

# SP info evening 26/02/2024

## Chat transcript

### 1. what's a tariff point?

- tariff points are used in the University applications

### 2. What support is in place for engineering courses going forward

- Engineering beyond what we offer; there is a 2 y FA provided by NESCOL, if that is the question?

### 3. Can you explain NPA pls

(verbal response)

### 4. Where can we find the SRUC course booklet please?

- SRUC; by booklet I mean our course choice booklet, apologies.

### 5. Is advanced higher business going to be made available?

- Not at present, sorry.

### 6. Would a FA in Business Skills (in Aberdeen) be possible instead? NESCOL. I was asking if the FA in Business Skills at NESCOL be possible? as an alternative to AH Business. accountancy is 1 year, business skills is 1 year.

(verbal) - some FAs at NESCOL are 2 year. For others travel times/arrangements may not be suitable, needs conversation with Guidance.

### 7. For S5/S6, will their timetable include study periods?

(verbal response)

### 8. Can a pupil do a higher over 2 years?

- 2 year Highers may be possible in some cases but they will not be a distinct 2y H class

### 9. Will the presentation be available after?

- Yes to presentation being available after

**10. Before choosing a Higher, would the student need to achieve a minimum grade in it at Nat 5 eg a min of B for Bio in Nat 5 in order to take it at Higher level?**

- Most Highers do have an entry requirement

**11. how many pupils do you need to run an advanced higher?**

(verbal)

**12. Sorry was asking about advanced higher in engineering if not providing it in Aboyne is it available elsewhere?**

- AH engineering may be available elsewhere, but as a practical subject compared to say AH Spanish may be difficult if trying online. (+verbal response)

**13. How are placements organised as part of the FA eg health and social care? Do they gain experience of all health professions or can they select which professions they wish to do? Do you timetable this so accommodate other subjects, so they don't miss timetabled lessons at the academy?**

- Placements are really dictated by location and travel time; and what is available. It sounds like specific work experiences out with an FA may be worth thinking about?

**14. Is there a minimum number of hours of placement for an FA**

(verbal response)

**15. is a D in Nat5 sufficient or should they retake? How is Applications of Maths rated by unis/employers compared to normal Maths? Would an A in Apps at Nat5 compensate for a lower normal Maths grade?**

(verbal response)

**16. but sometimes employers look for a C or above long after you've left school**

(verbal response)

**17. I know each YP is different but I'd be interested to know what numbers do different types of qualification**

(verbal response)

**18. who's the best person to see about the college courses? guidance teacher or Mr MacIntyre?**

- Guidance know as much as I do but I am also happy to help/give my view.