

PATHWAYS BOOKLET

For pupils in S2 choosing their subjects in S3

'Supporting you to be the best version of yourself'

2024-25

S3 PATHWAYS: WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- All students will study English, Maths and Skills For Life (which consists of 1 period of RME, 1 period of PSE and 2 Periods of PE) so they do not appear on the sheet
- Choose ONE subject only from each curricular area in section A and put it in the 'my options' box
- Once you have chosen your subjects in section A mark the boxes with the numbers 1-5, with 1 being most important, 2 being second most important and so on.
- Choose two subjects from section B Enrichment Column. This can be from any curricular area. You can't repeat a choice from section A
- Once you have chosen your subjects in section B mark the boxes with the numbers 6-7
- Choose a reserve subject with the letter R from section B

CHECKLIST BEFORE HANDING IN

- Have you chosen one subject from each curricular area in section A
- Have you numbered your subject choices from section A 1-5
- Have you chosen two enrichment subjects from section B?
- Have you numbered your choices 6-7 from section B?
- Have you chosen a Reserve subject from section B?
- Has your parent/carer signed your form?
- Have you spoken to your Guidance Teacher?

You will hand in your completed course choice sheet on Tuesday 30th January in the Hall.

*Late forms run the risk of losing out on choices

Please note – we will do our best to give you your choices, but we cannot guarantee them

Section A Curricular Pathways - Ensuring breadth across the curriculum Select 1 from each curricular area				Section B Ensuring depth across the curriculum Select 2 and mark a R for reserve		
Expressive Arts	Health & Wellbeing	Humanities	Science	Technologies	Enr	ichment
My Option	My Option	My Option	My Option	My Option	My Option	My Option
Art & Design	Fashion & Textiles	Geography	Biology	Administration & IT	Administration & IT	History
Drama	Home Economics	History	Chemistry	Business Management	Art & Design	Home Economics
Music	Physical Education	Modern Studies	Physics	Engineering Science	Biology	Life in Another Country
		Social Subjects Pathway	Sciences Pathway	Graphic Communication	Business Management	Modern Studies
				Practical Woodworking	Chemistry	Music
				Design & Manufacture	Creative Industries Design & Manufacture	Musical Theatre Music Performing
					Drama	Physical Education
					Engineering Science	Physics
Pupil Signature:					Fashion & Textiles	Practical Woodwork
					French	Sports Development (Team Sports)
					Geography	Skills for Engineering
Parent/Carer Signature:					Spanish	
					German	
					Graphic Communication	RMPS
PT Guidance Signatu	ıre:					

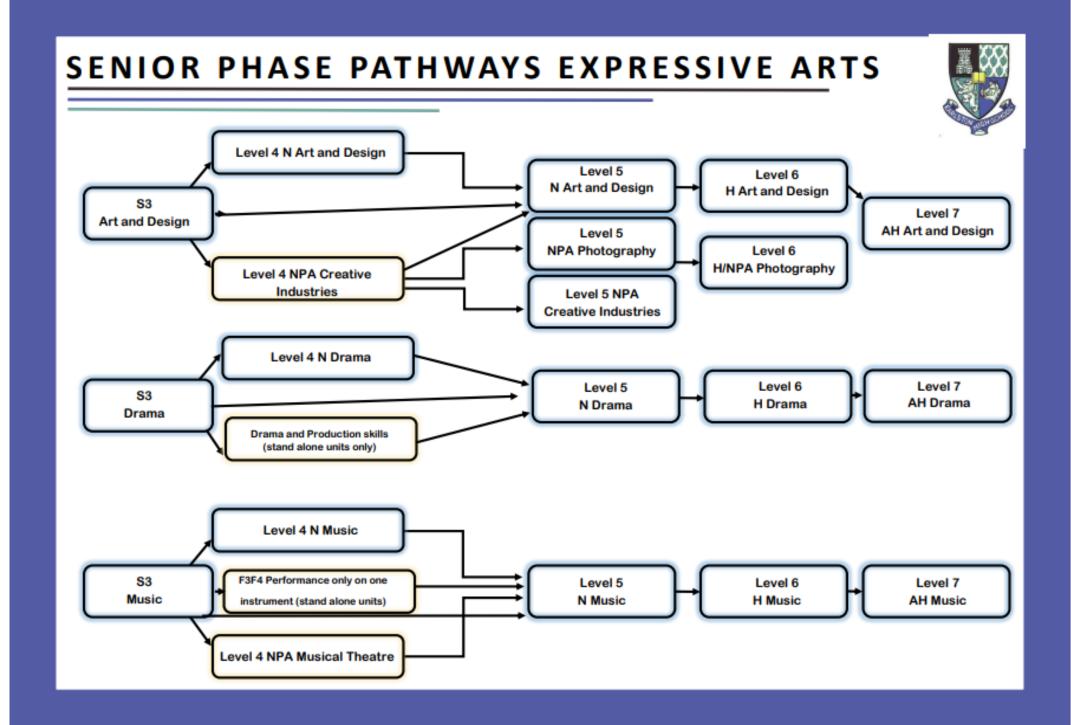
Learners will have the opportunity to begin to specialise in their chosen subjects in S3. You will study your chosen subjects for 3 periods per week. You will be able to select 7 subjects from across various curricular areas. You will also study English, Maths and Skills for Life (1 period of RME, 1 Period of PSE and 2 periods of PE)

We want you to think about the various pathways that are available to you so we have included the progression and possible attainment that each subject and curricular area bring. Each curricular area has provided a Pathways picture to help.

We have also added some key terms that are important for you to understand.

- N = National Level
- H = Higher Level
- AH = Advanced Higher Level

The following link should help explain the key terms and the progression of levels: <u>https://scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/interactive-framework/</u>



COURSE	Art and Design
Outline	The study and practice of Art and Design can be a deeply fulfilling and enjoyable experience, leading to a life-long interest and a lasting appreciation of the Fine Arts and all aspects of Design. Careers which might be followed on leaving school in the visual and creative industries are such as; artist, architect, landscape architect, sculptor, stage and make-up artist, and designers in a wide range of areas such as; interior design, photography, film and animation, furniture, product, illustration, digital design, graphic design, and many others. Examples of other areas which benefit from the study of Art and Design are Primary/Secondary teaching and hairdressing.
What will I cover?	Expressive Activity
	Develops pupils' abilities to express personal ideas, observations, thoughts and feelings using visual methods. Pupils will experiment and explore media, materials, techniques and technology of artists. Through exploring a theme, pupils will produce expressive artworks in drawing, painting, sculpture or print. Alongside the practical work pupils will explore artists working in a related field and the factors and influences which affect their work.
	Design Activity
	Developing skills in problem solving and critical thinking, pupils will tackle real-life design projects. Pupils will respond to a brief and work to achieve a successful solution in an area such as Graphic Design, Ceramics, Jewellery, etc.
	Through the study of designers who work in a related area, pupils will examine the influences and impact of their designs and the role of the designer in society.
Skills	Some skills in drawing and observation are advantageous but it is equally important to have some creative and imaginative flair. The
	vast majority of pupils at this stage have sufficient ability to achieve satisfaction, enjoyment and success during the course.
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 Art and Design
Information	Ms MacBeth or Mr Thomson
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COURSE	Drama
Outline	The S3 course is building upon the skills they have learnt in S1 and S2. The S3 course it situated within the Fourth Level and is structured to be able to give challenge and support as necessary. This course is designed to have personalisation and choice for each pupil whilst also making sure they have all the skills necessary for success at National level if desired.
What will I cover?	August – October: Friendship Unit
	This is an introductory course to S3 drama. Pupils are asked to respond to stimuli based on friendship and perform a range of improvisations surrounding friendship using the skills brought with them from S1 and S2. Pupils will also be introduced to the concept on conventions.
	October – February: Drama Skills
	Pupils are introduced to more in-depth aspects of drama skills, including voice, movement, characterisation, form, genre, structure, tension and the social and cultural influences on drama. Pupils will be asked to respond to stimuli in each topic to create dramas using the skills taught.
	February – May: Production Skills
	Pupils are introduced to more in-depth aspects of production skills – or theatre arts – including lighting, sound, set design, costume, hair and makeup and props. They will then perform a scripted drama using the theatre arts to enhance their performance and create mood and atmosphere.
Skills	In S3, all pupils should be able to:
	 Respond to a range of stimuli with original and well thought out ideas Are able to go in depth with ideas and characters in both the acting drama and in characterisation techniques Are able to answer National 4 'exam style' questions with the theory learnt in class
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 Drama
Information from	Ms MacBeth or Mr Thomson

COURSE	Music
Outline	To ensure that all children have an opportunity to create, perform and respond positively to music.
	To provide the means so that all pupils may develop an informed interest in music and to develop such skills and insights as are an intrinsic part in the full enjoyment of music.
	 to encourage all pupils, throughout the whole range of ability, to realise their musical potential. to ensure all children should be given the opportunity to learn to read music as it arises naturally in the course of their work
	To encourage pupils to develop musical skills through the use of ICT in both software packages and blended learning through Teams and Satchel One.
What will I cover?	The S3 course is designed to provide the skills that will be the basis for those pupils wishing to continue with music at N4/5 and beyond. The elements of the course are:
	 broaden their understanding of music and musical literacy by listening to music and identifying level-specific music concepts
	 create original music using compositional methods
	 perform music and review progress.
Skills	Keen to develop a knowledge of a variety of musical concepts
	 Willing to study a range of musical genres, styles, cultures and contexts Happy to practice regularly on their chosen instrument(s)/voice
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 Music
Information from	Ms MacBeth or Mr Thomson

COURSE	Creative Industries NPA
Outline	Creative Industries at SCQF level 4 focuses on developing basic knowledge and understanding of practical aspects of the creative industries. It is aimed at those who may want to explore the many activities and opportunities available in the creative industries sector, including: Photography, Fashion, Textiles, Costume design and variety of other Creative Industries.
What will I cover?	The course has 4 units: o An Introduction into two Creative sectors o Skills Development o The Creative Process o Creative Project
	Sector 1: You may have the opportunity to explore either the Fashion Industry whilst competing in the 'Junk Kouture' competition, exploring the design process of the Textiles industry or Graphic design Industries. Sector 2:
	After working your way through Sector 1, you will then learn Photography techniques to showcase your outcome. This will then be displayed at our annual exhibition in November.
Skills	 working independently and with others planning, researching and organising skills decision making, problem solving and working to deadlines work ethos, punctuality and reliability using ICT and other creative digital media
Attainment	NPA Level 4 Creative Industries/ National 5 Art and Design
Progression	Creative Industries Level 5
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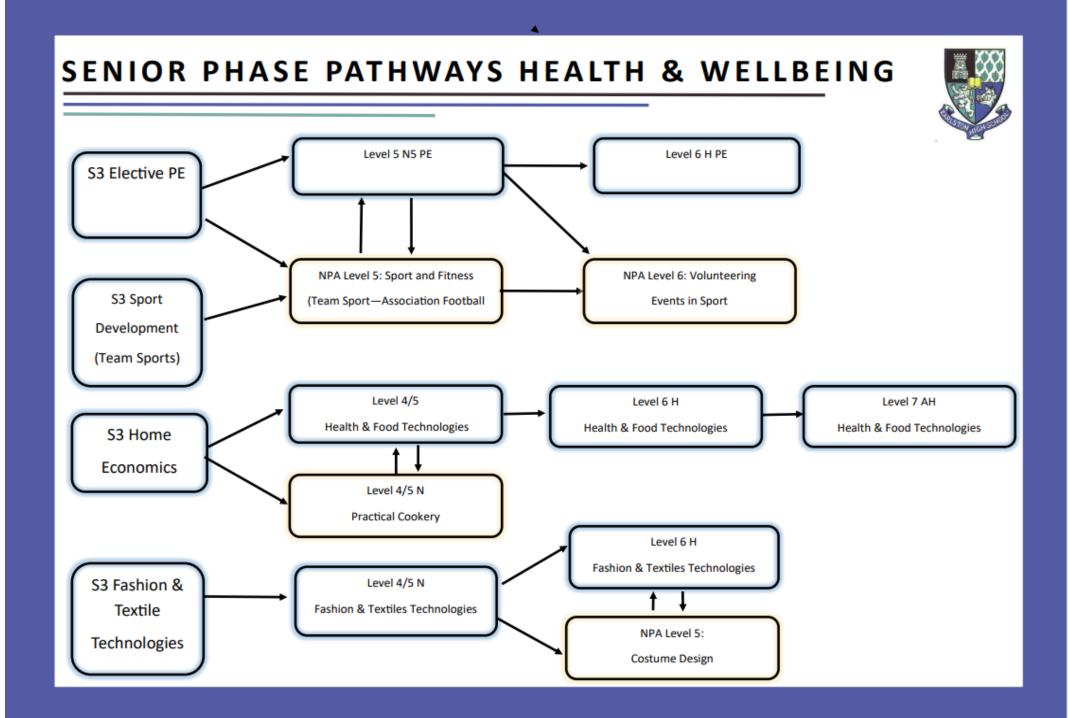
COURSE	Musical Theatre NPA
Outline	An NPA is a National Progression Award, which is a group award offered by SQA. This NPA in Musical Theatre is geared towards those wishing to progress and get formal qualifications in singing. It will take new students a year to complete and is aimed at S3 secondary school pupils who have a strong interest in singing, dancing and acting.
What will I cover?	The Course consists of 3 mandatory Units. All 3 units must be passed to achieve the group award, and there are 3 final exam essays. This award is pass or fail – no final grade is awarded as the units are all marked pass/fail.
Skills	Acting through song MANDATORY UNIT: Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of the songs and characters in the 2 chosen solo songs.
	Solo Singing (Audition Prep): Singing techniques will be explored practically, and 2 contrasting songs developed.
	Group singing: Students with develop knowledge and understanding of techniques involved in singing as a group in unison and in harmony, the 2 songs will be performed.
	Group dancing: Students with develop knowledge and understanding of techniques involved in dancing as a group.
Attainment	NPA Musical Theatre
Progression	National 4 or 5 Music
	National 4 or 5 Drama
Information from	Ms MacBeth or Mr Thomson

MUSIC F3/ F4 Performing Free- standing Unit
This Unit is suitable for those who already have quite considerable elementary experience of performing. It is available as a free-standing Unit, which may be studied as part of a general education, as a leisure interest, or for vocational reasons. It is one of a series of Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice Units which progress from SCQF level 3 to SCQF level 7
In this Unit candidates are required to perform pieces which meet the standard of technical and musical difficulty exemplified in SQA's National Qualifications in Music
Carry out an effective music practice routine.
Describe music chosen for performance.
Perform music in contrasting styles
In this Unit candidates will develop skills in solo instrumental or vocal performance beyond an elementary level. Students will
rehearse a varied programme of music, expand their knowledge of their chosen instrument/voice and its repertoire, and present a musical performance.
Free standing Unit award at the specific level chosen
National 4 or 5 Music
Ms MacBeth or Mr Thomson

SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS ENGLISH **S3** Level 3 N English Level 4 N English Level 5 N Literacy Level 5 N English Level 5 N English & Level 5 N Level 7 AH English Level 6 H English Literacy Level 4 N English Level 6 Literature and Level 6 H English Level 5 N English

Communication

COURSE	English and Literacy
Outline	In English and Literacy you will have the opportunity to develop your critical thinking skills through experiencing a wide variety of texts, from classics like Shakespeare's Macbeth or Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' to non-fiction blogs and a vast selection of media texts. You will also develop your ability to write and deliver increasingly complex and sophisticated written and spoken texts whilst improving your ability to communicate effectively in all contexts.
What will I cover?	 Reading: students will read and respond to a selection of prose fiction and non-fiction, poetry, drama and media texts.
	 Writing: students will develop the range and precision of their writing through the creation of a variety of critical, creative, persuasive and informative texts.
	 Talking and Listening: students will engage in critical, persuasive and informative Talking and Listening in a variety of formal and informal contexts.
Skills	 Students will develop their confidence, effectiveness and independence in the following areas: Core Literacy skills of Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening.
	 Critical Thinking skills: analysis, evaluation, making inferences and using the PEE chain to structure your responses.
	 Creative skills: using language and structure to create impact.
	 Research skills: searching, selecting, organising and presenting information.
	 Independent Study Skills: note-taking, using graphic organisers and planning.
Attainment	National 4 English Units
Progression	National 4 or National 5 English and National 5 Literacy
Information	Ms McDougal & Mr Mitchell
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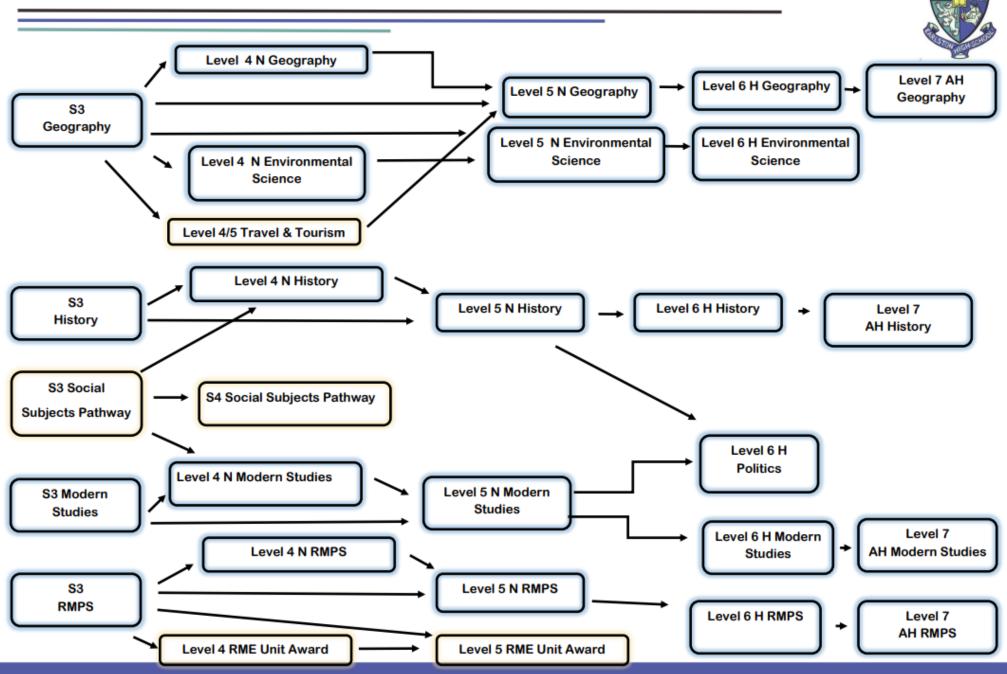
COURSE	Home Economics	
Outline	Content about Health & Food technologies (Written), Practical Cookery (Practical) and Baking (Practical).	
What will I cover?	 Food for health Food product development Contemporary food issues 	
Skills	 Cookery skills Understanding and using ingredients Dietary goals 	
Attainment	National 4 Units	
Progression	Health and Food Technologies Practical Cookery	
Information from	Mr Patterson	

COURSE	Fashion & Textiles Technology
Outline	Designing, creating and producing products.
What will I	Self portrait
cover?	Eye mask
	Slippers
	Independent projects
Skills	Construction techniques
	Design Process
	Analysing
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Fashion & Textiles leading to Costume Design
Information	Mr Patterson
from	

COURSE	Elective PE	
Outline	Development of practical skill across a range of activities. Analysing a performance, planning to improve and then implementing a training plan.	
What will I cover?	 Factors Impacting Performance Data Collection Training Approaches Skill Development 	
Skills	 Badminton Fitness Gymnastics Netball 	
Attainment	National 4	
Progression	National 5 PE and/or NPA Level 5 Team Sport (Association Football)	
Information from	Mr Patterson	

COURSE	Sports Development (Team Sports)		
Outline	Participation in sporting activities. Developing skills to coach small sessions and learn the rules of games and put these into practice when officiating.		
What will I cover?	 Skill Development Coaching Skills Officiating 		
Skills	 Ultimate Frisbee Football Netball Basketball Volleyball Handball 		
Attainment			
Progression	NPA Level 5 Team Sport (Association Football)		
Information from	Mr Patterson		

SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS HUMANITIES



COURSE	Geography
Outline	Geography is the study of the world around you and our place in it from a human, physical and environmental
	perspective.
What will I	•Equatorial Rainforest and factors involved in its destruction.
cover?	•Coastal Landscapes and Land use conflicts.
	•Global trade patterns and consequences of international trade on the physical and human environments, including
	Fairtrade, fast fashion and the depletion of the world's resources for products e.g. mobile phones.
	•Developing fieldwork skills in the local community.
	•OS Mapping Decision Making Task- Locating a Holiday Resort.
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Geography concepts
	•Problem solving
	•Data handling
	 Investigative and research skills
	•Project writing
	•Numeracy
	•Literacy
	•Analysis
	•Working with others
	•Cartography
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 Geography
	National 4 or 5 Environmental Science
	National 4 or 5 Travel & Tourism
	Social Subjects Pathway
Information	Mrs Grant
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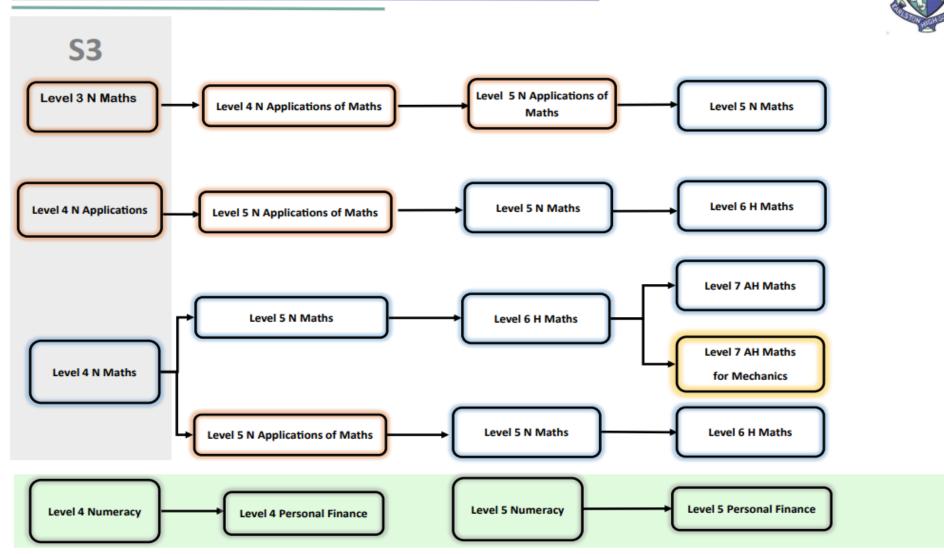
COURSE	HISTORY
Outline	History is the study of the factors contributing to and the impact of historical events. You also develop the skills of investigating events and forming views based on evidence and of explaining and analysing historical events and drawing reasoned conclusions. We want to learn from the past and discover what makes you, you.
What will I	•The Atlantic Slave Trade
cover?	Russian RevolutionWWI
Skills	•Knowledge and understanding of History concepts
	•Literacy
	•Debating
	• Developing analysis
	•Causation
	•Source handling
	Working with others
	 Investigative and research skills
	•Numeracy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 History
	National 4 or 5 Travel & Tourism
	Social Subjects Pathway
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COURSE	MODERN STUDIES
Outline	Modern Studies is the study of local, national and international issues from a social, political and economic perspective.
What will I	•International terrorism including the reasons for it; responses that can be taken and the consequences upon the
cover?	individual, country and wider community.
	•UK Democracy including the UK Parliament, Political Parties and Brexit.
	•Poverty in the UK including causes, consequences and government responses.
	•An Added Value project about a social, political or economic issue of your choice.
Skills	•Knowledge and understanding of Modern Studies concepts
	• Problem solving in real life situations
	•Source handling
	 Investigative and research skills
	•Project writing
	•Numeracy in terms of source handling
	•Literacy
	•Decision making
	•Drawing conclusions
	•Support and Opposing a viewpoint
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 Modern Studies
-	National 4 or 5 Travel & Tourism
	Social Subjects Pathway
Information	Mrs Grant
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COURSE	S3 SOCIAL SUBJECTS PATHWAY
Outline	In the Level 3 Social Subjects Pathway students will develop a knowledge and understanding of the world by learning about key historical events affecting people in the past, as well as developing as global citizens by learning about key contemporary issues in the modern world.
What will I cover?	 A World Issue – What happened in Nazi Germany? A British Issue – How people got the vote? A Scottish Issue – Impact of WWI on Scotland? A contemporary international issue- Terrorism in the 21st century A contemporary social issue – An introduction to Crime and the Law in the UK A contemporary political issue – Democracy in Scotland
Skills	 Selecting information from sources Evaluation of sources Critical Thinking Description and Explanation Problem solving in real life situations
Attainment	2 x National 3 Awards in History & Modern Studies
Progression	 National 4 History National 4 Modern Studies National 4 or 5 Travel & Tourism S4 Social Subjects Pathway
Information from	Mrs Grant

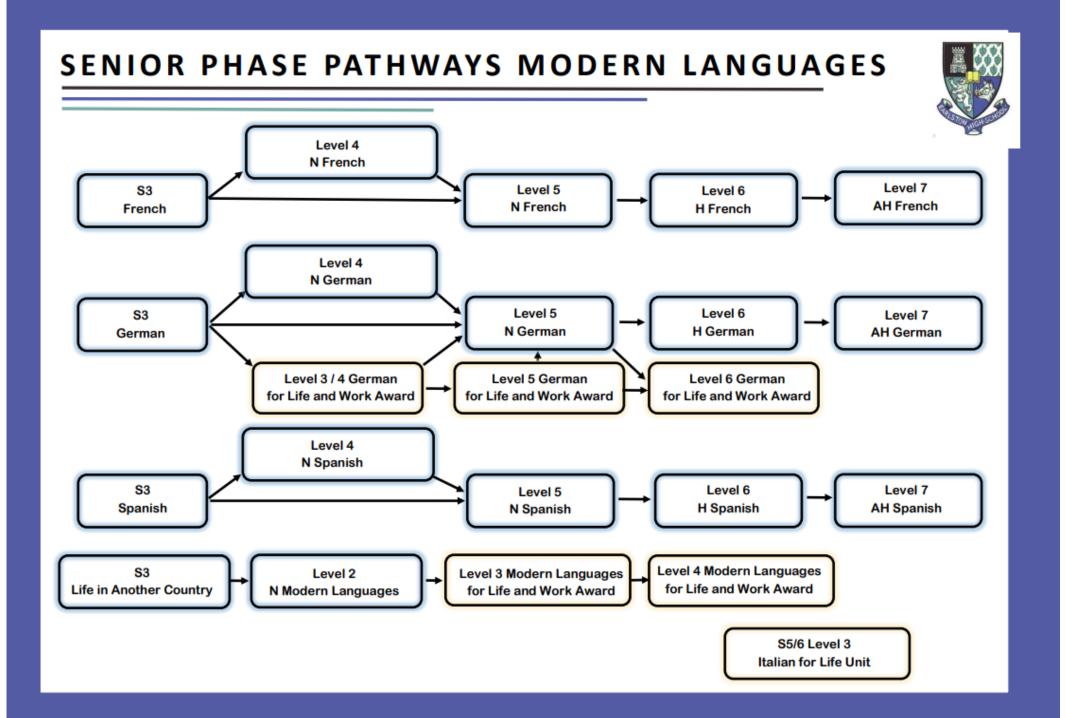
COURSE	RMPS
Outline	Religious, Moral and Philosophical studies is the study of the world around us. We explore different beliefs and practises – religious, non-religious and philosophical. It is about developing your understanding of different, views, cultures and importantly you explore your own views on moral and philosophical concepts.
What will I cover?	 Medical Ethics Embryo research When does life begin? What makes us human? Is it right to use embryos for research? Saviour Siblings Designer babies Judaism Existence of God What is the evidence? Does he exist?
Skills	 Evaluation Research Analysis Working with others Literacy Project writing Communication Understanding different world views.
Attainment	National 4 RMPS Units
Progression	National 4 or 5 RMPS
_	Social Subjects/RMPS Pathways
Information from	Mrs Grant

SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS MATHEMATICS



COURSE	MATHEMATICS
Outline	Mathematics is a very powerful tool. By modelling situations we are able to make
	sense of the world and make our important decisions in an informed way
What will I cover?	Ratio and proportion
	• Speed, distance, time calculations
	• Volume and surface area.
	• The importance of mathematics in the real world and in the workplace.
	 Model situations using number patterns
	• Introduction to equation of a straight line
	Factorising/distributive law
	• Inequalities and further equations
	Right angled trigonometry
	• Circles (Circumference, area and angle facts)
	• Similarity and linear and area scale factors
	 Handling, interpreting and displaying data using statistical diagrams
	• Use probability to make predictions, risk assessments, informed choices and decisions
Skills	 Using knowledge to select appropriate strategy then solve problems
	Algebraic skills
	• Communicating answers and explaining what they mean in the context of the problem or situation.
	• The ability to read, understand and write mathematical working which is set out in clear
	logical steps.
	• Numeracy
	Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Mathematics
	National 5 Numeracy
Progression	National 5 Mathematics
	National 5 Applications of Mathematics
Information from	Mr Shaw

COURSE	APPLICATIONS OF MATHEMATICS
Outline	Mathematics is a very powerful tool. By modelling situations we are able to make sense of the world and
	make our important decisions in an informed way.
What will I	Salaries, Payslips, Expenses, Discounts, Foreign Exchange
cover?	Calculations involving time, distance, and speed
	Volume and surface area.
	• The importance of mathematics in the real world.
	Navigation
	Perimeter, Area and Volume
	Pattern Recognition
	Circles (Circumference, area and angle facts)
	Handling, interpreting and displaying data using statistical diagrams
	Use probability to make predictions, risk assessments, informed choices and decisions
Skills	• Using knowledge in the above areas to select an appropriate strategy and then solve problems. (Some set in unusual or unfamiliar contexts.)
	 Apply mathematical strategies to real world contexts
	 Communicating answers and explaining what they mean in the context of the problem or situation.
	 The ability to read, understand and write mathematical working which is set out in clear logical
	steps.
	• Numeracy
Attainment	National 3 Applications of National 4 Applications of Mathematics
	Mathematics • National 5 numeracy
	National 4 Numeracy
Progression	National 4 Applications of National 5 Applications of Mathematics
-	Mathematics
Information	Mr Shaw
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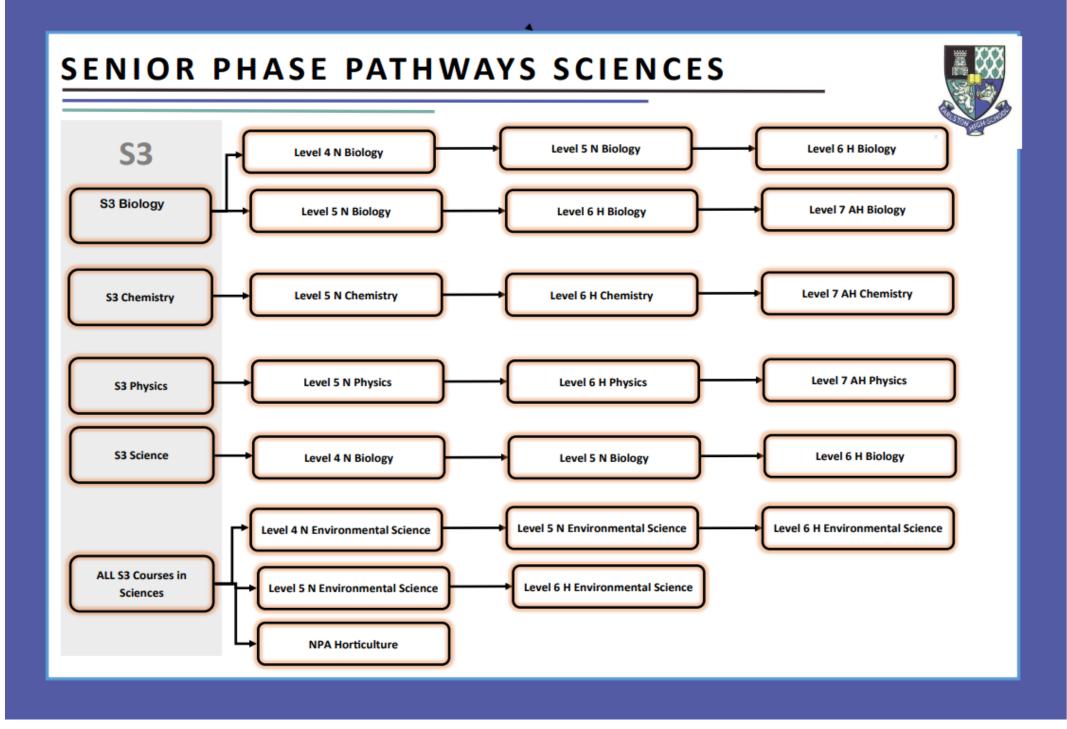


COURSE	FRENCH
Outline	This course will give you the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the French language in practical and relevant contexts, to explore the life, culture, traditions and customs in some French speaking countries and improve your communication skills. French is a global language, which is spoken across five continents. It is the international language of culture offering access to food, fashion and the arts. France is one of the world's top tourist destinations and the ability to speak even a little French makes it so much more enjoyable to visit the country and experience the culture and way of life. It is also useful when travelling to other French-speaking parts of the world. It is an official working language of many international organisations. In an increasingly globalised society, there is more demand for people with language skills.
What will I cover?	 Useful language for real life situations Home and Local Area Free Time Opportunities Holidays Grammar – understand how the language works Culture Customs and Traditions Geography
Skills	 Communication Skills of Reading, Listening, Talking and Writing Citizenship and Life Skills – Life, Culture, Traditions and Customs General Knowledge – Developing Knowledge of Other Countries Team-Working Presentation Thinking Literacy Numeracy
Attainment	French for Life Unit
Progression	National 4 or National 5 French
Information from	Ms Feeney

COURSE	GERMAN
Outline	This course will give you the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the German language in practical and relevant contexts, to explore the life, culture, traditions and customs in German speaking countries and improve your communication skills. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe. It is the language of business, engineering and science. Sharing linguistic roots with English, English speakers usually find German quite easy to pronounce. Germany has the largest economy in Europe and is home to numerous international corporations. It exports more high-tech products than any other country except China and is a world leader in environmental innovation and energy efficiency. In an increasingly globalised society, there is more demand for people with language skills.
What will I cover?	 Useful language for real life situations Home and Local Area Free Time Opportunities Holidays Grammar – understand how the language works Culture Customs and Traditions Geography
Skills	 Communication Skills of Reading, Listening, Talking and Writing Citizenship and Life Skills – Life, Culture, Traditions and Customs General Knowledge – Developing Knowledge of Other Countries Team-Working Presentation Thinking Literacy Numeracy
Attainment	German for Life Unit
Progression	National 4 or National 5 German German for Life and Work Award Levels 3 – 5
Information from	Ms Feeney

COURSE	SPANISH	
Outline	This course will give you the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Spanish language in practical and relevant contexts, to explore the life, culture, traditions and customs in some Spanish speaking countries and improve your communication skills. Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world. It is a language, which will truly enhance your travel experiences, whether you are exploring Spanish cities, backpacking around South America or lazing on a beach in Mexico. A good grasp of the language will help you learn about the culture of the places you visit and make your	
	travels much easier and more enjoyable. In an increasingly globalised society, there is more demand for people with language skills.	
What will I cover?	 Useful language for real life situations Home and Local Area Free Time Opportunities 	
	 Holidays Grammar – understand how the language works Culture Customs and Traditions 	
Skills	 Geography Communication Skills of Reading, Listening, Talking and Writing Citizenship and Life Skills – Life, Culture, Traditions and Customs 	
	 General Knowledge – Developing Knowledge of Other Countries Team-Working Presentation Thinking Literacy Numeracy 	
Attainment	Spanish for Life Unit	
Progression	National 4 or National 5 Spanish	
Information from	Ms Feeney	

COURSE	LIFE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
Outline	This course is for learners who may have found learning a language in S1 and S2 challenging or who haven't learned a language before, but would like to learn words and phrases to make the experience of travel and holidays more rewarding. It will also include the study of life, culture, traditions and customs of countries where French, German and Spanish are spoken.
What will I cover?	 Travel and Holiday Language Culture Customs and Traditions Geography
Skills	 Communication Skills of Reading, Listening, Talking and Writing Citizenship and Life Skills – Life, Culture, Traditions and Customs General Knowledge – Developing Knowledge of Other Countries Team-Working Presentation Thinking Literacy Numeracy
Attainment	National 2 Unit - Life in Another Country
Progression	National 2 Modern Languages Award
Information from	Ms Feeney

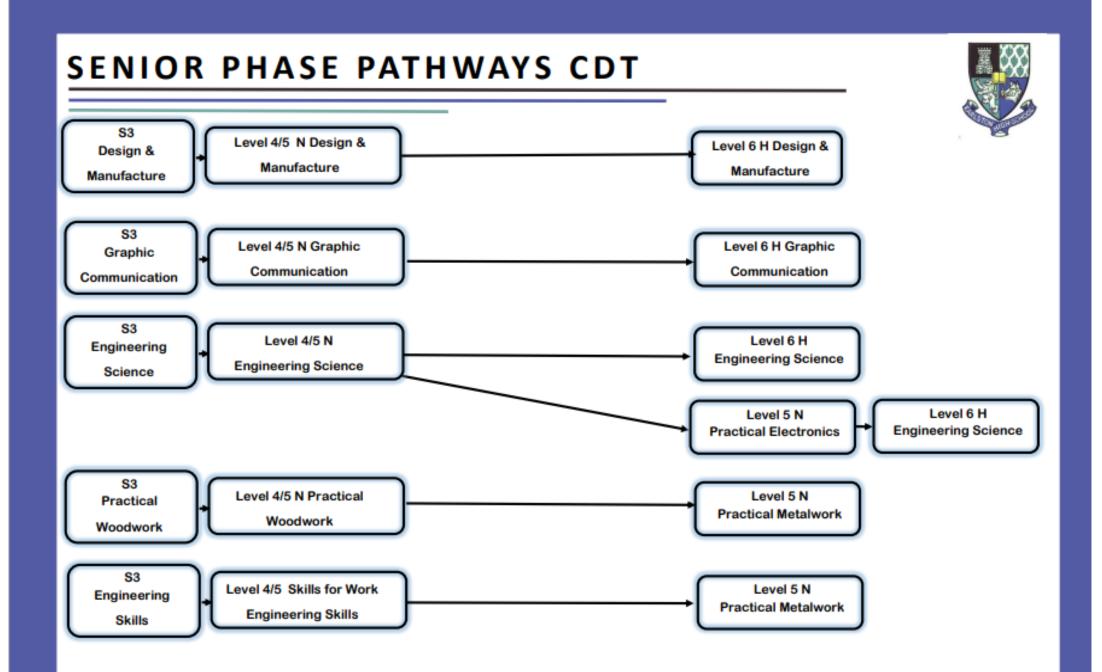


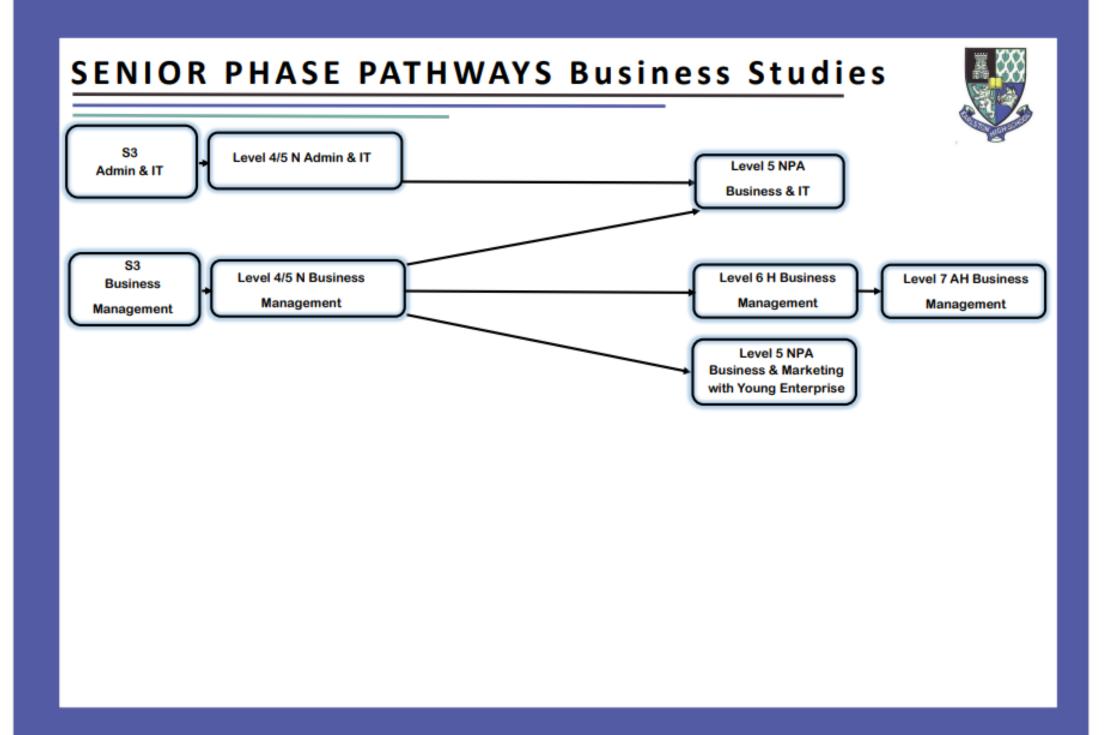
COURSE	Biology
Outline	Biology is the study of life and the interactions between living things. It plays a crucial role in our everyday existence and is an increasingly important subject in the modern world.
What will I cover?	 Life on Earth (Ecosystems, Distribution of Organisms, Photosynthesis, Energy in Ecosystems, Food Production, Evolution of species) Cell Biology (Cell Structure, Transport across cell membranes, DNA and the production of protein)
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Biology concepts Developing analysis Data Handling Working with others Investigative and research skills Experimental work Numeracy Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	 National 4/5 Biology National 4/5 Environmental Science NPA Horticulture •
Information fro	om Mr Westgarth

COURSE	Chemistry
Outline	Chemistry is the study of substances and how they can be changed to provide us with the materials and energy
	we need in our 21st Century world.
What will I cover?	Atoms and the Periodic Table
	Bonding
	Rates of Reaction
l	Fuels
	Hydrocarbons
	Carbohydrates
	Plastics
Skills	Knowledge and understanding of Chemistry concepts
	Problem solving
	Data handling
	Investigative and research skills
	Scientific report writing
	Numeracy
	Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	National 5 Chemistry
	National 4/5 Environmental Science
	National 4 Biology
	NPA Horticulture
Information from	Mr Westgarth

COURSE	Physics
Outline	Physics is the study of the world around you and how it works, from as yet undiscovered particles to the furthest reaches of the Universe.
What will I cover?	 What are waves and what do they do? Electromagnetic spectrum and how we use it, this includes X-rays, gamma rays, infrared radiation, ultra-violet radiation, microwaves, radio and TV waves. Light including how we see, mirages and how fibre scopes work. Radioactivity, its dangers and how we use it in everyday life. The use of Physics in diagnosing and treating patients in hospitals.
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Physics concepts Problem solving Data handling Investigative and research skills Scientific report writing Numeracy Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	 National 5 Physics National 4/5 Environmental Science National 4 Biology NPA Horticulture
Information from	Mr Westgarth

COURSE	S3 Science Pathway
Outline	Science is all around us. The S3 course looks at the relationship that exists between humans and our
	environment. Biology, Chemistry and Physics concepts will be explored throughout the year.
What will I cover?	The Environment
	Fuels
	Health and You
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Chemistry concepts
	Problem solving
	Data handling
	 Investigative and research skills
	Scientific report writing
	Numeracy
	Literacy
Attainment	Preparation for a National 4 Science in S4
Progression	National 3/4 Biology
	National 4 Environmental Science
	NPA Horticulture
Information from	Mr Westgarth





COURSE	DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE
Outline	Design and Manufacture is the study of how and why objects in the world around you are designed. You will design and make actual objects to solve problems, as well as develop model making skills.
What will I cover?	 Designing – You will use the design process to arrive at unique solutions to problems, using a variety of techniques from pencil sketching to 3D CAD. Manufacturing – You will develop manufacturing skills in wood, metal and plastics. You will also gain an understanding of how they are produced and used in the wider world.
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Design and Manufacture in the real world. Problem solving Research skills Graphic presentation skills Numeracy Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 Design and Manufacture
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION
Outline	Graphic Communication is the study of using drawings, sketches and colour illustrations needed for clear and efficient communication. The course covers the use of technical graphics in education, construction, industry and commerce.
What will I cover?	 2D and 3D sketching and rendering - you will develop an understanding of the drawing standards for both 2D and 3D drawings and how to apply these skills to accurately sketch fully rendered objects including your own Music Player, skate parks and many more products. Desktop Publishing – develop an understanding of the Principals and Elements that make up Graphic Design and apply these to create your own professional, photo quality publications (poster, house brochures, music consort tickets etc) using Adobe Photoshop and Indesign.
Skills	 Knowledge and Understanding of Graphic Communication Concepts Sketching and Presentation Research skills Photoshop/CAD/InDesign skills Innovation and creativity Literacy – evaluation and reflective writing skills Numeracy – accuracy of measuring, radii and circumference, scales etc
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 Graphic Communication
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	ENGNEERING SCIENCE
Outline	Engineering Science is the study of engineering in the world around you and how it works, looking at how technology works, and how it impacts on mankind.
What will I cover?	 Electronics – Series and parallel circuits and building circuits to solve problems Computer control – Developing microcontroller programs to solve problems Pneumatics - Using the power of compressed air to simulate problem solving in engineering Energy - Simple calculations and building the marble run Mechanisms – Gear calculations and building gearboxes.
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of Engineering concepts Problem solving Investigative and research skills Technological report writing Numeracy Literacy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 Engineering Science Nat 5 Practical Electronics
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	PRACTICAL WOODWORKING SKILLS
Outline	Practical woodworking is a subject where you will make various models from wood. It is a subject where accurate working and attention to detail will be needed.
What will I cover?	 You will produce practice joints before manufacturing a model in flat frame construction. You will produce practice joints before manufacturing a model in carcass construction. You will produce a final model using all of the skills developed during the course.
Skills	 Knowledge and understanding of woods and woodworking tools Problem solving Independent working Safe working practices Record keeping Numeracy
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 Practical Woodworking Skills
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	SKILLS FOR WORK. ENGINEERING SKILLS
Outline	This course develops practical skills, knowledge and employability skills in the engineering sector. It allows
	students to develop transferable skills in Mechanical, Electronic, Fabrication and Manufacture.
What will I cover?	 interpretation of a drawings or specifications
	 the appropriate use of tools, materials and equipment
	 successful involvement in the completion of a task, product or assembly
	 quality checking of their work by the candidate
	 attention to health and safety aspects of working in a workshop type of environment
Skills	•engineering communications
	•engineering materials
	 measurement and marking
	 working to tolerances
	 time-keeping and attendance
	 positive attitudes to learning
	 following instructions
	 working co-operatively with others
	 health and safety awareness
	 necessary preparation planning
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 SKILLS FOR WORK. ENGINEERING SKILLS
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	ADMINISTRATION & IT
Outline	The key purpose of this Course is to develop learners' administrative and IT skills and, ultimately, to enable them to contribute to the effective functioning of organisations.
What will I cover?	 develop a basic understanding of administration in the workplace and key legislation affecting employees develop an appreciation of good customer care develop IT skills and use them to perform straightforward administrative tasks acquire organisational skills in the context of organising and supporting smallscale events
Skills	 ICT will permeate throughout this course so learners will become confident in their use of a variety of software packages Word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations and desktop publishing Skills in organising and supporting small-scale events Basic skills in using technology Basic skills in organising, processing and communicating in administrative contexts Knowledge of key legislation affecting employees Knowledge of good customer care
Attainment	National Units
Progression	Nat 5 Administration & IT
Information from	Mr Woodcock

COURSE	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Outline	The purpose of the Course is to develop an understanding of the way in which businesses operate in today's competitive and economic environments.
What will I cover?	 Purposes and features of private, public and voluntary sector organisations The suitability of finance options available for setting up and supporting different types of businesses Preparation and presentation of financial information and documents to assist in making appropriate financial decisions Working practices available to employees within different types of business organisations The role of departments and personnel, evaluating how they contribute to the success or failure of the business Internal and external factors influencing planning and decision making and assessing how these decisions contribute to the success or failure of business.
Skills	ICT is present throughout this course & learners will become confident in use of a variety of software packages •employability skills - learners will gain a better understanding of the personal qualities and attributes required of people involved in business •enterprise skills •numeracy and literacy •research skills
Attainment	National 4 Units
Progression	Nat 5 Business Management
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