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S4/5 School Information

Key dates, Assessment, Qualifications,

Coursing, Pathways, DYW.

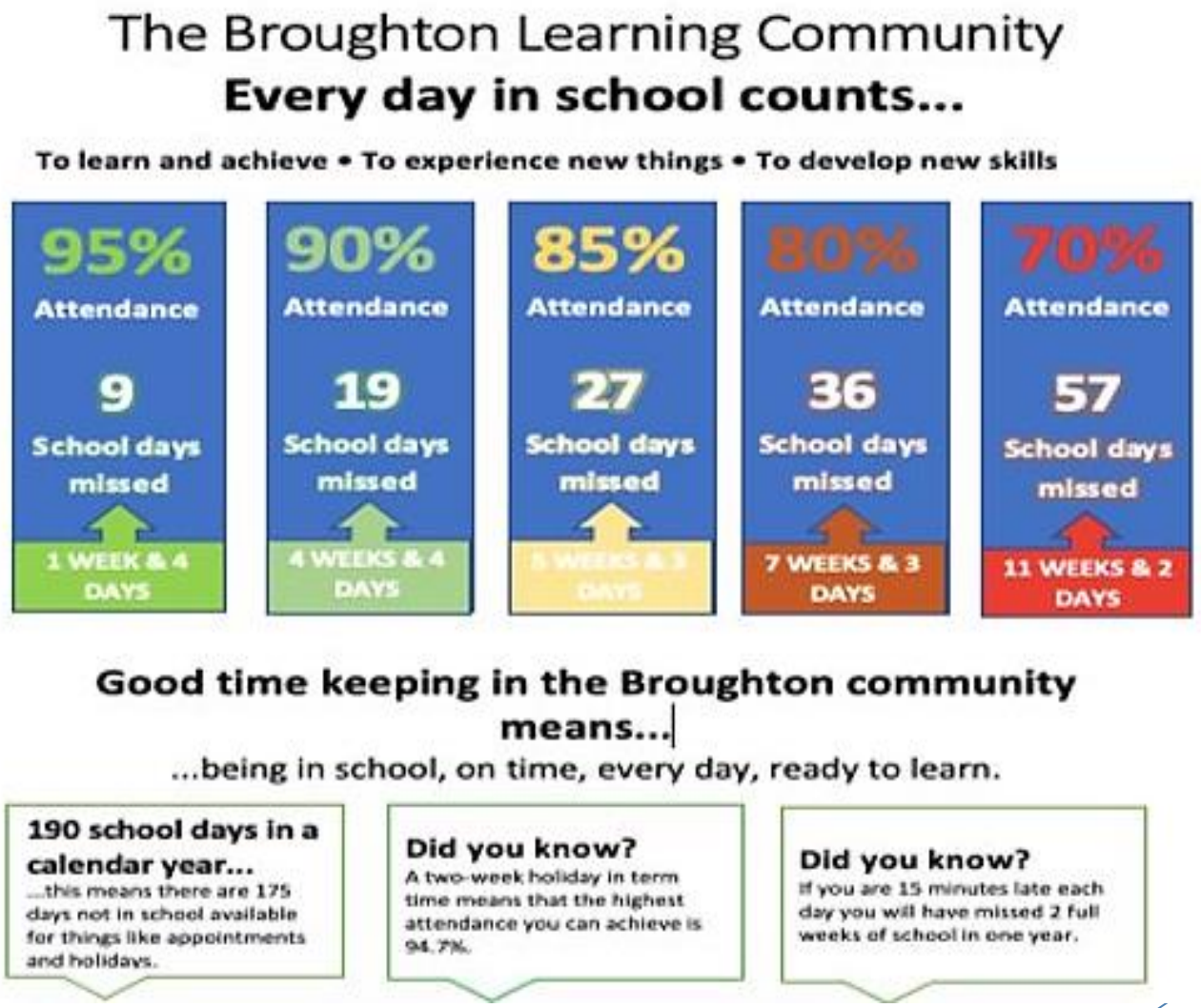
School-Home Communication

Year Group	Tracking Reports (w/b)	Parents' Evenings (16:30-18:30)
S4	14 September 2026 18 January 2027 15 March 2027	Thursday 21 January 2027
S5	28 September 2026 1 February 2027 15 March 2027	Wednesday 3 February 2027

Tracking Reports

Subject	Level	Working Grade	Effort	Behaviour	Homework	Progress	Concern	Target Grade	Teacher
English	National 5	6	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	No Concern	4	Ms S
Geography	National 5	6	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	No Concern	3	Mr A
Mathematics	National 5	2	Exceeding	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding	No Concern	2	Mr M
Physical_Education	National 5	5	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	No Concern	3	Mrs E
Physics	National 5	5	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	No Concern	3	Ms C
Practical_Cookery	National 5	6	Meeting	Meeting		Meeting	No Concern	4	Mrs K
NPA_Sport_and_Fitnes	Level 5	Pass	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	No Concern	Pass	Mr C

Make Every Day Count



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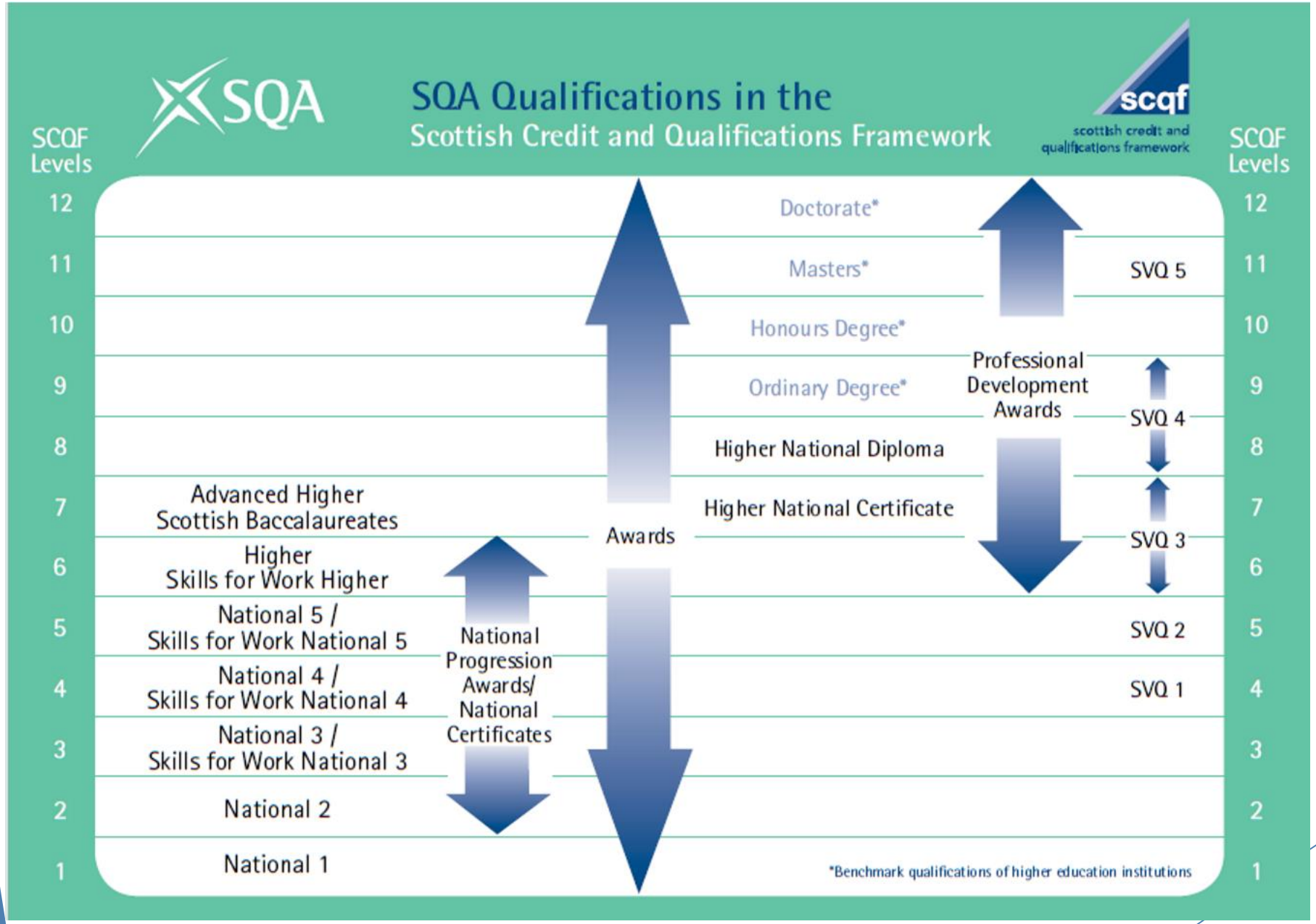
Formal Assessments 2026/27

Senior Phase Assessment	Start	Finish
Block 1 (Prelims)	Monday 30 November 2026	Friday 11 December 2026
Block 2 (Practical Exams)	Wednesday 24 February 2027	Tuesday 9 March 2027
Qualifications Scotland Exams	Monday 26 April 2027	Wednesday 2nd June 2027


SQA Qualifications in the
Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework
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scottish credit and qualifications framework
SCQF Levels
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4
3
2
1
Doctorate*
Masters*
Honours Degree*
Ordinary Degree*
Higher National Diploma
Higher National Certificate
Advanced Higher
Scottish Baccalaureates
Higher
Skills for Work Higher
National 5 /
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National 2
National 1
Awards
National Progression Awards/ National Certificates
Professional Development Awards
SVQ 5
SVQ 4
SVQ 3
SVQ 2
SVQ 1
*Benchmark qualifications of higher education institutions

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).

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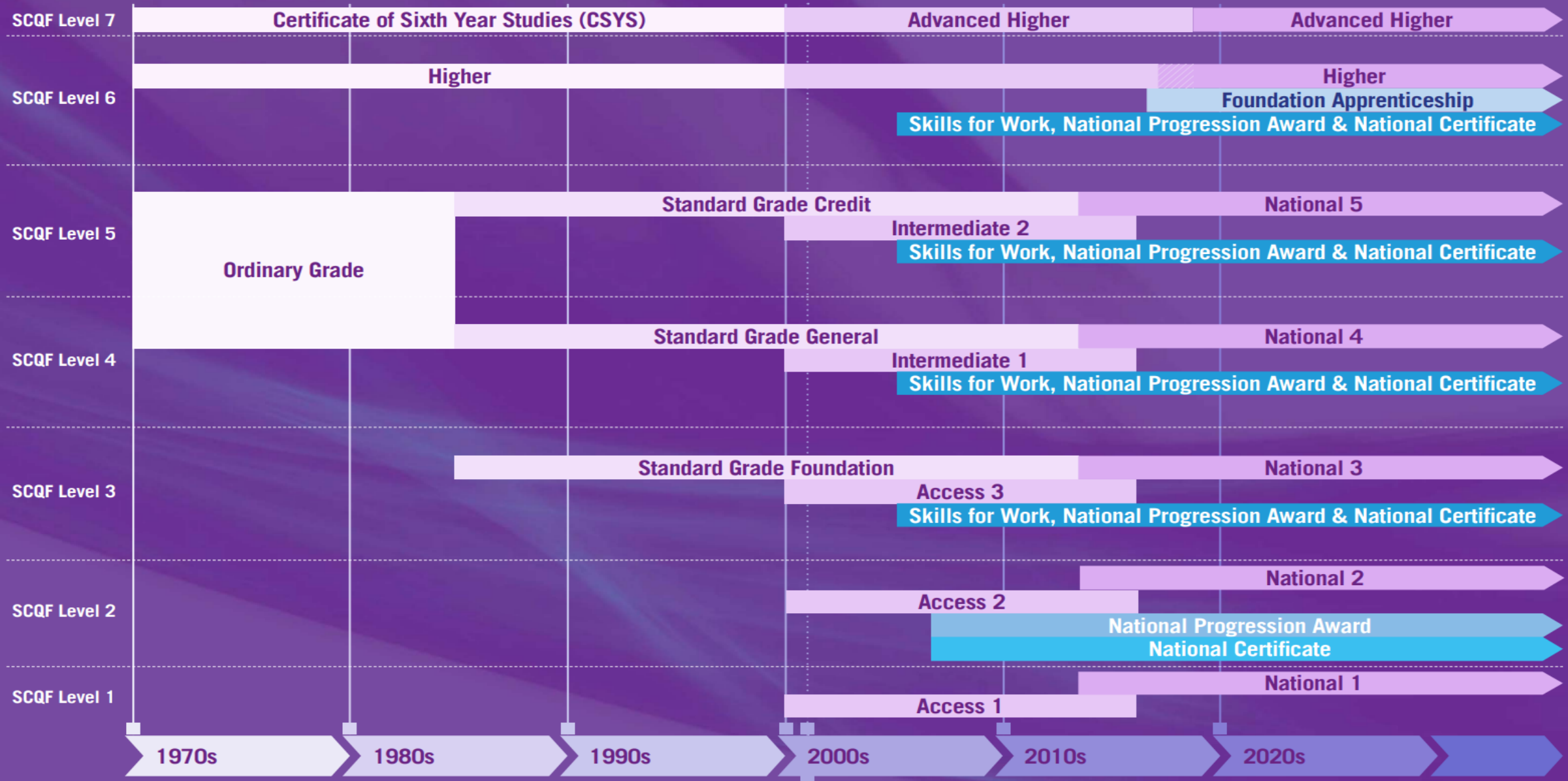
scottish credit and qualifications framework



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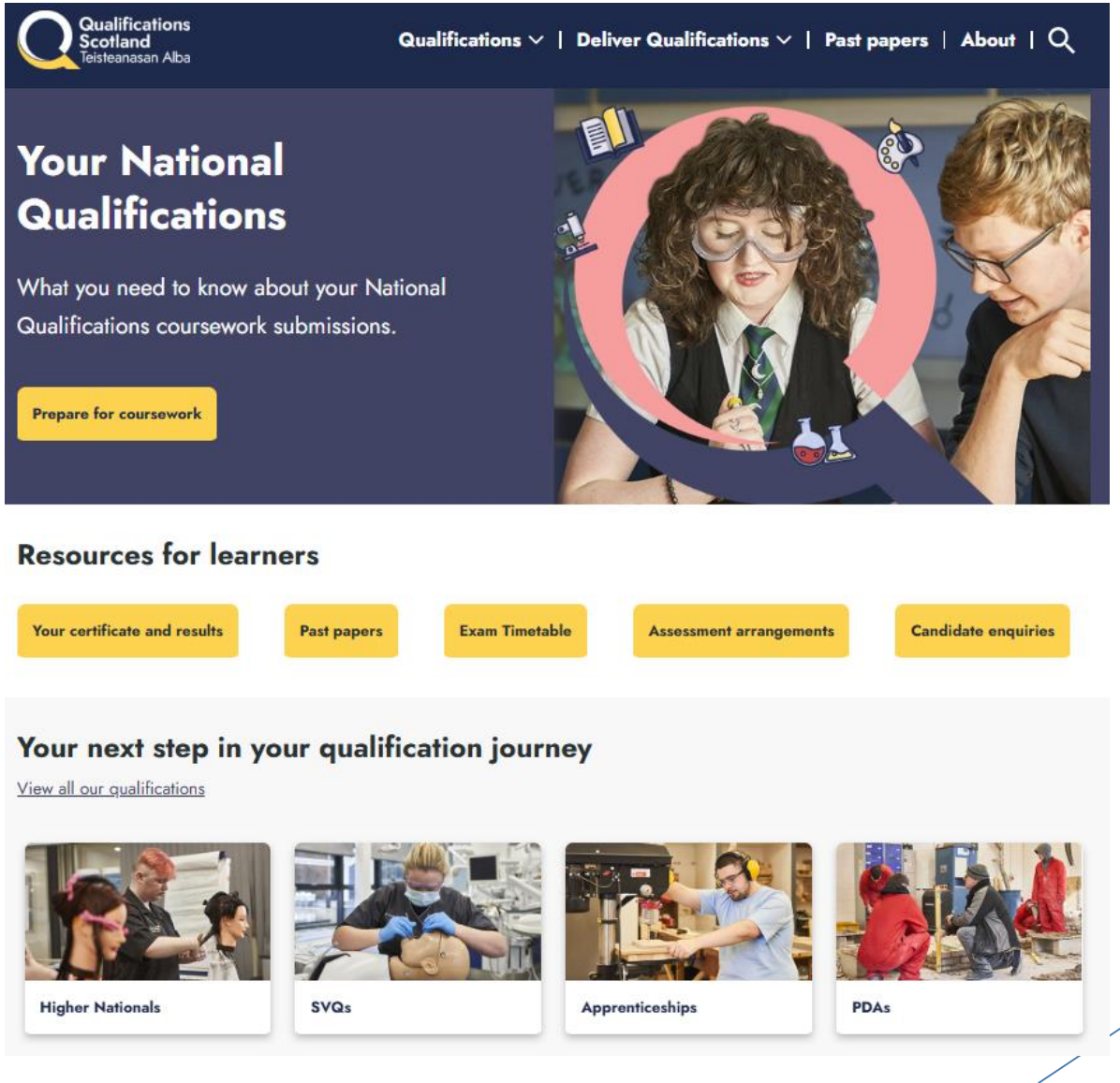
www.scqf.org.uk

https://www.qualifications.gov.scot/



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  - Developing learners' skills
  - Unit search
  - NQ Quality assurance
  - About National Qualifications

Learner support for National Qualifications

Past papers

2026 exam papers are now available - great for revision

Timetable

See when your exam dates are and prepare for study planning.

Get results by text

My Qualifications Scotland - sign up now for next year

Your NQ

Information and guidance about completing your coursework

Appeals

The service for 2026 is now closed

Health and wellbeing

Caring for your mental health and wellbeing

Children's Rights Reports

Our approach and priorities for strengthening children's rights across our work.

Parents and carers support

National courses explained

Find out about our National Qualifications

Connect

Empowering your engagement with education

National Parents Forum Scotland

Get involved in your child's education

Learner case studies

Read about some of the success stories

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e-Sgoil - *Evening Study Support*

- This Scottish Government funded provision focussed on delivering equitable access to all Senior Phase learners and is completely free.
- Live, interactive webinars delivered online by experienced teachers.
- 50+ different webinars each week during term time, covering most curricular areas
- **Webinars started Monday 26 October.**

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MONDAY		
5pm	Maths	N5
	Health & Food Technology	N5/H
6pm	Maths	N4
	Business Management	N5
	Practical Cookery	N5
	RMPS	N5/H
	Human Biology	H
	Politics	H
	Physics	H
	Physics	AH
7pm	Modern Studies	N5
	Applications of Maths	H
	Biology	H
	Computing Science	H

TUESDAY		
5pm	Music	N5
	English (1)	N5
	Maths	H
6pm	Spanish	N5
	Design & Manufacture	N5/H
	Business Management	H
	Music	H
	Maths	AH
7pm	English (2)	N5
	English	AH

THURSDAY		
5pm	English	N4
	Applications of Maths	N5
	German	N5
	Art & Design	N5
6pm	Biology	N5
	Physics	N5
	Art & Design	H
	Chemistry	H
	German	H
	Biology	AH
7pm	Admin & IT	N5
	Computing Science	N5
	Graphic Communication	N5
	Modern Studies	H
	Physical Education	H

WEDNESDAY		
5pm	French	N5
	Engineering Science	N5
	Gaelic	N5/H
	Geography	H
	Spanish	H
	Graphic Communication	H
	History	AH
6pm	Geography	N5
	History	N5
	Engineering Science	H
	French	H
	English	H
7pm	Chemistry	N5
	Gàidhlig	N5/H
	History	H
	Admin & IT	H
	Chemistry	AH

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S4/S5 Course Choice

Broughton Curriculum Timeline 2026-2027	S2	S3	S4	S5
Parents Consultation Evenings Opportunity to discuss your child's progress in learning with subject teachers and Pupil Support Leaders.	04.11.26	19.11.26	21.01.27	03.02.27
Information Evenings Opportunity to hear about subjects/SQA information and course choice process.	08.09.26	13.01.27	27.10.26	27.10.26
Review of Learning starts. In PSE, learners will consider career management skills including their strengths and areas of interest, before making considered choices for the next stage of their curriculum. During this period of time, pupils will be given the opportunity to meet with their PSLs to discuss, finalise and input course choices.	WB 01.02.27	WB 01.02.27	WB 04.01.27	WB 04.01.27
Choices completed Final deadline for course choice input	05.03.27	05.03.27	05.02.27	05.02.27
New TT begins	24.05.27	24.05.27	31.05.27	31.05.27

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Course Choice Information

- Structure of S5/6
- Learners have “free choice”.
- This allows our young people to have the flexibility to select courses that they are interested in, in a way that forms the best course of study for them.

- How many subjects?
- All S5 learners ***must*** make **five** choices - this can be all H or a mixture of qualifications.
- S6 learners should study **four** courses or **three** courses at Advanced Higher level.

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Specialists

Dance

- S5: 4 subjects + Specialist Dance
- S6: 2/3 Subjects + Specialist Dance

Music

- S5: 3 subjects + Specialist Music
- S6: 3 Subjects + Specialist Music

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HWB:

N5 Physical Ed

L6 Exercise & Fitness,

L7 Refereeing,

N5/H Fashion & Textiles

N5 Practical Cookery

L5 Retail Skills*

N4/5 Cake Craft

N4/5 Rural Skills

Science:

H Human Biology

N5 Biology/Chemistry.

L5 Forensic Science

L5 Health Sector

Languages:

N5 French/Spanish

L5 Italian/LFLW

Maths:

N4/5 Maths

L5 Maths for Science 1&2

Application of Maths

Expressive:

Art Portfolio

L5 Illustration & Printmaking

L5 Painting

L5 Photography

N5 Drama

L5 Technical Theatre

N5/ H Music Tec

L6 Music Event Production

N5 Music

English:

N5 ESOL

N5 English

N5 Media

Misc :

Foundation App

College

Open University

Consortia

L7 Baccalaureate

L5 Eye Treatments and Nail Art

Technologies:

N5 Admin and IT

N5 Bus Manag,

L5 Business with IT

N5 Comp Science

N5 Pract Metalworking

N5 Graph Comm

Social Subjectss:

N5 History

H Philosophy

H Psychology

N5 Childcare

N5 Travel & Tourism

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Alternative Courses

S5

- NPAs
- College
- Foundation Apprenticeships

S6

- NPAs
- College
- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Consortia

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S4/S5 Course Choice – Further Info

- S4/5 Course Choice due 5 February 2027

https://scqf.org.uk/support/learners/school-leavers/parents-and-carers-of-learners/

https://scqf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/old-v-new-final-web-updated-june-2022.pdf

https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/

Course Choice Booklets available from website and paper copies 4 January 2027

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Skills Development Scotland

S4/5 Parents and Carers Info Event

Broughton High School, Tuesday 27 October 2026

Tony Mitchell, SDS Careers Adviser

S4/5 Parents and Carers Info Event

- Outline SDS Service
- S4/5 Routes
- Leavers Data
- SCQF Framework
- College Pathways
- Apprenticeships
- SDS Post School Support
- My World of Work

SDS /Career Management Skills

- Skills Development Scotland National Careers Service
- All age – focus ages 16-19
- Independent Partners in School
- One-to-one targeted support
- Anyone can request
- Groupwork around CMS

Routes & Pathways

Seek Employment

Apply for
Further Education

Apply for
a Modern or
Graduate
Apprenticeship/
Training

Apply for University

Entrepreneurship

Keeping options open is okay in S4

S4 Destinations

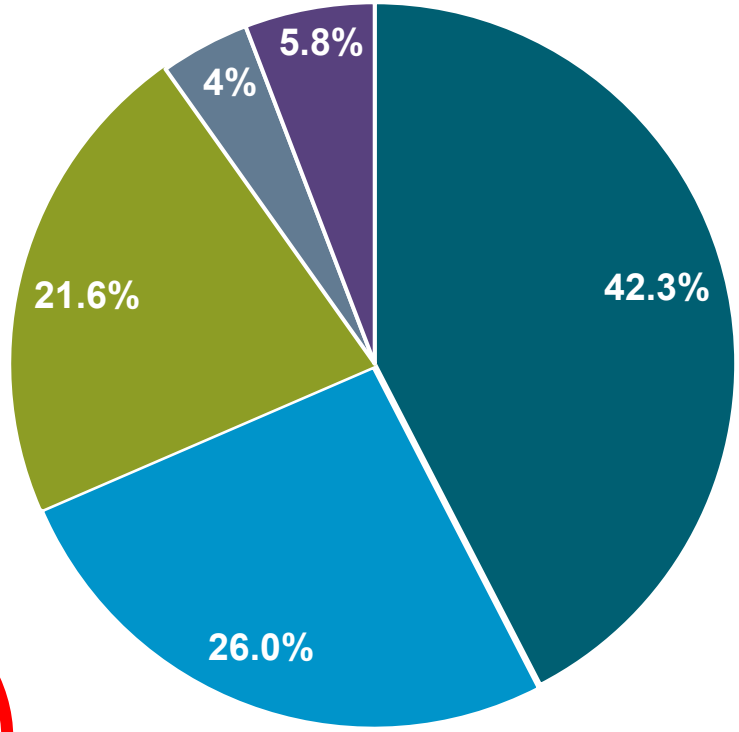
Destination	Ranking
Higher Education	5
Further Education	1
Employment	2
Other Positive	3
Other	4

S5 Destinations

Destination	Ranking
Higher Education	3
Further Education	1
Employment	2
Other Positive	4
Other	5

Where did last year's school leavers go? Initial Destinations

Initial School Leaver Destinations in Scotland
3 Months after leaving school in **2025**



95.7%
In a positive destinations

42.3%
Higher Education

26.0%
Further Education

21.6%
Employment

5.8%
Training*

4.0%
Unemployment

SOURCE: Scottish Government Summary Statistics for Attainment & Initial Leaver Destinations, No. 8: 2026 Edition, February 2026

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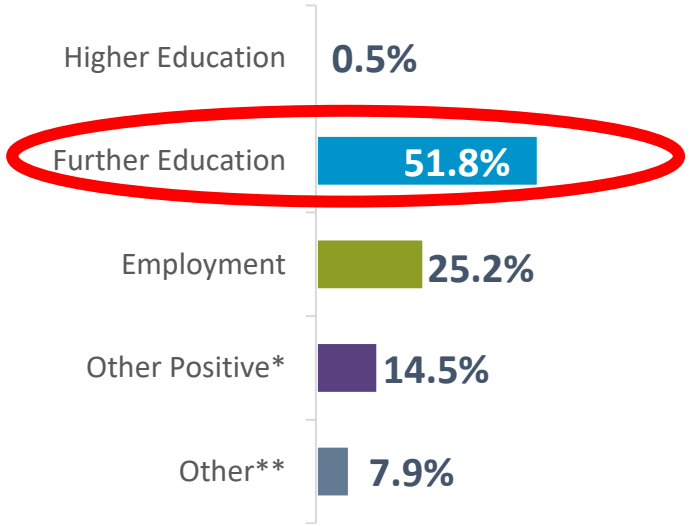
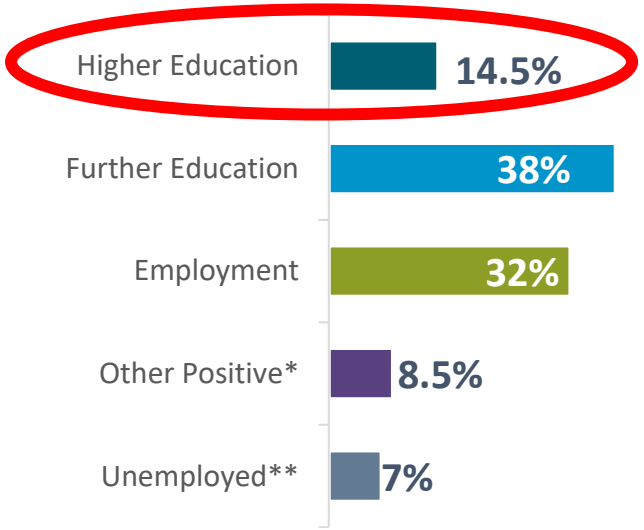
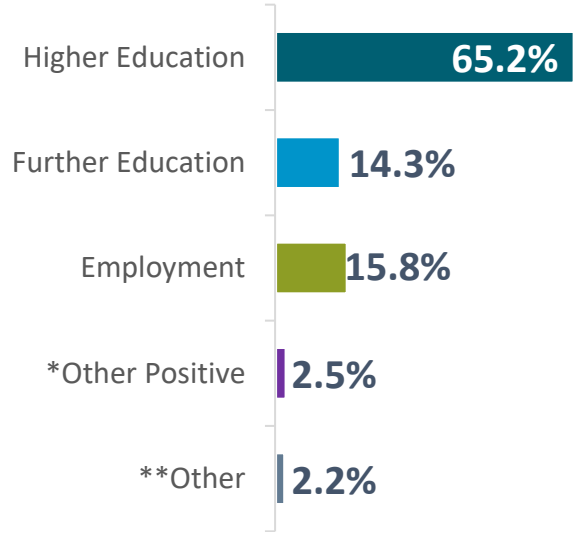
92.1% of S4 Leavers were in Positive destinations



93% of S5 leavers were in Positive Destinations



97.8% of S6 leavers were in Positive Destinations



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*Other Positive includes Training, Voluntary Work & Personal Skills Development

**Other includes unemployed seeking, not seeking & unknown

Where did last year's school leavers go? Follow-up

What were pupils that left school in 2025 doing 9 MONTHS LATER?

94%

Of leavers were in a positive destinations

S6 Leavers
Were most likely to maintain a positive destination

96% of Leavers
In a positive destination at 3-months were still there at 9-months

What changed:

	At 3-months	At 9-months
Employment Increased	22%	**27%**
Further Education Decreased	3-months 26%	**9-months 22%**
Higher Education Decreased	3-months 42%	**9-months 40%**
Unemployed Increased	3-months 4%	**9-months 6%**

*percentages have been rounder to nearest whole number

SOURCE: Scottish Government Summary Statistics for Follow-up Leaver Destinations, No. 8: 2026 Edition, June 2026

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

The Framework diagram shows the mainstream Scottish Qualifications credit rated by Qualifications Scotland and higher education institutions. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework. To view the full interactive version of the Framework or search the SCQF Register of qualifications, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk

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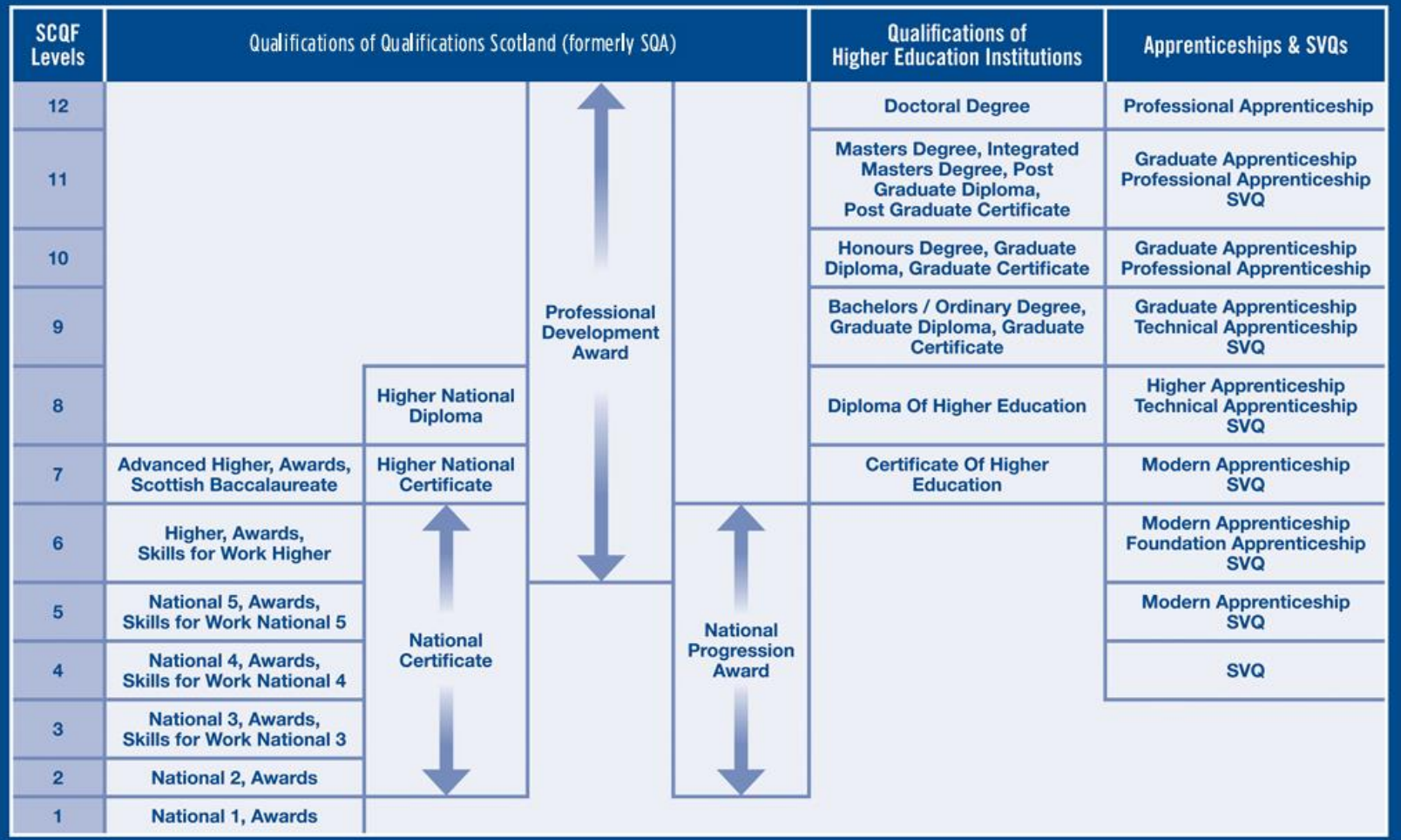
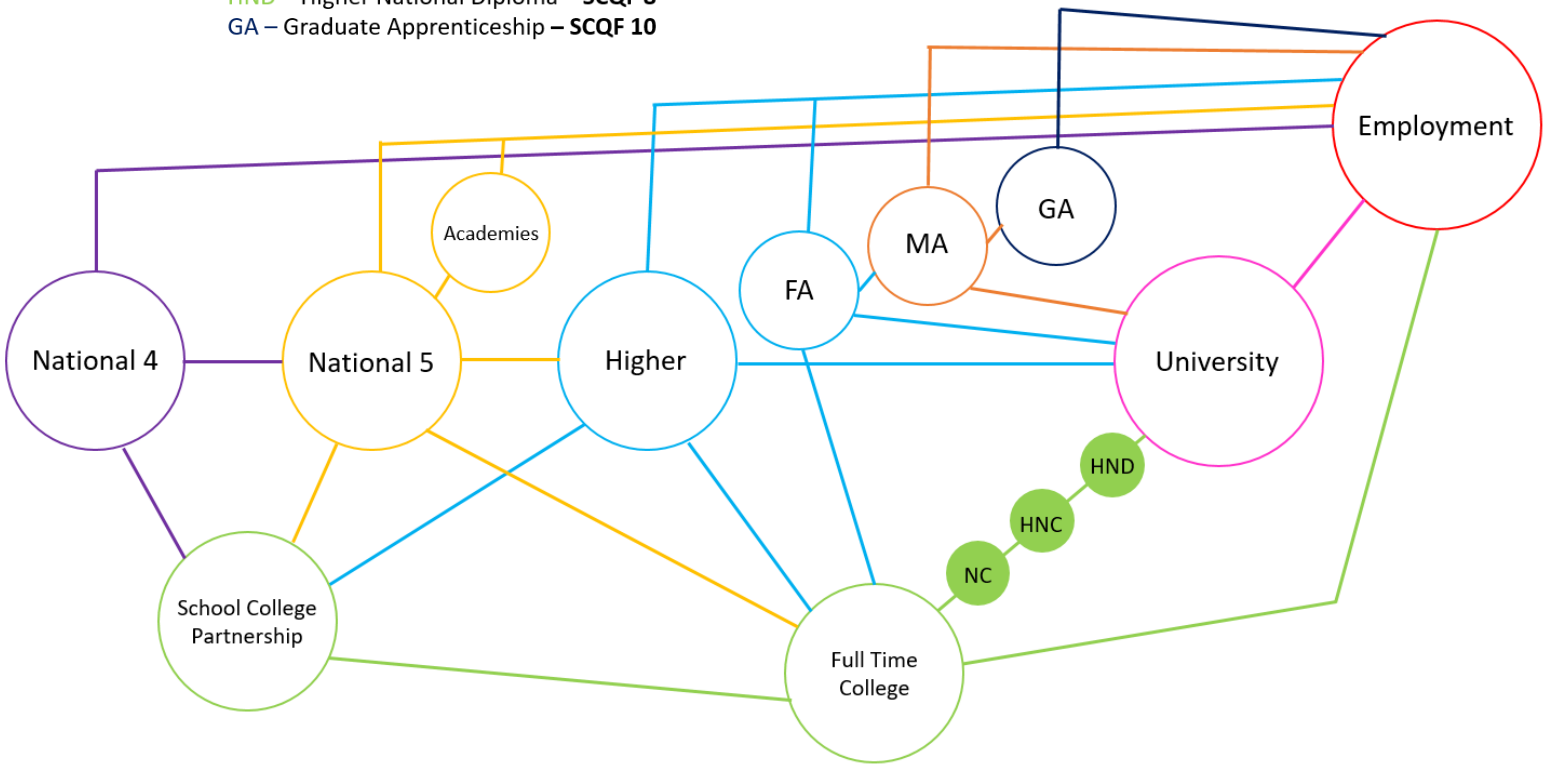
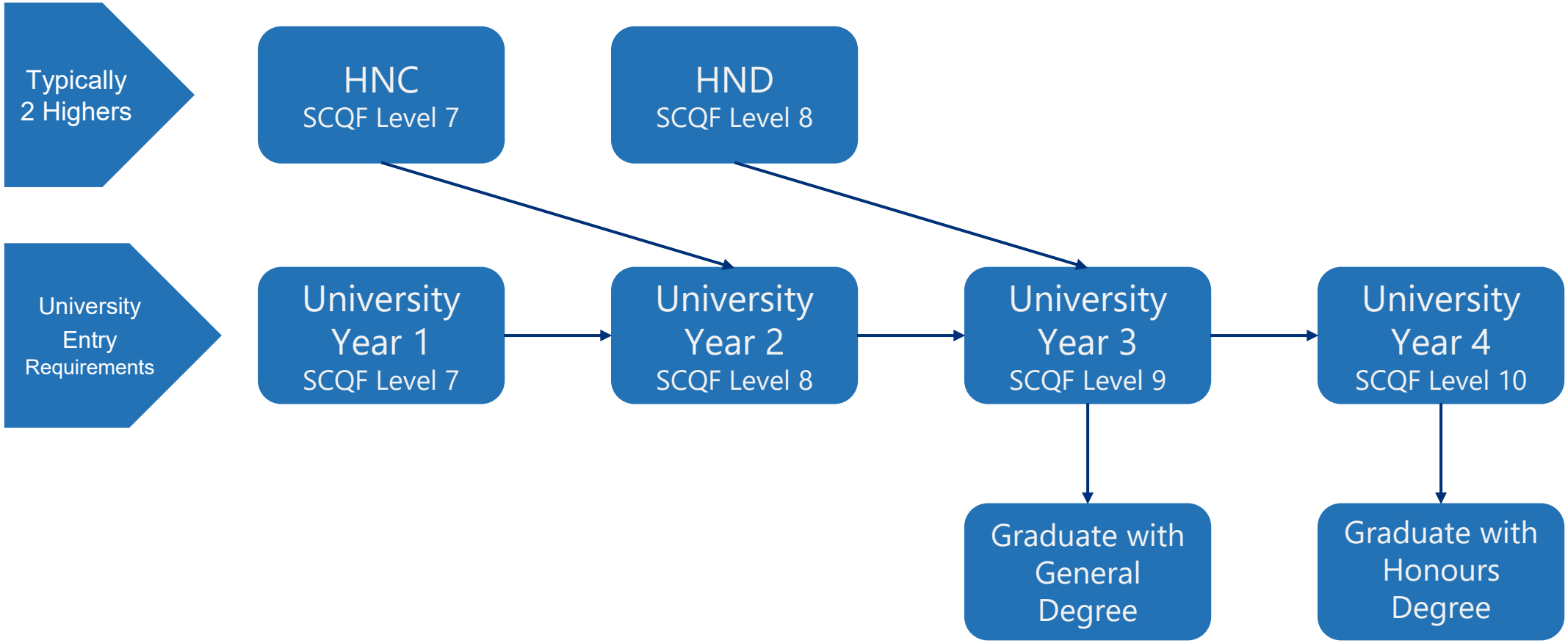


Current Routes to Employment

FA – Foundation Apprenticeship **– SCQF 6-7**
MA – Modern Apprenticeship **– SCQF 6-7**
NC – National Certificate **– SCQF 2-6**
HNC – Higher National Certificate **– SCQF 7**
HND – Higher National Diploma **– SCQF 8**
GA – Graduate Apprenticeship **– SCQF 10**



Edinburgh College

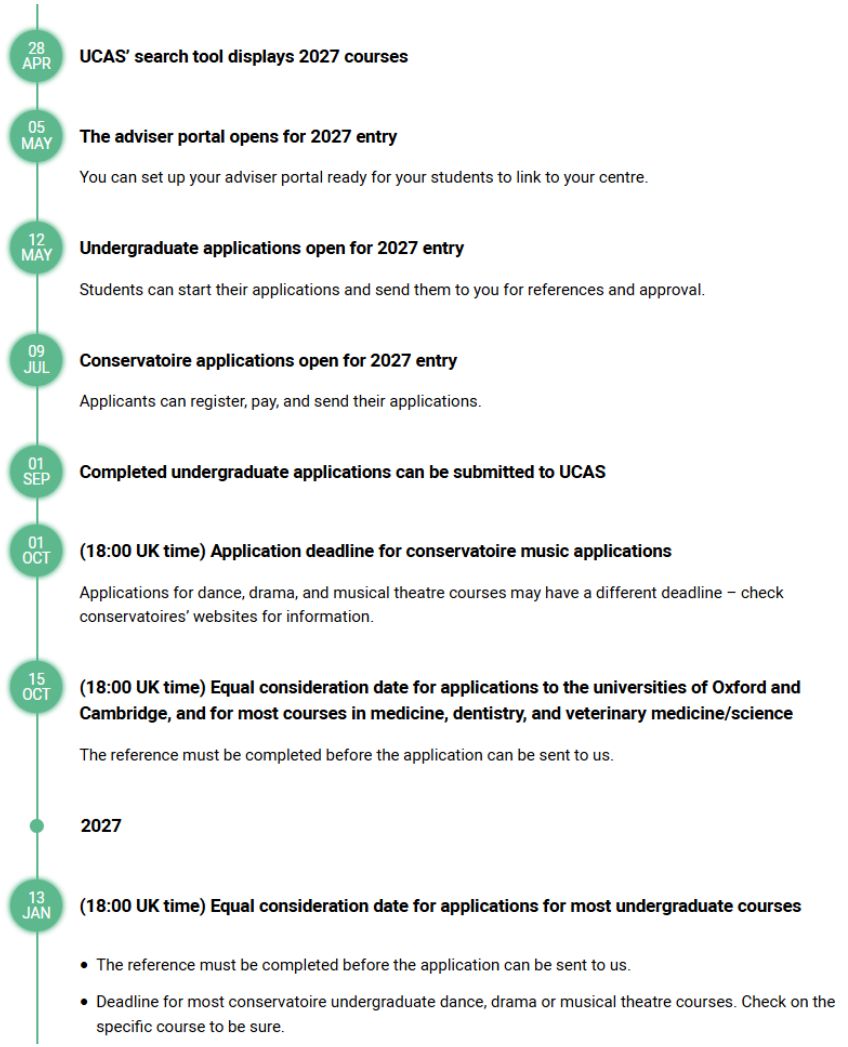


College Applications

- Apply direct to colleges online system
- Personal statement essential
- Applications EC open January 12, 2027 for August Start
- Important to apply early as courses fill up
- Clearing day in August 2027

UCAS Applications

- Uni applications via UCAS
- Applications guided by Ms Herkes and PSLs in school
- Careers adviser support
- Earlier deadlines for conservatoires, medicine, dentistry, Oxbridge
- School aim for end Nov
- Deadline Jan 13, 2027



Foundation Apprenticeship

What is it?

- Counts as a subject in senior phase subject choice
- Way to gain industry experience and qualification at same time
- 12 Higher level, 3 N4/5 level
- Great for college / uni / job / modern and graduate apprenticeship applications
- Theory complemented with industry projects supported by employers

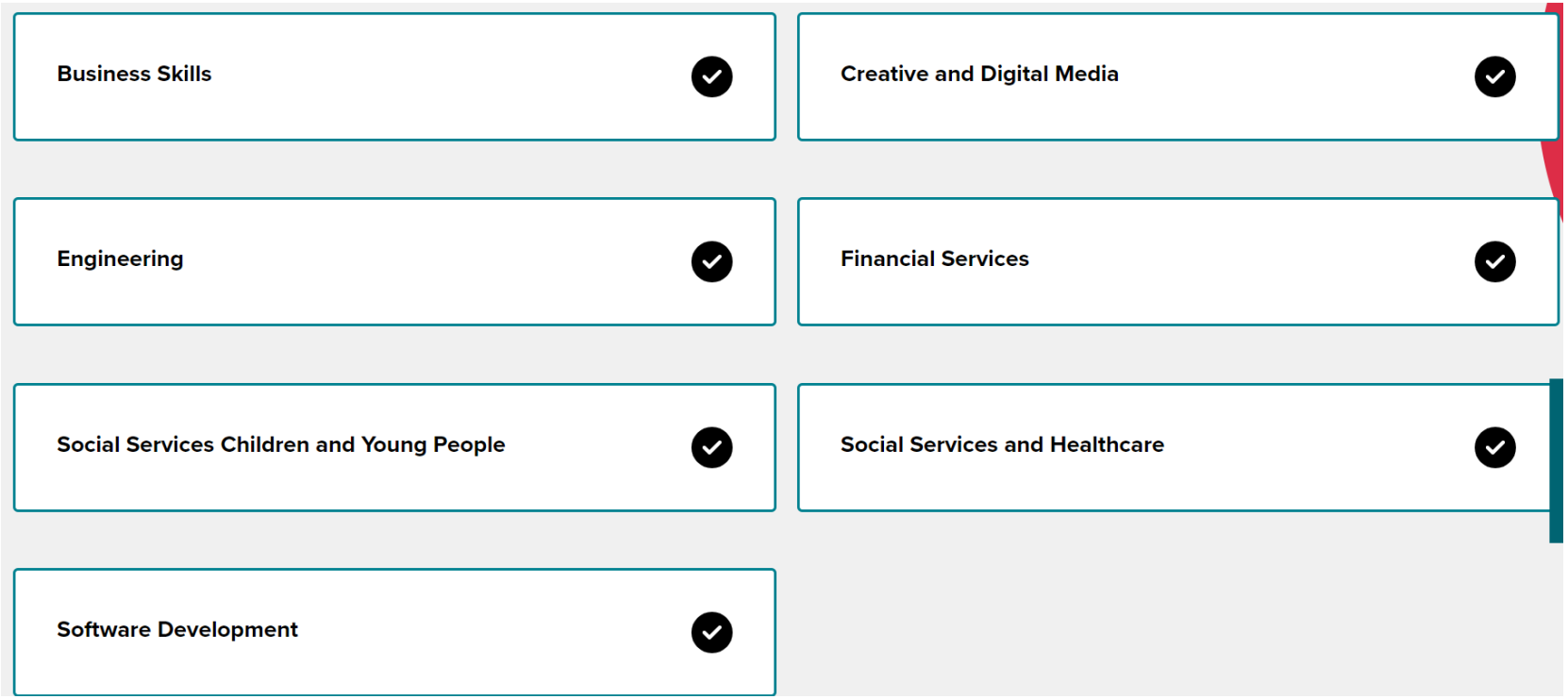
When can I do it?

- S5 and S6 – some last for 2 years, others for 1 year

What are the options?

FA Info Lucy's Story

Foundation Apprenticeships BHS



- Delivered through Edinburgh College
- Universities: Count as one Higher at Grade A
- Discuss with PSL as part of subject choice

Modern Apprenticeship

What is it?

- Get a job, get paid, get qualified!
- 80% work-based 20% theory
- Real-world environment, industry experience + learning
- Normally requires N4/5s

When can I do it?

- Once you've left school – 16 and over.
- Kieran's Story

What are the options?

- Over 100 different types of MAs: Local Vacancies

MA
Modern Apprenticeships
From Skills Development Scotland

Graduate Apprenticeship

What is it?

- Get a job, get paid, get qualified!
- Alternative to uni – normally need 4/5 Highers
- Get a degree + industry experience
- Liam's Story

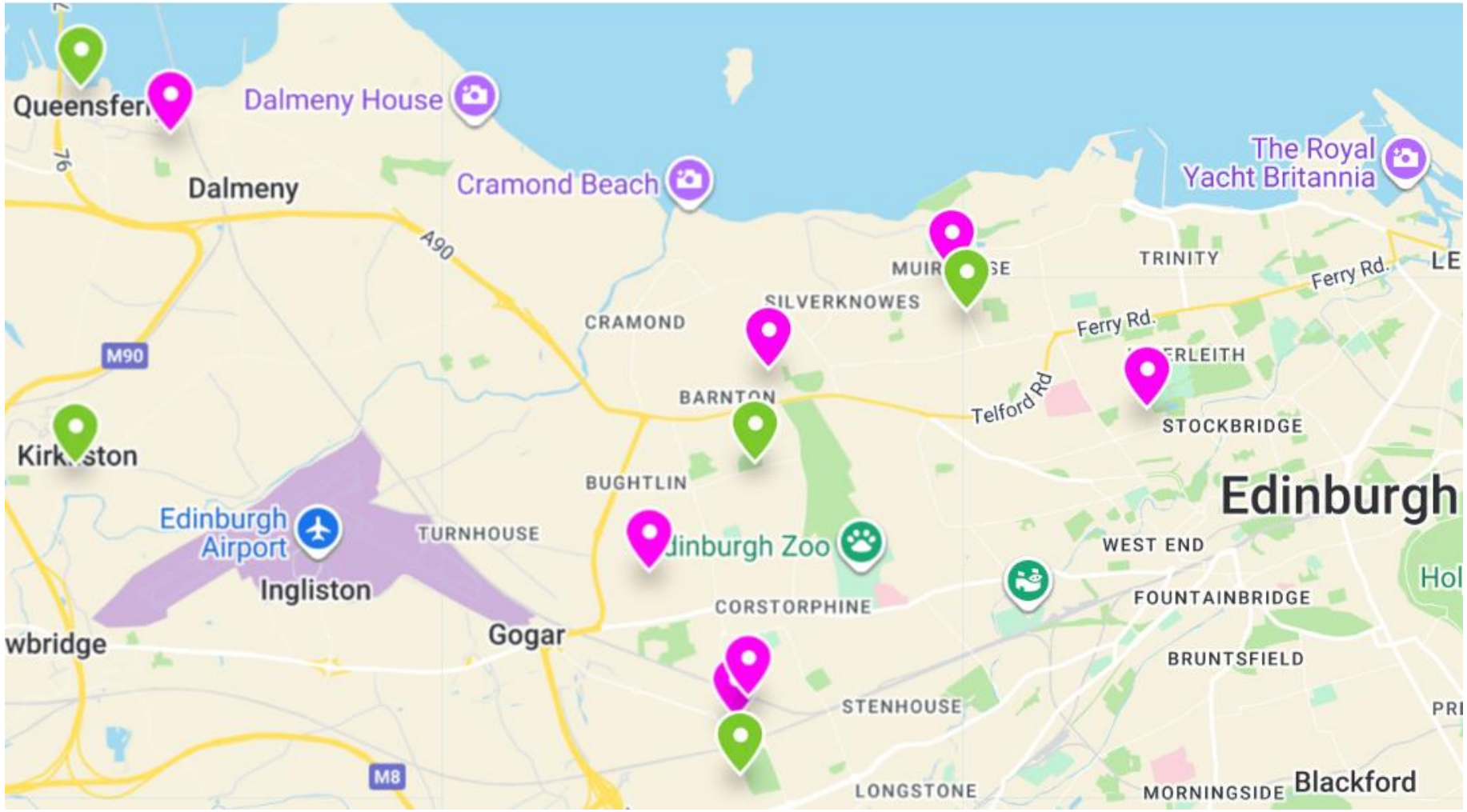
When can I do it?

- Once you've left school

What are the options?

- There are 14 types (Business, Engineering, IT Cyber, ELC) : apprenticeships.scot

SDS Edinburgh Northwest Locations

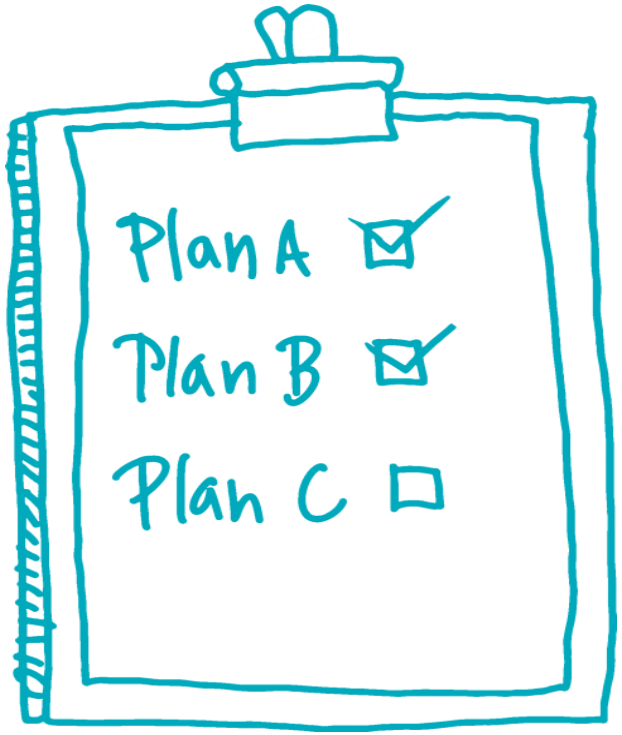


SDS Edinburgh Locations

SDS Edinburgh - Call us on 0800 917 8000 for help & advice

- Edinburgh College: Sighthill, Milton Road
- Job Centres: High Riggs, Leith, Wester Hailes
- Waverley Court, Volunteer Edinburgh
- North Edinburgh Community Renewal, Drumbrae Hub,
- Libraries: Muirhouse, Craigmillar, Currie, Gilmerton, Oxgangs, Kirkliston, Queensferry

My Plan



Ways of supporting young people

- Having career conversations at home
- Encouraging exploration and research
- Attending open days and events together
- Supporting decision-making without pressure

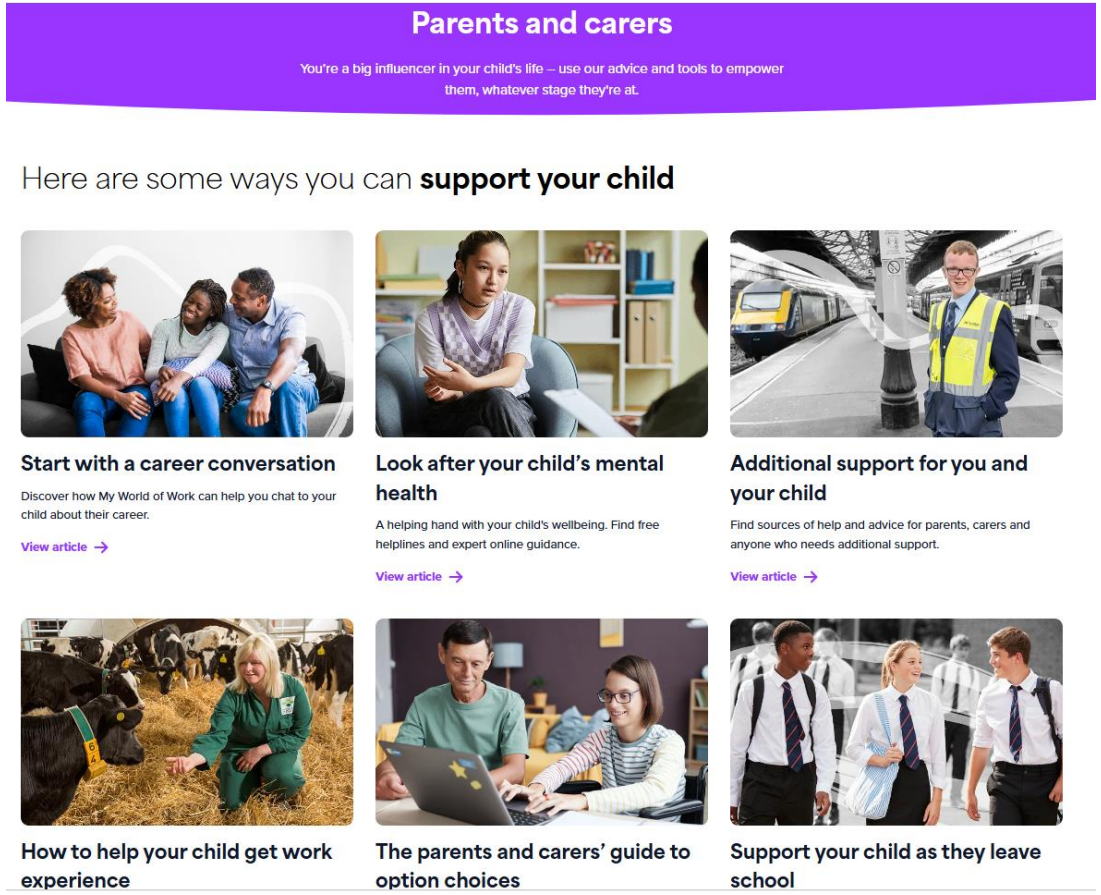
Useful Resources

- My World of Work
- Planit Plus
- UCAS Website
- Edinburgh College website
- Apprenticeships.scot
- Local events and webinars

https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/

What's out there?

How to find the right information



- Parent /Carer Section
- Support Your Child
- Personal Profile
- Job / Industry Profiles
- Course Search
- CV Builder
- Application and Interview Info
- Skills Tools

SDS Parent and Carers' Webinar

Careers Adviser Contact

Contact Details:

- Based in careers room in school library
- Usually Mon, Tue, Wed (p.m.), Thurs, Fri
- email: tony.mitchell@sds.co.uk
- Mobile: 07407 815 082

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