

Introducing Advanced Higher Home Economics

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities, and to think and work independently.

Advanced Higher Home Economics Health and Food Technology

The Advanced Higher Health and Food Technology Course builds on the knowledge and skills developed in Higher Health and Food Technology. It aims to build upon and extend students' technological capabilities, specialist knowledge and understanding of health and food technology in a way that recognises problem solving, independent study and objective thinking as essential skills.

The Course develops and extends students' knowledge and understanding of the factors which influence the choices and decisions made by individuals, families and society. It is made up of two mandatory Units:

- Health and Food Technology: Resource Management
- Health and Food Technology: Practical Research and Dissertation

To gain the award of the Course, candidates must pass the Unit assessments as well as the external assessment. External assessment consists of a 2 hour and 20 minute question paper and a dissertation. The dissertation will be on either a research project or an industrial placement and will total 100 marks. The question paper tests the students' ability to select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations and to make critical appraisals and reasoned decisions, which involve using skills of analysis and evaluation.

Further information

You can find detailed Course Arrangements on the Home Economics page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available here, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet *Introducing Advanced Higher* (publication code BD2803).