

# SENIOR PHASE COURSE CHOICE 2024/2025

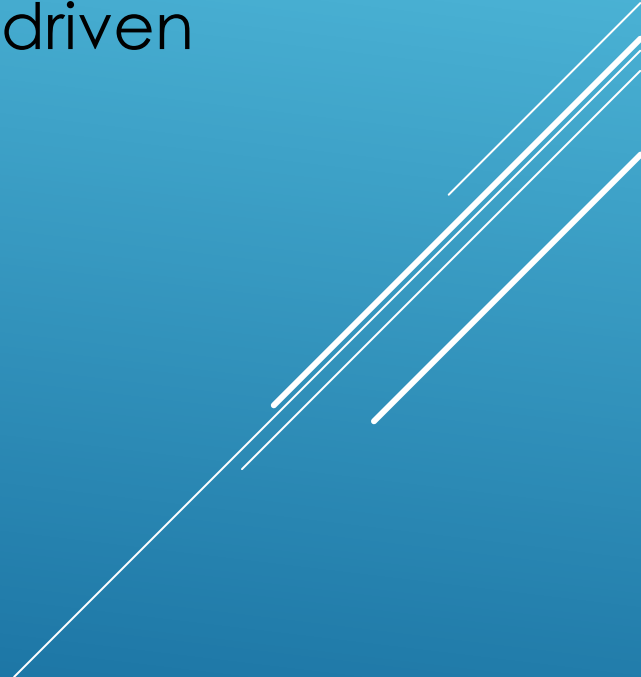
Online Parent QA: 26/02/24




**Aboyne  
Academy**

Respect | Determination | Compassion


# THE SENIOR PHASE

- ▶ A 1,2 or 3 year package designed to build up a portfolio of qualifications
  - ▶ Our Curriculum – rationale, pupil needs/staffing, data driven
  - ▶ Current labour market context
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# MARCH 2024

- ▶ Foundation Apprenticeships
  - ▶ Number of courses in S4-6; 7 for all in S4
  - ▶ Advanced Highers – need good rationale, emphasis on Highers, may be alternative options for delivery?
  - ▶ Work experience
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# FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

- ▶ Foundation Apprenticeships ; [link](#)
  - ▶ Level six (Higher) qualification
  - ▶ Delivered in school by external / industry providers
  - ▶ Placement/work experience element
  - ▶ No exam (but there is on-going assessment!)
  - ▶ Recognised and respected by FE/HE and employers
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# Available subjects at level 6

Find out about the types of Foundation Apprenticeships and watch some of our case studies



**Accountancy**



**Business Skills**



**Civil Engineering**



**Creative and Digital Media**



**Engineering**



**Financial Services**



**Food and Drink Technologies**



**Hardware and System Support**



**Scientific Technologies**



**Social Services Children and Young People**



**Social Services and Healthcare**



**Software Development**

# Available subjects at level 4/5

Find out about the types of Foundation Apprenticeships and watch some of our case studies



**Automotive**



**Construction**



**Hospitality**

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Tariff Points</b>	<b>SCQF points</b>
Health & Social Care	407	61
Creative & Digital Media	427	64
Children & Young People	407	61
ICT Software	393	59
ICT Hardware	393	59
<b>Comparison with Higher Grades</b>	<b>Tariff Points</b>	<b>SCQF points</b>
Higher Grade A	204	24
Higher Grade B	182	24
Higher Grade C	160	24
Higher Grade D	149	24

	<b>All Aberdeenshire Leavers</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire Leavers with FA</b>
Positive destinations	96.7%	99.6%

	<b>Aboyne Academy Average Leaver Tariff Points</b>	<b>Aboyne Academy FA Leaver Tariff Points</b>
Average tariff points	550.2	946.1



What are Foundation Apprenticeships

[Link](#)



**APPRENTICESHIPS . SCOT**

From Skills Development Scotland

Overview of all Level 4,5,6 frameworks

[Link](#)



Course Snapshots available for all Frameworks offered

FA's and Further Education Pathway to University [Link](#)  
 Pathway to College [Link](#)

degree in this subject area, FA recognised subjects (e.g. FA Accountancy into Degree Engineering) raise FA frameworks in this subject area recognised as a Higher towards same/other subjects)

University	Recognition	Accountancy	Business	Civil Eng	Creative	Engineering	Financial	Food & L	ICT
University	1 Higher A, ★ 2 Highers B	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
er University	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ian University	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Live links to our social media feeds  
Please follow



SDS youtube films

[Link](#)



Pupils mark their success on SQA results day



Aberdeenshire Council Foundation Apprenticeship Video Case Studies

# Labour Market Information – Future forecasting



Past and current data trends



Show patterns which help us predict possible labour market changes



Providing us with future skills forecasts



Replacement demand, - when people retire from the labour market or change jobs  
Expansion demand – new jobs are created as industry expands.

## Aberdeen City and Shire (2021-2024)



**Expansion Demand**  
Aberdeen City and Shire:  
6,800 people

Scotland: 72,500 people



**Replacement Demand**  
Aberdeen City and Shire:  
25,000 people

Scotland: 289,000 people



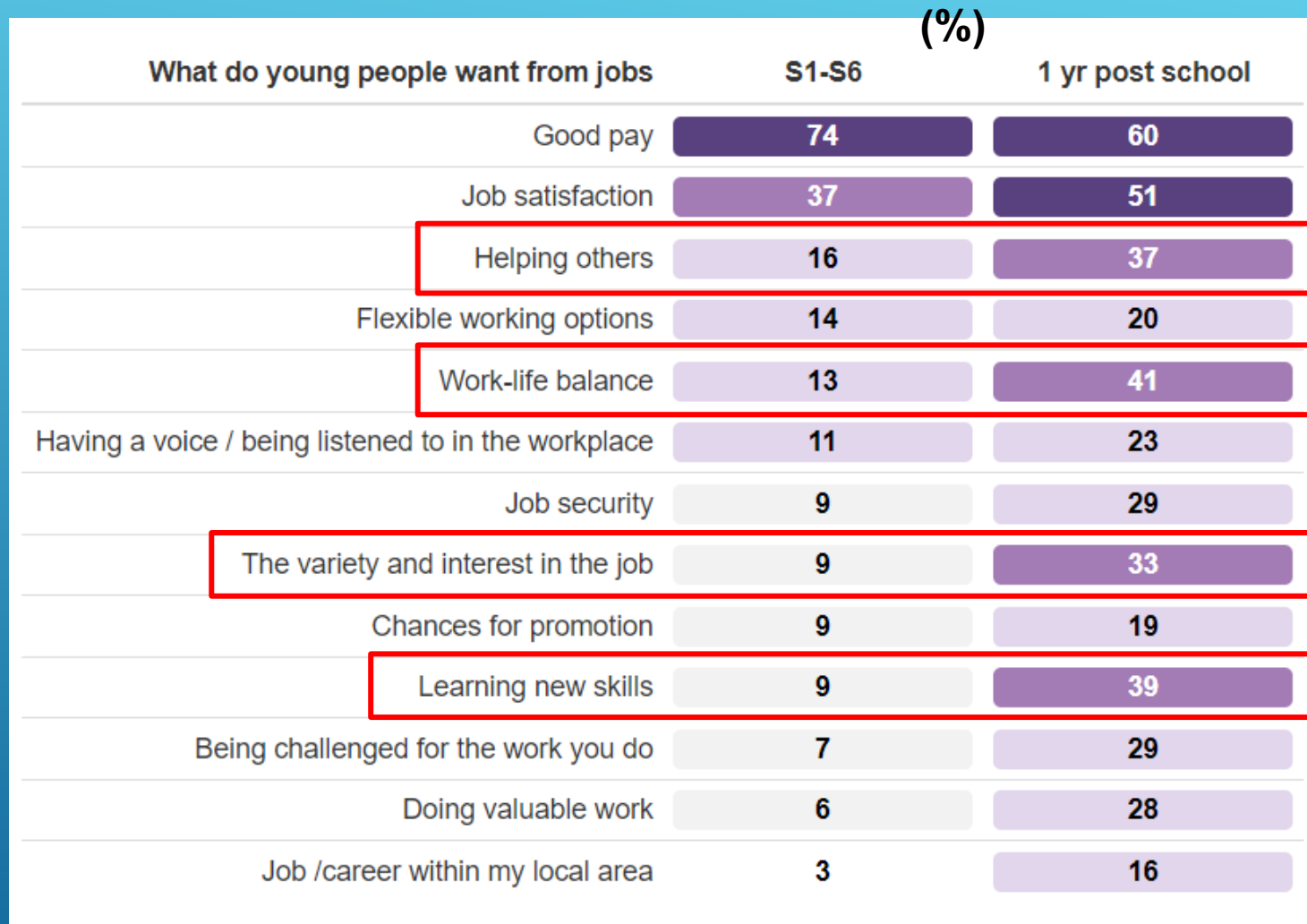
**Total Job Openings**  
Aberdeen City and Shire:  
31,800 people

Scotland: 361,500 people

### Growth forecast in:

- Engineering
- Health and Social care
- Food and Drink
- Energy
- Tourism
- Early Learning and Childcare
- Creative Industries
- Digital
- Life Sciences

# Desirable job attributes broaden as young people leave school



Sources:

Young People in Scotland Research 2022 (S1-S6, *select up to 3*)

Young People's Career Ambitions (YPCA) Research 2022 (1 yr post school, *select up to 5*)

# SUPPORT FOR PUPILS/PARENTS/CARERS

- ▶ Live sessions in PSE
  - ▶ Seek out individuals
  - ▶ Website – contact your Guidance Teacher
  - ▶ SCHOLAR/e-sgoil/WestOS
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- ▶ All resources from this evening and the recording will be available on the school website



## Completing your course choices

Please read carefully the important information in the Senior Phase Course Choice booklet on the school website.

- You should plan to build up a portfolio of qualifications across your one, two or three years of the Senior Phase. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate all choices some combinations may not be possible in a particular session. Due to low uptake some courses may not run.
- **S4 pupils** should choose **five** courses at National level. English and Maths are core subjects. This gives the opportunity to complete seven qualifications in S4. Options will be discussed through Guidance for those who would be better suited to completing six qualifications or for whom catch up time may be required. Faculty Heads will be involved to ensure courses are chosen at the appropriate level.
- S5/6 pupils should choose **five** courses. Where S6 pupils are choosing multiple AH courses a minimum of 4 subjects are necessary.
- If you are choosing an Advanced Higher course you should be on track to also achieve at least 5 Highers by the end of S6.
- Foundation Apprenticeships are at level 6 (Higher equivalent). A key element is a work placement element which will develop important employability skills. This may affect other courses through timetable clashes so should be discussed with Guidance.
- NESCoI courses are chosen in addition to your other subjects. Please contact your Guidance Teacher if interested in these or the SRUC courses.

Please submit your choices using the electronic form [here](#). You should put these **in order of preference** i.e. choice 1 is your most preferred choice. Please submit 2 reserves. ***Discuss your choices with your Guidance Teacher first.***

**Please submit the electronic form no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## Aboyne Academy Senior Phase course choices 2024-2025

<b>Advanced Higher and Baccalaureate</b>	Art & Design Biology Geography	Chemistry English	History Mathematics	Music Physics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Scottish Baccalaureate in Science is available to S6 pupils who have/are studying Higher Maths and two eligible AH courses. Counts as half a course.</li> <li>- Advanced Highers will only run if there is sufficient demand and staffing availability.</li> </ul>			
<b>Higher courses / Level 6 courses</b>	NPA Accounting Administration and IT Art & Design Biology Business Management NPA Business and IT Technology Creative Thinking level 5/6	Chemistry Drama Engineering Science English French Geography	Environmental Science Graphic Communication History Human Biology Mathematics Applications of Maths	Modern Studies Music Physical Education Physics RMPS Spanish
<b>Foundation Apprenticeships Level 6 – (Higher equivalent)</b>	Foundation Apprenticeships are based in school and contain a work experience element			
	Children and Young People	Creative and Digital Media	IT Hardware and System Support	
	Social Care and Healthcare		IT Software development	
<b>Foundation Apprenticeships Level 4/5</b>	Hospitality			
<b><u>North East Scotland College (NESCol)</u> Courses</b>	Beauty Therapy (City & Guilds) Construction Crafts (N5) Health Sector (N5)	Early Education & Childcare (N5) Fashion Business (SQA Units) Hairdressing (City & Guilds)	Intro to Vehicle Technology (City & Guilds) Exercise & Fitness Leadership (NPA Level 6)	
- These college courses involve day release from school and are chosen in addition to other subjects				
<b>SRUC Courses</b>	See course booklet for courses			
<b>Level 4, 5 and NPA courses</b>	Administration Applications of Maths Art & Design Biology Business Management Chemistry	Drama English Engineering Science French Geography Graphic Communication NPA Acting & Performance	History Mathematics Modern Studies Music Physical Education Princes' Trust Enterprise Princes' Trust Leadership	Physics Practical Woodworking RMPS Science Spanish Travel and Tourism Metal Work



## Aboyne Academy Senior Phase course choice form 2024-2025

Please refer to the online course choice booklet and master choice form before filling in your choices. Put your choices in order of preference i.e. choice one as your most preferred course.

1. First name \*

2. Surname \*

3. Current registration class \*

4. House \*


- Birsemore
- Clachaben
- Lochnagar
- Morven

5. Choice 1 \*

6. Choice 2 \*



# THE PROCESS

- ▶ Complete online form; available on school website
  - ▶ Put course in order of preference
  - ▶ First come is not first served
  - ▶ Deadline is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
  - ▶ Add any comments please to clarify
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## Information for Parents



**Christine Stidolph**  
**Careers Adviser**

[Support for parents and carers | My World of Work](#)

Pre-recorded **Webinars** for parents on My World of Work  
[Webinars for parents and carers | My World of Work](#)

**My Kids Career** website <https://www.mykidscareer.com/>

### **SDS School Offer**

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/scotlands-careers-services/our-careers-service-in-schools/>

My job is to help you to develop your Career Management Skills (CMS). These skills help you to:

- Find out more about yourself
- Explore opportunities you may be interested in
- Plan for the future and reach your career goals



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