#### **Support**

These starter stems provide support to help the young person reflect on their achievements.



### **Further Advice**

Further information and guidance on Profiling and the P7 and S3 Profile can be provided by the school.

Advice and guidance on profiling is also available from Education Scotland:

http://glo.li/FPB02e



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# Profiling

### A Guide for Parents/Carers



### What is a Profile?

A Profile is a snapshot of a young person's best achievements at a given point in time.

It is for young people and their parents/carers. A Profile draws together lots of different information about learning and is one way in which a young person's achievements in school, in the community and at home can be recognised and celebrated. A Profile of a young person's best achievements will be produced for **P7 pupils, beginning in June 2012, and S3 pupils, beginning in June 2013**. This is in accordance with the Scottish Government's Curriculum for Excellence Assessment guidance.

### What does the Profiling process look like?

Profiling is the ongoing gathering of evidence from 3-18.

Some of the profiling strategies used in schools are:

- Talking and thinking books
- Learning logs
- Learning journeys
- E-portfolios
- Personal learning diaries
- Pupil comments in reports
- Self and peer assessment
- Mentoring
- Monitoring and Tracking discussions

Young people can then select and gather information from these for their P7 and S3 profile.

## The purpose of the P7 and S3 Profile is:

- For young people to think about and summarise their successes and achievements
- To publicly recognise their progress in learning and other achievements
- To motivate, support and challenge all young people to achieve their best
- To help them improve their skills and abilities at reflecting on their learning
- To help inform and support transitions at given points in a young person's education

# What is the difference between a Profile and a Report?

A profile is a positive record of achievement and emphasises strengths. It does not identify detailed points for development. It includes a statement by the young person with support and guidance from their teacher.

A report gives detailed information on a young person's progress in learning and next steps for development. It is completed by the teacher.

### What will be in the Profile?

The young person will complete the profile with appropriate support from staff, parents, partners or key workers.

#### Young people will write about:

- Progress and achievements across all curricular areas
- Information on achievements outwith school

### Learner Statement

Young people will include a Learner Statement in their profile. This will be a short paragraph summarising their personal strengths and qualities.

#### This might include comments about:

- Attitude to learning and work
- Organisational skills
- Ability to concentrate and focus on tasks
- How they like to learn
- Communication
- Motivation and positive outlook

