



**CURRIE COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL**



Parent/ Carer Information Evening: Monday 28th October 2024

Aims of the evening

- To understand how the qualifications system works in Scotland today.
- To be able to more confidently support our young people through the Senior Phase.



What is SQA?



Scottish Qualifications Authority

- The awarding body who generate all the final assessments and, ultimately, decide on your child's grades.



Levels of Courses

National 3 or National 4

NPAs @ Level 5 or Level 6

National 5

Higher

Advanced Higher



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.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

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



Coursework

- Course specifications.
- Most courses have an element of assessed coursework which is completed in school then sent to SQA for marking.
- These can be called different things for different subjects. For example: Folios, Assignments and Projects
- There are different rules for these for the different courses and the amount they are worth will also vary from course to course.
- There will be internal and external deadlines that have to be met and your support with these is immeasurable.

Malpractice



When completing coursework, learners must make sure they are not:

- Using work which is not their own.
- Using Chat GPT/ AI to complete work.
- Using Internet sources inappropriately to complete work.

Formal Assessments

- Also known as prelims or mock exams.
- They are carried out over a two-week period in November (S4) and January (S5/6) under formal exam conditions.
- Set by the school to give young people and their teachers an indication of what level they are working at and what they need to do to improve further.
- Important exam experience.
- Vital part of the evidence we build up throughout the year.
- Final assessment window in March – some “2nd prelims”, visiting assessors and finalising coursework to send off to SQA.





Grading & Estimates

SQA National Grade Boundaries

Band	Grade mark
1.	A upper 85- 100
2.	A lower 70- 84
3.	B upper 65- 69
4.	B lower 60-64
5.	C upper 55- 59
6.	C lower 50-54
7.	D 45-49
8.	Fail 40- 44
9.	Fail Less than 40

- National 3-4 and NPAs etc are Pass/ Fail only.
- National 5/ Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications are awarded a final grade.
- The grading system is letters but these are broken down further.
- Estimates are predicted grades **based on evidence we hold for a young person**. All candidates must have an estimate submitted to proceed to the final exam.

Final Exams

- Start at the end of April and run until the end of May.
- This year it's 28th April until 30th May.
- Students all get individual timetable but can check online now when their exams will take place.
- [Exam timetable and learner apps – SQA](#)
- Learners who have additional arrangements will get a bespoke timetable with their arrangements listed from Mrs Barton.
- Study leave arrangements will be shared in March.
- Parents/ Carers should contact the school if a young person is unwell and going to miss an exam.





Exceptional Circumstances & Appeals

- If a young person experiences anything that impacts their performance in an exam or ability to attend exam, please let the school know as soon as possible.
- The system for appeals is different and happens after results are issued in August. SQA publish guidance around this in March/ April each year.

Results Day – Certificates and Digital



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Summary of attainment up to August 2023

Qualification	Grade	Date	SCQF Level
National Group Awards National Progression Award Sports Development SCQF Level 6		08/2023	6
National Courses Advanced Higher Music	A	08/2023	7
Higher Physical Education	B	08/2023	6
National 5 English	C	08/2023	5
National 5 Mathematics	B	08/2023	5
National 5 Nuadh-Eolas	D	08/2023	5
National 5 Early Learning and Childcare		08/2023	5
National 4 Business		08/2023	4
National Units Art and Design: Design Activity		08/2023	6
Numeracy		08/2023	5

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