



PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL

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**Information Evening Coinneamh Fhiosrachaidh
Ardsgoil Phortrigh**

Mar 27th 2023

2023-24 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 at the start of next term
- New timetable begins on May 29th for new S2-6, and those who do not have examinations/few examinations.

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 2023-24

		Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
S4-6	N4/5	Art Biology Chemistry Physics PE Nuadh Eòlas (Modern.St GM)	Biology Computing Science Drama (NPA) Modern Studies Travel & Tourism Digital media (GM)	French Geography History Physics Travel & Tourism Digital media (GM)	Chemistry French Gaelic Gàidhlig Pract. Woodwork	Art Graphic Communication Music Practical cookery (N4/5) PE
S5-6	N4/N5 NPA	English NPA Sport & Fitness Leadership/personal Development	Appl. of Maths NPA Environmental Science OU YASS module (S6)	SfW Sport & Rec/NPLQ NPA Photography NPA CRIMINOLOGY OU YASS module (S6)	Maths (N5) OU YASS module (S6) Pract. Woodwork Personal Finance (L4/5)	Practical Cookery Practical Metalwork OU YASS module (S6)
	H/AH	English (AH/H)	Art Applications of Maths Computing Science Geography Maths	Biology (Human) French Graph Comm Gaelic Gàidhlig	Maths Music History Physics	Chemistry Biology (Human) Modern Studies PE
	WHC	WHC Highers	WHC National 5/NPA (S4- by arrangement)		(S5/6) Foundation Apprenticeships (S4-6) WHC DAY RELEASE (S4- by arrangement)	
	HVA	Chemistry (AH)	Physics (AH)		Maths (AH)	

- *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 Gaidhlig 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.*
- *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

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be done

SQA Dates 2022

- ◆ **WB 17th April** SQA Exam timetables issued to pupils
- ◆ **24th Apr- 1st June** SQA Examinations
- ◆ **Timetable change 29th may** (current S1-5),
- ◆ **Tuesday 8th August – SQA Results**



YASS - What can I study?

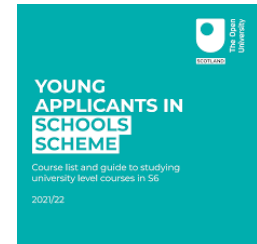
S6 pupils can choose from a wide range of university level (SCQF 7) courses which can be studied in school alongside their other subjects.

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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Skills Development Scotland





Who we are and how we support your young person



We are Scotland's career service



Our careers advisers are professionally qualified experts



We are in every state secondary school supporting young people make the best career choices



We also have a network of SDS centres across the country, a national helpline, and we are the ones behind Scotland's career website, My World of Work

Skills
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Scotland



Support and conversations we may have in school

SDS careers advisers might speak to your young person about:



Finding out about their self, strengths and skills



Routes into careers including apprenticeships



Making decisions such as option choices



Building and developing networks



Different types of careers and how to research them



Help with creating CVs



Developing the types of skills that are useful in a job



Making applications and applying for courses



Our support continues after school



Contact us



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School College Partnership Portree 23/24

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Senior Phase: A Step Ahead



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Our senior phase courses offer S4 - S6 pupils the opportunity to get a **step ahead** in your chosen career path through a variety of study options including **foundation apprenticeships, highers, degree and vocational courses.**

We work closely with Highland secondary schools and employers to ensure our courses provide relevant pathways to employment, training or further and higher education so you achieve the skills and qualifications to help prepare you for your future career.

Find out which courses you can apply for by clicking on your school logo below

There are also courses available to every school in the Highlands and they can be found by clicking on the 'Virtual School' badge to view our courses available through the Highland Council Virtual School timetable.

For our S6 pupils, there are a range of courses specifically relevant to your stage of learning and these can be found by clicking on the 'Advanced Studies' badge.

Virtual School (Available to all pupils in the Highland region)	Advanced Studies	Home Educated	Ardnamurchan High School
Gairloch High School	Kilchaiman Academy	Kinlochleven High School	Lochaber High School
Mallaig High School	Plockton High School	Portree High School	Ullapool High School

Highland Senior Phase A Step Ahead

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Academic Development Courses

- English National 5 | SCQF level 5
- English Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Maths National 4 | SCQF level 4
- Application of Mathematics National 5 | SCQF level 5
- Maths National 5 | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Maths Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Personal Finance Award | SCQF level 5
- Psychology National 5 | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Psychology Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Sociology Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6

Business and Hospitality

- Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) - Foundation Certificate in Bookkeeping | SCQF level 5
- Business Management National 5 | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Business Management Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Foundation Apprenticeship - Business Skills | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- IT in Business PDA | SCQF level 7 | S5, S6
- Bakery NPA | SCQF level 4 | S3, S4, S5, S6

Computing and Creative Digital Skills

- Computing Science National 5 | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Computing Science Higher | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Computing Science Advanced Higher | SCQF level 7 | S5, S6
- Cyber Security NPA | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Digital Content Creation HQ (evening) | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- E-sports | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
- Foundation Apprenticeship - Creative and Digital Media | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- Foundation Apprenticeship - Software Development | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
- PC Passport | SCQF level 5

Construction and Maritime

- Aquaculture NPA | SCQF level 4 | S4, S5, S6
- Building Design and Construction (NPA Built Environment) | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6
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Creative Arts

- Beauty Skills NPA | SCQF level 4 | S3, S4, S5, S6
- Drawing and Painting NQ | SCQF level 5 | S4, S5, S6

Gateway to Skills and Education

- Supported Learning Programme | SCQF level 1-2 | S5, S6

Health, Education and Childcare

- Foundation Apprenticeship - Social Services, Children and Young People | SCQF level 6 | S5, S6
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Wednesday Day Release

- www.whc.uhi.ac.uk/schools/
- **Bakery NPA**
- **Beauty Skills NPA**
- **Foundation Apprenticeship
Construction Skills**
- **Sport & Recreation
(Introduction to Outdoor
Pursuits)**

Virtual Schools

- + **Academic Development Courses**
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Developing the
Young Workforce

- Work Experience
- Employability Skills
- Workplace visits
- Career Inspiration
- Career Information
- Employer-Led
- Curriculum linked
- Young Person's Guarantee
- and more...

What does DYW do?



**Inspire Young
People**

**Employer
Engagement**

**Apprenticeships &
Opportunities**

Experience & Skills

the bridge

With school coordinators at every high school, DYW West Highland works to create the bridge between education and employers.

Highlighting opportunities and links to curriculum.





**My Future
My Success**


**Mo Theachd-àm
Mo Shoirbheas**

Who?

**We are High Life Highland's
'My Future My Success' team.**

What?

**Through our bespoke mentoring program
we guide young people (S4 to S6) towards
positive destinations.**



**Putting a young person first
is the only qualification you need to
become an MFMS mentor.**

**GET IN TOUCH TODAY
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Now what?

**Join us & become one of our trained &
supported volunteer mentors in the
Highlands & Islands.**

(OR)

**Ask your local school,
to put a referral in for a young person
who could benefit from joining
their own MFMS journey**

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COURSES

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS S5 & S6

- **Social Services: Children & Young People**
- **Creative and Digital Media**

UNDERGRADUATE

- **Year 1 – Gaelic Immersion**
 - **CertHE An Cùrsa Comais –Beginner/Intermediate**
 - **CertHE An Cùrsa Adhartais - Distance Learning**
 - **CertHE Gàidhlig Is Conaltradh - Fluent**
- **DipHE Gaelic Media (TV course)**
- **BA (Hons) Gaelic and Traditional Music**
- **BA (Hons) Gaelic and Education**
- **BA (Hons) Gaelic (with subject specialisation)**

QUESTIONS/APPLICATIONS

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