

Wider Achievement Options 2026-27

Higher Admin and Higher Applications Skill Builder Course

Courses such as Higher Admin, and Higher Applications of Maths rely heavily of the use of Excel, amongst other software. Being confident with these gives you the best chance to succeed in these courses, and beyond. In the world of work, lots of situations now require, and sometimes assume, that you already have a level of confidence with Microsoft Office software packages, such as Microsoft Excel, Word and Powerpoint, both individually, and working between applications. It is also an expectation of the modern world of work, that you are able to learn new software quickly.

This course will allow you to work towards L6 units (Web Apps: Spreadsheets and Web Apps Presentations), with the potential to achieve the NPA PC Passport L6 Award. There will also be opportunities to learn new software, such as RStudio, which potentially will support taking the next steps into Advanced Higher Sciences and Geography, by having the ability to use statistical software in project situations. This course is 100% practical ICT - no paper here!

What are the benefits of improving digital skills?

- More productive in learning and work - many of the features we learn automate tasks that can be very time-consuming
- Familiarity with popular software will directly support the next steps in learning - particularly Higher Admin and Higher Applications of Maths courses
- Learning new features of software you have used before helps prepare you for the constantly evolving nature of ICT
- Transferrable skills to personal, as well as professional life - eg Budgeting
- Have a greater chance of securing employment.

In a workplace setting, digital learning supports continuous professional development, offering employees relevant learning experiences that will help them to progress in their roles and advance their careers. This Wider Achievement selection will allow you to up skill your digital abilities ready for the world of work, plus pick up relevant course awards to support your CV and applications.

First Aid Level 6

The Award in First Aid at Work at SCQF level 6 will develop knowledge and skills required to deal with a range of workplace first aid situations. This is a regulated qualification, which is recognised nationally.

The award comprises two units at SCQF level 6 covering the knowledge and skills around:

- Emergency First Aid at Work
 - an unresponsive casualty
 - someone who is choking
 - someone with external bleeding
 - someone in shock
 - minor injuries
- Recognition and Management of Illness and Injury in the Workplace
 - suspected injuries to bones, muscles and joints
 - suspected head and spinal injuries
 - suspected chest injuries
 - burns and scalds
 - eye injury
 - sudden poisoning
 - anaphylaxis
 - suspected major illness

This course involved both theory and practical elements.

Learn more here - <https://youtu.be/cAM1vLwZwTA>

Introduction to Journalism (Unit award at level 6)

Have you ever wanted to tell people about something that is happening in your local community or open up discussions about a topic close to your heart that impacts young people? Then this unit could be for you. It looks at what Journalism is and specifically digital journalism. You will explore the role of journalists, the formats through which journalism can be shared, and then create a news story or feature on a topic of interest.

Journalism is the profession of gathering information and presenting it to the public as news. Traditionally, journalism has been guided by principles such as fairness, truth, objectivity, impartiality and accountability. It exists in various formats—print, broadcast and digital—and there are also various types or genres of journalism, each defined by its focal subject, its approach or its medium, including investigative journalism, , sports journalism, political journalism and photojournalism.

Learn more about what journalism is - <https://youtu.be/OQtfx9Km8V8>

Leadership Award (level 5 or 6)

The Leadership Award develops knowledge of leadership skills, styles and qualities. It is designed for learners who take, or plan to take, a leading role for an activity.

Available at SCQF levels 5 and 6, the Award allows individuals to build self confidence and self esteem and encourages learners to respect the cultures and beliefs of others working alongside them. The award allows students to look at what leadership is, identify what skills they have which would contribute to a leadership role, and what skills and qualities they could develop through undertaking a leadership role either in the school or local community. This award allows students to self reflect on the progress and identifies key skills required for the work of work.

The Leadership Award is jointly certificated by SQA and the Chartered Management Institute.

Barista Level 5 Unit award

This unit is designed to enable learners to develop basic knowledge, understanding and technical skills required for the role of a barista. The unit covers how to operate specialist equipment to prepare and serve coffee and a variety of other drinks.

On successful completion of the unit the learner will be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of coffee and other beverages served by a barista.
- 2 Prepare and serve a range of coffees and other hot beverages using specialist equipment.
- 3 Prepare and serve a range of cold beverages using specialist equipment.

Nurture Ambassador

The nurture ambassadors programme gives opportunities to provide support at key stages of a young person's school life to help them to settle in, make progress and to achieve their potential within the school. Mentors will provide support throughout the school. Each Ambassador will be given the opportunity to support in The Hive, the wellbeing hub, the learning zone or Lockerbie Primary.

Student ambassadors should be:

Good communicators.

- Excellent and active listeners.
- Able to show a sympathetic approach to sensitive issues.
- Able to maintain confidentiality.

Student ambassadors will agree to;

- Attend support sessions.
- Attend agreed mentor sessions and inform key staff if they will miss a session.
- Meet with staff mentors to provide feedback.

Powering Futures Level 6

This is running in over 156 Secondary Schools across Scotland. It is a SCQF level 6 accredited school programme allows learners to develop the critical meta-skills that employers are looking for at the same time as gaining an understanding of sustainability and how it can positively impact their future, whatever they do next. They gain insight and exposure to real business and industry challenges

The Challenge Programme is project-based, interdisciplinary learning where learners work in teams to solve real-world industry problems - set by businesses. It is continually assessed through a portfolio of evidence and learners interact with industry through support, mentorship and final presentations.

Find out more here: <https://youtu.be/674zv8HsY?si=Wbxs52lqTRKY-kqG>

Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise is a National Charity that helps young people develop the life skills, knowledge & confidence they need to succeed in the changing world of work. They believe that the potential of the UK's young people is unlimited, and an academic education on its own is not enough.

Young Enterprise has been running for over 60 years and has over 7.2 million young people engaging in financial and enterprise education programmes and services. This venture provides young people with support and opportunities through 'learning by doing' – experiences they might not otherwise have access to – helping young people to reach their full potential.

Their Vision is, "Every young person has the opportunity to learn the vital skills and enterprising mindset needed to earn and look after their money and make a positive contribution to their community".

Find out more here: <https://youtu.be/-koq9NBHhn0?si=Qw1Ef7EZSoG7mKBx>

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE's a life-changing adventure you don't want to miss. It's about going the extra mile – learning new skills for work and life, getting fitter, making a difference and broadening your horizons.

What's it all about? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuZMfKbMW6M>

Maybe you want to try something new? Or get better at something you already do? Your DofE can be whatever you want it to be.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour a week over a set period of time, so they can fit in around your studies and life outside school.



Mental Health Award Level 5

This award aims to:

- reduce stigma surrounding mental health
- arm young people with healthy coping strategies
- promote knowledge of the impact of mental health on behaviour
- dispel myths surrounding mental health
- promote understanding of positive and negative impacts on mental health
- help individuals to make the right choices
- promote understanding of the potential uses and impact of social media and the internet
- create resilience

Students going into S6 should have completed this wider achievement opportunity in S4. New S5 are unlikely to have completed it, although some will have begun the course during S4 PSE.