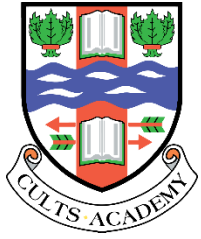


Information Evening Subject choice for S3

Cults Academy
Session 2024/25

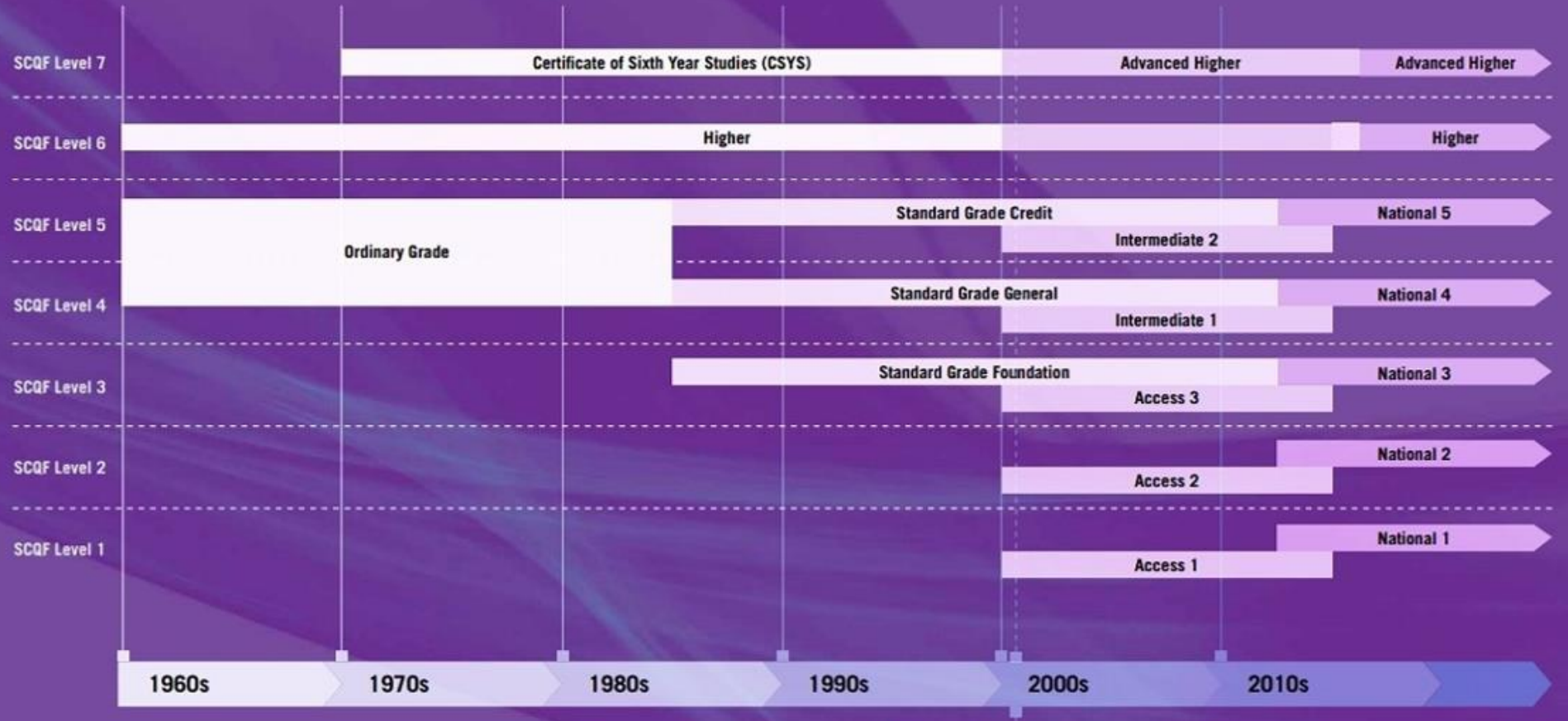
Mr Ross Allan (Headteacher)

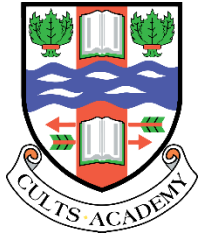
Mr David Strang (Depute Head Teacher)



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).



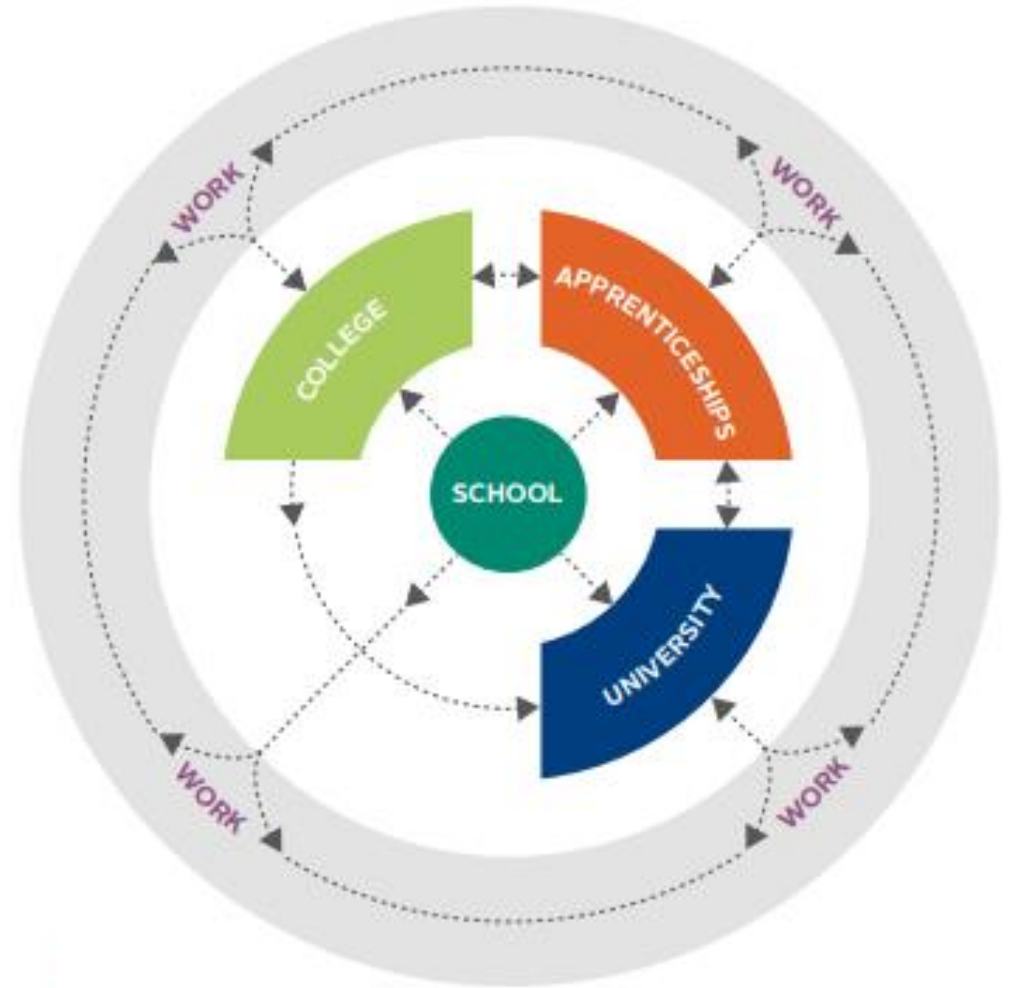


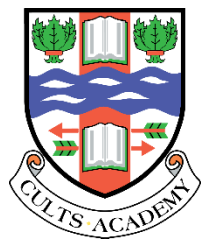
Learner Pathways in the Senior Phase and beyond

Our Senior Phase Curriculum (S3-S6) has been designed to provide **flexibility** to prepare pupils to any route beyond school:

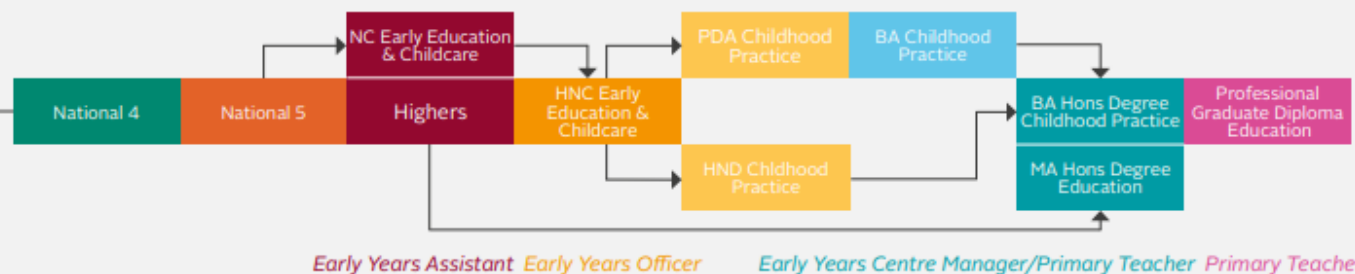
- Range of Subjects/Levels of study
- Variety of Types of Qualification available
- Work with partners to extend our range of options

Is my child *ready* to make choices?

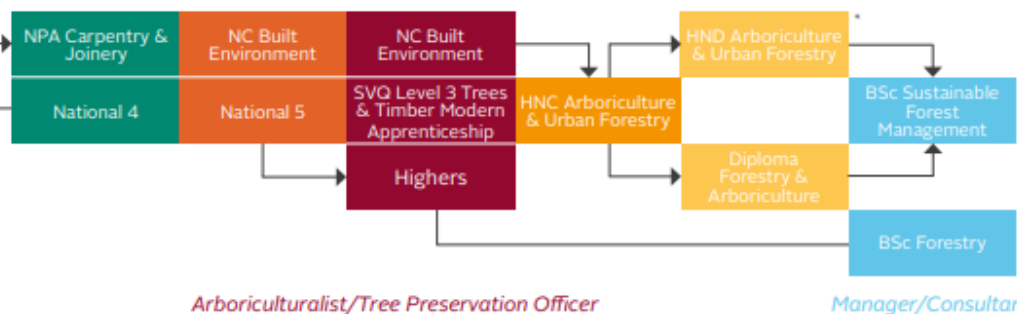




Pathways into working with children

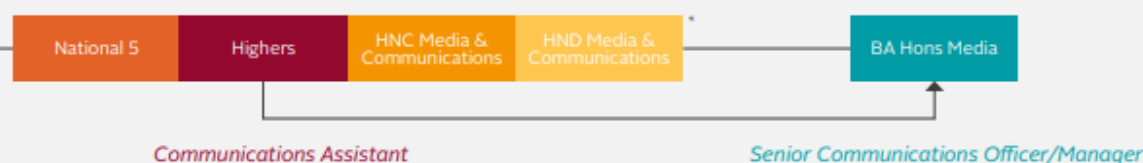


Pathways into working in forestry



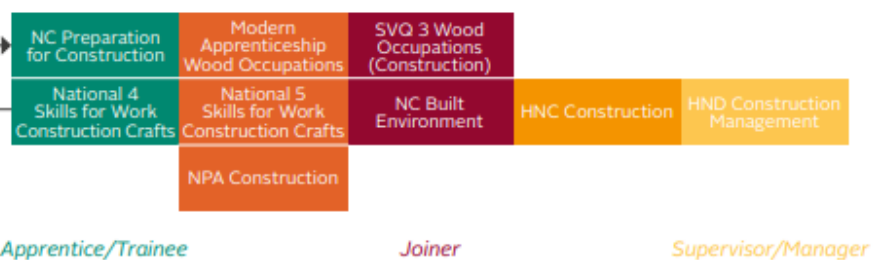
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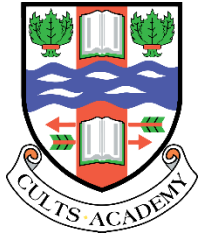
Pathways into working in the media



*Creative Industries Academy: South-east Scotland schools, Borders College, Edinburgh College and Queen Margaret University partnership

Pathways into working in construction





Qualifications at Cults Academy

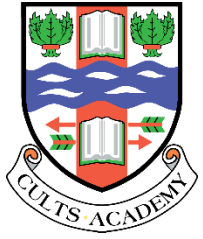
During the Senior Phase pupils are able to work towards a range of qualifications:

- National Qualifications (National 2/3/4/5, Higher, Advanced Higher)
- Skills for Work Courses
- National Progression Awards (S5/S6)
- Foundation apprenticeships (S5/S6)

All of these qualifications are part of the Scottish Credits and Qualifications (SCQF) Framework.

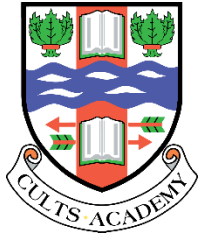
SCQF Framework

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			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			



- **Compulsory subjects for S3:** English and Maths or Applications of Maths (4 periods for each).
- **Options:** 6 subjects (3 periods each).
- **Core subjects:** PE (2 periods), PSE (1 period), and RME (1period). These are in addition to the 8 certificated courses.

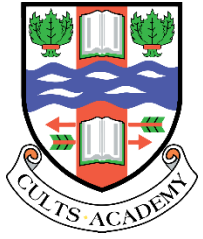
Subjects taken in S3 will continue in S4; there is no additional subject choice at the end of S3.



curricular progression for current S2 pupils

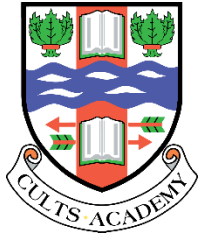
Year group	Number of subjects taken
S3 (session 2024/25)	8 subjects
S4 (session 2025/26)	8 subjects (continuation from S3)
S5 (session 2026/27)	5 subjects (chosen at end of s4)
S6 (session 2027/28)	4 subjects* (chosen at end of S5)

*3 subjects if all Advanced Highers



Key dates for subject choice

Date	Action
11/01/24	S2 int S3 information evening
12/01/24	Curriculum assembly to S2
12/01/24	S2 into S3 course information booklet out to pupils (digital)
From 18/01/24	PTPS interviews with S2
23/01/24	S2 parents evening
29/01/24	Google form live
05/02/24	Google form closes
26/02/24	Options reviewed by PTPSP

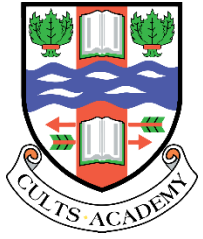


S3 options - instructions

- Look carefully at the subjects available in each column. Discuss your choices with your Pupil Support teacher.
- Decide which subject you would like to choose in each column.
- Discuss with your parents/guardians and make sure they approve of your choices.

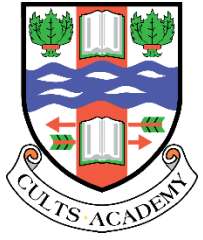
Complete your subject choice online, using the Google form.

The form can be filled in online at home, or at school. At school you could complete it during form tutor time for example. However, you **must** discuss your choices with your parents/guardians **before** completing the form.



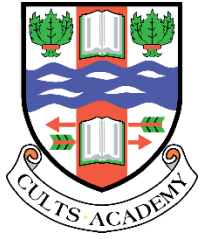
How to choose?

- Subjects you enjoy studying
- Subjects you are doing well in
- Look forward to choices in S5 & S6
- Subjects required for any future career
- Speak to teachers for personalised advice
- *Talk to Parents*



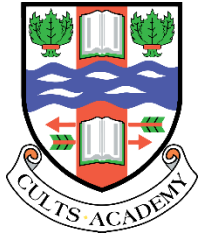
Supporting Well Informed Decisions

- S2 Assembly
- PSE Programme
- Individual transition interview with PTPS
- Parents' Evening held 23/01/24
- Subject fair
- Course choice booklet has been issued
- Subject teacher - class discussion on new courses



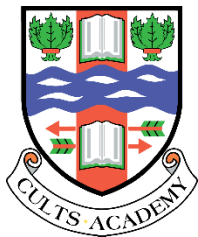
Supporting Well Informed Decisions

- www.SQA.org.uk - course content & assessment
- Individual Universities – entry requirements for specific courses
- www.nescol.ac.uk/ information on courses and school links
- www.ucas.com – the Scottish Guide under Advisor Section
- [www.myworld of work.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) - training and professional careers advice, how to choose etc
- www.planitplus.net – used in PSE to help pupils map future direction



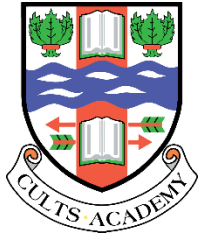
	compulsory			options					
subjects	1	2	core	3	4	5	6	7	8
	English	Mathematics	PE, PSE, RMPS						

The subject options can be from any of the curricular areas.



Options

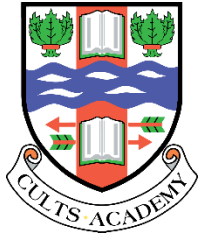
Options	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Biology Chemistry Economics Engineering Science Geography History Music Technology Physics Practical Cookery Sport & Recreation	Biology Business Management Chemistry Computing Economics Engineering Science Health & Food Technology Modern Studies Photography Physics Practical Woodworking	Art & Design Biology Business Management Chemistry Drama Geography Physical Education Physics Science	Accounting Art & Design Business Management Chemistry Computing Graphic Communication History Physics	Art & Design Biology Chemistry Design & Manufacture Economics Engineering Science French Geography History Music	Biology Business Management Chemistry Design & Manufacture Geography History Modern Studies Physical Education Practical Cookery Spanish



- Look at the course options, and the course information booklet (link below) for information on the courses being offered.

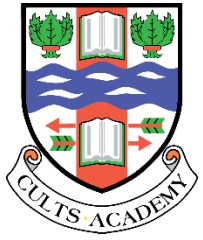
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UueEY-Qc6j7eTUYkTgkHMfcag51Ti-nzSvIU4ll88il/edit?usp=sharing>

- Use the Google form to make your provisional choices (<https://forms.gle/CZDaNVaPQ99v5wSR9>). This form will **open on Monday 29 January and closes on Monday 5 of February.**



Subject Choice for S3 (Session 24-25)

The following questions will allow you to select your subjects in each of the option columns for S3. Please make sure that you have thought carefully about the subjects you want to choose and you have discussed this with your parents before you complete this form.



I have discussed this fully with my parents/guardians and they support my choices. *

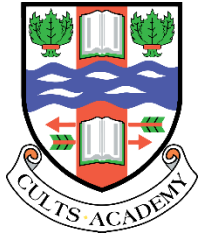


☐ Yes

☐ No

You have indicated your preferred subject in each column where you have an option. Please note that the form needs to be submitted by Monday 5 February 2024.

Description (optional)



The Google form for collecting your provisional options opens on Monday **29 January** and closes on Monday **5 February**.

<https://sites.google.com/ab-ed.org/cultspathwayplanning/home>

Remember to log in to your school Google account to access the form