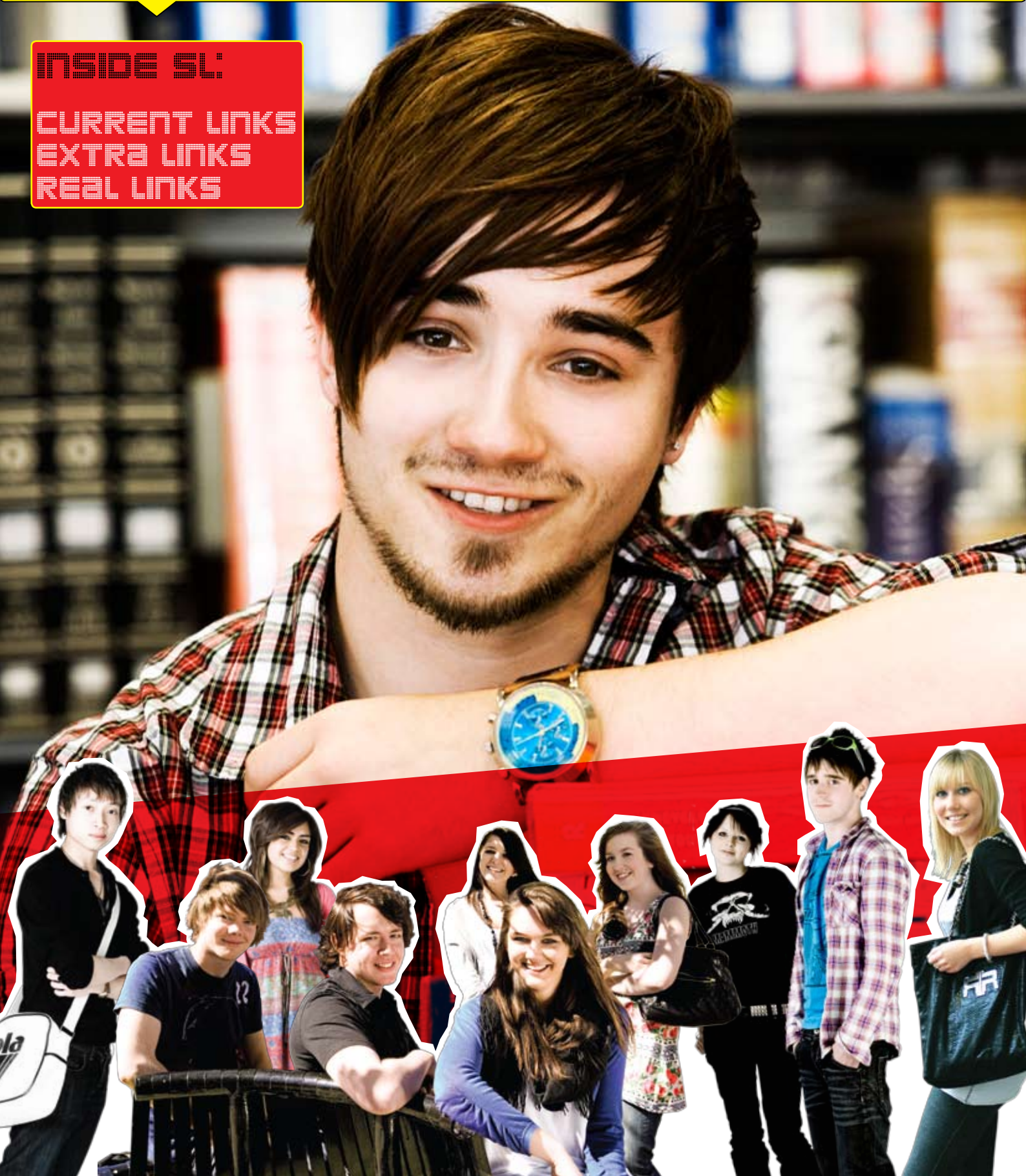




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HEY!



Aberdeen College has created an exciting programme of courses available to school pupils in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, to study as part of their school timetable. It's a great way to have a taste of college while you're still at school.

The purpose of these courses is to help you prepare for work or further study. They will help you develop your employability skills, learn vocational skills and increase your knowledge about subjects that interest you.

By choosing a college course as part of your school timetable you can gain a new and interesting qualification and experience College life. It will also help you decide what you might want to do after school in relation to further study or employment.

Some courses take place within one of the five College centres (Gallowgate, Altens, Clinterty, Gordon or Inverurie) and others in school. All the classes will be made up of pupils just like you and so you will meet new people of your own age. Classes will almost always fit into your normal weekly timetable.

If you are interested in any of these courses, please speak to your Guidance Teacher in the first instance. He/she will be able to check course availability for your school.



Here's a flavour of what could be in-store for you:

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REAL LINK

Stephanie's a high flyer

Seventeen year old Stephanie Spink, from Cove, has been interested in working in the travel industry for some time.

When she was in fifth year at school she decided to take ECDL as she thought it would be a useful qualification to have in the future. She completed the ECDL modules at Kincorth Academy and attended the college's Gallowgate centre in Aberdeen to sit assessments.

Stephanie had originally applied to the College at the end of fourth year for an introductory travel and tourism course but decided to stay at school until the end of fifth year. This meant that she was able to apply for a place on HND Travel and Tourism which she was delighted to be offered.

She said, "The course is much more challenging than I thought it would be but I am coping well and when I finish I'm hoping to go straight into third year of a degree course at Robert Gordon University through Uni-link, the 2 + 2 scheme."



CURRENT LINKS

HAIR AND BEAUTY

Skills for Work – Hairdressing Intermediate 1

This course provides a practical introduction to hairdressing. The focus is on experiencing the salon environment to learn about the different roles and responsibilities in hairdressing. You will gain experience in shampooing, conditioning and drying hair and the creative side of hairdressing. General salon duties to support stylists and assisting with customer care are also included. Throughout the course emphasis is placed on the employability skills and attitudes which will help to prepare you for the workplace. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week or 2 year course delivered half a day per week.

NC Units – Beauty Therapy

This course is designed to develop specific Beauty Therapy skills. You will study a variety of units including Manicure, Nail Art, Facial Skin Care and Day Make-up and Corrective Make-up. You will also learn about subjects relevant to employability in a range of vocational areas, including Customer Care and Health & Safety. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week or 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



ART AND DESIGN

Art & Design – Portfolio Building

The Art and Design Intermediate 2 course has been designed to provide a certificated course incorporating a variety of Art and Design skills. School pupils will benefit from experiencing a range of different Art media which are available for study at an Advanced level. Pupils involved in this course will be introduced to the range of future study options and vocations in these subject areas and will have the opportunity to develop a portfolio, including the areas of Fashion & Textiles, Photography & Visual Communication, Sculpture & 3D design, Experimental Drawing, and Media Design. Option of 1 year course for senior school pupils.



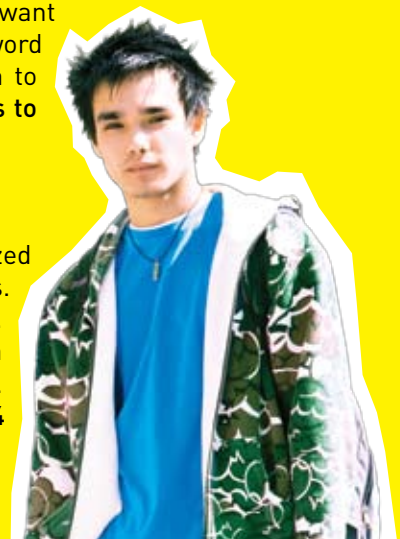
City and Guilds IT User Award

Being able to use a computer is an essential part of life these days. The Level 1 IT User qualification is aimed at learners who can perform basic tasks and want to familiarise themselves with everyday computer packages & applications, including word processing, spreadsheets and databases. This flexible approach allows for adaptation to meet individual requirements. Available as a year long course delivered within schools to single school groups of 12 or more.

European Computer Driving Licence

The European Computer Driving Licence® (ECDL) is the internationally recognized qualification which enables people to demonstrate their competence in computer skills. The record breaking ECDL is the fastest growing IT user qualification in over 125 countries. ECDL is designed specifically for those who wish to gain a benchmark qualification in computing to enable them to develop their IT skills and enhance their career prospects. Available as a year long course delivered within schools to single school groups of 14 or more, or to pupils aged 16 and over as a self-study course via Online and Distance Learning.

COMPUTING





HEALTH, EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

Skills for Work – Early Education and Childcare – Intermediate 1

Working with children and young people is a demanding job which requires specialist skills and knowledge. This course is an introduction to early education and childcare including units in Child Development, Play in Early Education and Childcare, Working in Early Education and Childcare and Parenting. Available as a two year course delivered half a day per week.

Skills for Work – Early Education and Childcare – Intermediate 2

This course expands on the skills developed during the Intermediate 1 Level Course and is available to pupils progressing from the Intermediate 1 course, or those who wish to study Early Education and Childcare without any prior experience. This course includes units in Health and Development of Children, Working within the Early Education and Childcare Sector, Understanding the Role of the Parent and Needs of the Infant. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 full day per week.

Skills for Work – Health Sector – Intermediate 1

This Intermediate 1 Health Sector Course has been designed to provide school pupils with opportunities to develop generic employability skills in the context of the Health Sector. The Health Sector includes the National Health Service (NHS) (primary and secondary care), independent healthcare, complementary therapies, the life sciences and retail pharmaceutical industries and the community and voluntary sector. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week or 2 year course delivered half a day per week.

RETAIL

Skills for Work – Retailing – Intermediate 1

This course has been designed to provide an introductory qualification in retail. The course provides opportunities for you to develop general and practical skills as well as knowledge and understanding of the keys aspects of retailing. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



SPORT AND RECREATION

Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership

This award is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful candidates to lead small groups in simple sport and recreational activities whilst under the direct supervision of their tutor. Participants learn the essential skills of leadership, communication, organisation and motivation, but in addition to this they grow in confidence and self belief. This is a fun and practical qualification with no entrance requirements or final examination to sit. Available as a short course delivered within schools to single school groups of 12 or more aged 14 plus.

Award in Community Sports Leadership

This award is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful candidates to independently lead small groups of people in sport and recreational activities. Participants learn the essential skills of leadership, communication, organisation and motivation, but in addition to this they grow in confidence and self belief. This is a fun and practical qualification with no entrance requirements or final examination to sit. Available as a short course delivered within schools to single school groups of 12 or more aged 16 plus.

Skills for Work – Sports and Recreation – Intermediate 1

This course covers the practical activities involved in a support role in a sports and recreation environment, such as a sports centre. You will assist with: planning, setting up and delivering activity sessions; setting up, dismantling and checking equipment; accident and emergency procedures; dealing with customers and helping to plan and review a personal training programme. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



ENGINEERING, ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION

Skills for Work – Construction and Engineering – Access 3

This is an introductory level course designed to develop some of the basic practical skills, knowledge and understanding required for a range of jobs in the construction and engineering trades. You will use tools, equipment, materials and manufacturing processes specific to the construction and engineering trades and you will make and use your own tools. Available as a 1 year course delivered half a day per week.

Skills for Work – Construction Crafts – Intermediate 1

This course provides a practical introduction to seven important construction trades. It will suit you if you have an interest and enthusiasm for practical craft work. You will learn a variety of skills in brickwork, plumbing, joinery and decorative painting. You will also develop skills that increase employability, not just in the construction industry, but in employment generally. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.

Skills for Work – Construction Crafts – Intermediate 2

This course expands on the skills developed during the Intermediate 1 Level Course and is available to pupils progressing from the Intermediate 1 course, or those who wish to study Construction Crafts with school based courses experience. This course includes units in One Brick Walling, Bench Joinery and either Plumbing of Sanitary Appliances or Decorative Painting Techniques. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 full day per week.

Skills for Work – Energy – Intermediate 2

This course is intended to equip candidates with the necessary knowledge and skills required to enhance their prospects for employment in the wide range of opportunities within the Energy Sectors. The course will allow candidates to develop a range of employability skills, their engineering skills and an awareness of conventional and renewable energies which are relevant to the energy industries. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week to pupils with Credit Level Standard Grade Maths.

Skills for Work – Engineering – Intermediate 1

This course focuses on developing your practical skills and understanding which can be applied to the four engineering areas of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, fabrication and manufacture. Your employability skills will also be developed in areas such as following instructions accurately and completing quality checks. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



Skills for Work – Hospitality – Intermediate 1

This course offers a practical introduction to the hospitality professions. The focus is on experiencing the professional kitchen and restaurant, learning about the different jobs in hospitality professions, developing skills in preparing, cooking, presenting and serving food, working in front of house and learning about event organising. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week.

HOSPITALITY

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

SQA Intermediate 1 Units – Travel and Tourism

This is a flexible qualification which will help you prepare for a career in the travel and tourism industry. You will study areas such as Customer Care, Popular Tourist Destinations, Communication Skills and Health and Safety. Available as a 1 or 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



REAL LINK

Liam joined up for Joinery!

Through helping out at his uncle's slating business, Liam Philpott was lucky enough to have some work experience at a young age. In fact, he had already decided that he wanted to become a joiner before he even became a teenager!



He said, "When my uncle was working on a new-build, I was able to see all the different trades in action and joinery really stood out as something I thought I would like to do in the future." When he was making his choices for third and fourth year at Northfield Academy, a teacher suggested that he might be interested in joining the Skills for Work Construction Crafts Intermediate 1 course at Aberdeen College. Liam jumped at the chance and attended a class once a week at the college for two years. He really enjoyed this practical class and, when he finished fourth year, he was able to attend the school links Winter Leaver Course to study the same subject at Intermediate 2 level on a full-time basis. During this course, Liam met with a guidance tutor once a week who helped him and his classmates find and apply for job opportunities. It was through this that Liam found a place as an apprentice joiner with Aberdeen City Council.

He is now in his first year as an apprentice joiner and spends some of his time working and the rest attending college on a block release basis. He said, "Being able to come to college to study a subject I was really interested in while I was still at school was great. Construction Crafts was a good choice because I got to try out all the different trades. This helped me to decide that joinery was definitely for me."

UNIFORMED AND EMERGENCY SERVICES



Skills for Work – Uniformed and Emergency Services – Intermediate 1

This course introduces candidates to the uniformed and emergency services. The relevant uniformed services for this course are: the Army, Merchant Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marines. The relevant emergency services for this course are: the Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Fire and Rescue and Police. It includes investigating the different uniformed and emergency services and the roles and responsibilities of those working in a specific team. Candidates will also investigate career opportunities in the uniformed and emergency services. Available as a 1 year course delivered 1 day per week.

RURAL SKILLS

Skills for Work – Rural Skills (Animal Care) – Intermediate 1

This course allows you to develop practical skills to work in the areas of animal care, estates maintenance, horticulture, landscaping and agricultural crop production by exploring the different employment prospects in land-based industries. You will be taught the skills of handling a range of animals and maintaining their health and well-being. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

City and Guilds Entry Level 3 Award – Automotive Vehicle Maintenance

A practical course for those interested in car maintenance. The course will provide you with the knowledge and skills which will help you gain employment in the industry. You will work on braking systems, wheel and tyres, spark ignition systems, body and interior cleaning, engine cooling and fuel and exhaust systems. Available as a 2 year course delivered half a day per week.



HIGHERS

Higher Psychology

The aim of this Higher course is to develop a knowledge and understanding of human behaviour. You will develop a number of skills such as analysis, interpretation and evaluation. You will study three areas of Psychology, namely

Understanding the Individual, Investigating Human Behaviour and The Individual in the Social Context. Available as a year long course delivered within schools to single school groups of 14 or more pupils in S6.

Higher Sociology

This Higher course is designed to help you develop a knowledge and understanding of sociological concepts. You will examine areas of society, such as social class, education, the family, crime and deviance, welfare and poverty and the mass media. You will acquire the ability to analyse and evaluate sociological arguments, and use evidence and research methods in a critical way.

Available as a year long course delivered within schools to single school groups of 14 or more pupils in S6.

Intermediate 2 – Psychology

Intermediate 2 Psychology is made up of 3 units. Two are based on theory and one is research based. The topics covered in the theory based units are non-verbal communication (how we communicate without words), personality (what is personality, how it develops and how we can measure it), self image (who we are and what makes us who we are) and cognition and learning (how we learn, and different types of learning). In the research unit, students will gain knowledge of how psychological research is carried out and will become amateur psychologists themselves by carrying out a research project. Available as a year long course delivered within schools to single school groups of 14 or more pupils.



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SCHOOL LINK COURSE

This course offers a wide range of Vocational Tasters to school pupils with Additional Learning Support Needs and is designed to support school pupils in making future plans and to prepare for possible continued full-time study. This supported learning opportunity is ideally suited to school pupils who have been working at Access Level at school and who are in their final year of education. Available as a year long course delivered one day per week within College.

REAL LINK

Abi's cut out for hairdressing

Abi has always wanted to train to be a hairdresser. When she realised that she didn't have to wait until she left Portlethen Academy to begin her training at college she jumped at the chance.

In her third year she was taken by bus to Torry Academy once a week to attend a Skills for Work Intermediate 1 Hairdressing course which was delivered by Aberdeen College.

Abi enjoyed the classes saying, "It was great to do something practical that allowed me to work towards becoming a hairdresser." She was delighted to be offered a place at college on NVQ Hairdressing Level 1 when she finished fourth year at school which, coupled with her Saturday job in a local salon is helping her to make a start on achieving her dream career.



EXTRA LINKS

Winter Leaver Courses

Courses in Construction, Hairdressing, Auto-Engineering and Engineering will be available to pupils who fall into the 'Winter Leaver' category. These courses allow you to have the opportunity to attend College four days a week during S5, whilst continuing to be a school pupil until the end of December. You will gain a valuable award in your chosen vocational area, as well as learning a variety of employability and citizenship skills which will support you in seeking employment. **Application forms and further information on these courses are available from your Guidance Teacher.**

REHIS

This is a short course which can be delivered to single school groups of 12 and over within Aberdeen College or in school. This half day course will equip pupils with a Certificated Qualification in Food Hygiene which will support their employability skills.

Build Your Own PC

This one day course which can be delivered to single school groups offers pupils the opportunity to learn about the different components of a PC. Pupils will have an opportunity to build their own PC from an empty case and ultimately will build a network within the room, learning about how to configure and test the system.

First Aid and Emergency Procedures

This short course which can be delivered to single school groups within school offers pupils the opportunity to develop their employability by learning basic First Aid Skills and Emergency Procedures within a College devised unit and certified by Aberdeen College.

Working with Others

This SQA Unit is normally available over three full school days and is facilitated and assessed by college lecturers. The Unit provides pupils with the opportunity to gain a crucial core skill by participating in a fun activity working in groups. Pupils will begin with a number of 'team building' exercises and then, in their groups, plan and develop the group task set by the lecturers. This will be followed by a presentation of their finished task.

IT Core Skills

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Core Skill focuses on using technology to find and provide information in ways which will be useful in work and in the home. Achieving a Core Skills Unit in Information Communication Technology is a way of showing employers how well you can communicate digitally. As you work towards an ICT Core Skills Unit, you will learn lots of new ways to use ICT both in your everyday life and in the world of work - and hopefully have fun while you are learning.

HN Unit in Personal Development

This SQA Higher National Unit is delivered over a whole academic year and offers senior pupils the opportunity to self evaluate their strengths and weaknesses before devising an action plan to develop one of three themes - development of core skills, preparation for employment or preparation for Higher Education. The main approach to this Unit is one of self directed study with support and facilitation from the college lecturer at appropriate intervals and milestones and more generally through VLE support. Pupils will produce a portfolio of evidence over the year.

CONTACT

To find out more about these courses and whether they are available through your school please speak to your Guidance Teacher.

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