



# OPTION CHOICES- HOW DO I DECIDE ?



## FARNEY CLOSE SCHOOL



14-16 CURRICULUM GUIDE

# CAREERS ENTITLEMENT

All students have a planned programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance to include information on post 16 education, training opportunities and types of job.

At age 13/14 , students will be given guidance by an independent careers advisor and by Farney Close about KS4 options.

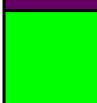
At age 15/16, the careers advisor will conduct individual interviews with students on post 16 choices. Students will receive further guidance from Farney Close on post 16 choices, receiving help from the Careers Department to complete course applications, write their Curriculum Vitae, prepare the students for college and work interviews, and help to arrange work experience.

Throughout their time at Farney Close, students are encouraged to evaluate their own skills and qualities and create Action Plans for the future. They are encouraged to prepare for the world of work.



## SKILLS BOX KEY

Each of the options courses requires different personal skills. Use the key below to see what skills are required for each course. Think about what skills you have, and what areas you are interested in developing. Choose a course that is suitable for you.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	
VERBAL COMMUNICATION	
WORKING WITH NUMBERS	
USING ICT	
WORKING WITH OTHERS	
PROBLEM SOLVING	
RESEARCH	
PRACTICAL	
GLOBAL AWARENESS	
PHYSICALLY ACTIVE	
CREATIVE/ARTISTIC	
PERFORMANCE	

# YOUR OPTION CHOICES

NAME.....

PLEASE HIGHLIGHT YOUR PREFERRED CHOICES ON THE TIMETABLE BELOW AND RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL BEFORE HALF TERM.

WHEN	EITHER	OR	OR
LESSON 1	Sports and Leisure	DT	Biology GCSE
LESSON 2	Sports and Leisure	DT	Biology GCSE
LESSON 3	Numeracy	Humanities	ICT
LESSON 4	Art	Food Tech	Humanities
LESSON 5	Art	Food Tech	Humanities

Please note that Lessons 1 and 2,  
4 and 5 are double  
periods

# Art and Design

## What will I be learning?

This course explores art and design through a range of 2D and 3D techniques, these include:

**Fine Art: painting, drawing,**

**Digital Media: photography, graphics**

**3D Design: clay, wire, relief**

Students should explore resources relating to art and design to aid the investigation and making process, and critically respond to the work of artists, demonstrating an understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

## Who would enjoy it?

**Are you a creative thinker? Are you full of ideas? Do you enjoy investigating a topic, or looking at different artists and styles? Do you like the making process?**

If the answer is yes, then this course is for you.

You will need to be an independent learner, developing your own ideas, to create original and exciting pieces of work.

## Skills

	Using ICT
	Problem Solving
	Research
	Practical
	Creative /Artistic

WANT TO KNOW MORE ? Ask Emma or Gerard



<b><u>Assessment:</u></b>	
<b>Portfolio of work:</b> 2 projects (approx 45 hrs work) 60%	<b>External Assessment</b> (10hr exam) 40%

## Careers in Art and design are very wide areas including:

- Film and TV work
- Design– Theatre, Interior, Graphic
- Animation
- Arts Centre Project Work
- Art Therapy
- Museums and Galleries-Curator, Historian, Journalism

# Design & Technology

## What will I be learning?

The D&T course follows the GCSE programme in which you learn how to build a portfolio of work, manufacture a product and prepare for the final examination. The first practical project will be based on the manufacture of a musical instrument and the required planning to achieve this. You will build you confidence in this project so that you will be able to complete a project designed and made by you in year 11.

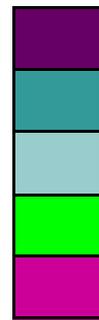
## Who would enjoy it?

If you enjoy practical subjects were you learn to design projects from scratch, use a variety of hand and power tools, and understand that accuracy and invention make the difference to the final product, you will enjoy Design and Technology.

## What happens when I finish?

D&T demonstrates to employers that you have a responsible attitude to health and safety, that you can use tools effectively and with some accuracy, and that you enjoy practical subjects that involve working with your hands.

skills



## Want to know more?

These web sites offer some information for pupils and parents:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/gcsebitesize/design](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gcsebitesize/design)
- [www.design-technology.org](http://www.design-technology.org)
- [www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk](http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk)

Careers in D&T are very varied , this could be the spring board to: college for electricians, plumbers, carpenters, builders, plasterers, teaching, architects, engineers, product design and many other professions.

# FOOD STUDIES

## What will I be learning?

This course is divided into five units;

1. Food and Health
2. Basic Food Preparation
3. Basic Cooking
4. Health, Safety and Hygiene
5. Serving Food and Drink

skills

You will develop a basic understanding of food studies. This will include the nutritional needs of different groups of people and the effects of food choices. You will learn a variety of different cooking techniques and how to cook a range of dishes. You will learn how to store, cook and serve food safely with good standards of hygiene and food handling practices.

There is no formal exam for this course; you will build up a recipe book of the dishes you cook with an evaluation of what went well and what could be improved. There are also a number of coursework assignments. While there will be a lot of practical lessons you will be expected to complete the required amount of written coursework for each unit.



## Who would enjoy it?

All those who have enjoyed cookery so far and would like to develop their cooking skills and understanding of food for the future. You will be expected to cook a wide range of foods even if you do not like them!

## What happens when I finish?

You will gain an WJEC Pathways, Entry Level 3 Certificate in 'Preparing for Work'. You can also use this qualification as a base for future studies at college. It is a suitable base for further study at 16+ offering progression on to academic and a variety of vocational courses including GCSE Food and Nutrition, NVQ in Hospitality and Catering and Health and Social Care.



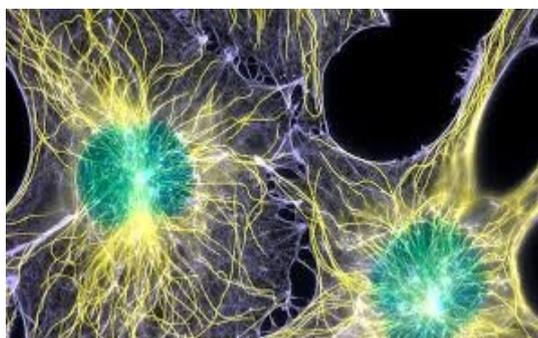
## WANT TO KNOW MORE ?

Speak to Vickie when you are next in a cookery lesson

# GCSE Biology

We believe that science has something to offer every student. This course will develop students ability to think critically and problem solve. This is a three year course which is taught for two hours per week. This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams at the end of the course.

1. Cell biology
2. Organisation
3. Infection and response
4. Bioenergetics
5. Homeostasis and response
6. Inheritance, variation and evolution
7. Ecology
8. Key ideas



## How it's assessed

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

## Foundation

100 marks

50% of GCSE

Style of questions

- Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

PLEASE SEE RICHARD FOR MORE DETAILS



# ICT WJEC Pathways Level 1 Diploma/Awards

## What will I be learning?

### **This course is made up of**

- 1.Understanding ICT:
- 2.Solving Problems with ICT
- 3.ICT In Organisations
- 4.Developing Multimedia ICT Solutions.

### You will be:

Studying the every day use of ICT .  
Looking at problem scenarios  
Plan and design  
Feasible solution.  
Explore ICT in businesses  
Planning and designing work

## Who would enjoy it?

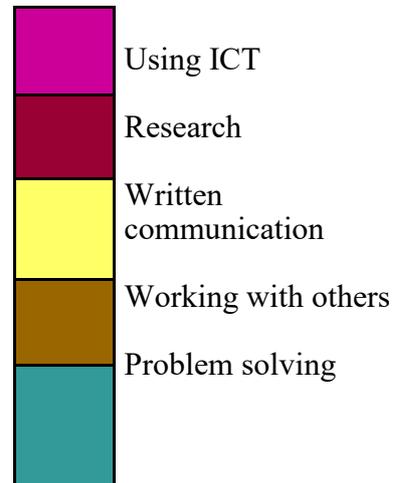
### **This course is for you if:**

You enjoy working on a computer  
You like investigating and finding things out  
You like coursework and are motivated  
enough to hit deadlines.

## What happens when I finish?

When you finish at KS4 you can continue to study ICT at college and may like to study for a Diploma or maybe even a degree in Computing. There are numerous options open to students who choose to persue a qualification in ICT.

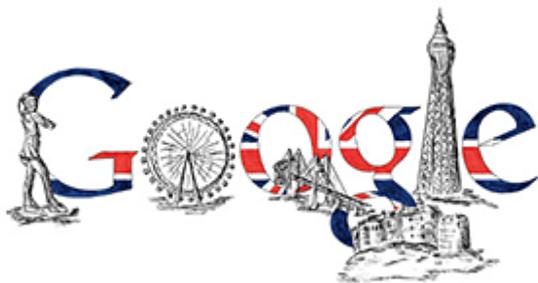
## skills



## Want to know more?

Speak to Honor

Assessments: On a variety of unit topics of which some samples are:  
Using Email, Using the Internet, Desktop Publishing , Word Processing.



## **Careers In ICT include:**

Web designer  
Network manager  
Graphic Designer  
Computer programmer  
Business Analyst  
Help Desk Operator  
Every job requires ICT knowledge and skills.

# Numeracy

## What will I be learning?

How to improve my core skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Understand the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. Get to understand maths in real life, such as how banks work, loans, budgeting, credit cards and paying bills. How your wages are calculated and what deductions are made. Planning a holiday abroad, exchange rates. Decorating, working how much paint or paper is needed. Anything and everything that uses numbers in real life!

## Who would enjoy it?

Are you concerned that you might be being short changed in a shop? Do you always pay with a large note rather than count out the exact change? If so this option is aimed at anyone who finds maths, or number work hard. We teach you the basic skills along with the practical applications to help you get by in later life.

## What happens when I finish?

At the end of the course there is a numeracy examination, which will give you a recognised qualification. The course will also help you with your GCSE maths course.

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## WANT TO KNOW MORE ?

Talk to Leslie about your career choice. He will be able to advise you on the maths skills you may need.

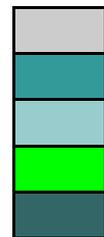
# Sports and Leisure

## What will I be learning?

This course offers a basic introduction to the sport and leisure industry and consists of:

- Taking part in sport
- Assisting at a sport or active leisure event
- Improving own fitness
- Risks and hazards in sport and active leisure
- Taking part in exercise and fitness
- How the body works
- Planning own fitness programme
- Assisting a leader of sport or active leisure activities to plan and deliver an activity
- Working in sport and active leisure
- Job opportunities in sport and active leisure

skills



## Who would enjoy it?

Those who enjoy sports and being active. For those that enjoy or would like to develop leadership and teamwork skills.

An interest in all aspects of sport is very important.

## What happens when I finish?

You will achieve WJEC Level 1.

This will help entry into a Level 2 Diploma programme.



WANT TO KNOW  
MORE ?

See Clarence