Appendix 1 Falkirk Council – Senior Phase Statement of Expectations for Schools

Vision

- Opportunities to raise the attainment and achievement of all young people in the senior phase will be increased
- All young people will have postitive learning experiences.
- All young people will be supported to make a positive transition to their chosen pathway and to sustain a positive destination
- The aspirations of young people will be raised so that an increasing number will be able to enter and sustain places in Further and Higher Education where this is appropriate
- Increasing numbers of young people will sustain placements in employment and training
- Experiences in the Senior Phase will be designed to maximise the potential of individuals and minimise disadvantage

Totality of the Curriculum

- The curriculum will be delivered through subjects and increasingly specialised learning programmes designed to extend and deepen learning
- There will be increased opportunities for flexibility within the curriculum to meet the needs of the individual; including the number of subjects and the length of time over which qualifications will be taken
- Normally young people will make between 5 7 option choices in any school session – some will take fewer; some will take more
- Young people will have opportunities to mature their contribution to the ethos and life of the school.
- Achievement will focus on the learning and skills developed from participation in a range of activities in and outwith the school

Learning and Teaching

- A range of methodologies will be used to develop young people's ability to work collaboratively and independently
- Higher order thinking skills will continue to be developed
- Learning programmes will build on the broad, general education and connections with prior learning from the experiences and outcomes will be made explicit
- Learning programmes will continue to develop literacy, numeracy and skills for work, life and learning as well as connections within and between specialist subjects

Responsibilities of all

- Literacy and numeracy skills will continue to be developed within all learning programmes
- Students will improve their understanding of and improve their skills within health and well being through the range of experiences provided
- All learning programmes will facilitate the development of skills for life, work and learning
- All learning programmes will facilitate the development of the four capacities
- All staff understand their responsibility to contribute to the preparation of young people as the move to positive sustained destinations

Outcomes

Entitlements

In addition to the entitlements in Building the Curriculum 3:

Young people will have

- Motivating coherent learning programmes
- Opportuniites to contribute to decision making
- An opportunity to undertake a learning programme in the workplace at an appropriate point within the senior phase
- Access to vocational and academic learning experiences
- An appropriate offer of post 16 learning for their chosen pathway
- Access to careers information, advice and guidance
- Access to appropriate services and partner agencies in preparation for transition

Supporting Learners

In addition to the requirements stated in Learning to Achieve 7:

- Young people will have opportunities to record and reflect on their learning and achievement
- Young people will have access to information and guidance to inform their preparation for changes and choices
- Young people will have access to advice and information on the range of pathways available throughout the Senior Phase
- Young people will be known well by at least one adult within the school

Principles

In addition to the design principles in Learning to Achieve 3:

- Each school's Senior Phase will reflect its local context
- Schools' curriculum models will be designed in collaboration with the whole school community; pupils, parents, teachers, partners
- Schools will work collaboratively with each other and a range of partners to deliver coherent, progressive, learning programmes to meet the needs of all young people.
- Young people will have opportunities to gain the appropriate number and level of qualifications at the highest level they can achieve required for their chosen pathway.
- A range of experiences will be provided to allow young people to develop a range of skills, which will enable them to become increasingly pro-active, independent and able to function in a rapidly changing society

Qualifications

Access to the widest range of qualifications to demonstrate academic, vocational and personal achievement. For example:

- National Qualifications within SCQF levels 1-7
- Skills for work
- Employability Awards
- Baccalaureates
- Higher National Units
- Health and Safefy Certificates
- John Muir, Duke of Edinburgh, ASDAN, Community Leader