

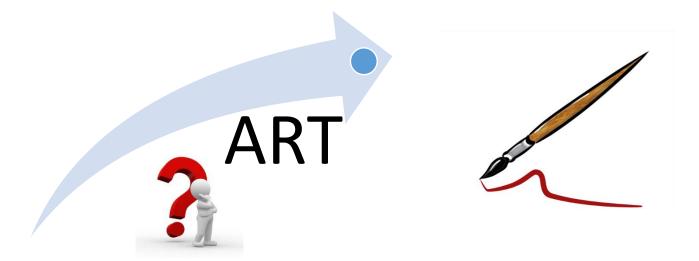
Cedarbank School





An S4 guide to National Qualification courses that you may be interested in

This book belongs to



Art encourages creativity and the development of skills through a series of practical tasks, which aim to help you communicate your ideas through a variety of projects, based upon your existing skills. There will be more focus on researching information and using a wider variety of art techniques, processes, materials and media. You will develop your problem solving skills through self-evaluation, and will learn to communicate facts you have learned about the artists and designers that you will study through independent learning and research.

There are 3 main routes within this course.

1. Practical Expressive Unit:

• In this unit you will learn how to describe an **artist's** work and the things that inspire it. You will select a theme, techniques and materials to help you produce an expressive artwork. From this you will then produce drawings of real objects and develop images of these before making your final artwork piece.

2. Practical Design Unit:

• In this unit you will describe a **designer's** work and the things that inspire it. You will identify what you are being asked to do in a **'design brief'**, collect examples of design work and produce some drawings. You will then choose materials and techniques to create your design piece. At the end of this you will be asked to evaluate your own design.

3. Written Art & Design Studies

 As part of both the Expressive and Design units above, you are required to write about you're the work that you did and give your thoughts and opinions on the work of the professional Artists and Designers you looked at. From this you will be supported in putting together a short written project based upon at least one Artist (Expressive) and one Designer (Design) over the length of the course.



Practical Craft or Woodwork

This course is suitable if you have an interest in making craftwork items and developing practical skills for use in day-to-day living. The course will develop your knowledge of the range of tools available and their uses. You will measure, mark out, cut, shape and assemble your materials. As part of this process you will continue to develop your understanding of safe working practices in a working environment, and the efficient use of tools and materials in a practical crafts context.

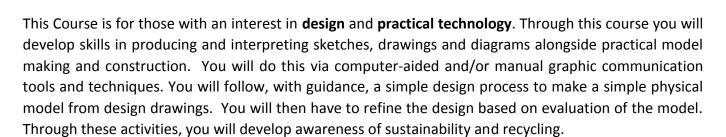
You will develop a lot of skills in this course such as cutting and shaping materials, as well as fixing and joining techniques. You may also learn how to read and interpret simple working drawings. Throughout this course you will also develop an appreciation of the value of materials generally and an awareness of sustainability and recycling issues.

This course provides an opportunity for you to manufacture an item to a given standard and for a given purpose. You will use the knowledge and skills that you gain to select the appropriate tools, equipment and materials, and you will be encouraged to use media and technology, as appropriate, within the production process.

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Alongside this you will develop an understanding of structures and mechanisms by solving simple engineering problems. You will construct and test simple models to demonstrate one or more of strengthening, energy transfer or movement. You will then be expected to come to conclusions based on the test results.

Science

If you have a curiosity, interest and an enthusiasm for science in a range of contexts then **one** of these courses may be of interest to you:

General Science

R Environmental Science

- In this course you will develop an understanding of science's role in scientific issues alongside relevant applications of science in society and the environment. The Course allows you to understand and investigate the world in an engaging and enjoyable way. It develops your ability to think and to make reasoned evaluations. You will study 3 main topics and may also complete a Scientific Assignment
- Fragile Earth
- Human Health
- Applications of Science



- In this course you will investigate key areas of the living environment, the Earth and its resources. This includes investigating sustainability and development. The course also aims to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding in relevant areas of science and social science. It provides opportunities for you to develop your scientific literacy skills in addition to studying the impact that environmental science makes on your life, the lives of others, the environment and on society. You will study 3 main topics and may also complete a Scientific Assignment
- Living Environment
- Earth's Resources
- Sustainability



Laboratory Skills

- This is a **LEVEL 5** course during which you will explore a variety of industries, services and career opportunities in science laboratories. The course helps you to develop the basic practical skills and knowledge needed for working in a laboratory: measuring, weighing and preparing compounds and solutions alongside health and safety requirements. You will also develop practical skills in microbiology, measuring radioactivity, chemical handling and laboratory instrumentation. You will have the opportunity to work with others to produce a plan to undertake a practical investigation which tests a scientific hypotheses. This will also involve reporting of the results, conclusions and evaluations of the investigation. The course also emphasises the employability skills and attitudes valued by employers which will help prepare you for the workplace. You will study 4 topics:
 - Working in a Laboratory
 - Practical Skills
 - Practical Investigation
 - Careers using Laboratory Science







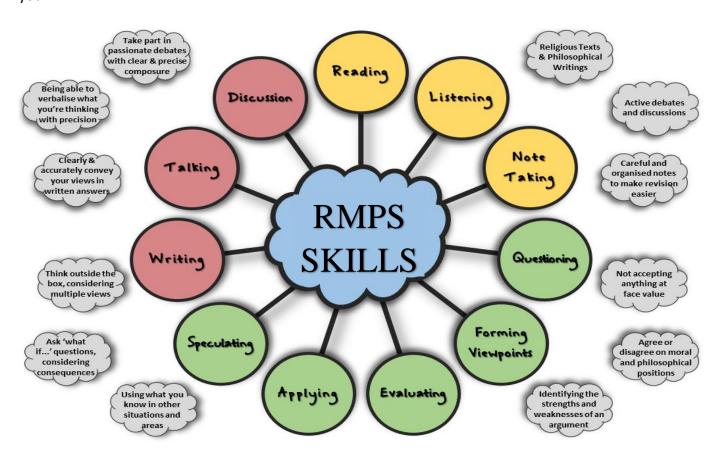
RMPS stands for Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies

This course is about the world we live, the people who live in it, how we relate to each other, the things that we believe, the choices that we make and the questions that we ask about life and death.

Religion is a major part of life for the majority of the planet's population. It is *not* disappearing or in decline globally. RMPS allows you to understand the main faiths, see how they affect the lives of followers and evaluate some of your own views. The beliefs of non-religious stances such as Secular Humanism are also relevant in this course.

RMPS also involves the study of the important moral issues of our time. Issues such as Abortion, Crime & Punishment, Gender to name but a few. The study of morality provides you with the opportunity to form your own opinions and learn how to state these with valid supporting arguments. It is a chance to debate some of the most interesting and controversial dilemmas of our age.

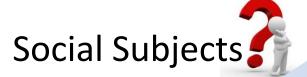
Philosophical Enquiry provides the opportunity to develop important thinking skills through debates and discussions. These will usually be on the Big Questions in life or others topics which are of interest to you.





People in Society

This Course will encourage you to develop important attitudes, including: an open mind and respect for the values, beliefs and cultures of others, openness to new thinking and ideas, and a sense of responsibility and global citizenship. You may be challenged to look at the world in new ways. Your confidence can grow as you begin to understand more about your sense of identity and your place, as a unique individual, in the world. As part of the course there will be lots of investigative and critical thinking activities which will help you to develop your thinking and research skills.







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Geography

This is the study of:

- *Physical Environments
- *Human Environments
- *Global Issues

History

This is the study of:

- *Scottish History
- *British History
- *European & World History

Modern Studies

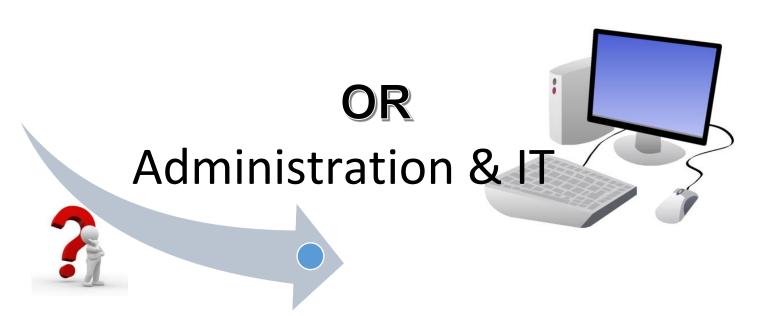
This is the study of:

- *Democracy in Scotland & the UK
- *Social Issues in the UK
- *International Issues

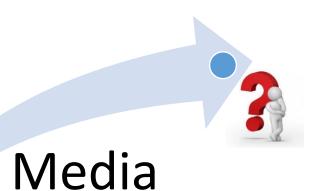


Business

The Business Course will develop your basic understanding of the way in which small businesses operate, alongside the development of your knowledge and understanding of business concepts, customer care skills, and information and communications technology (ICT) skills relevant to a business enterprise. This course encourages enterprising attitudes and will enable you to take part in a business enterprise activity. Throughout this course it is anticipated that you will gain an understanding of the dynamic and competitive economic environment within the business world.



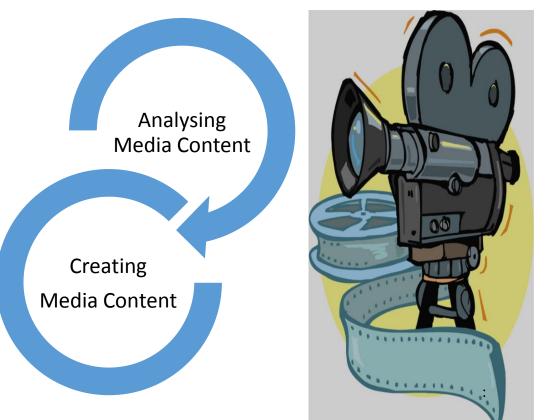
The Administration and IT Course gives you an introduction to administration. It will help you develop you own IT skills and your ability to carry out office administration tasks such as word processing, spreadsheets and databases. This will help you focus on and improve your organisational skills too. Throughout this course you will also develop an understanding of administration in the workplace and the law affecting employees alongside and appreciation of good customer care.



If you wish to develop skills in analysing and creating media content then this course might be for you. It will enable you to understand and develop your media literacy skills and to appreciate the opportunities and challenges that occur within the media industry. The course will provide you with the opportunity to develop both knowledge of the media and the ability to create your own media content.

Throughout the course you will encounter a wide range of different types of texts in different media. It is hoped that this course will help you to communicate, be critical in your thinking, develop cultural awareness and be creative.

There are two main parts to this course



You may also be asked to complete a **Media Assignment** as part of your coursework.

Rural Skills





Do you like working outside? Do you like gardening – growing plants and /or vegetables? Do you like working with animals? This Skills for Work course is designed for those who enjoy and have an interest in hands-on land-based activities and would like to develop their knowledge in this area. It will run in conjunction with staff from Oatridge College. It will provide the opportunity to study and gain practical experience in a range of land-based industries including agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, conservation, animal care and more. Developing skills for employment is also part of this course.

The specific aims of this course are to:

- introduce you to the various disciplines of the land-based sector
- ⇒ allow you to develop a basic knowledge of a selection of land-based industries and related job roles
- ⇒ allow you to experience an outdoor working environment
- ⇒ allow you to develop an understanding of the very flexible requirements of the individual who works with plants and/or animals
- ⇒ allow you to develop an awareness of health and safety issues that are integral to a career in a land-based industry
- ⇒ allow you to develop the technical knowledge, skills and understanding of some of the commonly used practical skills associated with land based industries at this level
- ⇒ prepare you for more focused further learning opportunities, study and training for employment in land-based industries

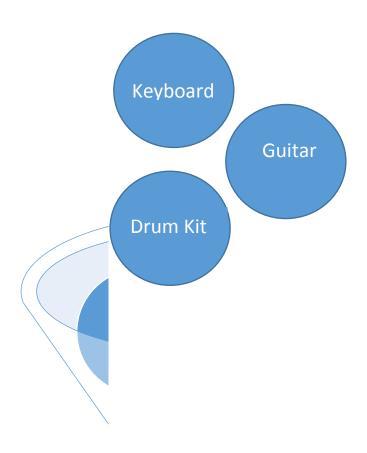
As part of this course you will work together to develop the grounds at Cedarbank School. The course will run one morning / day per week for around 20 weeks.







In Music you will focus on your performance skills. This will provide you with the opportunity to learn and practice from a wide range of musical instruments. This includes:



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You will be encouraged to work in groups and on your own performing different musical styles. There will also be opportunities to perform for friends and family at school assemblies or at other events.

Languages for life & work



This course will help you develop language and employability skills by studying French topics which are relevant to everyday life and the workplace. This course is a useful springboard towards National Qualifications in French.

Modern Languages in the
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Building Employability
Skills



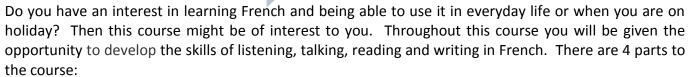
Modern Languages for Life

The benefits of this course are its focus on employability and the mix of French **and** English. You will explore and practise interview skills, job-searching techniques and how to write a CV. This course will help you to develop your literacy skills in English and French. The advantage of this course is that it allows you to personalise your coursework by choosing topics based on your own interests, e.g. sports, music, drama, etc.

French













Hospitality Practical Cookery

This course will help you to develop your cookery and organisational skills within the kitchen. It will also provide a set of foundation skills for you if you are thinking about further study in the hospitality industry. The great thing about this course is that it also prepares you for adult life because you will acquire the relevant skills to prepare and cook food for yourself and others.

The course is made up of 3 areas:

Cookery skills, techniques & processes

 This area develops your basic cookery skills in the context of producing dishes with support. The importance of safety and hygiene is also an important part of this.

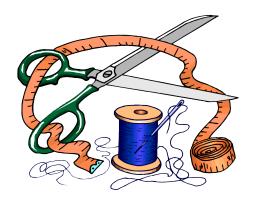
Understanding and using ingredients

• In this part of the course you will find out about a range of ingredients and their uses. Current dietary advice is also linked into this.

Organisational skills for cooking

 The focus here is on developing your basic organisational skills. You will acquire the ability to produce dishes and present them appropriately. You will also develop the ability to carry out an evaluation of a product.



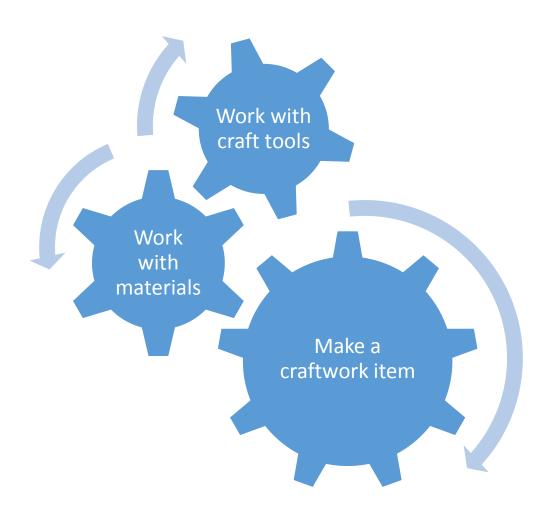


Practical Craft Skills Using Textiles



If you have a keen interest in developing skills in textile crafts then this course might be for you. It provides an introduction to the correct techniques and practices associated with making items from a range of common textile materials. During the course you will follow a series of activities to achieve the completion of a finished item to given standards and for a given purpose.

The purpose of the course is to teach you how to:



Your **creativity** will be encouraged in a variety of different ways, using media and technology as appropriate.

Physical Education

As part of your educational provision you will take part in 2 periods of a CORE PE programme. However there is another PE course that you may be interested in too. This PE Course draws on and progresses from experiences and outcomes in your CORE PE, physical activity and sport. You will be provided with the opportunity to build movement and performance skills, improve aspects of fitness and maximise active participation and enjoyment. Throughout this course you will develop the skills, knowledge and understanding required to perform effectively in a range of physical activities, and you will further enhance your physical wellbeing. By engaging in physical activities, you will be able to demonstrate initiative, decision-making and problem-solving skills. The course also encourages learners to develop a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle, and the contribution that physical activity makes to this.



West Lothian College Courses

The following **West Lothian College Courses** take place on either a Tuesday & Thursday afternoon or a Friday afternoon.

Course Available as part of the			
West Lothian Campus	National 5	National 4	National 3
HNC Creative Industries: Media and Communication (2 years)			
HNC Applied Sciences (2 years)			
HNC Computing (2 years)			
HNC Engineering Systems (2 years)			
NC Manufacturing Engineering	✓		
Foundation Apprenticeship: Software Development			
Foundation Apprenticeship: IT Hardware & System Support			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Engineering			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Civil Engineering			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services and Healthcare			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services (Children and Young People)			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Scientific Technologies			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Accountancy			
Foundation Apprenticeship: Food and Drink Operations			
Care level 5	✓		

Course Available as part of the			
West Lothian Campus	National 5	National 4	National 3
Higher Early Education and Childcare			
Higher Photography			
National 5 Construction Crafts	✓		
Schools Intro to Carpentry and Joinery		✓	
Motor Vehicle Programme – City and Guilds	✓	✓	
NPA Bakery	✓		
NPA Food Manufacture			
Skills for Work N5 - Hairdressing	✓		
Skills for Work N5 Hospitality	✓		
Skills for Work N5 – Travel & Tourism	✓		
Skills for Work – Health Sector	✓		
Professional Development Award Science			
Professional Development Award Ecological Surveying			
NC Make-up		✓	
Skills for Work N5 - Early Education and Childcare	✓		
Life Drawing Class			
Schools Fashion Course	✓	✓	
Introduction to Photography	✓		
Preparation for Art Portfolio Building	✓		



