

**Supporting your child
through SQA exams
Fortrose Academy 2023**

Welcome



FOCUS FOR TONIGHT

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- Introduction
- SQA Exams
- Revision resources, strategies and support
- Next steps - *Gillian Brandon SDS*
- Engagement with resources

Introduction

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- » Guide and support pupils in preparing for exams
- » Ensure awareness of processes and resources
- » Reduce concerns and issues that occur during the exam diet
- » Demonstrate some of the practical support resources available

SQA EXAMS

Start 24 April - 31 May

Study leave 24 April - 26 May

SQA EXAM PERIOD

INDIVIDUAL EXAM TIMETABLES/APPS

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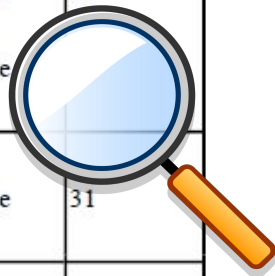
<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/1439.html>

- Students get their **own FORTROSE ACADEMY exam timetable** (paper copy)
- Exams may be on a Friday afternoon
- **Times may differ to the SQA website**



NOTE: This is the provisional timetable. All entries **MUST** be checked against the master timetable to ensure no examinations are missed. Please tell your teacher if your name, address or date of birth is incorrect, or if the list of examinations does not match what you expect. Please check the time and date of each examination is accurate. If special arrangements have been made for you, amend this sheet accordingly.

	Subject/Title	Date	Start	End	Room	Seat
C847	Mathematics					
National 5	Paper 1 Non-calculator	04/05/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Theatre	83
National 5	Paper 2	04/05/2022	10:45 AM	12:15 PM	Theatre	83
C824	English					
National 5	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	12/05/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Theatre	70
National 5	Critical Reading	12/05/2022	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Theatre	
C810	Business Management					
National 5	Question Paper	18/05/2022	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Theatre	31
C807	Biology					
National 5	Question Paper	19/05/2022	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	Theatre	49
C837	History					
National 5	Question Paper	20/05/2022	1:00 PM	3:20 PM	Theatre	51



Example

THINGS TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD

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- Are all subjects included?*
- Check levels eg N5, H or AH
- Assessment arrangements - extra time? Room?
- Take a photo/copy
- Ensure right dates entered on the calendar
- Set alerts on phone
- * *'Sitting at' eg H Computing Science - add manually as presented by a different centre*

Let me know!

SQA PROCEDURES ON THE DAY

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- Have their exam timetable with them
- Must be on time – outside room 10 mins before start
- If late/there are issues **SEE ME** - phone school to alert us
- Students need their **SCN number (on timetable)**
- Have all their equipment - no pencil case
- No phones/smart watches/air pods

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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- If something happens eg illness, prior to or on the day of an exam that prevents student from attending an exam please **contact me** as soon as possible
- Form to complete will be sent
- This must be reported to the SQA within a 10 day period, **after 10 days nothing can be done**
- Evidence will be sent in (prelim, class assessments)
- **Appeals have changed this session**

SQA PARENT INFORMATION

For more information on
SQA

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/
41312.html](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41312.html)



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An open notebook with a quote by Mark Twain is centered on a dark wooden surface. The notebook is open to two blank, cream-colored pages. The text is printed in a black, serif font. The quote reads: "The secret of making progress is to get started." followed by "— Mark Twain". The notebook is surrounded by decorative elements: a yellow flower on the left, a red flower on the right, and a pair of pens on the right side. The entire scene is set against a dark blue background.

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making progress
is to get started.

— Mark Twain

THE LRP MODEL

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LEARNING

Research tells us you need to learn things **3 times for it to sink in**
- try learning in 3 different ways

REVISING

Reinforcing what you know and driving these facts and thoughts into your long-term memory

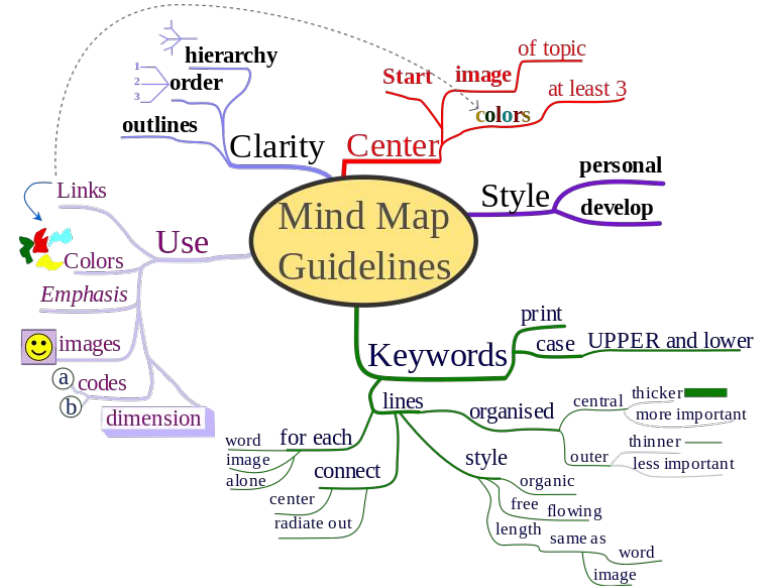
PRACTICING

Use what you have learned to try past paper questions

TRY USING MIND MAPS

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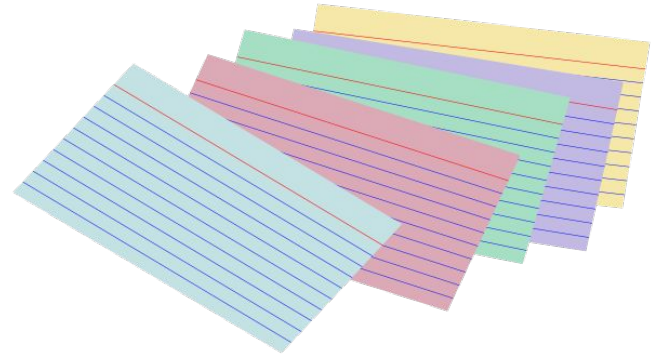
- A complex idea can be conveyed with just a single image, making it possible to absorb large amounts of data quickly
- Useful for testing knowledge



CREATE FLASHCARDS

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- Think about content - questions & answers, one word prompts & details
- 1 question per card - concise and clear
- Colour code for units/topics
- Read aloud answers
- Sort into strong/weak piles, start again





Leading researchers in the field of memory
consider **testing yourself as one of the
most effective ways to improve your ability
to recall information**

**The
Guardian**

SOME PRACTICAL TIPS

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Have a set study area

Helps get into the revising mindset to study in the same place, have resources around them and limit distractions - phone in another room and no music

Organised notes

Having separate folders or notepads in different colours for each subject helps organisation



Study plan

Plan what units need to be covered for each subject. Set daily/weekly targets. Study in blocks of 45 minutes with short breaks for water/fresh air

Additional Revision Resources

- Scholar
- E-sgoil
- Achieve



Pupils need a login which they can get from their teacher

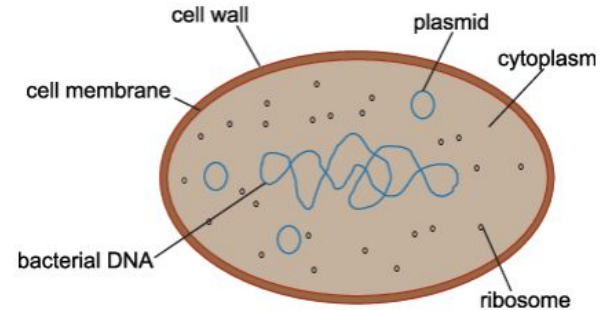
Guest account if available to have a look at the format

Detailed information with assessment

SCHOLAR



The diagram below shows the ultrastructure of a bacterial cell.



The nucleus is a membrane bound organelle which contains the cell's genetic information (DNA); it controls all activities within the cell. Every cell performs many chemical reactions in order to function, these chemical reactions occur in the cytoplasm. The cell membrane is selectively permeable, it allows small and soluble molecules to enter and exit the cell. Ribosomes are the site of protein synthesis, they may be found free in the cytoplasm or attached to a network of membranes within the cell. Mitochondria (singular mitochondrion) are the site of ATP production by aerobic respiration.

List of Scholar Courses

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Available Courses

Humanities and Social Sciences				Languages				Sciences			
	N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH
Accounting		✓	✓	ESOL	✓	✓	**	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	**
Art and Design		✓		French	*	✓	✓	Biology	✓	✓	✓
Business Management		✓	✓	Gaelic	*	✓		Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓	German	*	✓	✓	Computing Science	✓	✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓	Mandarin	✓			Human Biology	**	✓	**
Psychology		✓	**	Spanish	*	✓	✓	Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
								Physics	✓	✓	✓

E-sgoil online study support

- » Videos of lessons
- » Live lessons every week for different subjects
- » Easter study school - sign up 1st March
- » Really interactive, visual and engaging revision lessons



Study Support 2022/23



	TIME	SUBJECT	LEVEL	
MONDAY	5PM	English	Advanced Higher	
	5PM	Physics	National 5	
	5PM	RMPS	Higher	
	6PM	Maths	National 5	
	6PM	RMPS	National 5	
	6PM	Physics	Higher	
	6PM	Physics	Advanced Higher	
	6PM	Human Biology	Higher	
	6PM	Business Management	National 5	
	7PM	Application of Maths	Higher	
TUESDAY	4PM	Maths	National 4	
	5PM	Modern Studies	Higher	
	5PM	Geography	National 5	
	5PM	Music	National 5	
	5PM	Maths	Higher	
	5PM	English	National 4	
	6PM	Chemistry	National 5	
	6PM	Gaelic (learners)	National 5	
	6PM	Spanish	Higher	
	6PM	Maths	Advanced Higher	
WEDNESDAY	5pm	German	Higher	
	5pm	Graphic Communication	Higher	
	5pm	Geography	Higher	
	5pm	Applications of Maths	National 5	
	6pm	Graphic Communication	National 5	
	6pm	Gaidhlig	Higher	
	6pm	Design & Manufacture	National 5	
	7pm	Gaidhlig	National 5	
	THURSDAY	5pm	PE	National 5
		5PM	English	Higher
5PM		Engineering Science	National 5	
5PM		Practical Cookery	National 5	
6PM		Engineering Science	Higher	
6PM		Chemistry	Higher	
6PM		Design & Manufacture	Higher	
7PM		Graphic Communication	National 5	
7PM		History	National 5	
7PM		Health & Food Technology	National 5/Higher	

Running during easter holidays, e-sgoil will be offering live webinars covering upwards of 60 courses, with three inputs per course.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



[REGISTER HERE](#)

(You must log on to Glow before accessing the link to the registration form, and you should check the [timetable](#) carefully before choosing the webinars you wish to attend.)

Registration for Easter Study Support 2023 will open at the beginning of March.

My Courses



National 5
Administration and IT



National 5
Art and Design



National 5
Music



Higher
English

Learn

Learn the key concepts
from your courses.

Learn

Assess

Test your course
knowledge.

Assess

Harpisichord

The harpsichord was an old type of piano, which had hooks inside that 'plucked' the strings rather than 'striking' the strings with a hammer (like in a modern piano). The resulting sound is quite 'twangy'. This meant that dynamics weren't possible on the harpsichord, as there was little difference between a hard or a soft press on a key.

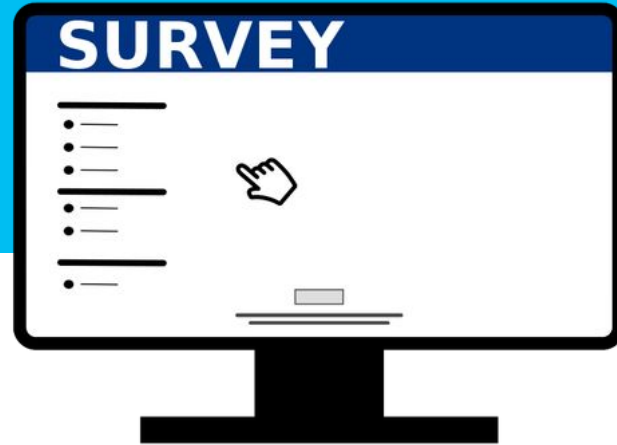


Explanation

In this example of a Baroque harpsichord, notice how there's no difference in dynamics.

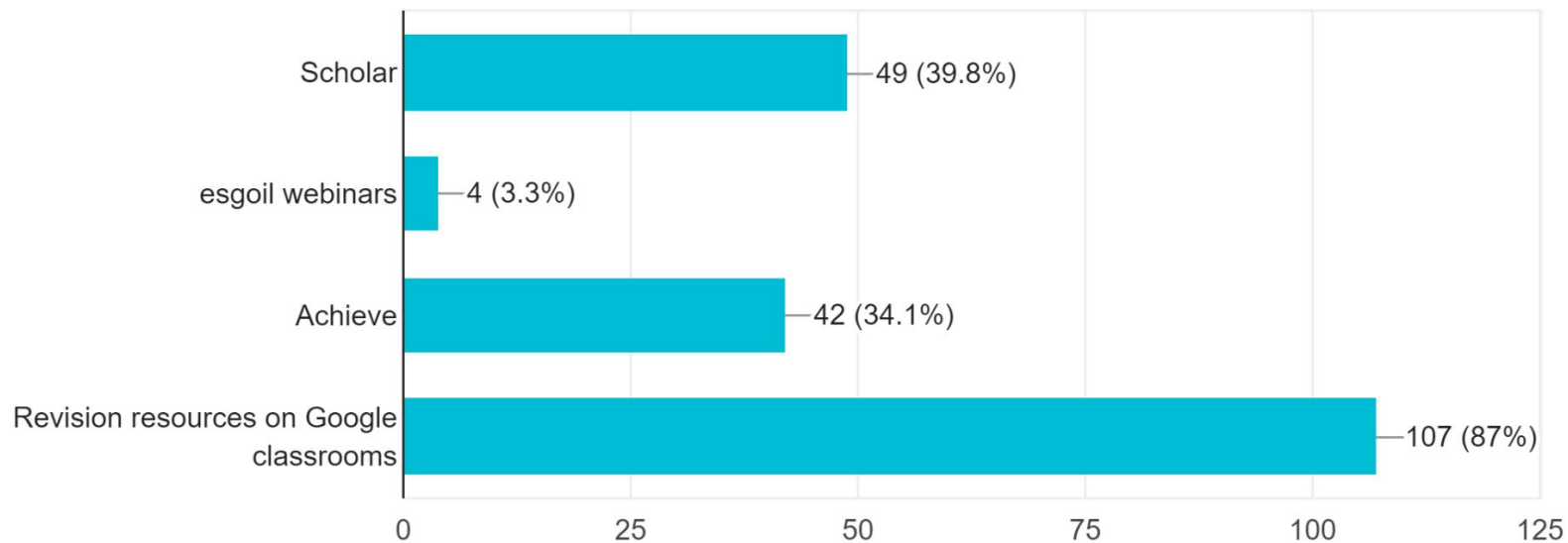
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What our pupils said following prelims



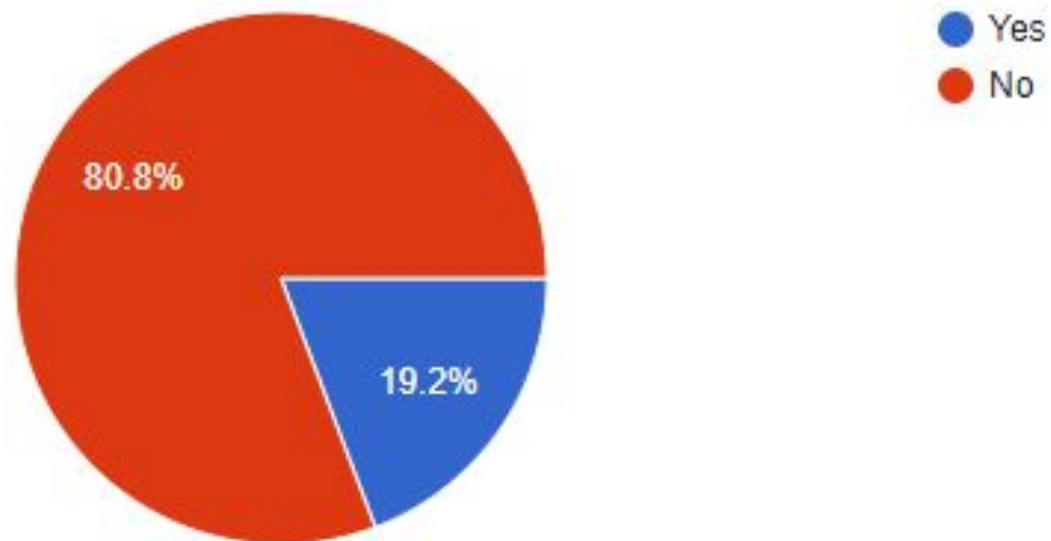
Which of the following are you USING to revise?

123 responses



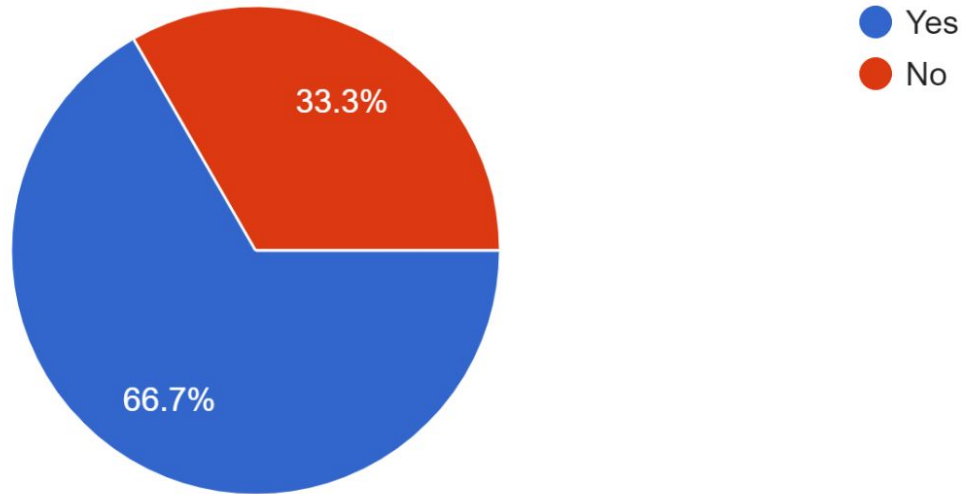
Do you attend after-school/lunchtime study classes?

130 responses



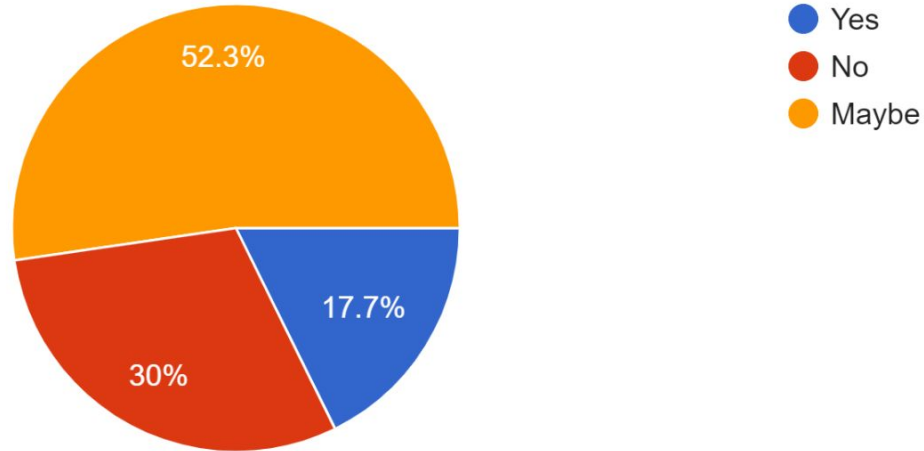
Do you know the days/dates of your final SQA exams?

129 responses



Esgoil offered Easter study online revision classes last year, if these are on offer this year would you sign up for them?

130 responses



Lots of positive comments but to give you a taster of how some are feeling after prelims ...

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Revision is boring

Takes too much time out of the day

Once exams are closer I will be motivated

Have more enjoyable things to do at home

Too tired/tired all the time

If I'm not good at a subject I won't revise it

Am too busy to revise

SUPPORT

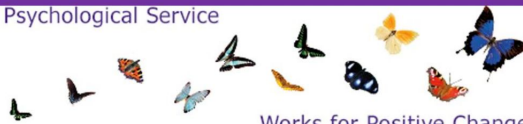
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In school

Class Teachers
Guidance Teachers
ASN Teachers
PSAs

Working with our partners

Highland Council Psychological Service



Works for Positive Change



How do you
support your
child with
exams?

Gillian Brandon

Careers Adviser



**My
World of
Work**

Routes & Pathways



**Apply for
Further or Higher
Education**



**Explore
Entrepreneurship**



**Modern
Apprenticeship/
Training**



**Return
to
school**



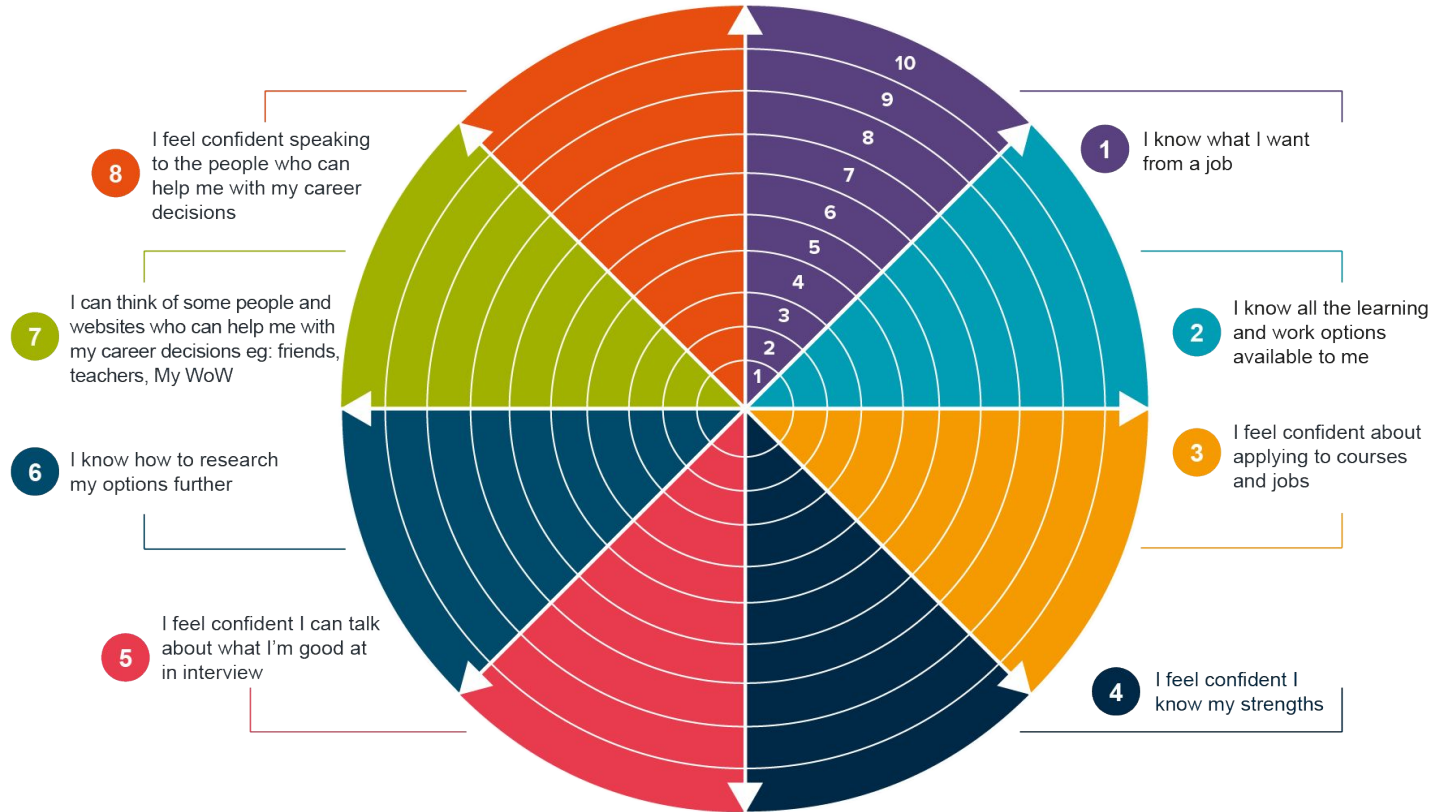
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Career Management Skills



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	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					

How ready am I?



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Volunteering

[https://www.highlandtsi.org.uk/
volunteering](https://www.highlandtsi.org.uk/volunteering)

Work Experience

<https://hi-hope.org/>

Part time work

[https://hi-hope.org/noticeboard
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<https://uk.indeed.com/>

College (at school)

[https://www.inverness.uhi.ac.
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College (left school)

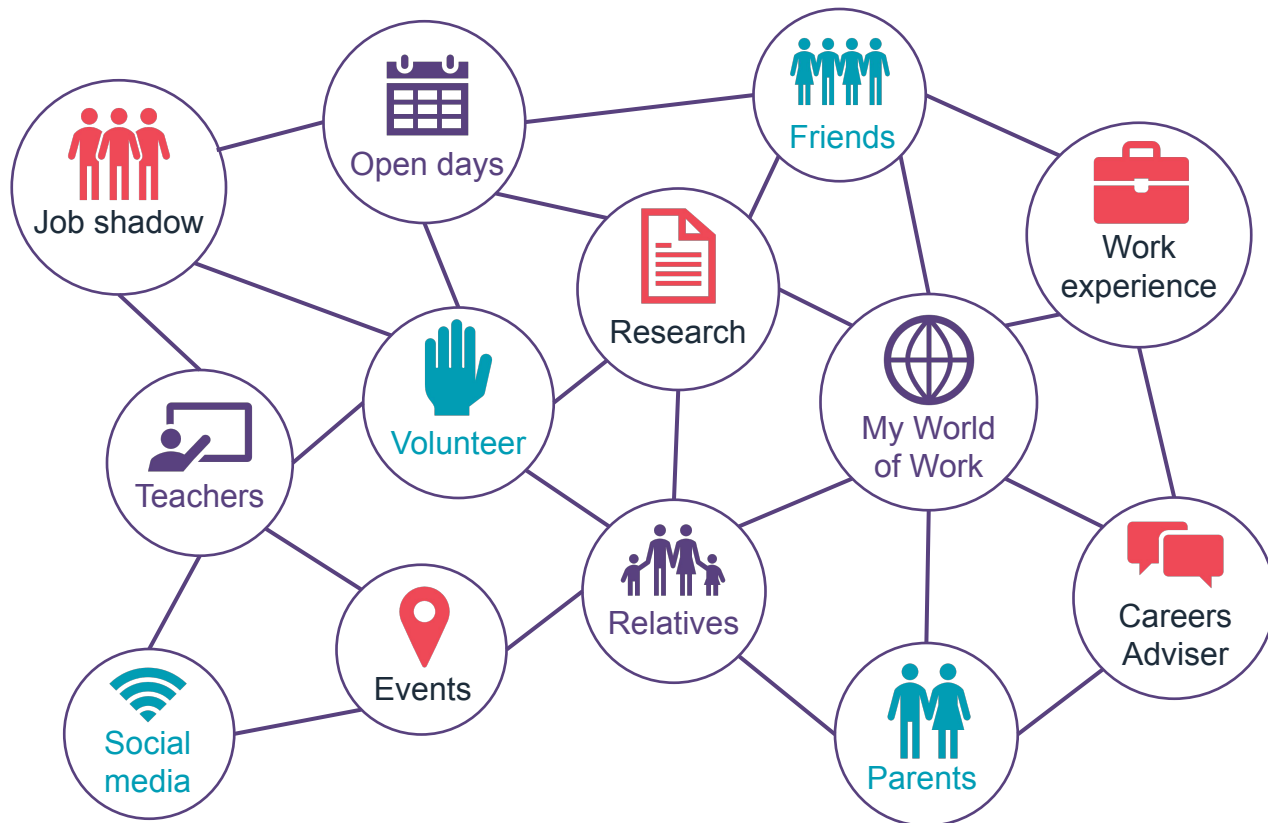
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University

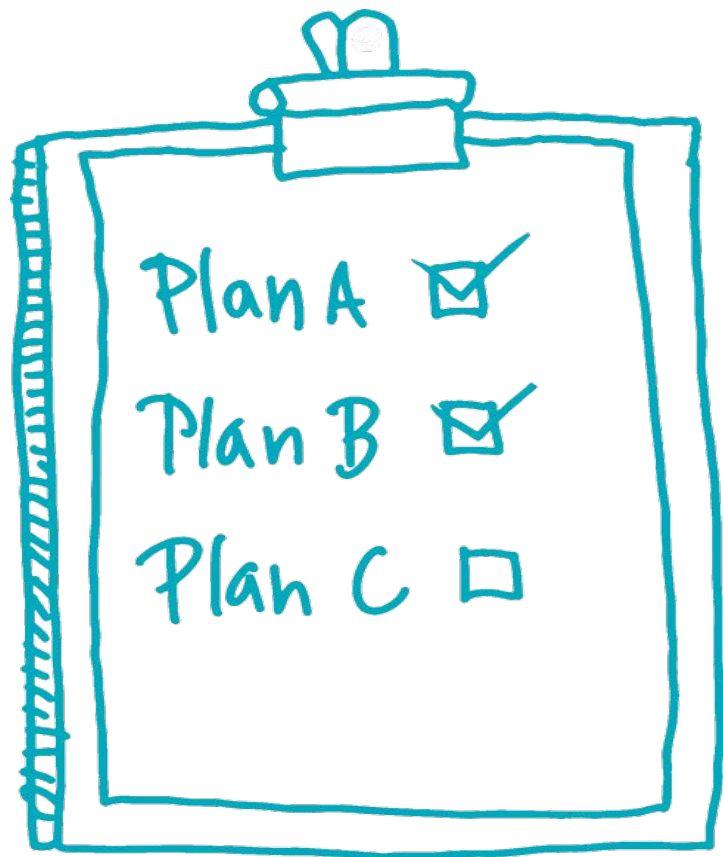
<https://www.ucas.com/>



Your Networks



My Plan



Revision Resources

Please join us for a tea/coffee to view the online resources for yourself

