promotion	Health and Food Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Physical Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Practical Cookery	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	NPA Sports Development				✓	
Humanities	Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	History	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Modern Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Philosophy (S5 and S6 only)		✓	✓	✓	
Mathematics	Politics (S6 only)				✓	
	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Mathematics			✓	✓	✓
	Personal Finance			✓	✓	
Modern Languages	French		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Spanish		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	Biology			✓	✓	✓
	Chemistry			✓	✓	✓
	Human Biology			✓	✓	✓
	Physics			✓	✓	✓
	Science		✓			
	Skills for Work Energy (S5 and S6 only)			✓		
	Laboratory Science (S5 and S6 only)			✓		
	Foundation Apprenticeships		✓			
Foundation Apprenticeships	Automotive		✓			
	Construction (Enrichment option)		✓	✓		
	Hospitality			✓		
	Accountancy				✓	
	Business Skills				✓	
	Children and Young People				✓	
	Civil Engineering				✓	
	Creative and Digital Media				✓	
	Engineering (2-year course S4 and S5 only)				✓	
	Food and Drink Technologies				✓	
	IT Hardware / System Support				✓	
	IT Software Development				✓	
	Scientific Technologies				✓	
	Social Services and Health Care				✓	
Enrichment (S5 and S6 only)	Construction Foundation Apprenticeship		✓	✓		
	Music Performance (Unit)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	NPA Computer Games Development		✓	✓		
	NPA Customer Service		✓	✓		
	NPA Digital Passport		✓	✓	✓	
	NPA Enterprise and Employability			✓		
	NPA Legal Studies				✓	
	NPA Photography			✓		
	NPA Travel and Tourism			✓		
	Physical Education Advanced Higher					✓
	Science Baccalaureate					✓
	Sports Academy 1 – PE (Units)		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sports Academy 2 – Practical Refereeing					✓
	SQA Award Languages for Life and Work			✓		
	Statistics Unit				✓	
	Textile Technology (Unit)			✓	✓	
	Supervised Study (S5 only)					
	YASS Modules (S6 only)					

Key			
SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework	L6	Higher / SCQF Level 6
L3	National 3 / SCQF Level 3	L7	Advanced Higher / SCQF Level 7
L4	National 4 / SCQF Level 4	NPA	National Progression Award
L5	National 5 / SCQF Level 5	YASS	Youth Applicants Schools Scheme

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	Psychology (S5 and S6 only)			✓		
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North East Scotland College School Link Courses 2022 / 2023



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	Course information	Available for		
					S4	S5	S6
SUPPORTED LEARNING PREPARATION FOR WORK	2/3	FRI - 09.30:12.00	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/preparation-for-work-supported-learning/	✓	✓	✓
SUPPORTED LEARNING PREPARATION FOR WORK	2/3	FRI - 13.00:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/preparation-for-work-supported-learning/	✓	✓	✓
NPA CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS	4	WED - 09.30:15.30	ALTENS CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/npa-construction-crafts/	✓	✓	✓
C&G HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR (BEAUTY)	4	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/city-and-guilds-level-1-units-in-beauty-therapy/	✓	✓	✓
C&G HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR (HAIR)	4	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/city-and-guilds-level-1-units-in-hairdressing/	✓	✓	✓
C&G VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	4	WED - 09.30:15.30	ALTENS CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/city-and-guilds-introduction-to-vehicle-technology/	✓	✓	✓
STEM SUBJECTS (CDU)	4	TUE/THU - 14.00:16.30	ALTENS CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/stem/	✓	✓	✓
SFW TRAVEL AND TOURISM	5	MON/WED - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/skills-for-work-travel-and-tourism/	✓	✓	✓
NPA COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT	5	TUE/THU - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/computer-games-development-2/	✓	✓	✓
NPA DATA SCIENCE	5	TUE/THU - 13.30:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	Information to follow	✓	✓	✓
INTRO TO SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CRIMINOLOGY	5	TUE/THU - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/introduction-to-social-sciences-criminology-sqa-units/	✓	✓	✓
SFW EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE	5	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/skills-for-work-national-5-early-education-and-childcare/	✓	✓	✓
SFW ENGINEERING	5	WED - 09.30:15.30	ALTENS CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/skills-for-work-national-5-engineering-skills/	✓	✓	✓
SFW HEALTH SECTOR	5	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/skills-for-work-national-5-health-sector/	✓	✓	✓
NPA TECHNICAL THEATRE	5	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/npa-technical-theatre/	✓	✓	✓
NPA CRIMINOLOGY	6	MON - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/npa-criminology-scqf-level-6/		✓	✓
HIGHER SOCIOLOGY	6	MON - 14.00:17.00	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/higher-sociology/		✓	✓
INTRO TO FASHION BUSINESS	6	MON/WED - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/introduction-to-fashion-business/		✓	✓
INTRO TO CREATIVE TEXTILES	6	TUE/THU - 14.00:16.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/sqa-units-in-creative-textiles-and-garment-manufacture/		✓	✓
NPA EXERCISE AND FITNESS LEADERSHIP	6	WED - 09.30:15.30	ABERDEEN CAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/npa-exercise-and-fitness-leadership/		✓	✓
HIGHER PSYCHOLOGY	6	WED - 14.00:17.00	ABERDEEN CCAMPUS	https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/psychology-higher/		✓	✓

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

Looking ahead

Study a
Foundation
Apprenticeship



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Calling all parents and carers to an overview of Scottish Apprenticeships



Join Skills Development Scotland's webinar to find out more about Scottish Apprenticeships and how work-based learning can open the door to a wide range of careers.



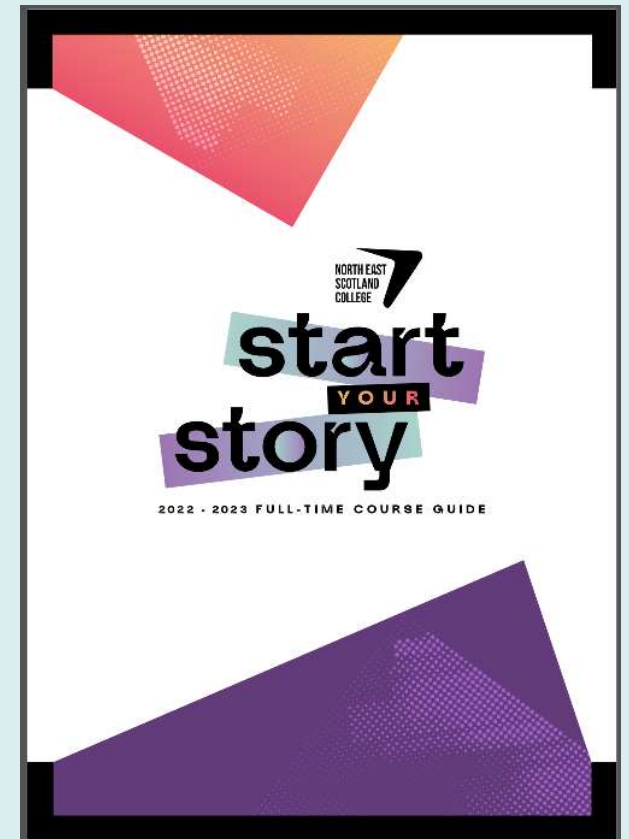
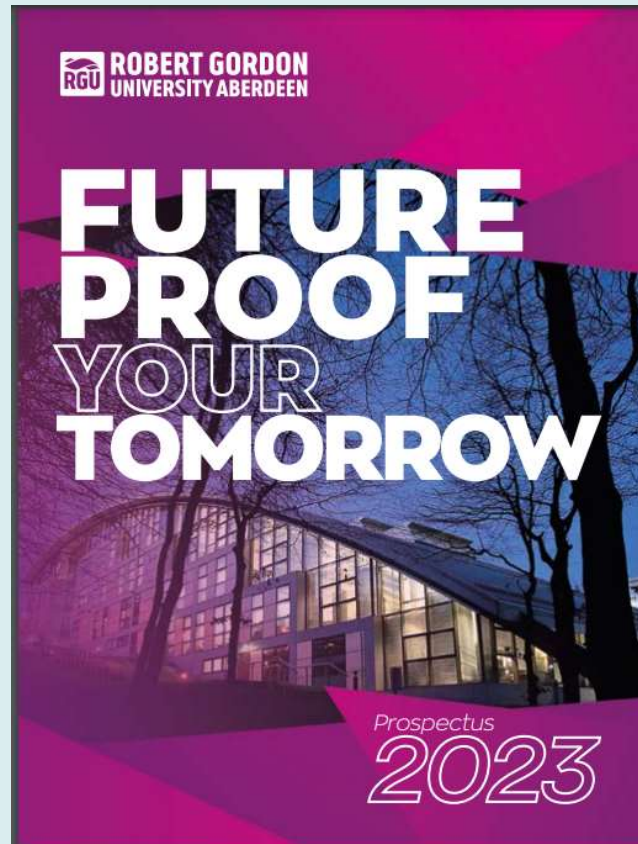
**Thursday 19th January
6:30pm to 7:15pm**

Scottish Apprenticeships

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Name	DCT / Clan	Career Interest	Possible employment route

S3	English	Mathematics	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Subject 6
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S4	English	Mathematics	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4
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S5	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Enrichment
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S6	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Enrichment
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School Links Courses	Foundation Apprenticeship Courses	College Courses	University Courses

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.

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

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Course Information and Advice

- School website: S2 Learner Pathways website

<https://sites.google.com/view/s2pathwaysmonth2021/home>



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Course Information and Advice

- Curricular website

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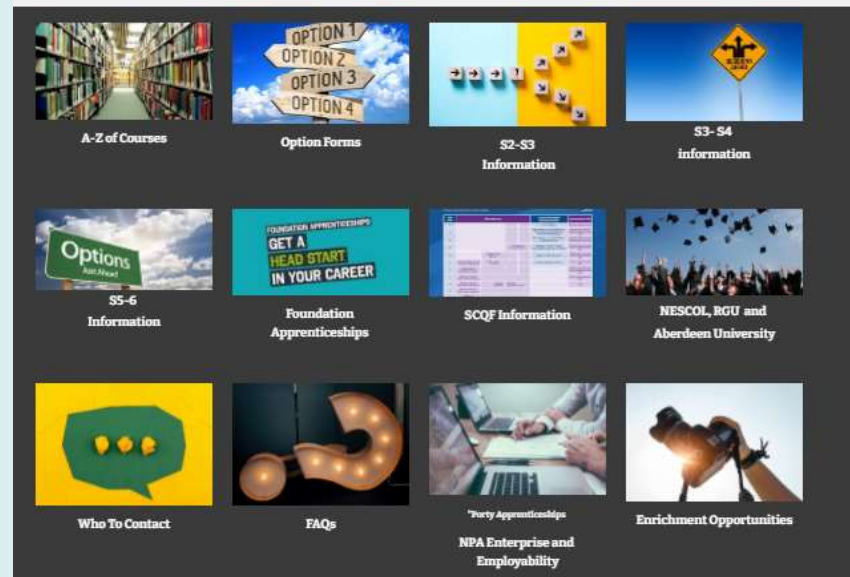
S2 into S3 Personalisation
Course Booklet
January 2021



Subjects for S3



Find here all the information and resources you will need to make your subject choices in school. Talk to your subject and guidance teachers and discuss at home so you make the decisions that are right for you.



Course Information and Advice

- Teachers – subject and Guidance
- Keep options open – subjects from each area
- S2 Pupil Pathway task in PSE / Clan
- My World of Work Family Learning Task

Course Information and Advice

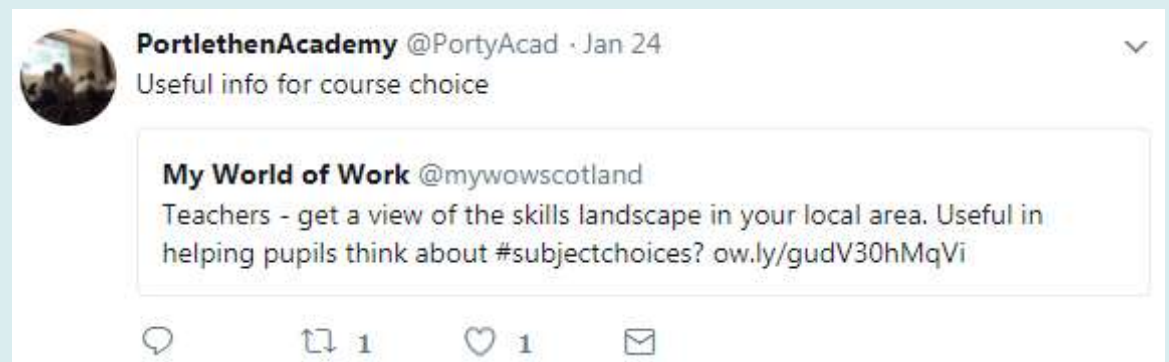
- Skills Development Scotland

<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

- Twitter @PortyAcad



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Pupil Name:	Pupil A	Tutor Group:	2A2	Career Interest:	Maths Teacher
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Curricular Area	Subject	Choose one subject and a reserve from each curricular area		Rank from 1-6
Expressive Arts & Fitness	Art and Design Drama Music Performance P.E.	1	Performance PE	2
		Reserve	Art	
Modern Languages	French Spanish	1	French	4
		Reserve		
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 Engineering Science Graphic Communication Health and Food Technology Practical Technologies	1	Computing Science	5
		Reserve	Business Awareness	
Free choice		1	Modern Studies	3
		Reserve	Art	

Pupil Signature:	Pupil A	Date:	04/03/2020	Parent/Carer Signature:	Pupil A's Parent / Carer	Date:	04/03/2021
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What Happens Next?

- Options forms issued week beginning Monday 16th January 2023
- Options discussed with Guidance teacher
- Forms returned by Friday 3rd February 2023
- Faculty Information and Question and Answer session week beginning Monday 20th February 2023
- New timetable begins in June

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