Cedarbank School

Choices

S5

Course Choice Booklet

2021 - 2022

Skills for Learning, Skills for Life & Skills for Work

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Thinking
- Health & Wellbeing
- Employability
- Enterprise
- Citizenship

Administration & IT

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 an appreciation of good customer care.

The Course aims to enable learners to develop:

- ✓ an awareness of simple administrative tasks
- ✓ the ability to use basic functions of word processing, spreadsheets and databases to carry out simple administrative tasks
- ✓ basic skills in using appropriate current technologies to gather and communicate administration-related information
- ✓ the ability to use basic skills to carry out simple administrative tasks in familiar contexts

The use of real-life contexts makes this course relevant to the world of work, and its uniqueness lies in developing IT skills in an administration-related context. The skills, knowledge and understanding the course develops reflect current administrative practice. However, it is sufficiently flexible to take account of emerging technologies.

This course takes into account the needs of all learners by providing sufficient flexibility to enable them to achieve in different ways and at different paces.
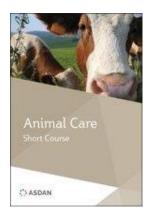
Why Study Administration & IT?

Administration & IT develops ***successful learners*** who achieve through participating in engaging, motivating and relevant learning experiences in real-life administration contexts and ***confident individuals*** who gain satisfaction from engaging in practical activities relevant to the world of work and from having their achievements recognised. Learners following this Course become ***responsible citizens*** who take on organisational tasks willingly and become aware of their obligations. The Course also develops ***effective contributors*** who share their views with others, effectively contributing to group tasks and supporting their peers whenever appropriate.

Careers where this subject could be beneficial

⇨ Accounting, bookkeeping, clerical work
⇨ Advertising
⇨ Banking and Finance office work
⇨ General Trainee Management
⇨ HR/Personnel Office Work
⇨ Management trainees
⇨ Retail Work in shops
⇨ Sales
⇨ Marketing
⇨ Online work, e.g. managing a website

Animal Care

The purpose of the Asdan Animal Care short course is to introduce you to caring for all types of animals, raise awareness of animal welfare and explore how animals and humans work together. This could range from looking after domestic pets at home, to working with farm animals and wildlife in the community, to finding out about more exotic species at zoos and wildlife centres.

The flexibility of ASDAN's Short Courses means that challenges are completed and skills developed according to individual ability, rather than attainment at a specific level.

The course will encourage you to develop important skills including:

Literacy

IT skills

Numeracy

A sense of responsibility

Employability

There will be opportunities throughout the course for groupwork as well as developing independence, debating skills and problem solving – as well as the core skills of literacy and numeracy.

Why study Animal Care?

Do you have a passion for animals and want to learn more about the animal kingdom? Can you see yourself in a career looking after animals? Do you want to learn more about how human behaviour and lifestyle impacts on animal habitats? And what we can do about it? Do you want to study Animal Care at college?

If the answer to those questions is yes, this may be the ideal course for you!

Careers where a knowledge of Animal Care could be beneficial

- Veterinary nurse or surgeon
- Zookeeper
- Working for an animal charity (e.g. the Dog's Trust
- SSPCA inspector
- Wildlife documentary production
- Marine biologist
- Police/Army dog handler
- Animal Care Worker
- Dog/Horse groomer
- Working at a cattery/kennels/zoo/wildlife centre
- Farm worker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal welfare officer

…. and many more

ART

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.

Why Study Art?

Art enhances fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, problem solving skills, lateral thinking, complex analysis and critical thinking skills. Increasingly employers are looking for staff in the workplace who can "think outside the box" and use their creative skills to problem solve.

Careers where Art could be beneficial

- ◆ Artist (painter, printmaker, sculptor)
- ◆ Illustrator
- ◆ Animator
- ◆ Photographer
- ◆ Graphic designer (visual communication)
- ◆ Teacher
- ◆ Gallery curator
- ◆ Museum or gallery exhibitions officer

ASDAN
Bronze or Silver or Gold

ASDAN is a Personal Development Programme which aims to help you to build your self-confidence and develop lots of skills which will help you in your life in general and in the world of work.

If you have already achieved your **BRONZE AWARD** this is an opportunity for you to accept the challenges presented in the **SILVER AWARD**. If you have already achieved your **SILVER AWARD** then you are heading for **GOLD** – what an achievement this would be. If you have not yet achieved a BRONZE AWARD now is the time to step up to the mark and put your name on the list.

So, what do you need to do to achieve an award?

To achieve an award you must complete a series of challenges which enable you to improve your skills. You must then provide the evidence that shows that your skills are better than they were before you started. Examples of challenge areas are:

Communication	Sport & Leisure	Beliefs & Values

By completing challenges, you gain CREDITS which you can then put towards achieving your award.

BRONZE AWARD	
6 CREDITS	60 HOURS

SILVER AWARD	
12 CREDITS	120 HOURS

GOLD AWARD	
18 CREDITS	180 HOURS

Why study an ASDAN Award?

The great thing about studying ASDAN is, that with your teacher, you can choose subjects that are of interest to you AND you can also provide evidence towards your credits from the things that you do outside of school.

In addition to this ASDAN is progressive which means that you always have something to work towards. It is also a course which allows you, as an individual, to work at your own pace under the direction of your teacher. You start off with your first challenge and you take things from there.

The ASDAN Personal Development Course at Bronze, Silver & Gold prepares you for life.

Careers where an ASDAN Award could be beneficial

There is no specific list of career path which ASDAN is directed towards. ASDAN is beneficial for ALL types of jobs because it is specific to the individual and is about your personal growth and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.
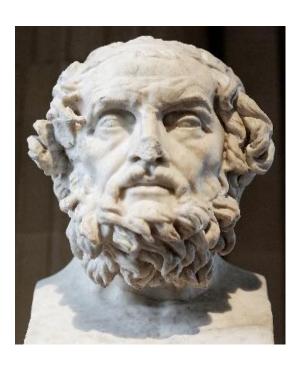
Classics

The purpose of Classics is to develop a good knowledge and understanding of the Ancient world. You will study many aspects of life in Ancient Greece and Rome. You will learn about religious, political, social, moral and cultural values in classical civilisation. You will become more aware of issues affecting your own society, and globally, by comparing the classical world with the modern world.

Studying Classics helps you to develop a range of skills. These include investigating classical texts, making comparisons between the Ancient and modern world, and using a variety of sources of evidence.

The course will encourage you to develop key attributes:

- Thinking skills
- Applying your knowledge
- Citizenship
- An open mind
- Literacy skills
- Respect for different beliefs and cultures

The course will help you to develop a range of important skills. You will study a well-known story from classical literature and draw conclusions about the classical world. You will comment on sources and study archaeological evidence. You will improve your problem solving and thinking skills by asking important questions about life in Ancient Greece and Rome. You will develop skills for learning, life and work by studying Classics.

Why study Classics?

To study classics is to engage with the rich variety of the remains of these ancient civilizations: their art, literature, philosophy, music, theatre and politics.

Classicists engage with a variety of cultures and fields. You will develop a number of transferrable skills by learning about the Ancient world.
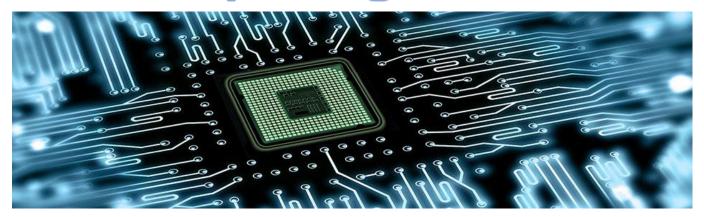
You will develop knowledge and understanding about a fascinating period of history. You will develop your confidence and literacy skills. Classics lessons are fun and you will get the chance to study some very interesting topics.

Careers where Classics could be beneficial

- Solicitor
- Teacher
- Politician
- Media Consultant
- Marketing Manager
- Archaeologist
- Museum Curator
- Archivist
- Architect

Computing Science

Computing science is vital to everyday life; it shapes the world in which we live and its future. Computing professionals play key roles in meeting the needs of society today and for the future, in fields which include science, communications, entertainment, education, business and industry.

The purpose of this course is to develop your knowledge of the technological world and to develop your skills in developing computer-based solutions to problems. The course is designed for those pupils who want to learn more about the technological world around them and become skilled in building digital solutions using a variety of software applications. Through studying this course, you will develop and broaden your technological experience through an increasing awareness of current technologies. You will also develop a range of transferable skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

The aims of the course are to enable you to:

| develop aspects of computational thinking in a range of contexts |
| develop knowledge and understanding of basic facts and ideas in computing science |
| develop skills and knowledge in software and application-based development tools |
| apply skills and knowledge to develop and implement simple digital solutions |

Why study Computing Science?

Computing Science shapes the world in which we live and its future. The course brings together elements of technology, science and creative digital media, providing an insight into the challenge, excitement and reward to be found in these areas.

If you like working with computer technology, if you want to understand how this technology works and if you want to learn the basics of computer programming then this course is for you.

Careers where Computing Science could be beneficial

∴ Software Developer
∴ Database Administrator
∴ Computer Hardware Engineer
∴ Computer Systems Analyst
∴ Computer Network Architect
∴ Web Developer
∴ Information Security Analyst
∴ Computer and Information Research
∴ Mobile Application Developer
∴ Software Engineer
∴ Systems Architect
∴ Data Engineer.

Cyber Security

The purpose of the Cyber Security course is to enable you to develop greater skills in the following three areas:

- **Data Security**

- **Digital Forensics**

- **Ethical Hacking**

The course can be studied at SCQF Levels 4, 5 and 6 and covers the following topics:

- **How personal data is stored and shared by social media**

- **The steps involved in the digital forensic process**

- **How to protect data**

- **The law around computer crime**

- **Basic hacking methods in a controlled environment**

This course would be interesting if you are keen to find out more about this area of technology, how breaches of security can take place and how we can avoid them both personally and in business. You should also have an interest in how the law looks at these matters and what we are allowed to do about breaches in security. We would look at how software, hardware and electronic data can be damaged and the effects this can have on both individuals and companies.

Why study Cyber Security?

Studying this subject could lead you into a career in a sector that is growing daily. It would also be of benefit to you in your private life as we have more data about us kept   on line all the time.

It would help you spot scams and potential threats to data on line.

It will enhance your knowledge of the world of data security in all its forms.

Careers where Cyber Security could be beneficial

- Security architect (designing security systems)
- Security engineer
- Security auditor (or forensic expert)
- Incident responder (dealing with incidents where something has gone wrong)
- Vulnerability assessor (helping people see where they might be at risk of security problems)

This Course provides opportunities for you to develop practical skills in creating and presenting drama. You will also develop drama production skills.
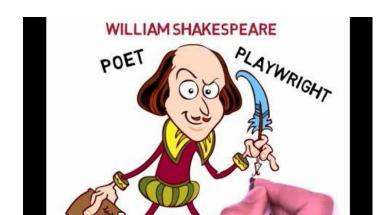
In this Course, you are encouraged to exercise imagination and to express yourself in different ways. You will develop important skills, attitudes and attributes, including creativity, adaptability, enthusiasm, a willingness to learn and confidence.

Learning through drama will help you to appreciate cultural values, identities and ideas.

This Course also provides scope for personalisation and choice.

The aims of the Course are to enable you to:

- generate and communicate thoughts and ideas when creating drama
- develop awareness of social and cultural influences on drama
- develop basic skills in presenting drama
- develop basic production skills
- explore form and structure

Why study Drama?

Studying Drama could lead you into a career in a sector that will open doors for you either in theatre or film and television.

When studying Drama, you will have learned:

- ♣ how to work collaboratively with others
- ♣ how to communicate your personal thoughts and ideas
- ♣ how to create and present drama
- ♣ how to use basic production skills when presenting a piece of work
- ♣ how to communicate meaning to an audience
- ♣ how to show awareness of social and cultural influences on drama
- ♣ how to reflect on your own work and that of others.

Careers where Drama could be beneficial

- Acting
- Producing
- Set Design
- Teaching
- Special effects technician
- Musical Theatre
- Director
- Stage Manager
- Screenwriter

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Employability

This is a core part of our senior phase curriculum
All S5 pupils at Cederbank will study Employability this year.

The Employability Award is an introduction to the world of work and focuses on the employability skills that may help you to feel and be more successful as you move into the job market. Whilst studying this course you may develop skills and attitudes that will be applicable across all areas of employment.

If you have already studied some Employability Units in s4 then it may worth continuing with this course thus ensuring that you achieve the full Employability Award in s5. If you have not yet studied it then you may decide to choose this subject to get you started on these vital skills.

So, what topics will you study during this course?

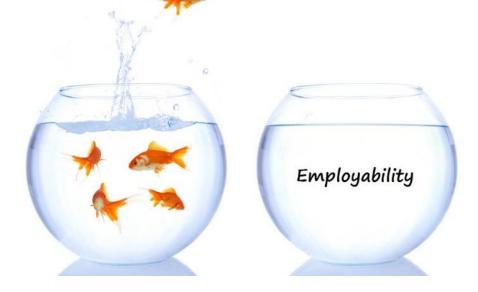| Preparing for Employment	Building Your Employability Skills	Responsibilities of Employment	Dealing with Work Situations
• You will look at your existing skills and experience, and how these might apply to work. You will also consider the sort of employment you would like — what you would like to get from work, and what sort of job will deliver that.	• You will consider the types of employment which may suit you, practise the skills needed to find employment, such as contacting employers, filling in application forms, and writing a CV.	• You will learn about what being an employee means — how to behave at work and how you should expect to be treated by your employer. Unacceptable behaviour and its consequences are also explored.	• You will consider working with other people and building effective working relationships. You learn about dealing with conflict and the consequences of not dealing with work situations in an acceptable way.

During the course of the year you will look at a mixture of the following:

Why study Employability?

Employability defines the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours required by you to seek, obtain and sustain employment at all levels in the job market

Employability qualifications will help to raise your aspirations and help you to further develop a range of so-called 'soft skills' such as self-confidence and motivation, which will help to improve your access to employment opportunities.

Careers where an Employability Award could be beneficial

There is no specific list of career path which Employability is directed towards. It is beneficial for ALL types of jobs because it is specific to the individual and is about your personal growth and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

French

Do you have an interest in learning French and being able to use it in everyday life or when you are on holiday? Then this course might be of interest to you. Throughout this course you will be given the opportunity to develop the skills of listening, talking, reading and writing in French. There are 4 parts to the course:

Society Learning Culture

Employability

The course explores a wide range of topics such as school, hobbies, cinema, food and drink, holidays, work, the environment and health. The French course allows you to personalise your coursework by choosing topics based on your own interests, e.g. sports, music, cinema, etc.

Why learn a language?

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela

Travel
Even a little knowledge of a foreign language can make a difference when you meet people from other countries. Speaking another language breaks down barriers. It is a real achievement to be able to understand menus, ask for directions and communicate with other people in their own language.

Work and business
A second language is an added advantage in your career if you work for an international firm or a company with international customers or contacts. Large companies like Amazon need linguists.

Music, film, arts and culture
If you like literature, films or music from other countries, learning the language will help your appreciation and understanding. Otherwise, things can be "*lost in translation*."

Improving your knowledge of English
It is often only when you start to learn a second language that you begin to understand your own properly! Tricky aspects of English grammar and vocabulary become easier because you are going back to basics again.

For a personal challenge
You can learn a language in short, bite-sized sessions and you'll enjoy the sense of satisfaction of achieving short-term goals, such as learning how to say hello, introducing yourself or using numbers 1-10.

Boost your brain!
Learning a second language increases the density of grey matter in the left part of your brain. This is good for us!

Careers where French could be beneficial

⇨ Teaching
⇨ Tour Guide
⇨ Hotel Industry
⇨ Hospitality Industry
⇨ HR/Personnel Office Work
⇨ Retail Work in shops

⇨ Travel & Tourism Industry

Geography

Geography's purpose is to develop your knowledge and understanding of our changing world and its human and physical processes. Opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork, will be encouraged, so that you can interact with the environment.

In the 21st century, with growing awareness of the impact of human activity upon the environment and scarce resources, the study of Geography fosters positive life-long attitudes of environmental stewardship, sustainability and global citizenship.

This subject will give you the knowledge and skills to enable you to contribute effectively to your local community and wider society.

The contexts for study are local, national, international, and global. Geography draws upon the social and natural sciences: interdisciplinary learning is therefore fundamental to geographical study and encourages links with other subjects.

Previously we have studied Climate Change, Extreme Weather, Rivers and Hills in Scotland, and we looked at the challenges faced by people living in the shanty towns of Brazil.

Geography will encourage you to develop important attitudes, including:

an interest in, and concern for, the environment and sustainable development

an understanding of the changing world

an appreciation of the ways in which people and the environment interact

a sense of responsibility

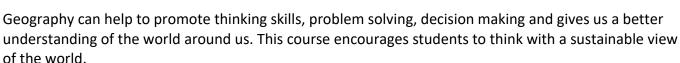a geographical perspective on environmental and social issues

You may be challenged to look at the world in new ways. Your confidence may 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.

Why study Geography?

Geography helps us to make sense of the modern world.

Geographers are able to understand and explain the world around them – cities and countryside, local and far away.

Geography can help to promote thinking skills, problem solving, decision making and gives us a better understanding of the world around us. This course encourages students to think with a sustainable view of the world.

Careers where Geography could be beneficial

~ Tourism industry
~ Farming
~ Ecologist
~ Museum guide
~ Environmental Scientist
~ Pilot
~ Secondary school teacher
~ Planner
~ Surveyor
~ Journalist
~ Web content manager

History

The purpose of the History course is to develop a coherent and balanced understanding of the past. The course involves study of Scottish, British, European and world history. Through examining the past, you will gain a better understanding of your communities, your country and the wider world. You will get the opportunity to develop a range of skills. These skills include evaluating and analysing sources of information. Asking questions about the past and exploring change. Historians develop thinking and problem solving skills. These skills are highly prized by employers.

Studying history will encourage you to develop:

- Thinking Skills
- An open mind
- Making comparisons between the past and present
- Respect for other cultures
- Citizenship
- Exploring your values and the values of others

The course will help you to learn about the past in different ways. You will explore significant events and people and how they have shaped our history. You will consider local, national and international events, and consider why these events still have an importance in the 21st century. As part of the course you will develop a range of key skills. For example:

\# Extracting information from sources

\# Group work

\# Posing key questions about significant individuals.

Why study History?

The world is very complex and many issues you might notice in the news have historic causes. History helps us to understand the modern world. Historians are able to provide insights and understand key events from the past.

The History course will help you to develop problem solving and thinking skills. You will use a variety of source material and improve your literacy skills. History is an important subject for helping to develop your confidence and understanding of historical issues.

Careers where History could be beneficial

- ✓ Journalist
- ✓ Librarian
- ✓ Archaeologist
- ✓ Archivist
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Political advisor
- ✓ Solicitor
- ✓ Travel and tourism

Hospitality:
Practical Cookery

master chef

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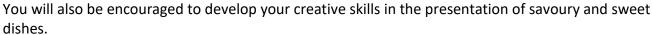
Organisational skills for cooking
- The focus here is on developing your basic organisational skills. You will acquire the ability to produce dishes and present them appropriately. You will also develop the ability to carry out an evaluation of a product.

Why study Hospitality?

You will get the opportunity to learn a range of skills related to food preparation, organisation and time management.

In addition to this you will develop your understanding of the importance of healthy eating, kitchen safety and food hygiene.

You will also be encouraged to develop your creative skills in the presentation of savoury and sweet dishes.

Careers where Hospitality

could be beneficial

- Chef
- Hotel and catering industry in a variety of jobs
- Food Retail
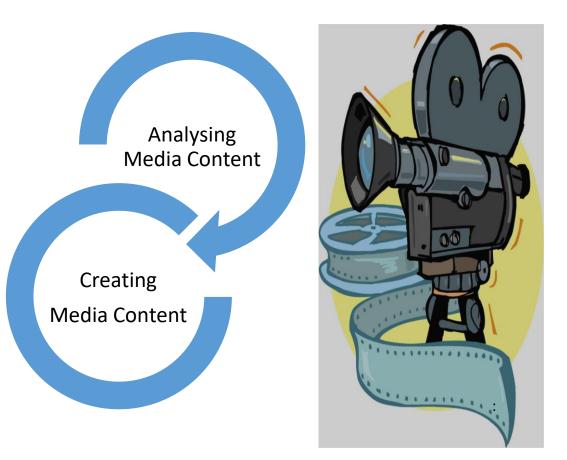- Food Product Development
- Dietetics
- Nursing

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

Analysing Media Content

Creating Media Content

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

Why study Media?

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.

Media study at this level is challenging, and includes not only discussion and verbal analysis, but also a fair bit of written work. Therefore, this course would be suitable for students who are working at National 3 English or above.

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.

Careers where Media could be beneficial

- ♣ Advertising
- ♣ Social Media
- ♣ Public Relations
- ♣ Media Planner
- ♣ Information Officer
- ♣ Writer
- ♣ Event Manager
- ♣ Programme researcher
- ♣ Broadcasting / TV / Film

The Music course focuses on three units of work: Performance, Understanding Music, and Creating Music. Each of these areas will give you a better understanding of both music theory and performance, with the additional benefits of developing your musical skills.

| Performance	Understanding Music	Creating Music
This will provide you with the opportunity to practice and learn to play a wide range of musical instruments, including keyboard, guitar, drum kit, tuned percussion, ukulele, and voice.	Through listening units and theory work you will learn musical concepts and become more adept at identifying a variety of styles and instrumentation used in music.	In this this unit there are many opportunities to compose your own music including working with technology such as Garageband.
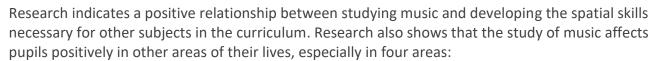
On this course, you will be encouraged to work in groups as well as on your own for different tasks. There will be many opportunities to perform different musical styles in the classroom using a variety of instruments. There will also be opportunities to showcase your musical talents for friends and family at school assemblies or at other events.

Why study Music?

That's easy. Learning music is a meaningful and gratifying experience for people of all ages. The mixture of creativity, discipline, and communication that music study demands will help you succeed in school, in society, and in life.

Music Education enhances learning skills, communication skills, creativity, teamwork, discipline, cultural awareness, respect for others, and self-esteem through personal accomplishment and performance.

Research indicates a positive relationship between studying music and developing the spatial skills necessary for other subjects in the curriculum. Research also shows that the study of music affects pupils positively in other areas of their lives, especially in four areas:

1. Success in School
2. Success in Developing Intelligence
3. Success in Society
4. Success in Life

Careers where Music could be beneficial

- Teaching music
- Studio work
- TV/Radio
- Music therapy
- Performance Art
- Theatre
- Mobile Disco Businesses
- Music critique

Music Technology

In the Music Technology Course you will develop your knowledge of music technology, and of basic music concepts, particularly those relevant to 20th and 21st century music, through practical learning.

The aims of the Course are to enable you to:

- develop basic skills in the use of music technology hardware and software to capture and manipulate audio
- use music technology in sound production
- develop a basic understanding of significant 20th and 21st century musical styles and genres
- reflect, in simple terms, on their own work and that of others

The practical and experiential nature of the Course gives you opportunities to work collaboratively, show imagination and creativity, and apply basic technical skills as you use music technology in a variety of ways.

The Music Technology Course consists of three units:

Music Technology Skills	In this Unit, you will develop skills and techniques relating to the creative use of music technology hardware and software to capture and manipulate audio. Learners will explore a range of uses of this technology through practical activities.
Understanding 20th and 21st Century Music	In this Unit, you will develop basic understanding of 20th and 21st century musical styles and genres, and of related developments in music technology.
Music Technology in context	In this Unit, you will use music technology skills in a range of straightforward contexts such as live performance, radio broadcast, composing for film, TV themes, adverts and computer gaming.

Why study Music Technology?

This Course is suitable for learners with a broad interest in music, particularly those with an interest in music technology and 20th and 21st century music.

The Course is practical and experiential in nature and there is considerable scope for personalisation and choice.

You will develop understanding of the basic skills and knowledge required by the music industry. They will also continue to develop a range of transferable skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

Course activities also provide opportunities to enhance generic and transferable skills in planning and organising, working independently and in teams, critical thinking and decision making, research, communication and self- and peer-evaluation, in a technological and musical context.

Careers where Music Technology could be beneficial

~ Musician
~ Sound Engineer (Music)
~ Music Producer
~ Radio Broadcaster
~ Radio Producer
~ Journalist
~ Sound Engineer (Film and TV)
~ Sound Effect (Foley) Artist
~ Computer Games Designer
~ Advertising

People & Society

The purpose of the **People & Society** course is to enable you to develop a greater understanding of society and your place in it. The course will develop a range of evaluating and research skills. You will acquire a knowledge and understanding of relevant themes, issues or topics in an inter-disciplinary way. You will get the opportunity to develop your geographical and historical skills. This is a really interesting course if you are interested in the environment, the past and how people interact with one another. The topics are flexible which allows for tailored learning and the pursuit of your own interests.

The course will encourage you to develop important attitudes, including:

An open mind

Openness to new thinking and ideas

Respect for the values, beliefs and cultures of others

A sense of responsibility

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.

Why study People & Society?

All Social Subjects courses like *People & Society*, *History, Geography, Modern Studies* or *Religious Moral & Philosophical Studies*, help us to make sense of the modern world.

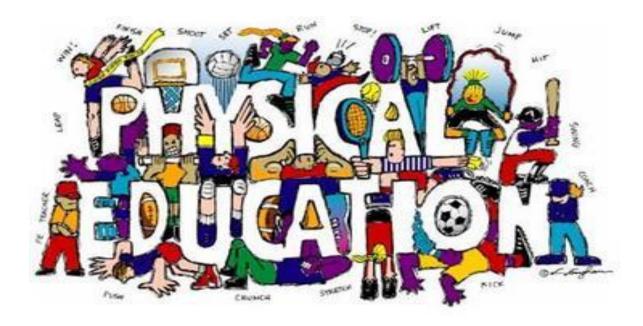Social scientists are able to understand and analyse complex ideas.

People & Society can help to promote thinking skills and further study of a specific Social Subject. This course promotes literacy, further reading and helps nurture and develop an inquisitive mind.

Careers where People & Society could be beneficial

~ Heritage manager
~ Museum education officer
~ Museum or gallery curator
~ Environmental Scientist
~ Secondary school teacher
~ Archaeologist
~ Archivist
~ Journalist
~ Solicitor
~ Web content manager
~ Travel and tourism industry

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.

Why study PE?

This Course is suitable for pupils who enjoy lots of physical activity, have an interest in and enthusiasm for developing their movement and performance skills in physical activities, and who enjoy learning in practical contexts. The Course will help you to develop decision-making, problem-solving and interpersonal skills, which are transferable to other life and work contexts.

Careers where PE could be beneficial

- ✓ Fitness centre manager
- ✓ Personal trainer
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Sports administrator
- ✓ Sports coach
- ✓ Sports development officer
- ✓ Sports therapist

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 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

Why study Rural Skills?

Horticulture enriches diets: specifically, growing fruits and vegetables. It provides critical nutrients for a balanced diet.

Horticulture involves plant propagation and cultivation to improve plant growth, yields, quality, nutritional value, and resistance to insects, diseases, and environmental stresses.

Learning about rural skills in general will allow you to develop skills for life since you will learn how to grow your own food.

Careers where Rural Skills could be beneficial

- ~ Farming
- ~ Nutrition
- ~ Game and Wildlife
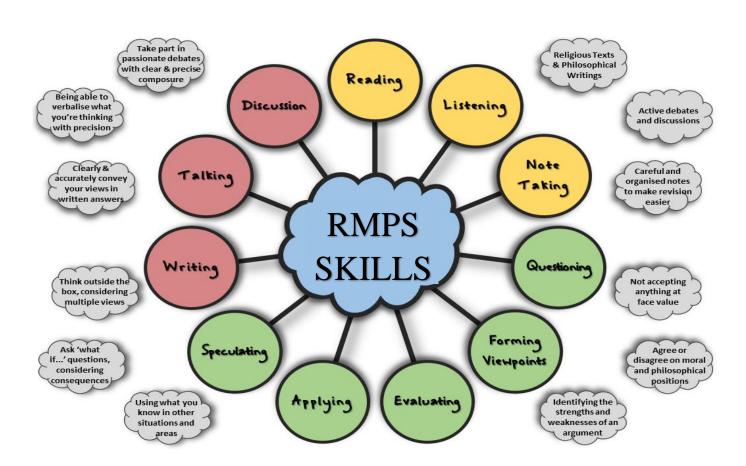- ~ Gardening
- ~ Forestry
- ~ Gamekeeping

RMPS

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.

Why study RMPS?

If you're interested in people, society, culture, values, beliefs and morality then RMPS is for you.

If you enjoy exploring ideas, giving your opinion and engaging in discussion and debates, then RMPS is for you.

If you care about the world we live in and want to gain a better understanding of how our universe came into being from both a Religious and Scientific perspective, then RMPS is for you.

If you want to explore the existence of Evil & Suffering and consider the arguments presented about the Existence of God, then RMPS is for you.

If you want to study moral issues such as the Taking of Life, Medical Ethics, Crime & Punishment and Relationships then RMPS is for you.

Careers where RMPS could be beneficial

~ Teacher
~ Social Worker
~ Journalism
~ Law
~ Counselling
~ Chaplaincy
~ Police
~ Youth Work
~ Community Development
~ Civil Service
~ Media

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.

In this course you will study the following topics and may also be expected to complete a Scientific Assignment:

Living Environment

Earth's Resources

Sustainability

Why study Science?

Studying science, in general, helps you to explore the world you live in. It allows you to develop more scientific knowledge. By studying science, you can find possible solutions to all problems. Scientists and researchers learn new ideas through research and experiments to find out more about the natural world.

Studying science is important because there are many things we'd like to know about how the world works, partly for pure interest and partly because we have practical needs that we don't know how to address right now. Science is the most productive discipline developed by people to gather reliable information about how the world works, and has given us dramatic improvements in medicine, agriculture, energy generation, and many other fields.

Our environment is very important to us because it is where we live and share resources with other species. It is a fascinating subject which helps see the connection between humans and the environment. Environmental science is an interdisciplinary course, in which aspects of the physical, chemical and biological parts of the environment are studied, as well as how they interact with each other. There are some aspects of geography and social sciences also included. By studying environmental science, we also try to learn how to reduce the impact of humans on the planet.

Environmental Science encourages the development of analytical thinking, problem solving and communication skills. These are skills which are highly thought of by employers, colleges and universities.

So, if you are interested in how our world works, then science is for you.
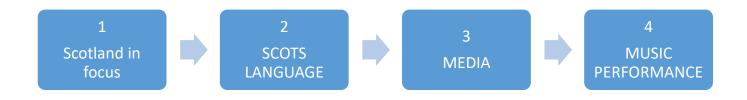
Careers where Science could be beneficial

o Agriculture
o Teacher
o Energy
o Environmental Education
o Zoology
o Conservation
o Nature conservation
o Recycling
o Sustainability
o Waste management
o Water quality management

SCOTTISH STUDIES

AWARD

This Award will provide opportunities for you to develop your knowledge and understanding of Scotland — its people, languages (such as Scots and Gaelic), society, culture, natural environment and heritage — and to make connections across the curriculum.

You will study the following topics in relation to Scotland:

1 Scotland in focus	→	2 SCOTS LANGUAGE	→	3 MEDIA	→	4 MUSIC PERFORMANCE

This Award may appeal to a wide range of pupils who wish to broaden their understanding of Scotland. This, in turn, may provide opportunities for you to reflect on, and build, your own sense of identity as residents of Scotland and the wider world. You will also develop, and learn to apply, important skills, knowledge and understanding in subject areas which are of particular interest to you.

Why study the Scottish Studies Award?

Scotland and its people have made, and continue to make, significant contributions in many areas of society both at home and abroad. These contributions have had, and will continue to have, lasting effects in areas such as the sciences, engineering, literature and language, the arts, business, industry and the media. Scottish society is diverse, encompassing people from a wide range of cultures and historical backgrounds. Through emigration and immigration, Scotland's people and culture have influenced, and in turn been influenced by, the people and cultures of many other countries. The physical environment of Scotland is also diverse and attracts visitors from around the world.

Careers where the Scottish Studies Award could be beneficial

\# Teaching
\# Tourism
\# Hospitality
\# Cultural industries
\# Museum   &   Heritage
   Industry

Woodwork, Practical Craft

This course is suitable if you have an interest in making woodwork or 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.

Why study Woodwork?

One answer would be that it is the only raw material available to us that is truly renewable in human life span terms. Wood is as important to society today as it ever was, despite the development of many man-made substitute materials, changing resource availability, and

the changing needs of society. Wood is a far more diverse, green, and renewable resource than you might have imagined.

Woodwork allows you to practice your perseverance and your ability to focus. It also helps to develop your fine and gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Careers where woodwork could be beneficial

Joinery
Building Trade
Craft Making
Teaching
Furniture Designer & Maker

West Lothian College Courses

College courses

The following **West Lothian** take place on either a Tuesday & Thursday afternoon or a Friday afternoon. This is a good opportunity to get an experience of college whilst you are still being supported at school.

Further details and descriptors for each course can be found here:

https://www.west-lothian.ac.uk/courses/course-

Most courses run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30 pm until 4.00 pm. A few run on Tuesdays and Fridays. Disruption to other courses a student is doing in school will be minimised but some catching up in their own time will be required.

Some courses can be taken in addition to a student's course choices in school, on a Friday afternoon.

Any student undertaking a course at West Lothian College or Oatridge College through the school-college partnership must be:

- Genuinely interested in the course being applied for
- Motivated and willing to work independently
- Mature, reliable and good at timekeeping
- Willing to catch up with any work missed from courses in school
- Willing to complete extra work for the college course when required, for example on some Friday afternoons or in school holiday periods

An application form must be completed. This will be done with our Skills Development Scotland Advisor Mr Sam Morgan. There is some competition for places on most courses and students will be required to attend an interview.

Transport is provided by West Lothian Council for most college courses. Students undertaking Friday afternoon courses need to arrange their own transport.

Courses available for study at College

Languages & Literacy

Course	Level
Creative Industries – An Introduction	SCQF level 4/5
Foundation Apprenticeship Creative & Digital Media	SCQF level 6

Expressive Arts

Course	Level
Creative Industries – An Introduction	SCQF level 4/5
Friday Folio Building	SCQF level 4
Introduction to Photography	SCQF level 5
Beauty NPA	SCQF level 4/5
Makeup NPA	SCQF level 5
Hairdressing Skills for Work	SCQF level 5
Art Portfolio Building	SCQF level 5

Social Studies

Course	Level
Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services & Healthcare	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services Children & Young People	SCQF level 6

Science & Technologies

Course	Level
Creative Industries – An Introduction	SCQF level 4
Intro to Carpentry & Joinery	SCQF level 4
Motor Vehicle	SCQF level 4
Prep for Engineering FA	SCQF level 4
Construction Skills for Work	SCQF level 5

Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Civil Engineering	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship ICT Software Development	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Business Skills	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Digital Media	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Creative & Digital Media	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Scientific Technologies	SCQF level 6
Rural Skills: Agriculture NPA	*SCQF level 5*
Agriculture NC	*SCQF level 6*
Rural Skills: Estate Skills NPA	*SCQF level 5*
Rural Skills: Horticulture NPA	*SCQF level 5*

Health & Wellbeing

Course	Level
School Girls' Football	SCQF level 6
Care National 5	SCQF level 5
Bakery NPA	SCQF level 4
Health Sector – Skills for Work	SCQF level 5
Early Education & Childcare Skills for Work	SCQF level 5
Hospitality Skills for Work	SCQF level 4
Foundation Apprenticeship Food & Drink Operations	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services & Healthcare	SCQF level 6
Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services Children & Young People	SCQF level 6

IN LIFE, YOU HAVE
3 CHOICES
GIVE UP, GIVE IN, OR
GIVE IT YOUR ALL!