

Life Skills Curriculum Overview



Aims & Objectives:

The Edexcel Entry Award / Certificate / Diploma in Skills for Independence and Work (Entry 2) (QCF) are for students seeking to develop greater independence.

They give students the opportunity to:

- Engage in learning which is relevant to them and will provide opportunities to develop a range of life skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes.
- Achieve a nationally recognised Entry level vocationally related qualification.
- Develop interests in different areas which may enable progression to a vocational qualification.
- Progress to supported employment in a particular vocational sector.
- Progress to related general and/or vocational qualifications.

Summary of Curriculum Content

Life Skills offers students the opportunity to participate in variety of unit based study, most of which have practical or vocational aspects. Students are awarded 1 credit for every 10 hours of learning time and work towards gaining a total of 37 credits over a two year period (diploma). This can be amended for students on part time programmes to 13- 36 credits (certificate).

The course focuses on developing skills for independence and employability outside of school life. Units such as basic cooking, laundry, managing money, public transport and shopping for daily living are always covered. In addition students are given the opportunity to select areas of specific interest to study from the 54 units available.

Exam Options

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Each unit has specified learning outcomes and assessment criteria. To pass an internally assessed unit, students must meet all the assessment criteria.