



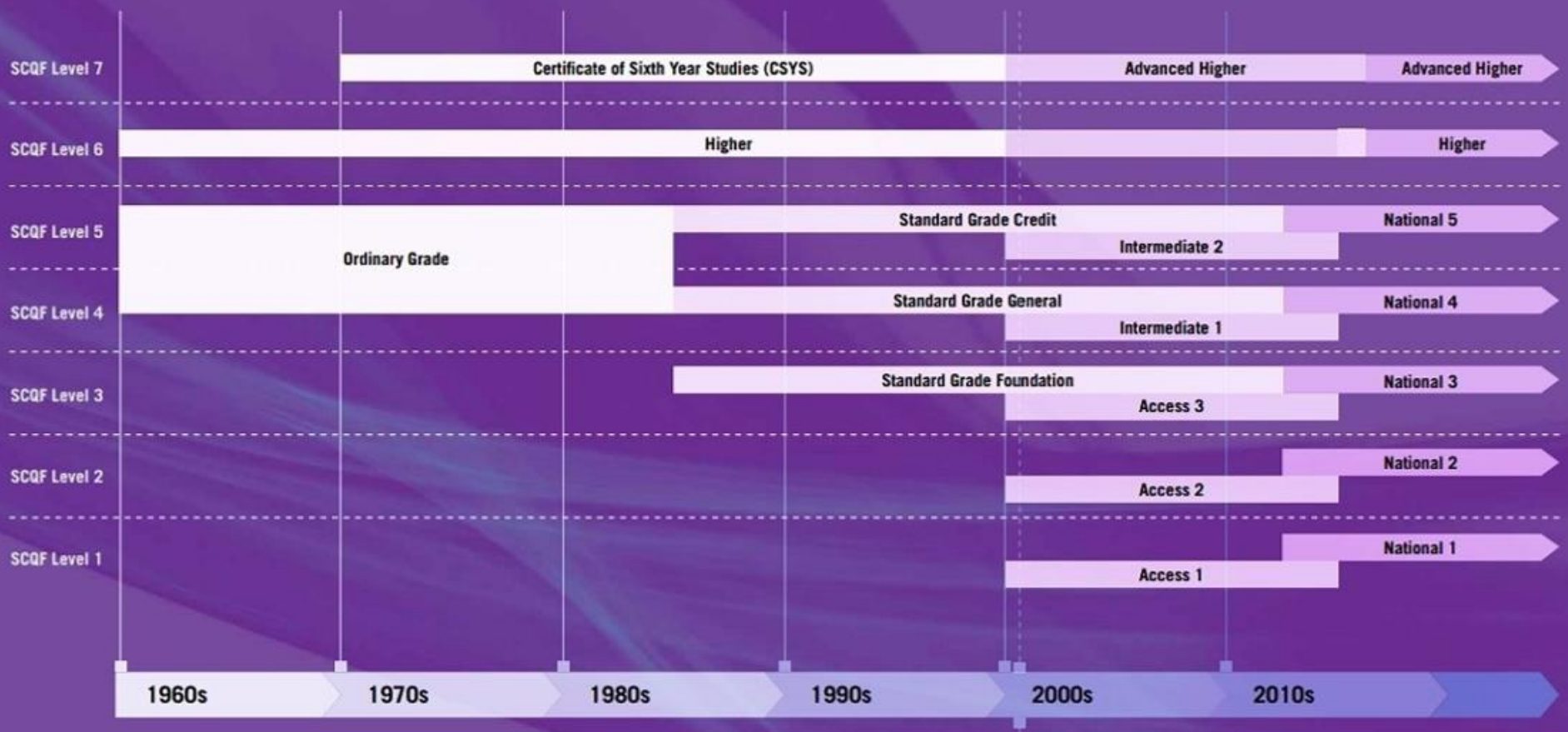
Information Evening Subject choice for S3

Cults Academy



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).





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				



Qualifications at Cults Academy

National 2,3,4, and 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

National Progression Awards.

Some Skills for Work courses are taught in school and some are taught at NESCol. These courses are equivalent to National 4/5 courses.

Foundation apprenticeships are taught at NESCol.



- **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.



Table showing curricular progression for current S2 pupils

Year group	Number of subjects taken
S3 (session 2023/24)	8 subjects
S4 (session 2024/25)	8 subjects (continuation from S3)
S5 (session 2025/26)	5 subjects (chosen at end of s4)
S6 (session 2026/27)	4 subjects* (chosen at end of S5)

*3 subjects if all Advanced Highers



Key dates for subject choice

Date	Action
08/11/22	Provisional choices Google form closes
12/01/23	S2 Senior phase information evening
16/01/23	Pupil interviews with PTPSP (week beginning)
17/01/23	Curriculum assembly to S2
17/01/23	S2 into S3 course choice instructions out to pupils (digital)
24/01/23	S2 parents evening
30/01/23	Google form live
06/02/23	Google form closes
24/02/23	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 a 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 Assemblies
- PSE Programme
- Individual transition interviews with PTPS
- Parents' Evening held 24/01/22
- 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.myworldofwork.co.uk - training and professional careers advice, how to choose etc
- www.planitplus.net – used in PSE to help pupils map future direction



subjects	compulsory			options					
	1	2	core	3	4	5	6	7	8
	English	Mathematics or Applications of Maths	PE, PSE, RME						

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



National Maths/Applications of Maths

S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
BGE 2 nd level	National 3 Applications	National 4 Maths	National 5 Maths or Apps	Higher (from N5 Maths)
BGE 3 rd level	National 4 Maths	National 5 Applications	National 5 Maths	Higher
BGE 4 th level	National 5 Maths		Higher Maths	AH Maths/Mechs



What's the difference?

National 3 Apps	National 4 Maths	National 5 Maths	National 5 Apps
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3 internally assessed units● 1 final Added Value Unit● Ungraded - must pass all units & Added Value Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3 internally assessed units● 1 final Added Value Unit● Ungraded - must pass all units & Added Value Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Class assessments● Final exam● Graded A-D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Class assessments● Final exam● Graded A-D



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



- 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-nzSvIU4lI88il/edit?usp=sharing>

- Use the Google form to make your provisional choices (<https://forms.gle/CZDaNVaPQ99v5wSR9>). This form will **open on Monday 30 January and closes on Monday 6 of February.**



Subject Choice for S3 (Session 23-24)

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.

This form is automatically collecting email addresses for Aberdeen City Council users. [Change settings](#)



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 completed by Monday 6 February 2023.

Description (optional)



The Google form for collecting your final options opens on Monday **30 January** and closes on Monday **6 February**.

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