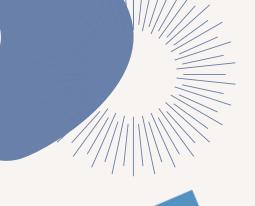


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Secondary School

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Secondary schools in Scotland

Children start secondary school after Primary 7 usually around the ages of 11-12.

The school term starts in August and lasts up to the end of June with several holidays in between.

You can apply for a place at secondary school either online or through your local council's application form.

You will need to apply to your catchment school which is within your area.

However, if you wish to apply to another school then a placing request needs to be made to the Council.

The stages of secondary school are:

First Year (S1) Second Year (S2) Third Year (S3) Fourth Year (S4) Fifth Year (S5) Sixth Year (S6)

How should early learning and childcare hours be applied?

There are different types of secondary schools which include:

Denominational schools

Schools associated with a particular religion.

Non denominational schools

Schools that not related to one particular religion or religious group.

Independent schools

Private schools not funded by the government.

Schools for pupils with additional support needs.



The curriculum

The secondary school curriculum has two distinct phases, junior and senior.

The Broad General Education is from S1 to S3 and the Senior Phase from S4 to S6. Young people usually have the chance to choose their own subjects in S4, S5 and S6.

This is normally 7 subjects in S4, 5 subjects in S5 and 3 - 4 subjects in S6.

Qualifications

The national qualifications in secondary school include:

- Nationals 1 to 5
- Higher
- Advanced Higher

Young people usually study National 5 in S4, Higher in S5 and Advanced Higher in S6. However, it is not always the case as it depends on the young person.

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) is responsible for developing and awarding the qualifications.



We hope you find this helpful!

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