

National Parent Forum of Scotland Update September 2014

Please visit our website www.parentforumsotland.org for more information on all the following items:

Scottish Learning Festival 24 and 25 September

Visit ParentsConnect, our new area for parents/carers, jointly hosted by the Scottish Parent Teacher Council and the National Parent Forum. A range of parent and family-related organisations will be there too. Book via www.scottishlearningfestival.co.uk

National Parent Forum of Scotland Annual Conference 4 Oct

A host of great seminars for all stages of learning with Sir Ian Wood, chair of the Wood Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce, as our keynote speaker. Creche, children's activities, buffet lunch, free bus transport from Bishopbriggs train station all available for this free family event. Book via our website <http://www.npfs.org.uk/2014/08/29/annual-conference-2014/>

CfE Highers in a Nutshell

Visit our website for summaries of the new CfE Higher qualifications at www.npfs.org.uk/highers-in-a-nutshell. Many schools are delivering a mix of old and CfE Highers this year – check with your school as to which of your children's subjects are old Higher and which are CfE Higher.

Skills in a Nutshell and Progression in a Nutshell

All S3 to S5 parents should have received an A4 envelope via pupil post containing Skills in a Nutshell and Progression in a Nutshell. The Skills Nutshell summarises the skills that are developed through Curriculum for Excellence and the Progression Nutshell sets out how young people take their next steps through the CfE qualifications of the Senior Phase (S4 to S6/college) and beyond. There are many different possible learning pathways post-school, and there is a handy table of SQA qualifications and awards which are delivered in school, college, work and university.