

Senior Phase Parent Information Evening



Why 'Senior Phase?'

- **S1 – S3 Broad General Education**
- **S4 – S6 Senior Phase**

2016

- **First presentation of New Advanced Highers.**
- **Completion of full Curriculum for Excellence roll out.**

Senior Phase Information Evening



- **Outline exam system including Assessment Arrangements.**
- **Study Advice.**
- **Skills Development Scotland.**
- **Option choices.**

National Qualifications

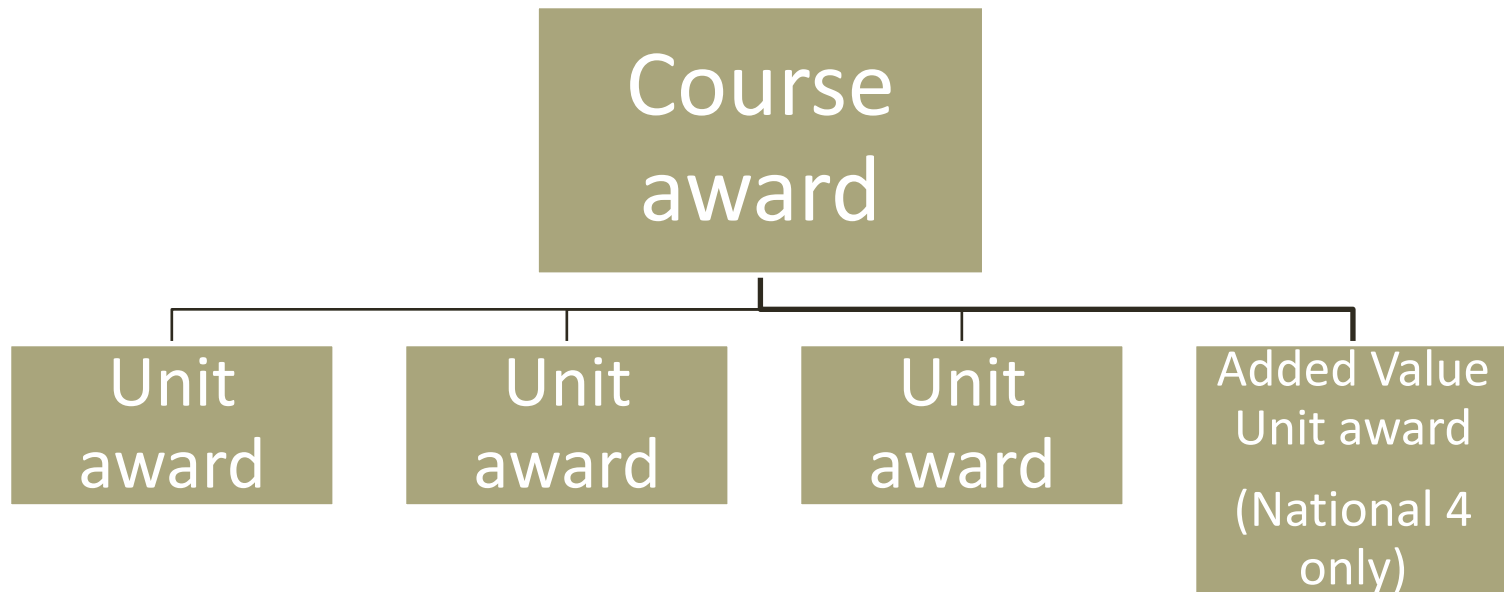
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<u>Benchmarking</u>	<u>Old Qualification</u>		<u>New CfE Qualifications</u>
SCQF 7	Advanced Higher	→	New Advanced Higher
SCQF 6	Higher	→	New Higher
SCQF 5	Standard Grade Credit / Int. 2	→	National 5
SCQF 4	Standard Grade General / Intermediate 1	→	National 4
SCQF 3	Standard Grade Foundation / Access 3	→	National 3

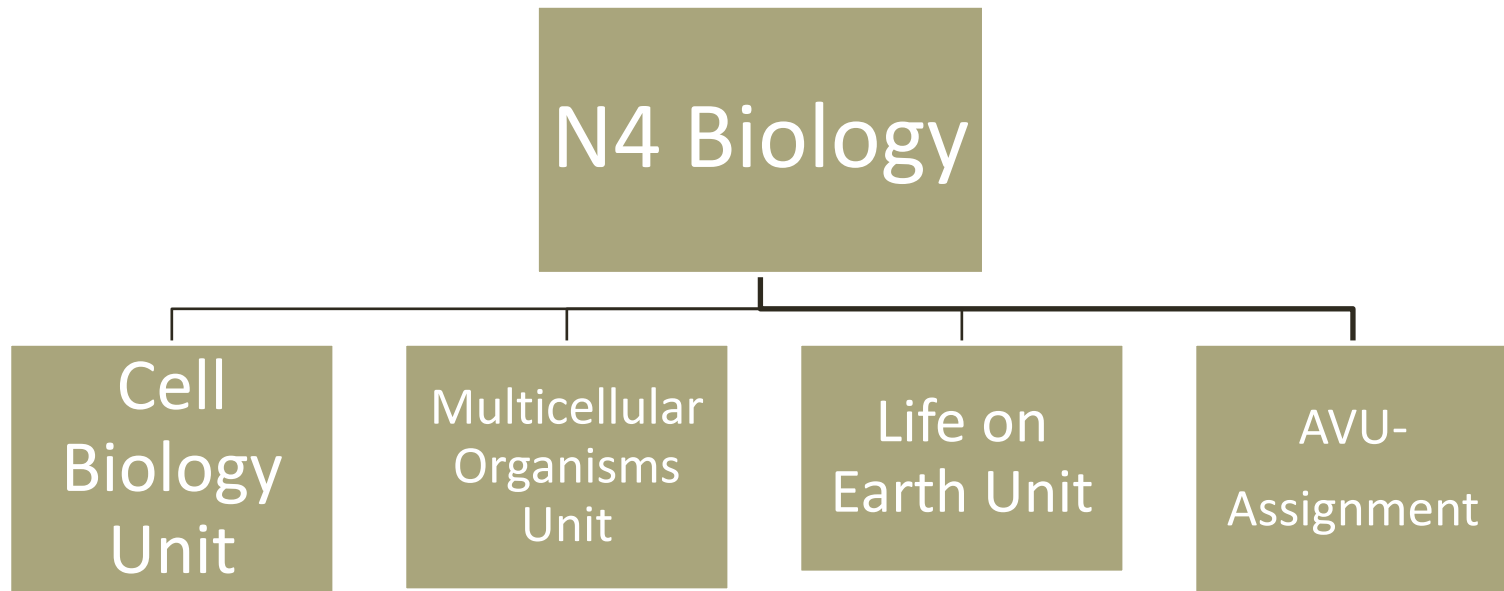
National 3 & National 4

- Consists of two or three units plus Added Value Unit
- The units are assessed within the class
- No external exam
- Pupils must pass all units
- Pass/Fail

National 3 & National 4



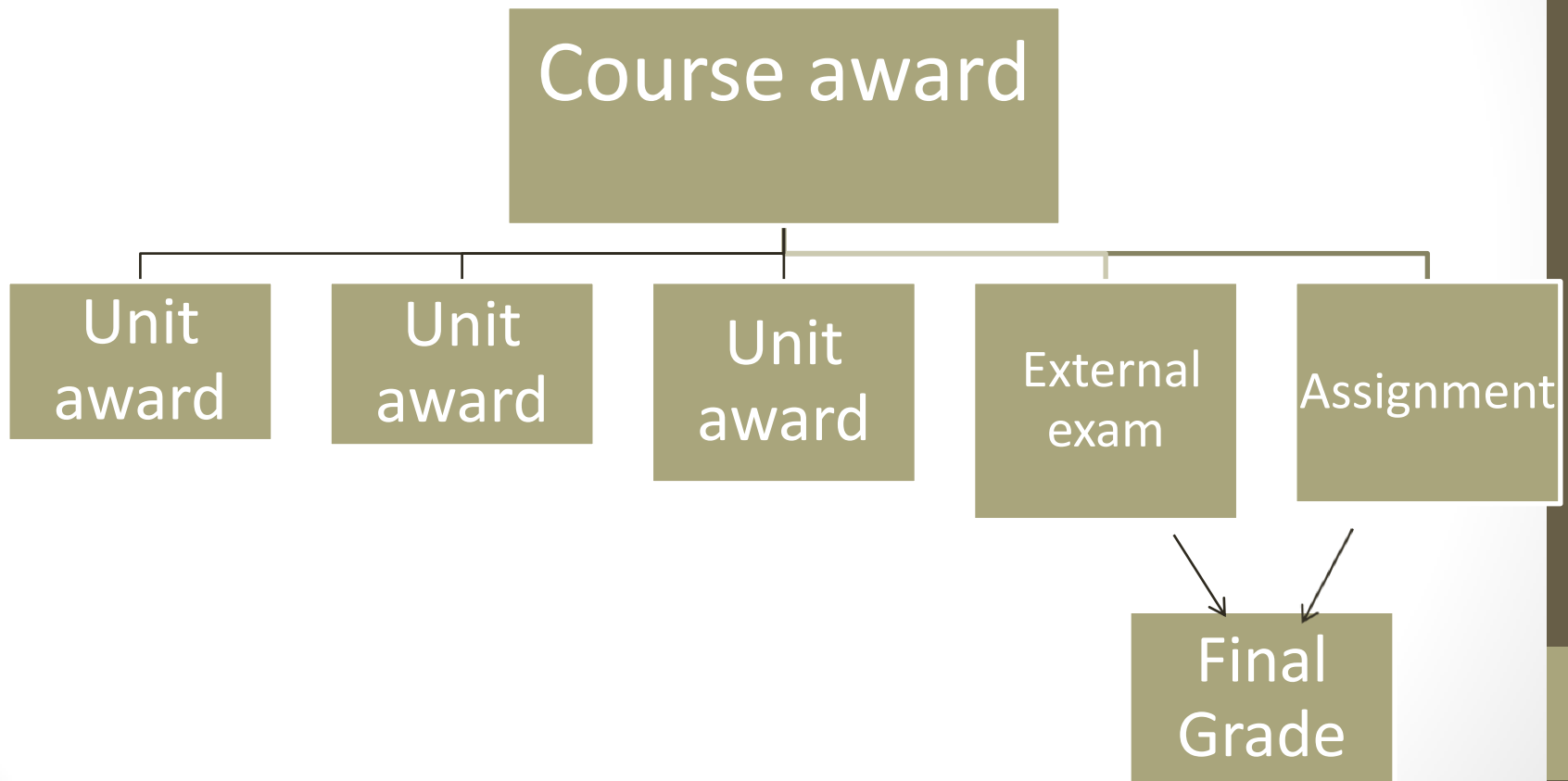
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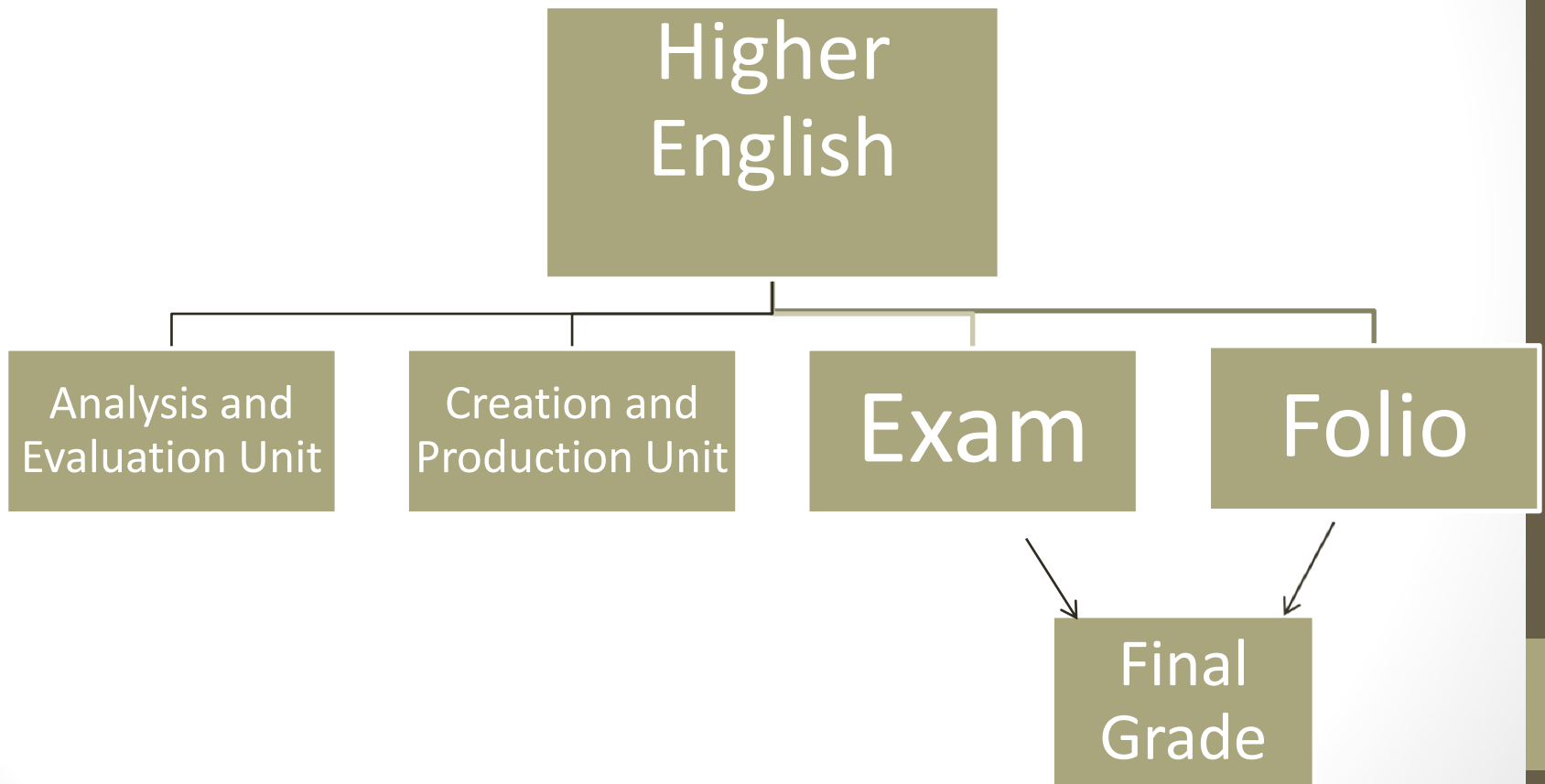
National 5, Higher & AH

- Consist of two or three **units plus course assessment (e.g. exam)**.
- Units = **assessed within the class** (subject to verification)
- Course assessment = **externally assessed** (exceptions apply)
External Question Paper (exam)– May/June
Assignment/portfolio/performance – Spring term
- National 5/Higher graded **A-D or No Award**
Course assessment only determines the pupil's final grade.

National 5, Higher & AH



National 5, Higher & AH



Importance of Internal Unit Assessments

- To ensure candidates have achieved minimum competency & to support learning
- Cannot gain course award without them
- Two attempts to pass(third in exceptional circumstances)
- Problems with rescheduling due to absence
- What happens if a pupil doesn't achieve the internal assessments?

See Dingwall Academy website for Senior Phase Assessment Timeline.

SQA

National Exams 2017

- Begin on Monday, 2nd May
- Finish on Friday, 2nd June
- Study leave details to be confirmed after Christmas

Results Service



Exceptional Circumstances

Before results are published



Post Results Review Service

After results have been published

Exceptional Circumstances

- There must be a fundamental disadvantage affecting exam day
- Personal circumstances:
 - bereavement
 - medical (not e.g. common cold)
 - domestic
- Examination circumstances:
 - incorrect assessment arrangements
 - extreme disruption

Post Results Service

If pupil's results are markedly at odds with estimated grade/overall performance, school can request:



Clerical check

Check that marks tally



Marking review

Clerical check plus Senior Examiner remark

Further Information

- ***Assessment in a Nutshell*** - overview of new qualifications
 - http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/a/genericresource_tcm4828401.asp
- ***Nationals in a Nutshell*** – subject specific information
 - <http://www.npfs.org.uk/nationals-in-a-nutshell/>
- ***SQA.org.uk*** – Detailed information on all aspects of new qualifications
 - <http://www.sqa.org.uk/>

Testing times ...

- **How many weeks until the prelim exams start?**

- 17 weeks



Prelim Examinations

- 16th January —
3rd February
2017



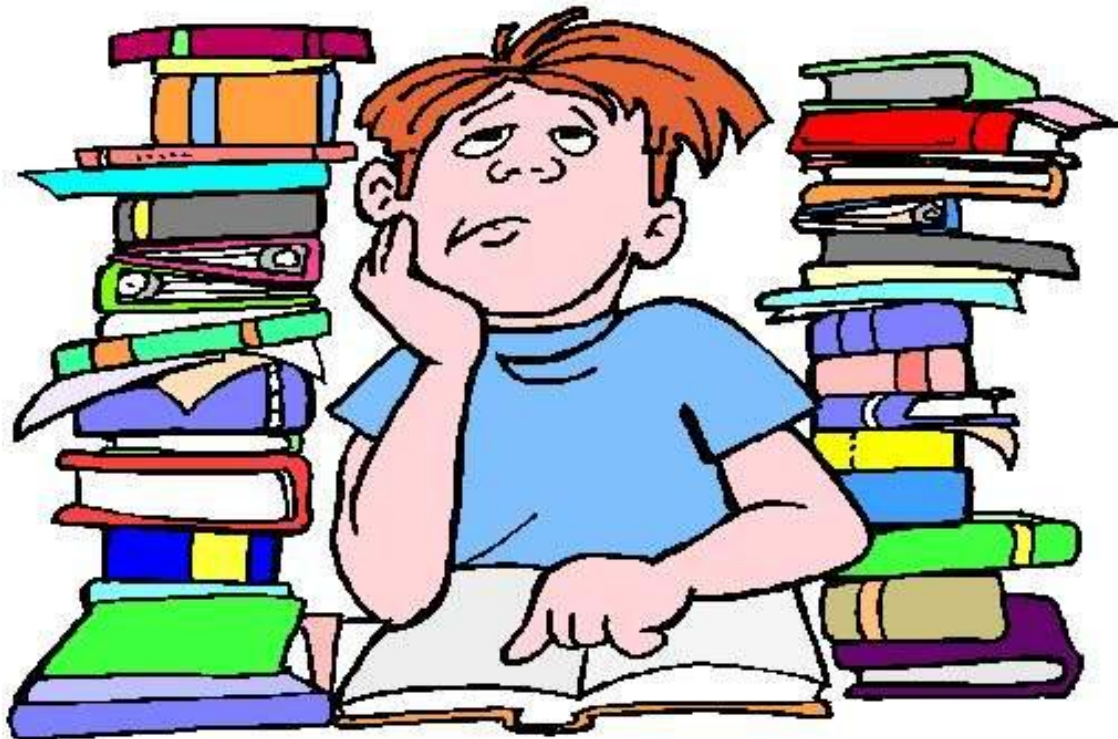
Testing times ...

- **How many weeks until the SQA exams start?**

Testing times ...

- **How many weeks until the SQA exams start?**
- **27 weeks**

Studying



Speaking from experience ...

- Don't make ridiculous study aims.
- Make quality notes that you understand.
- Study the material you don't understand and not the material you do – get out of your comfort zone!



Speaking from experience ...

- Short, focused study sessions. Quality rather than quantity.
- Make use of your class time and concentrate on new material your teachers give you.
- If you are finding past papers a bit tricky, do a few with your notes beside you before going on to practise in exam conditions.

How do I know they are studying?!

- **Reading alone of limited value**
- **Study session made up of shorter revision blocks**
- **Reading and ...**
- **Mind Maps**
- **Revision Notes**
- **Post it notes**
- **Highlighted key words**

How can I help?

- **Build revision time into family life**
- **Create a quiet space**
- **Reward – cups of tea chocolate biscuits!**
- **Breaks from revision**

Help consolidate revision by

- **Reading over summary notes**
- **Asking for explanation of mind map**
- **Timed past papers**
- **Ask for explanation of answers**

Past Papers



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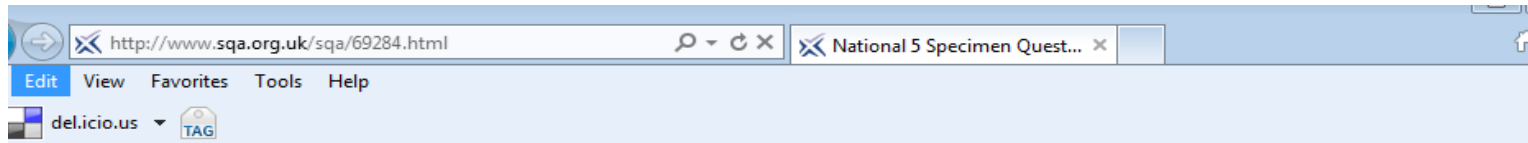
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Past Papers



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National 5 Specimen Question Papers

The documents below illustrate the standard, structure and requirements of the question papers learners will sit from session 2013-14. These also include marking instructions.

View [Higher Specimen Question Papers](#)

[Hodder Education](#) have produced sets of additional model papers for many subjects too. These include copies of the SQA specimen question papers and are available to buy now.

BBC Bitesize

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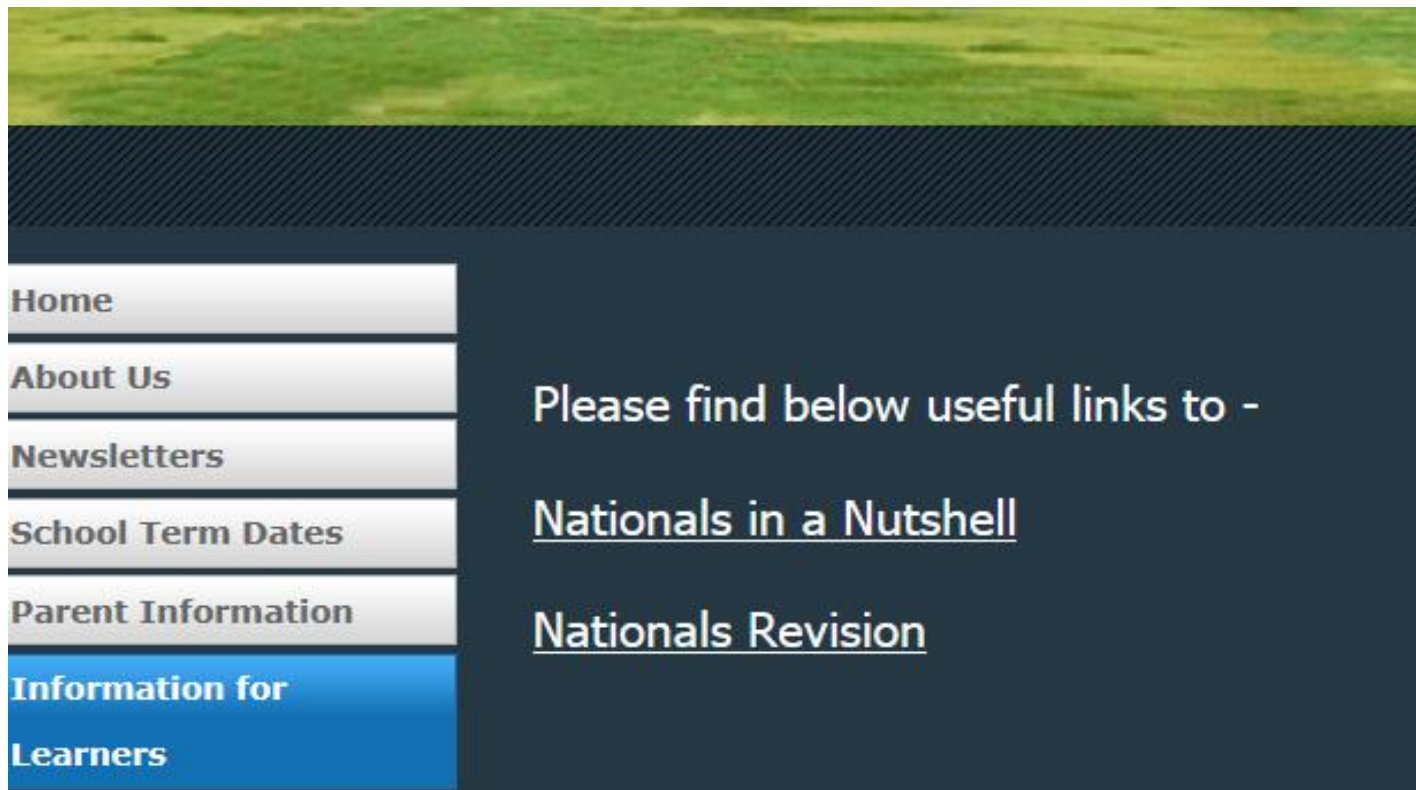
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School based websites



Social Subjects

Department Website Links

Please find below links to department websites, and information. This section is still under development.

English - [click here for the English Department website](#)

Music - [click here for the Music Department website](#)

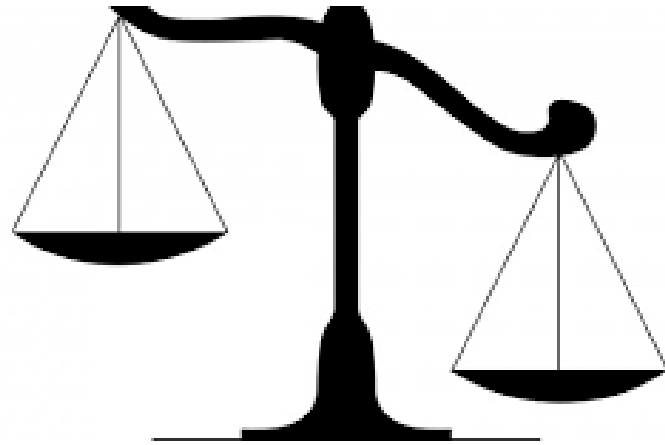
Social Subjects - [click here for the Social Subjects website](#)

Mathematics

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/room234/>. The browser tabs include "Room 234 Entrance" and "Social Subjects Department Di...". The website content is on a purple background and features the title "Room 234" in large, colorful, block letters. A central graphic of a ladder has various educational links on either side. On the left side of the ladder, the links are: "Advanced Higher" (with a graduation cap icon), "SQA Exams" (with a star icon), "Intermediate 1", and "1M2" (on a purple block). On the right side, the links are: "Careers" (with a globe icon), "College" (with a globe icon), "Higher Apprenticeships", "Intermediate 2", and "3M1" (on a purple block). To the left of the ladder is a cartoon yellow school bus labeled "ROOM 234" and "Class 1M5 2014". On the right side of the page, there are three green buttons with yellow text: "S1-S3 Revision", "Higher Blog", and "National 5 Blog".

**Work,
school,
study, fun**

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
STUDY
FOR EXAMS**

That includes parents!



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Start the preparation now



Parent/pupil study support

- **S4 Assembly with focus on study skills.**
- **Twilight session for parents and pupils next term.**

Help your child plan their future -
Information for parents & carers

Nicola Madej



Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

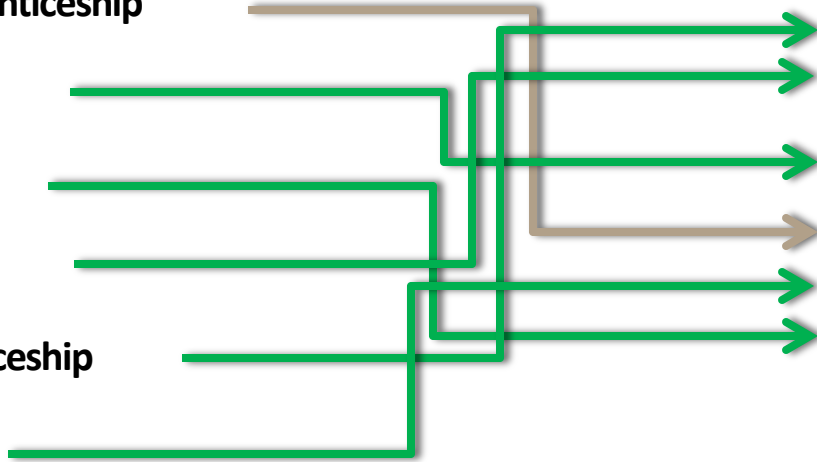
- **SDS is the national skills body supporting people and businesses to develop and apply their skills**
- **we work in partnership to enable people to reach their potential**
- **we support people to develop effective career management skills**
- **developing effective career management skills will enable people to make informed career choices throughout their life.**

Career Management Skills



Post-school choices

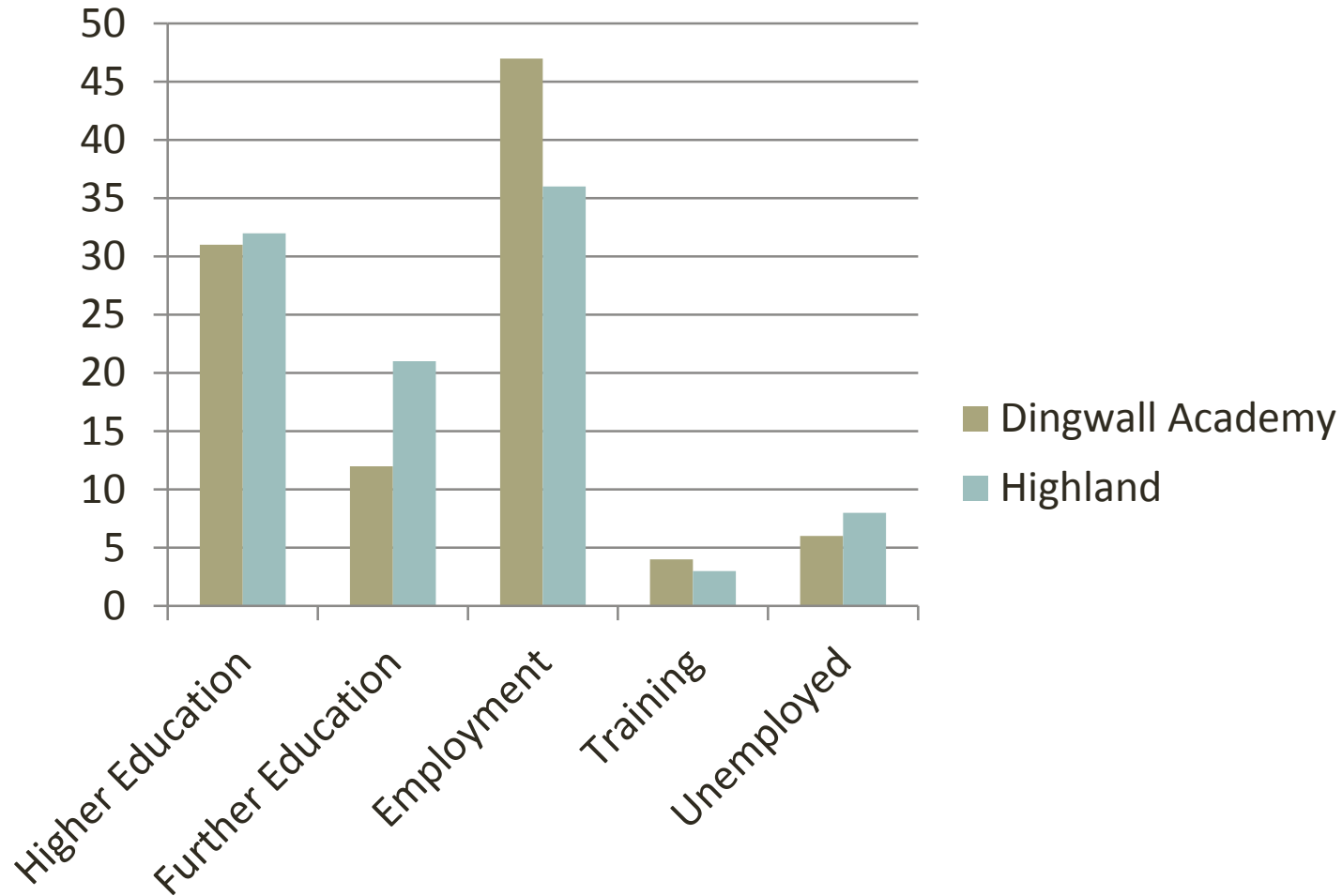
- foundation apprenticeship
- further education
- further training
- higher education
- modern apprenticeship
- employment.



World of
Work

School Leavers Destinations (SLDR)

Dingwall Academy



The changing youth labour market

- the youth labour market has changed massively over the last couple of decades
- there are many and varied routes into work for young people; including Modern Apprenticeships, college, university or further training
- the average person has 10 – 15 jobs in their lifetime
- 80% of jobs are not advertised
- this means young people have to be very well prepared for the world

of work



My World of Work

- **My World of Work is Scotland's careers information and advice web service**
- **it can support you as a parent / carer for careers advice and information, as well as helping you help your child**
- **your child will be introduced to My World of Work in school and will be supported to set up their individual user account. This will give them access to a wealth of career information, resources and tools.**

myworldofwork.co.uk

Helping you to help your child

Online:

myworldofwork.co.uk

Face-to-face:

School Careers Adviser – available in school every day.

Visit local SDS office: Church Street, Inverness (open daily)

Or High Street, Invergordon (by appointment)

Telephone:

Call us to free speak to an Adviser on 0800 917 8000

Useful resources

Produced in partnership with National Parent Forum Scotland, and written by parents for parents and carers, this guide to Career Education in Scotland sets out the opportunities your child will have and details SDS' input at each school year. Download it at:

npfs.org.uk/career-education-a-world-of-possibilities

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE IN A NUTSHELL
The National Parent Forum of Scotland Introduction to Career Education



Career Education: A World of Possibilities

Welcome to our Introduction to Career Education. Written for parents/carers by parents, this guide gives you important information about the exciting new approach to Career Education which aims to improve how children learn about the world of work.

Through Curriculum for Excellence, children and young people are learning crucial skills. Now they will be encouraged to understand the importance of these skills so that they can make positive and well-informed choices about jobs and careers throughout their learning journey. By learning about the world of work, they will gain a better understanding of how their skills, interests and strengths can be used in the workplace. With your help and the support of teachers, employers and careers advisers from Skills Development Scotland (SDS), this will open up a world of possibilities for every child.

Yours in partnership
The National Parent Forum of Scotland
www.parentforumscotland.org

In the following pages, you will find:

- information about the opportunities that your child will have from the ages of 3 to 18
- practical ideas for parents/carers and schools
- examples of Career Education in action
- a list of the extensive entitlements for children and young people
- useful contacts plus details about www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- information about Modern Apprenticeships
- links to National Parent Forum of Scotland resources



Skills
Development
Scotland

Senior Phase Options

- **Valuable learning can take place in a number of different contexts. Curriculum can be adapted to ensure that it is appropriate to pupil needs. Eg.**
- **Employability (Work Experience, Part time employment)**
- **College courses**
- **New courses on option form eg. Supporting Adult Literacy**