



PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Striving for Excellence

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Information Evening Coinneamh Fiosrachaidh
Ard-sgoil Phort Rìgh **Mar 16th 2022**

- Option choices for S4, S5 and S6 from June 2022 TB
- SQA/Learner Journeys/Learner Pathways FMN
- West Highland College MMcD
- Personal Support JSM

Agenda/ Clàr Gnothaich



2022-23 timetable

- Following both a parental and student consultation in 2020, we offer 7 subjects for our S4 in Portree High School next session.
- We will continue to offer 5 choices in S5/6.
- Inclusion of PE, PSE, TT (& RMPS Level 4/5 in S4)



- All S4 and S5 have had a consultation of the option forms, and the finalised form has been shared with Pupils.
- They will be interviewed by Pupil Support between March and the start of next term
- New timetable begins on May 16th for new S2-4, and those who do not have examinations/few examinations.
- Higher/AH courses/Virtual courses start in June.

Timescales



- Traditional SQA Qualifications
 - (N4 > N5 > Higher > AH)
- Wider achievement awards
 - SQA Level 4/5 awards in Personal Finance, Leadership, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Personal Development
- National Progression Awards (NPAs)
 - qualifications that help students develop a range of additional skills or wider achievements that complement their learning journey in the Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence.
 - provide access to employment, further education, and training.
 - NPAs are aimed at developing students' knowledge and understanding and, where appropriate, practical experience of a given area of vocational education.
 - The aim is to provide a solid basis for progression into further education and training, as well as higher education, while developing students with a more mature approach to study that will help sustain success in modern apprenticeships and in HNC/HND study and beyond.
- Foundation apprenticeships
 - A work-based learning opportunity for senior-phase secondary school pupils.
 - Lasting one or two years, young people spend time out of school at college or with a local employer, and complete the Foundation Apprenticeship alongside their other subjects like National 5s and Highers.
 - Completion leads to a qualification at the same level of learning as a Higher and can lead to progression on to a job, such as a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship.
 - Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised as entry qualifications by all Scottish colleges and universities.

Types of courses



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.scof.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



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



PHS OPTION FORM 2022-23



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- *S4 Students should choose 5 options, one from each Block, in addition to English and Maths.*
- All students will have additional PSE, PE and Tutor time.
- Gaelic Medium students are encouraged to continue with their Gàidhlig in S4.
- Whilst most S4s will be fully coursed within school, some students may, by arrangement with both Parents/carers and Pupil support, take part in a Highland Virtual Academy or West Highland College course. We would recommend this route for those who are following a more vocational pathway and **who are able to commit to study for their other subjects independently within study time.** Students should speak to their guidance teacher about this.

What does this mean for S4?



- *S5 Students should choose 5 options, one from each Block*
- All students will have additional PSE, PE and Tutor time.
- In co-ordination with the West Highland College, we are able to offer day release in a variety of courses on a Wednesday, and a number of Foundation Apprenticeship courses (worth equivalent of 2 Higher qualifications).
- We are also able to offer Virtual courses in a range of N5s, Highers and AHs. Students should speak to their guidance teacher about this.

What does this mean for S5?



- *S6 Students should choose at least 4 subjects, and one wider achievement/YASS Module/Work Experience*
- *S6 Students who wish to take Advanced Highers should speak with relevant departments. These would normally be taken in the same column as the Higher course. AH's are offered through virtual academy, but need to be done in consultation with departments.*
- *PSE, PE and Tutor time are also on the timetable for S6. All students are encouraged to get involved in a leadership opportunity/optional RME. OU YASS modules at AH level are also available by arrangement.*
- *As with S5, it may be possible to opt for a variety of college courses on a day release basis, foundation apprenticeships, and N5/H virtual courses.*

What does this mean for S6?



- For S5/6 who opt for N5 Courses, or S6 completing a YASS course they will also do a wider achievement Course:
- Personal Development Award
- Leadership Award
- Personal Finance Award (*provisional*)
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Award

Wider Achievement



SQA Website for pupils and parents



- ◆ SQA website:
www.sqa.org.uk

it can
be done

SQA Dates 2022

- ◆ **WB 18th April** SQA Exam timetables issued to pupils
- ◆ **25th Apr- 1st June** SQA Examinations
- ◆ **Timetable change 16th May** (current S1-3),
30th May (S4-6)
- ◆ **Tuesday 9th August – SQA Results**



- Ushare SQA Revision: <https://ushare.education/Ushare/Search-resources#all-topics>
- SQA Exam Support: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100366.html>
- E-Sgoil Study Support: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support>
- Scholar: <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>
- SQA Exam Timetable and Learner Apps: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1439.html>

Useful Links



CARA



JENNY



JOHN



STUDENT EXAMPLES





John is a creative student, who enjoys Art and Music. He would like to continue with a career in traditional music. In S3 he took the following

English

Biology

Drama

Maths

History

Art

Gaelic

PE

Music

Examples





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English

Gaelic

Art

Music

Drama

History

Maths

S4

John achieves N4 Maths, N5 English, N5 History
N5 Drama, N5 Art, N5 Music, N5 Gaelic,





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S5



John is a creative student, who enjoys Art and Music. He would like to continue with a career in traditional music.

Drama

Music

Art

English

Travel &
Tourism

S5

John achieves H English, H Art, Higher Music, H Drama, N5 T&T





- John leaves at the end of S5 to go to college, with the following qualifications:

H Art

H Music

H Drama

N5 Travel & Tourism

English

From S5

N5 Art

N5 Music

N5 Gaelic

N5 English

N5 History

N4 Maths

N4 Drama

From S4





- Cara enjoys the Science subjects. She would like a career in science or engineering.

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Examples





- Cara enjoys the Science subjects. She would like a career in science or engineering.

English

Physics

French

Graph
Comm

Maths

Chemistry

Geography

S4

Cara achieves N5s in English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, GC, Geography & French





- Cara enjoys the Science subjects. By the end of S4, she has decided that she wishes to pursue a career in medicine. She takes forward 4 subjects and a crash Higher Human Biology.

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S5





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English

Physics

Biology

Maths

Chemistry

S5

Cara achieves 5 Highers: 2As in Human Biology, Chemistry, Bs in Physics, Maths, English





- IN S6, Cara decides to continue to do AH Maths, Physics and Chemistry, and opts to do an additional Higher in Geography. She also opts for a Open University YASS module in Engineering.

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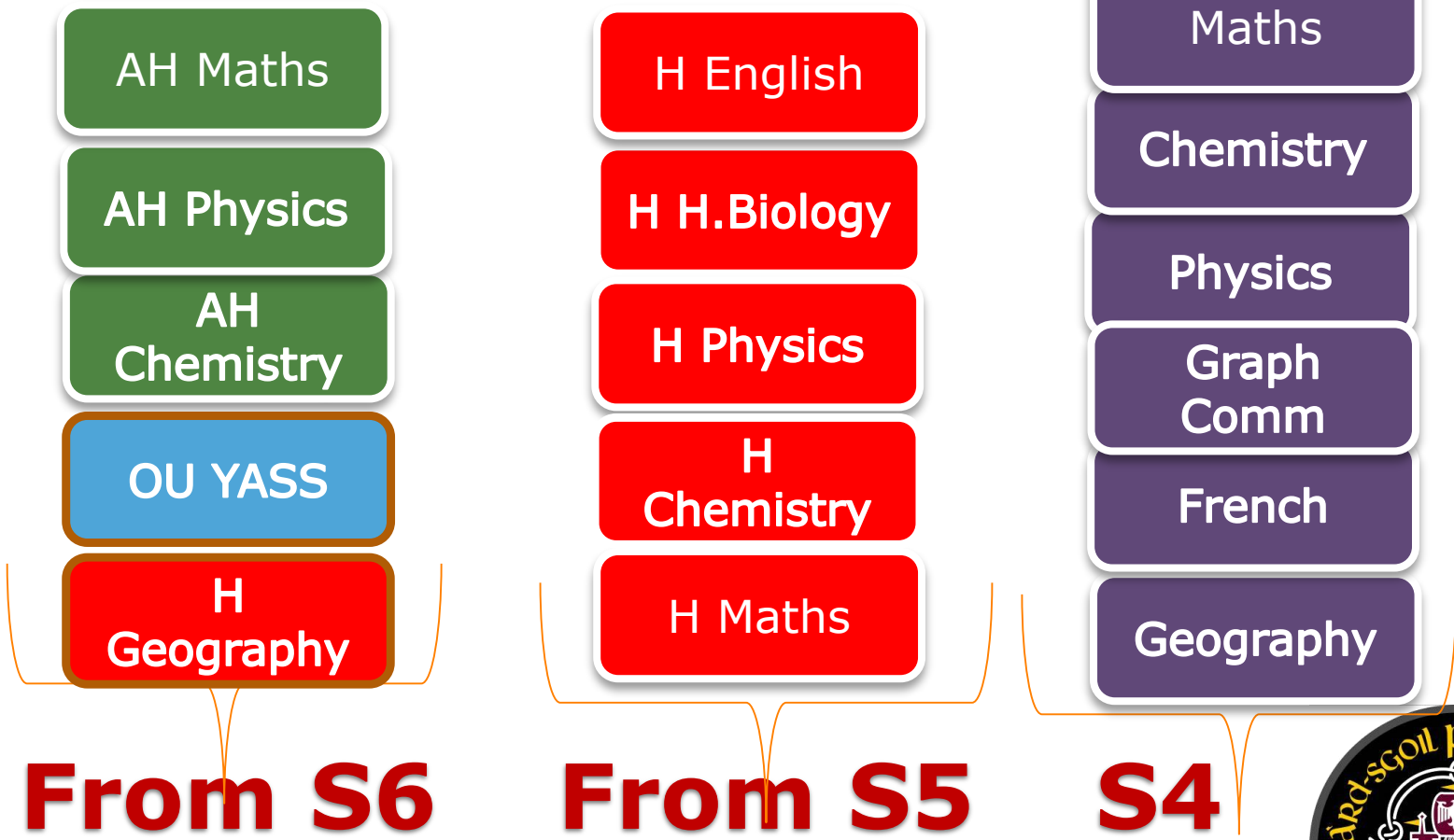
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S6





• Cara's overall qualifications:





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- She really enjoys the computing and achieves a mixture of N4s and 5s.

English

Geography

Biology

AppsMaths

Computing
Sci

Level 5 Dig.
Media

Pract.
Cookery

S4

Jenny achieves N5s in English, Application of Maths,
SCQF Level 5 Dig Media, Computing, Geography
and a N4 in Biology & Practical cookery





Jenny has decided that she wishes to pursue a career in the computing industry. She chooses Higher English, Apps Maths, Computing, N5 GC, and applies for a FA (over 2 years)

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S5



Jenny has decided that she wishes to pursue a career in the computing industry. She chooses Higher English, History, N5 Computing (WHC), N5 GC, and applies for a FA (over 2 years)

English

AppsMaths

FA
Computing

Computing

Graph
Comm

S5





Jenny continues with the Foundation Apprenticeship, chooses to opt for Higher Graph Comm, N5 Business (by remote learning). She also picks up an SQA leadership /personal development award. She opts for Work experience in a local IT company in the final column, where she achieves an SQA award.

S6

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**Foundation Apprenticeship
(Computing Software) level 6:
NPA Software development
Diploma for IT
ECDL**

**H Graph
Comm**

H English

N5 Business

Appl. Maths

**SCQF 5
Employability**

**Graph
Comm**

**SQA
Leadership**

**H
Computing**

From S6

From S5

S4

English

Appl. Maths

Geography

Comp. Sci

**Level 5 Dig.
Media**

Biology

**Pract.
Cookery**



YASS - What can I study?

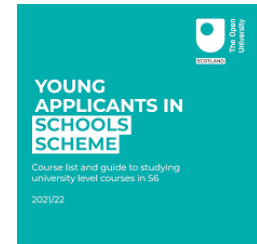
S6 pupils can choose from a wide range of university level (SCQF 7) courses which can be studied in school alongside their other subjects.

There are courses in a range of subject areas, from science to law, languages to accounting and much more.

You can choose to study a 10 or 30 credit course in a subject area that interests you. The courses start in October and run for either six or nine months depending on the credit level.

A downloadable copy of the YASS guide and course list (.pdf) is available.

An interactive at a glance version of the course list (.pdf) is available to download.



Course levels

The courses offered through YASS are at SCQF level 7: equivalent to the first year at a traditional university.

Credit points

Each course has credit points (10 or 30) which indicates the amount of credit you can count towards an Open University qualification and how many hours it might take you to study. One credit point represents approximately ten hours of study.

Please note: these credit points are higher education (CATS) points and not part of the UCAS tariff.

More Info:

<https://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/sites/www.open.ac.uk.scotland/files/files/Information%20session%20slides%20for%20schools.pdf>

YASS



- <https://www.whc.uhi.ac.uk/schools/why-choose-a-school-college-partnership-course/portree-high-school/>



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