

S6 Curriculum

Pupils will work on their core skills (Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing) through the theme of vocational and independent living skills, all with functional and real life skills involved. These skills are designed to prepare our young people to be independent and successful adults as they transition into life beyond school. In their final year at school this curriculum gives pupils the chance to develop vital skills for learning, life and work.

 Citizenship

 Skills for Work

 Financial Awareness

 Life Skills

 Personal & Social Education (PSE)

 Volunteering

 Wider Achievement

 Young Enterprise

 Work Experience

 College

Skills for Learning, Life & Work	Topics covering those skills
Literacy: reading, writing, listening & talking	Citizenship, Employability, PSE, Life Skills, Volunteering, Young Enterprise, Work Experience, College
Numeracy: number processes, money, time, information handling	Employability, Financial Awareness, Life Skills, Wider Achievement, Young Enterprise, College
Health & Wellbeing: Personal learning, physical and emotional wellbeing, planning for choices and changes, relationships	Citizenship, Employability, Life Skills, PSE, Wider Achievement, Work Experience, College
Employability, Enterprise and Citizenship: Employability, ICT, working with others, Enterprise, leaderships, citizenship	Citizenship, Employability, Life Skills, Volunteering, Wider Achievement, Young Enterprise, Work Experience, College
Thinking skills: Remembering, understanding, applying, analysing & evaluating, creating	All topics

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Citizenship



Citizenship gives pupils the opportunity to explore topics that are relevant to world they currently live in. They will be exploring various topic, including; Environmental Issues, Equality, Digital Literacy and Parliament & Voting.

Skills focus:

Literacy - reading for information (news articles), debating, persuasive writing, talking & listening in groups, analysing and evaluating texts

Awareness of rights and responsibilities of themselves and others (Scotland's diverse cultures) , impacting & leading change, thinking skills



Skills for Work



Pupils will work on the SQA unit “Completing a Work Placement” which explores different expectations in a workplace, as well as the rights as responsibility of both employees and employers. Their work placement (either in or out of school) will also contribute to this. They will also learn about applying for jobs, working on interview skills and creating a CV.

Skills focus :

Literacy - preparing and giving presentations, talking & listening in groups, organising information, writing letters/emails, reading for information (job adverts, news articles etc.), CV writing

Self evaluation, target setting, planning & organising, time management, thinking skills



Financial Awareness



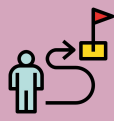
Financial awareness is more than just being able to calculate money and plan budgets. Throughout this topic pupils will also learn about different banks accounts, the importance of saving and looking after your money and about the dangers of getting into debt.

Skills Focus:

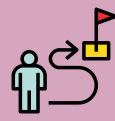
Numeracy - budgeting, working with money, number skills, understanding different types of payments and the risks involved, income and expenditure

Planning & organisation, thinking skills

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Life Skills



Pupils will explore and develop various life skills that will help them to be as independent as possible. This includes looking after your home (washing, ironing etc), first aid, travel training, making appointments etc. We encourage pupils to also continue to develop these skills by trying them out at home - feel free to send us photos or videos!

Skills focus - Literacy, personal development, preparation for life beyond school, thinking skills



Personal & Social Education (PSE)



This area covers topics including:

- ★ Online Safety
- ★ Substance Awareness
- ★ Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenting (RSHP)
- ★ Mental Health

We will send home more information each term about the topic we will be covering



Volunteering



Pupils will work towards the Saltire Award throughout their work. They will learn about what volunteering is, as well as carrying out volunteering activities either in and around school or in the local community.

Skills focus - Literacy, employability skills, working with and helping others, leadership, thinking skills

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Wider Achievement



Rotating round each term, pupils will take part in 1 of 3 different activities:

Outdoor learning & rural skills

Pupils will get the opportunity to take their learning outdoors and develop their skills in resilience, creative thinking and problem solving and working as part of a team whilst enjoying activities from den building and basic survival.

Skills focus - Creative thinking, resilience, team work

Digital Skills

Pupils will explore the many digital tools they are expected to use these days and will help them to develop vital skills for learning, life and work.

Skills focus - creative thinking, digital literacy

“Come Dine With Me”

Pupils will be learning how to meal plan based on a budget before cooking and following safe cooking practices.

Skills focus - Kitchen safety and food hygiene, Numeracy (working to a budget), planning & organisation (meal planning)



Young Enterprise



The Young Enterprise Team Programme is a big part of our curriculum in S6 as it helps to develop so many different skills. Pupils will continue to develop their core Literacy and Numeracy skills, as well as their Enterprise and Employability skills, through running a real life business. They will carry out research and create a concept for their business and follow the full journey from business startup to the winding up of their business at the end of the year. There is also the chance to enter several competitions via YE Scotland (best advert, best logo, best presentation) at Regional, National and European levels!

Skills focus:

Literacy; creating posters, writing a simple business plan, keeping records of work, note taking, group communication

Numeracy; calculating costs/profit/loss, information handling

ICT; using the internet, creating spreadsheets, researching business needs

Employability skills, working with others, leadership, creative thinking and problem solving

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College



During S6 pupils will attend either Forth Valley College (FVC) or New College Lanarkshire (NCL) on a Tuesday as part of the “school link” course. They will get the opportunity to explore different activities that the college offers, whilst getting a change to also experience an adult learning environment.

Each year the curriculum is decided by the college based on the pupil group they are working with. Information about the different classes will be shared once each college has decided on their course content.

After their year on the school link course pupils will be advised what course may be suitable for them should they wish to attend as a full time student once they leave college.

Any questions about the school link course should be directed to Mrs McDonald



Work Experience



Pupils will get the opportunity to take part in either an external work experience placement or a school based work experience opportunity. They cover a variety of sectors from hospitality to childcare and entertainment industry to sports coaching.

During S5 pupils will have completed an internal application form and participated in an internal interview to simulate the real life experience of applying for a job. Taking into account their skills, interests and career aspirations we aim to match pupils up with a suitable work placement - this is also dependent on the different workplace partnerships that we have available to us.

Their placement will last the full school year and will contribute to some of their SQA accreditation.

There is separate information available about our work experience programme - please contact Miss Procek for more info

Accreditation in S6

During S5 & S6 pupils have already gained various SQA units. Throughout S6 they will continue to work on accreditation through SQA and the Scottish Credit & Qualification Framework (SCQF).

Depending on what level the pupils are working within, they will work towards the following units:

Literacy

- ❑ Communication - Listening & Responding to Texts Texts (National 1)
- ❑ Communication - Interacting in the Workplace Texts (National 1)
- ❑ Core Skills - Communication [reading, writing, listening & talking] (SCQF Levels 2 or 3)

Numeracy

- ❑ Number Skills - Using a Calculator (National 1)
- ❑ Lifeskills Maths - Money (National 2)
- ❑ Core Skills - Numeracy [money, number, time and information handling] (SCQF Level 2 or 3)

Other

- ❑ Personal Development Award - Completing a Work Placement (National 2)
- ❑ Personal Development Award - Self & Work (National 3)
- ❑ Employment Skills - Preparing for Employment (National 2)
- ❑ Personal Achievement - Community Activity (SCQF Level 1 or 2)
- ❑ Personal Achievement - Enterprise (SCQF Level 1 or 2)
- ❑ Young Enterprise Award - (SCQF Level 3)