



S5 Upper School Option Choices Presentation 2 – January 2021



Areas to be Highlighted – presentation 2 (January)

- Course progression routes and pathways
- Youth Employment Provision
- Choosing courses
- Courses available/changes/new courses
- Options literature
- August 2022



- Course progression routes and pathways

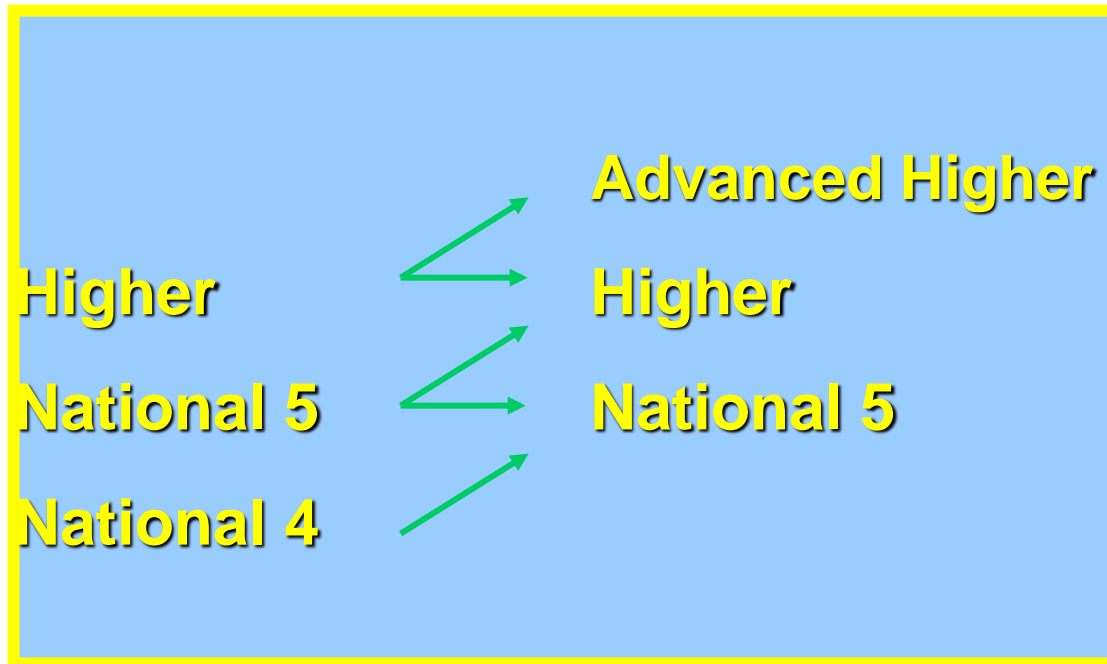


Progression from S4 to S6

SQA NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Advantages

Progression for all into S5 and S6



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications	SQA Other Qualifications	Other Awards (S6)
3	National 3		
4	National 4	NPA (National Progression Award) Award	
5	National 5	NPA (National Progression Award) Award	Sports Leader Award
6	Higher	NPA (National Progression Award) Award	
7	Advanced Higher		YASS

<https://scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/interactive-framework/>

Appropriate Progression is key to success

S4	S5	S6
		Advanced Higher
National 5 (A/B)	Higher 2 year Higher	Year 2 of Higher Higher
National 5 (C)	National 5 upgrade or alternative course	National 5 / alternative course
National 4	National 5	National 5 / alternative course



- Youth employment provision



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROVISION

- **Approach to work related learning as part of the school curriculum**
 - work placements
 - SQA accredited unit course delivered via PSE
- **Foundation Apprenticeships (if opted for as a subject option, 3 or 4 courses delivered in school and one course delivered outwith school)**
- **Access to Engineering**
- **GradU8**
- **In S6 FAs and GradU8 are available as well.**



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROVISION - Foundation Apprenticeships

What are they:

- A blended learning experience combine school, college and work based activities.
- Time will be spent out of school at college and/or with an employer.
- Linked to growth sectors in the economy.
- Qualifications are recognised by industry employers that are the equivalent of higher / SCQF level 6.
- Some of which (increasingly so) are recognised at university entrance requirement level equivalent to Higher.

Subject areas generally available:

Accountancy

Business skills

Financial Services

Creative Digital Media

ICT Hardware

ICT Software

Civil Engineering

Engineering Systems

Children & Young People

Food & Drink Technologies

Scientific Technologies

Social Services & Healthcare

Important points of note:

- **Of equivalent level to a Higher course**, entrance requirements for all FA courses, state that candidates must be capable of working at higher level as well as other course specific entry requirements.
 - Express an interest on option sheet, pupils still select 5 courses, if successful in the application process, this option would replace the subject choice in column 3.
 - Taken over 2 years, Tues/Thur afternoon, would replace course option in column 3 of the course choice sheet. Normally 2 days out of school in S6.
- or
- Taken over 1 year, 2 days out of school each week. Consider implications on other courses carefully.
 - Applications made to college for places, application form to be completed, live now.
 - **Competitive entry, interview, aptitude tests.**



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROVISION – Access to Engineering

- Organised in partnership with Strathclyde University and New College Lanarkshire (Motherwell Campus).
- It is aimed at young people who are interested in a career in Engineering (excludes Aeronautical).
- The traditional pathway for young people would normally be Highers (school) then onto university to study at degree level. This is a very competitive pathway and the entry requirements are extremely high (4 'A' & 1 'B' passes at Higher at a first sitting).
- Many pupils find this difficult to attain. Strathclyde university has recognised this and is offering young people who would struggle to follow this pathway straight from school an alternative route.

Criteria for Entry:

- Pupils **MUST** be capable of achieving Higher Mathematics and Higher Physics by the end of S6. This is to ensure pupils can cope with the level of study in the Engineering programme as well as have the required qualifications to apply for the Engineering Academy at the end of S6.
- This will form one of their 5 subject choices in S5 and they will commit to study this programme for two years, replaces column 3.
- If pupil is interested in Bio- Engineering they must be doing Biology and if they are interested in Chemical Engineering they must be doing Chemistry.
- This is **Not** a suitable pathway if interested in Aeronautical Engineering.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROVISION - GradU8

- Vocational based learning in college (New College Lanarkshire or South Lanarkshire College).
- One day per week, at present on a Monday
- Combination of SCQF level 4/5 courses.
- Applications are made via the school (DYW Coordinator). Tight deadline, restricted number of places per school.
- Monday 9.30 am -2.30 pm
- **Courses available:**

Barbering & Hair
Uniformed Services
Digital & Media
Construction (Crafts & Trades)
Health & Social Care
Access to Business & Accountancy

Engineering
Make up Artistry
Beauty
Hospitality
Sports Fitness

- If interested tick on the option form and also note the course interested in.



- Choosing courses
- Courses available/courses not available/new courses



Choosing courses

What should be considered and reflected upon?

- A 2 year pathway. Plan for both S5 and S6 together.
- Or Leaving at the end of S5? Prioritise for this.
- Taking the right subjects.
 - What am I capable of?
 - What do I enjoy?
 - Where do I currently experience success? Consider pursuing this and bank further success in S5.
- Exploring all routes (2 year plan, YE provision)
- Building your skills.
- Is attendance an issue?
- Very important: entrance requirements to employment, training, college and university. Research these at this stage.
- What can I leave until S6, what new courses can I pick up in S6?
- Ensure you are as competitive as possible.
- Work towards striving to ensure a robust SQA and skills portfolio on leaving school.
- Make the most of a dialogue with your S4 teachers.
- A mature approach to this process, S5 and S6 are quite different from S4 in many ways.



Other:

- Core PE/Private Study (choose one)
- Leadership course (optional, would replace option 2 above)
- Youth employment provision.
- *Aspire (August-December only), must be leaving school in December 2021, possibility of college input via SLC.*
- *Early college entry, can't leave until December 2021 but wish to apply to college? We can support early entry.*
- *Extended work experience, can't leave until December 2021, have a family or connection in the world of work? We can support an extended work experience placement.*



- Options Literature
- Courses available next session and things to think about
- August 2021



Important documents to look out for:

Guidance Booklets

- Options Guidance booklet: 21/22
- Senior Phase course options: N5 and other courses 2021/22
- Senior Phase course options: Higher 2021/22
- **Senior Phase course options: Advanced Higher & S6 only courses 2021/22**
- S5 Options Sheet 2021/22

Youth Employment Provision

- **Foundation Apprenticeship provision**
- **GradU8 provision**

All available on our school website: www.calderside.s-lanark.sch.uk

Calderside Academy Draft Upper School Option Choice Sheet 2021-2022

Subjects At Higher Level/SCQF Level 6

Accounting	Administration	Art & Design	Biology
Business Mgt.	Chemistry	Classical Studies	Computing
Drama	French	Geography	Graph Comm
History	Physics	Modern Studies	Music
PE	<i>Pers Develop</i>	Spanish	

Subjects at National 5 Level/SCQF level 5

Accounting	Administration & IT	Art & Design	Biology
<i>Business & IT</i>	Business Mgt.	Chemistry	Cookery
<i>Criminology</i>	<i>Cyber Security</i>	Drama	<i>Early Years</i>
<i>Electronics</i>	<i>Employability</i>	French	Graphic Comm
<i>Lab Skills</i>	<i>Metalwork</i>	Music	<i>Photography</i>
<i>Pers Develop</i>	<i>Scottish Studies</i>	Spanish	<i>Sport & Recreation</i>
<i>Travel & Tourism</i>	Practical Craft	Physics	

Other:

Carpentry and Woodworking course (school based)

Youth Employment Provision: GradU8, Foundation Apprenticeships

****denotes a new course to you and also an NPA/Award***

**** If blue this is a new course to you and is an N5 course***

In August

SQA Results Day, Tuesday 10 August 2021.

Review of option choices, after SQA results have been published, August 2021.

Re-coursing.

Short window available for change until the end of August when choices are sent to SQA.

attendance **MATTERS**

FACT

90% attendance, sounds good? = **FOUR weeks of absence a year!**

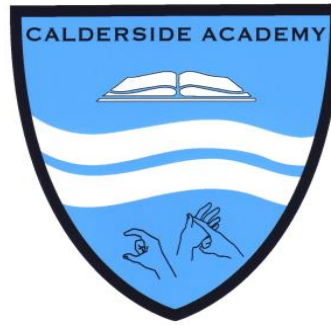
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FOUR weeks = 24 periods of missed learning!

Expectations

- Attendance, but also commitment
- Homework
- Folio Deadlines (planning is vital)
- Prelims
- Progress Reporting





Questions?

- *Mrs Benn (DYW Coordinator)*
- *Pupil Support teacher*

