

# Welcome to: Senior Phase Options

2024 - 2025



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

# What are NPAs?

- NPAs aim to assess skills and knowledge in specialist areas, without the need for a final exam. The outcome is a Pass or Fail, no grades are attributed.
- They also link to National Occupational Standards, which are the basis of SVQs.
- NPAs are at SCQF Levels 2-6 and are delivered in partnership between schools, colleges and employers. However, Gleniffer High have developed a number of NPAs which we run solely in school.
- We also offer the Professional Development Award at Level 7 in Refereeing.
- If pupils are planning on going straight from school to university we recommend focusing on Higher level qualifications as these form the entry requirements for university.

# Pathways

- Jobs, apprenticeships, college, and university places are highly competitive. Young people are competing with others from a range of different schools.
- Best Five in S5!
- S6 to pick up additional qualifications.
- There is strong evidence to suggest resits are not statistically successful.
- Pupils are not able to 'drop' subjects. If pupils are not performing well enough to pass later in the year, we will discuss fall back options (like an NPA for example). However, pupils are expected to continue studying all subjects for the year.

# Subject Pathways

- In S5, you must choose 5 Subjects.
- In S6, you must choose 4 subjects *unless you are doing 2 Advanced Highers. In this case you can choose 3. (Keep an eye on EMA hours if you are doing three.)*
- This subject can be any level but you should choose the highest level you will succeed at.  
**What subject?**
- If you are sitting mostly National 5s this year and are expected to perform at A/B then you should be sitting 5 Highers in S5.
- If you are studying a blend of N4 and N5 this year or are performing at N5 C in some subjects, then it is recommended that you sit a combination of **Highers/NPAs/National 5s.**
- Aim for the best 5, i.e the subjects you have the best chance of achieving the highest level of qualification.

# What is consortium?

- Consortium is an arrangement where subjects are studied in the authority but based in another school or college.
- Consortium subjects can be requested, however not guaranteed.
- Consortium subjects will not start until end of August (although could be earlier) in the new term.
- Schools across the authority have aligned their timings in columns D&E so it is best to request consortium subjects in these columns.
- We can ask for bespoke arrangements, if it suits the timetable of the school running the course and the pupil timetable.
- College takes place on a Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday afternoon. These are subjects which cannot be offered in school and are Vocational Based.



<b>Level 5 Qualifications:</b>	
N5 Administration	N5 Music
N5 Business Management	N5 Music Technology
N5 Computing Science	NPA Musical Performing
NPA Computer Games Development (Level 5)	N5 PE
N5 English	N5 Applied Sciences with forensics
N5 Practical Cookery	N5 Environmental Science
N5 Care	N5 Biology
NPA Criminology	N5 Physics
Level 5 Scottish Studies	N5 Chemistry
N5 Travel and Tourism	N5 Art and Design
N5 Apps of Maths	NPA Art & Design with Painting
N5 Mathematics	NPA Art and Design
N5 Spanish	NPA Drawing
N5 French	N5 Practical Metalwork
N5 German	N5 Graphic Communication
NPA Bakery and Barista	NPA Construction (level 5)
NPA Photography	N5 Creative Industries (SfW)

<b>Level 6 Qualifications:</b>	
Higher Spanish	Higher Administration
Higher French	Higher Business Management
NPA Musical Theatre (Level 6)	NPA Events and Customer Service (Level 6)
Higher Music	Higher Computing Science
Higher Music Technology	NPA Computer Games Development (Level 6)
Higher PE	Higher English
PDA Refereeing	Level 6 Leadership
L6 Sports Development	Higher HFT
Higher Physics	Higher Care
Higher Chemistry	Higher RMPS
Higher Human Biology	Higher Geography
Higher Environmental	Higher History
CAD (Level 6)	Higher Modern Studies
Higher Art and Design	Higher Practical Cookery
Higher Photography	Higher Applications of Mathematics
Higher Graphic Communication	Higher Mathematics
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**Advanced Higher:**  
**English, History, Modern Studies, Maths, Music, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Art and Design**  
**College: Automotive, Foundation Apprenticeships, Business Computing and Finance, Care, Life Sciences and Social Care, Construction and Engineering, Creative Industries, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Travel and Tourism**

# What is the process?

A link will be sent to parents and carers to indicate whether you want to be part of the options interview or you are happy for your child to meet with DHT of house on their own.

Tracking will be analysed and given to DHT to support decision making process.

Appointment times will be text to parents/carers. Please remind your child of this appointment! Young people must attend at these times in DHT office.

DHT will record options request.

Not all requests can be guaranteed, if there is an issue you may have to re-opt.

There are no options renegotiations in June. Any changes following SQA results will be made prior to the new school session when SLT will come in during their holidays.

Pupils must opt for minimum subject requirements or will be asked to either return as an 'attending adult' or supported to make a more suitable transition. Both of these options formally end a young person's time as a "pupil" of Gleniffer HS.

**The next slide indicates the wealth of subjects you may be able to access at level 5/6/7.**