

# Senior Phase Information Evening

*Welcome*

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# Aim for this session

## Share information related to:

- Share our Key Dates
- Expectations in the Senior Phase
- Post Results Service
- Support in our Senior Phase
- Our Curriculum Review

And answer any questions

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## Build Back Better

by embedding opportunities for all



## Making Progress

By improving attainment

## Increase Participation

by implementing changes

## Encouraging Presence

by offering support

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
SESSION 2022 - 2023

Making  
**Progress**  
By improving attainment

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# Assessment approaches

## National 1 - 4

- No external Assessment
- Internal unit assessment
- Added Value Unit – removed again for this session (SQA)
- Pass / Fail

## National 5, Higher, Advanced Higher

- External assessment- exam and coursework *modifications to courses in place for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row* (departments will explain any changes to their course structure for this session)
- Graded A-D (D is a passing grade)

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# Assessment approaches

## National Progression Awards

- No external Assessment
- Pass / Fail

Equivalent to a C Pass (NQs) at the relevant SCQF Level

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# Harris Assessment Arrangements

## Formative Assessments

Throughout the session at the correct time for each course  
Varying degree of 'value' but valuable all the same

**Assessment Block approach** 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

**SQA Exams** 24<sup>th</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Estimate grades** *will be based on the totality of assessment evidence – throughout the full session*

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# Our Key Dates

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept**      *Tracking Report 1 issued*

**21<sup>st</sup> Nov**      *Tracking Report 2 issued &  
Cause for Concern Process*

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov**      *Parents / Carers Evening (B/C)*

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec**      *Parents / Carers Evening (F/K)*

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# Our Key Dates

- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **Formal Assessments begin\***
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**      **Formal Assessments end\***
- Jan / Feb (tbc)** **Course choice evening & Careers Fayre**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **Tracking report 3 issued and Change of level process**

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# Our Key Dates

## March

*SQA Performance exams (Music, Drama) SQA  
Talking Assessments (Modern Languages)*

*24<sup>th</sup> April SQA Exams begin*

*30<sup>th</sup> May New timetable begins*

*31<sup>st</sup> May SQA exams end*

*Study leave Dundee City Council – dates tbc*

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# Reports

<b>Report 1</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Level of study</b>	<b>Effort</b>	<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Homework</b>	
<b>Report 2</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Level of study</b>	<b>Effort</b>	<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Homework</b>	
<b>Report 3</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Level of study</b>	<b>Effort</b>	<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Homework</b>	<b>Comment</b>

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# Reports – taking a closer look

Focus on

Effort

Behaviour

Home work – Home Learning

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# Last year's S6 by numbers

38%

25%

129

26%

15%

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# SQA Results Service *pre- COVID*

“Appeals” have been replaced by **Results Services**

Candidates can be considered for **Exceptional Circumstances** – evidence sent away pre certification.

Post Result Services = **Clerical check or Marking Review**

*Only the school can request result services.*

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# **SQA Results Service *post- COVID*** ***(2022)***

**School and Young Person can appeal where the estimate grade (awarded by the school) is higher than the actual grade awarded by SQA**

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# SQA Results Service 2023

Unknown at this time but...

**Totality of Evidence**

**Importance placed on**

*Working grade*

*Target grade*

*All assessments throughout the session*

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# Our Senior Phase Expectations

## Making the most of S4/5/6

- Effort
- Preparation
- Personal organisation
- Time management
- Revision/study
- S6 Contract

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# Supporting our learners

**Satchel One  
Scholar  
Supported Study  
Easter School**

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# Developing our Curriculum

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# Curriculum Review

- Broad General Education (BGE)
- Senior Phase



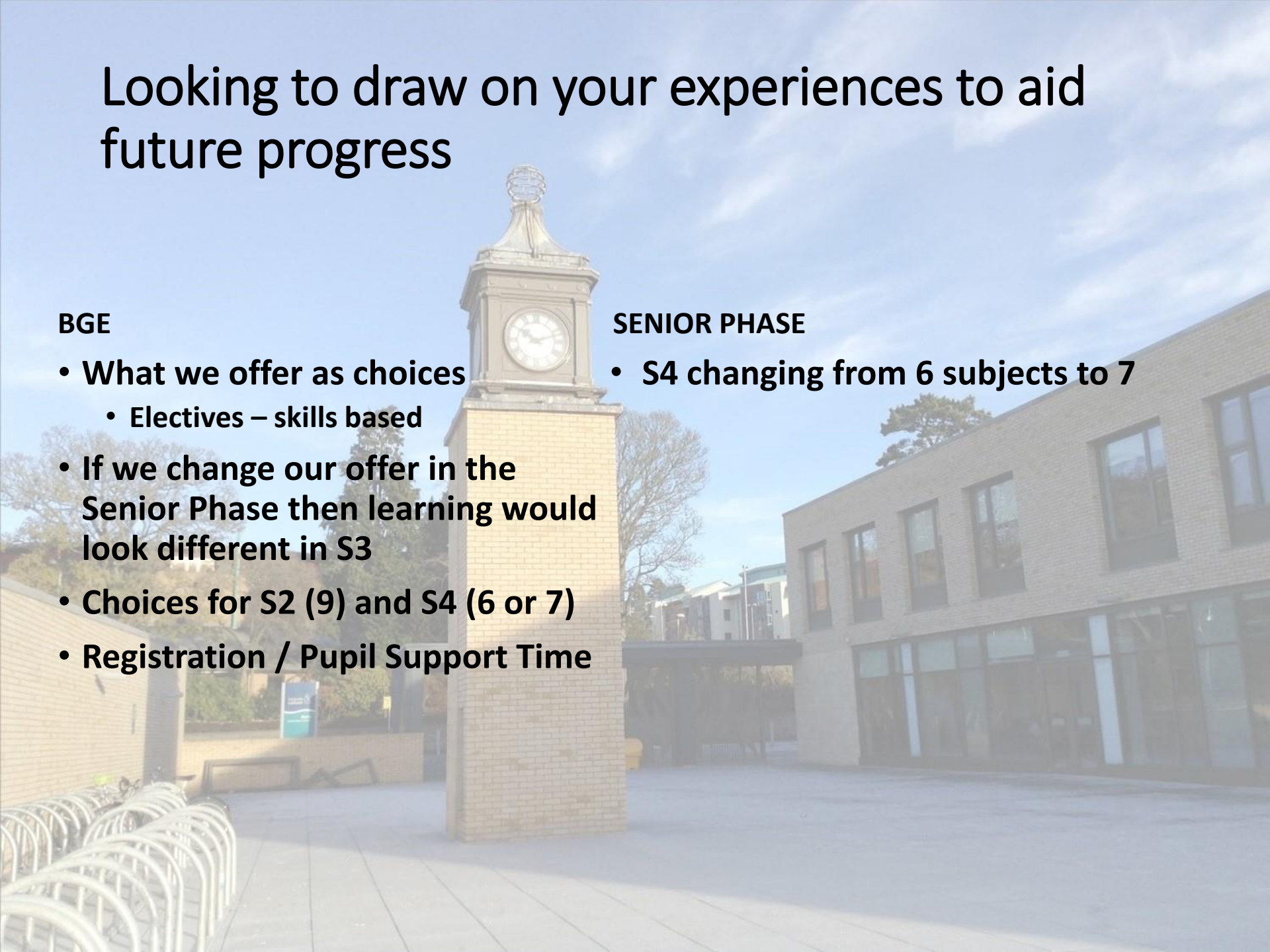
# Looking to draw on your experiences to aid future progress

## **BGE**

- **What we offer as choices**
  - **Electives – skills based**
- **If we change our offer in the Senior Phase then learning would look different in S3**
- **Choices for S2 (9) and S4 (6 or 7)**
- **Registration / Pupil Support Time**

## **SENIOR PHASE**

- **S4 changing from 6 subjects to 7**





# S4 changing from 6 subjects to 7

- More choice of subjects (broadening the curriculum) for S4 and then for progression into S5/6
- Our data is extremely positive for pupils who get 6 National 5s and then 5 Highers or equivalent level 5 and 6 NPAs – the top 20%
- This is targeting attainment in the middle 60%
- 9 choices at the end of S2 – the 7 choices at the end of S3 would need to be from the 9

# Personal Support Possibilities

**32 Periods per week**

- **Monday & Tuesday increase by 10 minutes**
- **Wednesday, loses a whole period but 10 minutes is added, therefore finishes 40 minutes earlier**
- **Thursday & Friday are 10 minutes longer**





# Programme for the evening

***Open Floor 6.30pm – 8.00pm***

- **School staff** – Course content/levels, key dates, assessments, home learning, suggested reading
- **Skills Development Scotland** – Information on the support available to pupils within school
- **Satchel One**– Our home learning app
- **Study Skills support**– Advice and guidance on different learning and revision strategies

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# Programme for the evening

*Open Floor 6.30pm – 8.00pm*

- **Dundee & Angus College** – Information on the courses available and the application processes
- **Bright Red** – Representatives from Bright Red Publishing will be in attendance to showcase the resources they offer
- **Scholar** – information on Scholar will be available
- **Career Ready** – an opportunity to hear more about this exciting offer for S5 pupils
- **Lift-off** – support for young people applying to University

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# Programme for the evening

**6.50pm – 7.10pm Study Skills support**

This will be an opportunity to explore some study skills that will help support your young person through their senior phase courses.

**School Library**

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# Programme for the evening

**UCAS Presentation**

**Tiered seating**

***8.00pm – 8.30pm***



**University  
of Dundee**





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