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Welcome

Careers Service NI

Our school Careers Advisors are Cathy O'Neill and Ciara Love. To book an appointment with an advisor please contact the Careers Department, or alternatively:

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We will provide Careers advice and support to you and your parents during the Year 10 Subject Choice Day on Friday 20 January 2023.

Dear Student,

This booklet has been designed to help you choose your options for Key Stage 4. Options time is often a period when students feel worried about the decisions they have to make. This is perfectly normal. Do not panic, make sure you avail of all the help at hand. Many people will offer advice and information about which subjects to choose, from careers advisers, subject teachers and careers teachers to friends and family members. Listen carefully and choose options that interest and motivate you. Remember, there are lots of exciting opportunities ahead!

Good luck,

Mrs S Kearney
Director of CEIAG



GCSE English Language



This is a two-year unitised course. It is assessed by two examinations, two written controlled assessments and three Speaking and Listening assessments.

Which units will I study?

- Unit 1:** Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts (30% Examination)
- Unit 2:** Speaking and Listening assessments (20% controlled assessment)
- Unit 3:** Studying Spoken and Written Language (20% controlled assessment)
- Unit 4:** Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-Fiction Texts (30% Examination)

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- A confidence in communicating with others;
- An ability to write creatively and imaginatively;
- Be able to use reading to develop your own skills as writers;
- Be able to select and adapt speech and writing to different situations and audiences.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

A grade in GCSE English Language is essential for all career choices.

GCSE English Literature

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



This is a two-year unitised course. It is assessed by two examinations and one written controlled assessment.

Which units will I study?

Unit 1: The Study of Prose (30%) [20th Century novel, 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck, and an unseen prose passage].

Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry (50%) ['Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell and fifteen poems from the Conflict Anthology].

Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare (20%) [Controlled Assessment].

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- enjoyment of thinking about writers' ideas;
- ability to analyse language;
- reading stamina;
- commitment to work.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Public relations, the legal profession, copywriting, library work, journalism, TV or theatre directing, publishing, radio production, office administration, secretarial work, marketing, teaching.

GCSE Mathematics

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

This is a two-year unitised course. It is assessed by exam only, there is no coursework or controlled assessment.

Pupils will sit the first module at the end of Year 11 followed by the second module at the end of Year 12.

There will be an opportunity to re-sit the first module in January of Year 12.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Two modules:

Module 1 - 45% of GCSE – Calculator

Module 2 - 55% of GCSE - 2 papers – one non-calculator and one calculator. Both are examined on the same day with a 10 or 15 minute break between the papers.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

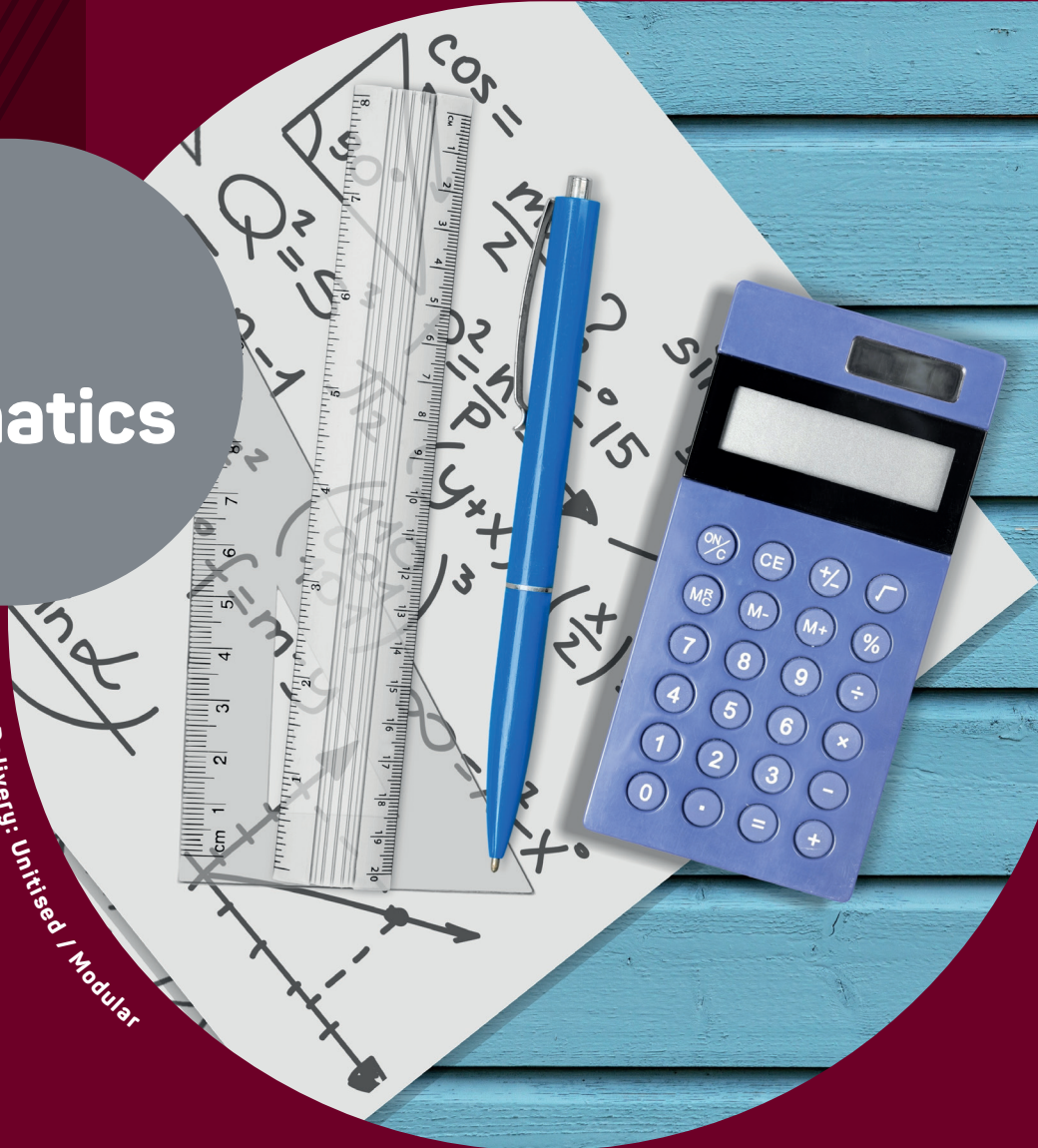
If pupils are to succeed they must work hard from the start. They must also have the correct equipment, for example calculator, protractor, ruler etc. A wish to succeed and the work to go with it can lead to success.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Joinery, Engineering - all types, Electrician, Actuary, Mechanic, Accountant, Interior design, Vet, Nurse.

GCSE Further Mathematics

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



This course offers the opportunity to build on the skills developed in Key Stage 3 and GCSE Mathematics.

It is designed to broaden the experience of pupils whose mathematical ability is above average and are interested in studying AS or A Level Mathematics or subjects which require Mathematics at a higher level.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

As pupils will be studying Further Mathematics in one Year, Year 12, they will sit the three modules at the end of Year 12. Further Mathematics is assessed by examination only. Calculators are allowed throughout the course and examinations.

Which units will I study?

Unit 1 - Pure Mathematics - 50%

Unit 2 - Mechanics - 25%

Unit 3 - Statistics - 25%

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

A love for and enjoyment of all aspects of mathematics.
Willingness to put in extra time and hard work to get the course covered.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Actuary, Engineering - all types, Accountancy, Statistics, Medicine - doctor, nurse, vet, Business and Finance, Natural Science, Computing, Pharmacy, Architecture, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences.

GCSE Double Award Science

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

Three modules; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

There are three modules in Year 11; November, February and May. Four terminal papers in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and practical skills at the end of Year 12.

New to this course is the Practical Skills assessment in Year 12 consisting of three investigations completed in class, marked externally and assessed in a written exam.

Which units will I study?

- B1 Cells, Living Processes and Biodiversity.
- C1 Structures, Trends, Chemical Reactions, Quantitative Chemistry and Analysis.
- P1 Motion, Force, Moments, Energy, Radioactivity, Nuclear Fission and Fusion.
- B2 Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health.

- C2 Further Chemical Reactions, Rates and Equilibrium, calculations and Organic Chemistry.
- P2 Waves, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, Electromagnetism, and Space Physics. Practical Skills

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

A high level of scientific skills, including well-developed literacy, numeracy and communication skills.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Any scientific career; eg. agriculture, architecture, astrophysics, beautician, dentistry, education, engineering, healthcare, horticulture, medicine, nursing, sports science, veterinary

GCSE Single Award Science

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

In Year 11 each pupil will sit one module in either Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The remaining two modules will be assessed at the end of Year 12.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

There are four modules in total; Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Practical Skills. Each has an external exam and equal weighting, 25%. There are two tiers of entry; higher and foundation.

New to this course is the Practical Skills assessment in Year 12 consisting of three investigations completed in class, marked externally and assessed in a written exam.

Which units will I study?

- Biology: external exam only
- Chemistry: external exam only
- Physics: external exam only
- Practical Skills that take place in two parts, one in the classroom but externally marked and a final paper in the summer of Year 12.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Good scientific, numeracy, literacy and communication skills required. The ability to follow instructions, organise work and good time management.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Any vocational science course eg. Agriculture, beauty, hairdressing, nursing, sports.

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Applied Science

Three modules; Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

The units are achieved through internally set, internally assessed and internally verified evidence. Pupils will keep a portfolio of evidence showing that they have met the required skills. They will be assessed on their practical skills and they will have to undertake research or projects related to the course.

Which units will I study?

- Physical Processes.
- Life Processes and Living Things.
- Materials and their Chemical Properties.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- The learner must have a level of skill required at Key Stage 3 in the following areas; -
- Science
- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Communication

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

This qualification will enable learners to progress to further qualifications in applied science at a higher level or to study science in greater depth. It would also support the progression to employment in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths sector.

GCSE Religious Studies



One module in Year 11 and
one module in Year 12.

**How will I be assessed in this
subject?**

Two written examination papers.

Which units will I study?

The Gospel of Mark and Christian
Ethics.

**What skills and attributes do
I need to be successful in this
subject?**

Reading and listening skills,
evaluative and analytical skills,
oral communication, good use of
spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**What Careers pathways are
available to me if I study this
subject?**

Teaching, Nursing, Journalism,
Social worker, Youth worker,
Librarian, Accountant, Engineering.

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Religious Studies

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

Nine modules are taught over two years.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

There are no examinations in this course, you will complete nine pieces of coursework.

Which units will I study?

There are 9 modules which include, Addiction, Charity, Prejudice and Discrimination and Life and Death issues.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Reading and listening skills, evaluative and analytical skills, oral communication, good use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Teaching, Nursing, Journalism, Social worker, Youth worker, Librarian, Accountant, Engineering.

GCSE Spanish

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal



Spanish GCSE is made up of four Assessments. Pupils will be assessed on their Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills.

There are four modules to complete in Year 12 with the option of taking two in advance in Year 11.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Speaking 25% Untiered consisting of two role plays and two conversations in Spanish.
Listening 25% Foundation or Higher Exam Paper
Reading 25% Foundation or Higher Exam Paper
Writing 25% Foundation or Higher Exam Paper

Which units will I study?

Students will study three contexts of learning:

Context 1: Identity, Lifestyle and Culture

Context 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest

Context 3: School Life, Studies and the World of Work

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Punctuality and attendance at all lessons is imperative
- Good time management and

organisational skills are necessary

- Good language skills - learning vocabulary on a regular basis and effectively managing classwork and homework.
- Independent home study is essential for success.
- A positive attitude! ¡Qué bien!

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Learning Spanish will open up a range of Career Opportunities. Increasingly, employers value the skills that language learners possess.

Examples of Career Pathways may include:

- Translation and Interpretation
- Legal and Law
- Marketing and Business
- Travel and Tourism
- Education and countless others!

Find out more...

<http://ccea.org.uk/spanish/>

GCSE Irish

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal

Irish is taught using a wide variety of resources, techniques and materials. There is a focus on oral work in class and ICT is used to enhance the learning experience of the students. A trip to the Gaeltacht is organised in year 11 to allow students to experience the language in a more natural setting.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

The pupils will be assessed in 4 areas, speaking, listening, reading and writing and each area is 25% of the full mark. There will be 3 written papers and one oral exam with their teacher.

Which units will I study?

Students will study 3 contexts:
Context 1: Identity, Lifestyle and Culture
Context 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest
Context 3: School Life, Studies and the World of Work

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Love of the language, Independent learning skills, Good ICT skills, Good communication skills, Willing to spend time in the Gaeltacht, Determination, Dedication,

Commitment, Enthusiasm, Good organisation skills, Time management skills.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Education, Teaching, Translating and Interpreting, TV and Radio presenting, Language and Community Development Work, Programme editor, Media and Entertainment, Culture and Arts careers, Nursery School Leader, Journalism, Business, Advertising, Travel and Tourism, Politics, Creative Writing, Lexicography, Library Work and Research

GCSE French

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal



AQA GCSE French is a linear qualification: all examinations in the Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing components will be taken at the end of Year 12.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

All four skill areas are equally weighted: 25% of the total mark. AQA GCSE French offers a Foundation and Higher Tier. Students must complete all 4 papers in the same tier. The four areas are examined in the following way:
Listening: Written exam: 45 mins
Speaking: Teacher led assessment: 10-12 mins
Reading: Written exam: 1 hr
Writing: Written exam: 1hr 15 mins

Which units will I study?

Students will study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based:
Theme 1: Identity and Culture
Theme 2: National, International and Global Areas of Interest.
Theme 3: Current and Future Study and Employment.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Communication skills, Thinking skills, Personal and interactive skills, Listening skills, Comprehension skills, Decision making skills, Organisational skills, Managing information

Qualities: Hardworking, motivated, independent, orally confident and expressive.

GCSE French also provides students with a broad cultural knowledge and the acquisition of the French language is a skill for life which is both enjoyable and rewarding.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Teacher of French, ESL Teacher, Airline Company, Tourist Company, Hotel Management, Department of Foreign Affairs, Immigration Officer, Diplomat, Librarian, Speech Therapist, Marketing and PR Sector.

Find out more...

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

GCSE Geography

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

Physical Geography Unit 1 is delivered in Year 11 and pupils sit an examination in the summer term. In Year 12 the Human Geography Unit 2 is delivered and pupils are prepared for the fieldwork paper, which is Unit 3. Both examinations are externally assessed written papers completed in the summer term.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Unit 1 – Understanding Our Natural World – 1 hour 30 min paper – 40%

Unit 2 – Living in Our World – 1 hour 30 min paper – 40%

Unit 3 – Fieldwork – 1-hour paper – 20%

Which Units will I study?

Unit 1 – Understanding Our Natural World

- Theme A – River Environments
- Theme B – Coastal Environments
- Theme C – Our Changing Weather and Climate
- Theme D – The Restless Earth

Unit 2 – Living in our World

- Theme A – Population and Migration
- Theme B – Changing Urban Areas
- Theme C – Contrasts in World Development
- Theme D – Managing our Environment

Unit 3 – Fieldwork

Knowledge and experience of fieldwork developed. Pupils collect and produce a table of data and this is brought to examination along with a fieldwork statement.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

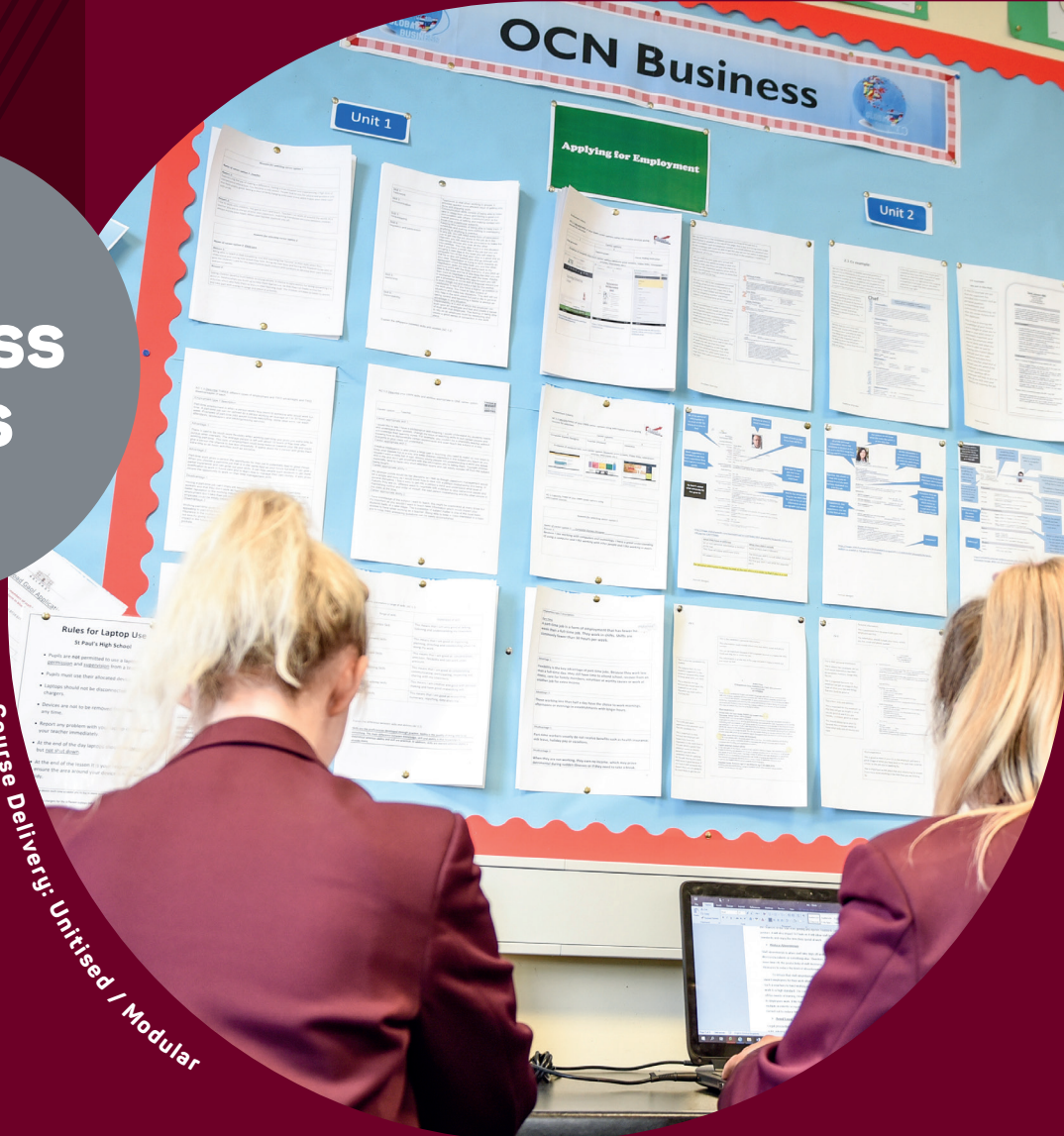
- Ability to gather and analyse disparate types of data
- Plan and manage research
- Work as part of a team
- Spatial, social and environmental awareness
- Problem solving and decision making
- Interest in cultures and places

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Planning, Environmental and sustainability projects, Water analysis, Ecotourism, Climate Change, Geographical Information Systems, Pollution Analyst, Risk Assessor, Refugee Advisor, Water Supply Co-ordinator

GCSE Business Studies

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



At the end of Year 11 students complete Unit 1 - Starting a Business and are assessed by examination. Students will cover elements of their CAT (Controlled Assessment Task) within this topic. Course content for Year 11 covers Creating a Business, Marketing and Business Operations. Year 12 students complete Unit 2, Developing a Business.

This includes Human Resources, Business Growth and Finance. This unit is assessed by examination. Students complete their CA - Planning a Business in Year 12 also. The CAT is synoptic.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Students sit two external examinations and complete one CAT. CAT is worth 20% of final mark. Starting a Business Unit is worth 40%, Developing a Business Unit is worth 40%.

Which units will I study?

Unit 1 Starting a Business
Unit 2 Developing a Business
Unit 3 Business Planning / CAT (Synoptic)

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Problem-solving, decision making, numeracy, literacy, ICT literate, managing information.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Very varied career pathways available including accountancy, consultancy, banking, teaching, entrepreneur, law, retail.

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Business

Course Delivery: This course is 100% coursework with no exams. It is a very practical hands-on course.

The aim of this course is to allow learners to develop the knowledge, understanding and key skills required to work within a business setting. It provides the learner with an engaging, practical and relevant introduction to the world of business today.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

This course is 100% coursework. The five units will be completed over two years.

Which units will I study?

Project Management
Understanding Sources of Finance and Cashflow
Cyber Security for Business
Understanding Recruitment and Selection
Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Skills

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Determination and dedication
- A desire to develop my skills in Enterprise and Entrepreneurialism

- Ability to work to deadlines
- Teamwork skills
- The use of technology in the workplace

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Business Studies is a vibrant dynamic subject which appeals to students who are interested in working for themselves in any field or who would like to pursue a career in finance, project management, business strategy, cyber security, marketing to name but a few.

GCSE Construction and the Built Environment

You will develop an understanding of construction and the built environment, the importance of health and safety in the construction industry, and the employment opportunities in the industry. You will also develop a working knowledge of CAD, which is used throughout the construction industry.

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

Why study Construction and the Built Environment

You will develop an understanding of construction and the built environment, the importance of health and safety in the construction industry, and the employment opportunities in the industry. You will also develop a working knowledge of CAD, which is used throughout the construction industry.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Time management
- Ability to interpret results of calculations
- Practical Skills
- Positive Attitude

Which units will I study?

Unit 1 - Introduction to the Built Environment = 20%

Unit 2 - Sustainable Construction = 30%

Unit 3 - the construction Craft Project = 25%

Unit 4 - Computer aided design in construction. = 25%

CONTENT	AREA OF STUDY	ASSESSMENT
Unit 1: Introduction to the Built Environment	You will develop an understanding of construction and the built environment, the importance of health and safety in the construction industry, and the employment opportunities in the industry.	External written examination 1 hour
Unit 2: Sustainable Construction	You will interpret drawings of domestic buildings and demonstrate awareness of the issues surrounding sustainable development in the construction industry.	External written examination 1 hour 30 mins Paper includes questions based on pre-release materials
Unit 3: The Construction Craft Project	You must complete a project based on one of the following crafts: woodwork; or brickwork or blockwork. The craft project is made up of a product and an evaluation.	Controlled assessment
Unit 4: Computer Aided Design in Construction	You will develop an understanding and a working knowledge of CAD in the construction industry. You will produce a portfolio of work, including working drawings for a domestic building and one detail drawing.	Controlled assessment

OCN Level 2 Construction

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

The OCN NI Level 2 qualification in Construction has been designed to provide pupils with an introduction to the construction industry.

Pupils will develop the skills and knowledge required for working within this industry including the importance of health and safety.

What will I learn in this subject?

Pupils who study OCN NI Level 2 in Construction will:

- develop skills and knowledge applicable across a range of construction related activities;
- understand the importance of health and safety in the construction industry;
- prepare for entry into employment in the construction industry;
- develop other skills to support career progression within the construction industry, such as interview skills, teamwork and ICT.

This qualification has been awarded points which equates to a Grade B at GCSE.

There is no other grade available to be awarded.

Find out more...

<https://www.ocnni.org.uk/qualifications/ocn-ni-level-2-certificate-in-construction-60326323/>

GCSE Food & Nutrition

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal



There are two components: one externally assessed (50%) and one internally assessed (50%). Both assessments are completed at the end of the course. The specification allows students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the:

- nutritional content of foods;
- nutritional and dietary needs of specific groups and how to cater for them;
- health issues associated with dietary and lifestyle choices;
- factors affecting how we buy food, what we buy and what we waste;
- importance of food safety; and
- preparation of food, cooking and presentation of dishes.

The specification allows students to progress to GCE and/or other courses of study or employment.

Why study Food & Nutrition?

You will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- the food we consume – where it comes from and how it is produced;
- the foods we should eat to maintain good health;
- the differing needs of various groups of people;
- prominent health issues in today's society;
- how to shop effectively;
- why people choose certain foods; and
- affordability when it comes to food and food choice.

You will also develop practical food preparation, cooking and presentation skills

What will I study?

Component 1: Food and Nutrition
Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Food & Nutrition Examination 50%

Component 2: Practical Food & Nutrition Controlled Assessment: 50%

What career pathways are available to me if I study this course?

The course helps to prepare young people for adult life and independent living and also provides an excellent foundation for young people who wish to work in food-related industries and/or undertake further study in this area, for example progressing to our GCE Nutrition and Food Science or other related courses.

GCSE History

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

There is one paper to complete at the end of Year 11 for Unit 1 worth 60% and another paper at the end of year 12 worth the remaining 40%. There is no controlled assessment in this subject.

Which units will I study?

- **Unit 1**
 - Modern World Studies in Depth
 - Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–45
 - Local Study: Changing Relations: Northern Ireland and its Neighbours, 1920–49
- **Unit 2: Outline Study**
 - International Relations, 1945–2003

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

A solid grasp of English and literacy is highly recommended for studying this GCSE, as well as a genuine interest in the subject itself. A studious and committed approach to learning is essential to the study of History at GCSE level.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

GCSE History will develop your analytical, writing, debate and detective skills, you'll be primed for a huge range of careers in law, politics, public sector, business, marketing, journalism, economics, teaching, academia, insurance, social research, archaeology and curation (museums, galleries, archives and libraries).

GCSE Health & Social Care

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



The tested unit is delivered in Year 11 and pupils sit an examination in the summer term of Year 11.

The controlled assessment aspect of the course is delivered in Year 12

How will I be assessed in this subject?

50% Controlled Assessment / 50% Exam

Which units will I study?

Personal development: Year 11

- Human growth and development
- Factors affecting growth and development
- Relationships
- Self Concept
- Coping with life changes

Working in health and social care: Year 12

- Main employment sectors in health, social care, early years and children's services
- Job roles in health, social care, early years and children's services
- Principles of care/providing quality care
- Meeting client needs
- Assessing core services and barriers to access

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Hard work, organisation, self-management, determination, confidence, ICT skills, recall, communication, analysis and evaluation skills.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Child care, Health related courses or jobs, Child development, Nursing, Social Work, Care Assistant.

GCSE Computer Science

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal

No modules in Year 11. All modules completed in Year 12

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Computer Systems Written Exam (40%)
Programming Written Exam (40%)
Programming Project (20%)

Which units will I study?

Unit 1 'Computer Systems'
Unit 2 'Computational Thinking, Algorithms & Programming'
Unit 3 'Programming Project'.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Enjoy Problem Solving
- An ability to think abstractly
- An ability to think ahead
- An ability to think procedurally
- An ability to think logically
- An ability to think concurrently

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Software Development, Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst, Computer Scientist, Network Management, Database Administrator, ICT Technician, Computer Studies Teacher

GCSE Child Development

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



There are three components in Child Development: two externally assessed and one internally assessed.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

40% Controlled assessment
60% External assessment

Which units will I study?

Year 11;

Unit 1- Parenthood, Pregnancy and the New-born baby. (Externally assessed 30%)

Year 12

Unit 2- The development of the Child 0-5 years. (Externally assessed 30%)

Unit 3- Investigative Task (Internally assessed 40%)

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in the Subject?

- Excellent attendance
- Hard working
- Ability to work independently and in groups
- Ability to work within guidelines

What careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Further study at Children's care, learning & development and Health & Social Care. A career which involves working with children, e.g. nursery nursing / education, primary school teaching, children's nursing, social work or many others.

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in EYLCD

(Early Years Learning, Care and Development)

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

OCN NI Level 2 Extended Certificate in Early Years Learning, Care and Development qualification is designed to enable learners to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required to work within an early years setting. This qualification has been awarded points which equates to two Grade Bs at GCSE.

How will I be assessed?

The qualifications are 100% portfolio based over two years. There is no final examination.

Which units will I study?

The qualification is made up of 9 units.

There are two mandatory units

- Safeguarding Children
- Health & Safety in an Early Years Setting

The remainder of the units are optional which will allow for a tailored approach to delivery.

Why study Level 2 Extended Certificate in Early Years Learning, Care and Development?

- You want to pursue a career working with children and young people
- You love caring for young children
- You have an interest in child care and development

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in the subject?

- Excellent attendance
- Hard working
- An ability to complete work within deadlines
- An ability to work independently and in groups

What career pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

This qualification allows progression to A level Child care and Health & Social care courses. It also helps to prepare young people who want to pursue a career in an Early Years setting e.g., nursery setting, social work, nursery and primary teaching, speech and language therapy.

Find out more...

<https://www.ocnni.org.uk/qualifications/ocn-ni-level-2-extended-certificate-in-early-years-learning-care-and-development-60360598/>

Level 2 Occupational Studies

Occupational Studies has six individual qualifications. Each of these relates to a general occupational area and includes a range of optional units. Learners must complete two units from the same occupational area to achieve a qualification.

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



How will I be assessed in this subject?

Pupils are assessed through both Practical and Written components. These are continuous assessments which reflect the various stages through which pupils progress in order to complete the course. There is no final examination in this subject.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Pupils should have an interest in the particular units they choose.
- Pupils should be flexible and be able to demonstrate independent learning skills.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Depending upon the units chosen the list of possible careers pathways is endless. It can range from Car Mechanic to Chef. From Website Designer to TV and Film Producer.

Design & Creativity	Technology & Innovation	Construction	Business & Services	Environment & Society	Engineering
Graphic Design	Digital Imaging	Plumbing	Creative Styling using Blowdrying	Running a Leisure Event	Electrical Wiring
Website Development	Sound Production	Brickwork	Manicure & Nail Art	Sports Leadership	Maintenance of Land Based Machinery
Creative Styling using Blowdrying	TV & Film Production	Joinery	Facial Skin Care	Reminiscence with individuals in a care setting	Vehicle Servicing & Valeting
Patisserie		Tiling	Patisserie	Working with individuals in a care setting	Plumbing
Contemporary Cuisine		Plastering	Contemporary Cuisine		Manufacturing Techniques: Hand Fitting
Creative Styling on Long Hair		Painting & Decorating	Physical Care of Babies		Manufacturing Techniques: SheetMetal
			Childcare		

GCSE Technology & Design

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

The course is delivered over two Years. Unit 1 is examined at the end of Year one with Unit 2 and 3 examined at the end of Year two.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Units 1 and 2 are each externally assessed by a 1.5 hour written exam at the end of Year 12 = **50%**.

Unit 3 Controlled Assessment 1 is externally moderated at the end of Year two. = **50%**

Which units will I study?

- **Unit 1 - 25%:** written paper 1.5 hour core element. Manufacturing
- Tools, Processes, Materials, Control Systems
- **Unit 2 - 25%:** 1.5 hour written paper.
Students choose one of the following three options.
- **A:** Electronic and Microelectric Control Systems
- **B:** Mechanical and Pneumatics Control Systems
- **C:** Product Design
- **Unit 3 - 50%** Controlled Assessment: Students make a Product and produce a Design Folder (maximum 10 x A3 pages)

based on a list of themes/ design briefs supplied by CCEA. Internally assessed followed by external moderation.

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

You should be good at this subject in Key Stage 3 and like it.

- 'Definitely' need to be an independent worker.
- Enthusiasm for the subject in regards to manufacturing and also producing a quality design folder using your ICT/Graphic skills.
- An ability/willingness to learn the theory content.
- Must be able to meet deadlines.
- Some after school time may be necessary.
- An ability to work with your peers.

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Teaching, Architecture, Aeronautical Engineer, Quantity Surveying, Product designer, Interior designer, Theatre/Film industry, Biomedical Engineer, Many engineering courses, Building industry, Graphic Designer, and many other related careers! Technology and Design can also be viewed as a high end entrance qualification to University regardless of course to be undertaken.

GCSE Digital Technology

Course Delivery: Linear / Terminal



One unit will be completed in Year 11.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Two written papers and one controlled assessment

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Two written papers and one controlled assessment

Which units will I study?

Unit 1: Digital Technology 30% exam

Unit 2: Digital Authoring Concepts 40% exam

Unit 3: Digital Authoring Practice 30% Controlled Assessment

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Interest in current and emerging technologies
- Skills in self-management, working with others, presentation, communication and self-improvement strategies.
- Being creative

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Most occupations require I.C.T. skills. GCSE Digital Technology leads directly into A Level Digital Technology and then on to careers in the IT industry such as programmers, I.T. engineers, system analyst, computer games developer etc.

Find out more...

http://ccea.org.uk/digital_technology/

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Information Technology Applications

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

There will be two/three units
in Year 11 and two/three units
in Year 12.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

This course is 100% coursework
with no exams.

Which units will I study?

- Email software skills
- Spreadsheet software
- Presentation software
- Websites software
- Database software

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- A love of using computers
- Enthusiasm for creating digital assets
- A willingness to work hard and a determination to achieve

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Information Technology
Applications is an exciting and
dynamic subject
which will appeal to pupils with
a creative flair and who are
interested in pursuing a career in
the IT industries e.g. web and digital
communications.

Find out more...

<https://www.ocnni.org.uk/qualifications/ocn-ni-level-2-certificate-in-information-technology-applications/>

GCSE Art & Design

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular



Pupils build a portfolio of work over Year 11. They will experiment with different techniques and processes in both 2D and 3D developing their skills and knowledge of the formal elements of Art and Design.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Coursework is worth 60% and the examination is worth 40%. Part A is an exploratory portfolio where students explore and understand through their own and others work, the formal elements of Art and Design in relation to these processes including: Colour, Line, Shape, Form, Texture, tone and Pattern.

Students are encouraged to be innovative, creative and reflective in their work. A completed portfolio of experimental work is worth 25% of the coursework mark.

Part B is Investigating the Creative Industries.

This is an investigation into an artist, designer, movement or other aspect of Art and Design leading to a personal response. Museum, gallery or field trips are an essential part of the coursework. Students will be involved in workshops with practitioners and or other industry professionals. Part B is worth 35% of the coursework mark.

Which units will I study?

Between September of Year 11 and December of Year 12 pupil's will have to complete a set 'task'. The task is a body of work covering 4 assessment objectives and pupil's have to produce a final outcome in either 2d or 3d.

It can be Fine Art or Design based.

What skills and attributes will I need?

Students will be increasingly independent and further develop their understanding and implementation of the visual language. Students will document their research and progress through a contextual investigative sketchbook. Students will explore relevant media, materials techniques and processes and technologies in response to their theme. Students will annotate to record and justify their ideas and use subject specific vocabulary.

Career pathways

There are thousands of creative pathways to follow, from Film, Animation, Computer design, Graphics, Silversmith, Ceramics, Interior design, Furniture design, Special effects make-up, Costume Design, Theatre Design, Fashion, Fine Art Painting and Sculpture, Product Design, Digital Media, Marketing, to name a few.

GCSE Music

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Composing and appraising - 30%
Performing and appraising - 35%
Listening and appraising - 35%

Which units will I study?

Western Classical Music 1600-1910
• Film Music
• Musical Traditions of Ireland
• Popular Music 1980 – present day

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Minimum Requirements:
Enthusiasm for the subject and commitment to learn an instrument/singing.
- Traditional Irish Musicians do not require grades

Ability to read staff notation is recommended though not essential

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

TV Producer/ Director, Advertising, Studio work: sound engineer, mixer, DJ, Music Education and Music Therapy, Composer: film music, radio jingles, song-writing, Performer: singer, instrumentalist, session musician, Music publishing/ Music Librarian, Theatre-manager/Actor/Stage-manager, Administrator of theatre-based company: ballet, opera, musical theatre.

GCSE PE

Course Delivery: Combination of practical activities & terminal exam

How will I be assessed in this subject?

40% practical assessment and 60% terminal exam

Which units will I study?

- 1 : Health, Training and Exercise,
- 2 : Exercise Physiology,
- 3 : Movement Analysis,
- 4 : Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity,
- 5 : Socio-cultural Issues in Physical Activity and Sport

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

Must be interested in exercise, dance or sport (any sport)

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

PE Teacher, Sports coach, Sports Therapist, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Sports Development Officer, Personal Trainer





Level 2 Sport

Course Delivery: Unitised / Modular

Continuous coursework assessment throughout Years 11 and 12

How will I be assessed in this subject?

Unit 1 - Fitness for Sport and Exercise

Unit 2 - Practical Sports Performance

Unit 3 - Applying the Principles of Personal Training

Unit 5 - Training for Personal Fitness

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

A love for and enjoyment of all aspects of Sport. Willingness to put in extra time and hard work to get the course covered.

- IT skills
- Research skills
- Good understanding of English grammar and the ability to structure assignments
- Strong work ethic beginning in September of Year 11

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Sports related careers, Teacher, Physiotherapy, Sports Coach, Psychology, Nutrition, Sports science, Sports masseur.

Year 11 Drama

Performance Skills Level 2



Which units will I study?

There is no written external examination or test; the qualification is entirely evidence based. All units are internally assessed, and we carry out external moderation.

This qualification is achievable in one year and the amount of points allocated to this award equates to a grade 'B' at G.C.S.E level.

Learners produce a portfolio of work and give a performance. Learners' final rehearsal and performance may be externally moderated as a live performance or pre-recorded using video or DVD.

There are three mandatory units:

- Minimum requirement – five passes at Key Stage 3 with English.
- Confidence to perform onstage.

Total qualification time: 90

Guided learning hours: 90

Qualification level: 2

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Actor, Choreographer, Dancer, Drama therapist, Music producer, Music therapist, Theatre director, Arts administrator, Broadcast presenter, Film director, Further education teacher, Higher education lecturer, Secondary school teacher, Special effects technician, Talent agent, Theatre stage manager.

Year 12 Drama

Year 12 Acting/ Performance Arts Digitally Graded Examinations

Acting / Performance Arts Exams

The Acting Section of Trinity College London's Grades is where a student chooses straight acting performances for their Graded Examination.

Performance Arts Exams are designed for learners who want to engage with a diverse and contemporary theatre-making.

In pairs, groups or as solo performers, candidates demonstrate their skills in the imaginative and creative exploration and integration of different performance forms and materials. These exams provide the opportunity to create performances that have personal meaning. This can range from spoken word such as comedy routines, acting or prose reading, to physical theatre such as folk

and traditional dance, improvisation, puppetry or mime. Candidates can also explore opportunities provided by recorded media, such as screening and talking about a film they have made. Furthermore, candidates can explore complementary performance skills such as costume-making, lighting, set and audio design.

Available from Initial to Grade 8 for solo, pair and group exams depending on the Covid 19 restrictions next year.

Levels of the Qualifications

- Grade(s)/exam level
- Initial
- Grade 1
- Grades 2–3
- Grades 4–5 KS3 Qualification
- Grades 6–8 KS4 Qualifications

Attainment Bands

- The exams are marked out of 100. Candidates' results
- correspond to different attainment levels as follows:
- Marks received Attainment level
- 85 or more Distinction
- 75–84 Merit
- 65–74 Pass
- 64 and below Below Pass

Levels of the Qualifications are for?

Although there is a natural progression through Trinity's Acting grades from Initial to Grade 8 and then on to the diplomas, candidates may enter at any level. There is no requirement to have passed lower grades before entering for an exam. There is no upper age limit.

The exam is digitally graded which means the performance will be filmed by the teacher in St. Paul's High School and sent to Trinity during the examination term.

The duration of the course is one academic year.

Vocational Education

Welcome to the skills based curriculum

The Skills Based Curriculum at Key Stage 4

The world of work is constantly changing.

Today it is likely that we will have a number of different jobs throughout our working lives. To ensure that our students are fully prepared for the world of work we offer a very specialised skills based curriculum which enables the learner to learn for work, through work and about work. This is a hands on approach which allows our students to try a number of different types before making up their minds about which career to follow.

All pupils following the skills based curriculum have the opportunity to achieve 7/8 GCSE equivalent qualifications. These qualifications are accepted by Colleges of Higher and Further Education, including Southern Regional College, Newry.

This course is delivered in **Southern Regional College (SRC), Training for Business and St Paul's**





Vocational Education

Welcome to the skills based curriculum



The Skills Based Curriculum at Key Stage 4

1

GCSE English Language

+

GCSE Mathematics

Prince's Trust Achieve Programme

Non-exam R.E.

2

+ Two GCSE Occupational Studies
(Delivered at SRC)

+ Pupils choose from a menu of over 30 options
(See page 26 for full details)

3

One Additional
GCSE Occupational Studies
and
Level 2 Essential Skills ICT
(Delivered at Training for Business)

OR

OCN Level 2 Certificate in
Healthy Lifestyle
and
OCN Level 2 Certificate in
Information Technology
Applications
(Delivered at St Paul's)



Prince's Trust Achieve Programme

The Prince's Trust Achieve Programme offers vocational students in year 11 & 12 the opportunity to embark on six innovative and exciting modules over two years focusing on personal development and life skills. Significantly, if pupils can complete coursework to the required standard they can gain 2 B grades at GCSE (confirmed on the entitlement framework). There are no exams in this subject, progress is based solely on coursework over the two year programme.

How will I be taught in the subject?

This personal development course provides a unique and practical approach to learning which supports young people to fulfil their potential. Many of the modules are delivered through fun and interactive activities, some of which are delivered in partnership with Crossmaglen, Newtownhamilton & Newry High School. A variety of the 21st century modules link in with the real life practical skills that enable learners to flourish in the world of work post-16.

Which units will I study?

Pupils will study 6 units during their two years of study.

- Digital Skills
- Career Planning
- Managing Money
- Presentation Skills
- Work Experience
- Participating in Sport
- Healthy Active Lifestyle

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful in this subject?

- Hardworking and determined
- Open minded and willing to take on new and fresh challenges
- A will to succeed to always give your best
- Good organisational skills
- A willingness to take on board constructive feedback

What Careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

This qualification is worth 2 B grades at GCSE so it opens up a wealth of opportunities for post-16 study. Many of our past pupils continue their education in the Southern Regional College & Greenmount Agricultural College. Career pathways include Electrical Maintenance, Plumbing, Car & Lorry Maintenance, Joinery, Bricklaying, Plastering, Painting & Decorating, Farming, Welding, Digital Imaging, Film & TV Production, Hair Dressing, Beauty Therapy, Health & Social Care & Sport Science to name a few. An increasing number of pupils have taken up a variety of apprenticeship programmes and some secure full time work via the vocational work experience programme.



Find out more...

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/unlock-your-potential/explore-your-potential>

Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life (PAL)

Through our Preparation for Adult Life qualifications, learners can develop skills while exploring a wide range of areas relevant to them both now and in the future: from cultural diversity and social justice to preparing interviews and improving overall health and well-being.

How will I be taught in the subject?

Within this subject there are 13 booklets each with their own unique areas and different styles.

How will I be assessed in this subject?

There are no exams in this subject, progress is based solely on coursework (13 booklets) over the two-year course.

- Diversity & Social Inclusion
- Democracy & Democratic Participation
- Human Rights & Social Responsibility

- Equality & Social Justice
- Preparation for Work
- Business in the Community
- Effective work practice
- Globalisation
- Self-Development
- Roles & Responsibilities of parents
- Healthy Relationships
- Maintaining Personal Health & Well-being
- Effective Financial Management

Which units will I study?

The Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Adult Life has 13 mandatory units:

- Learners must take all four Citizenship units, four Employability units and five Personal and Social Development units from the specification.
- Each unit is worth one credit, so the total credit value of the Certificate is 13.
- There are approximately 130 guided learning hours (teacher/tutor-led hours).

What skills and attributes do I need to be successful?

- Communication (Oral and written) to participate in discussions, debates and interviews.
- Using ICT – to use technology to access manage, select and present information.

The qualifications aim to develop personal skills such as self-awareness, personal health and relationships, as well as an understanding of:

- diversity and inclusion;
- human rights and social responsibility;
- equality and justice;
- roles and responsibilities of parents;
- work in the local and global economy;
- social, economic and cultural issues; and
- personal development.

What careers pathways are available to me if I study this subject?

Very varied career pathways available including Careers Advisor, Retail, Management, Teaching and Finance.

Find out more...

https://www.rewardinglearning.org.uk/microsites/preparation_for_adult_life/



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