

Qualifications

National 1 and National 2 qualifications are set at SCQF levels 1 and 2 and are specifically designed for learners who have additional support needs. They provide opportunities for learners to develop their knowledge and skills, and to have their achievements certificated.

Pupils also have the opportunity to take part in wider achievement awards, such as John Muir, Duke of Edinburgh and Green Tree Schools.

Modules offered change from year-to-year, depending on the needs, abilities and interests of pupils and groups, as well as the expertise of staff. Attached is a list of examples for your information; please be aware that this list is subject to change.

Pupils will work closely with their current and new teachers to carefully build a timetable that best suits their needs and abilities.



Other exciting opportunities

Some classes are chosen to take part in extra experiences and opportunities. Some S6 pupils attend Ayrshire College on a part-time basis in order to increase their social, work and independence skills.

Some pupils will attend swimming lessons at the Galleon Centre. These lessons are delivered by fully-trained swimming coaches, and young people will have the opportunity to be awarded by the Swimming Teachers' Association.

Secondary pupils are also responsible for publishing our school newspaper, running the *Thanks a Latte* community café and a number of other enterprise projects.

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Upper Primary, Secondary and Senior Phase

Teaching and Learning in the Upper Primary, Secondary and Senior Phase

Making the transition from Primary to Secondary can be both exciting and daunting. I therefore thought it would be useful to give you a quick introduction to how the Secondary Department runs.

Firstly, please be assured that some things will not change. Your son/daughter will still have a key teacher. He or she will have overall responsibility for the needs of your child and will be your first point of contact when you phone or visit the school. Additionally, all young people will still benefit from continuing to have an Individual Learning Plan, bespoke to their needs. Further, each young person will continue to receive tailored support from the wide range of professionals that work in the school, according to their needs. This includes medical, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language and other agencies.

Although skills for life and skills for work are developed throughout the school, these become the main priorities for secondary pupils. To this end, literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and social skills are at the core of each activity and programme that is delivered. Community learning, social outings and outdoor education account for a significant amount of time each day and each week.

One of the most significant ways in which the Secondary Department differs from Primary is that each pupil receives a personalised school day, according to his or her needs, abilities and interests. Therefore, no two pupils in the Secondary have an identical timetable. While each pupil spends their morning in their base class with their key teacher and support staff, in the afternoons, pupils benefit from the wide range of elective modules offered by all secondary staff. Modules include SQA National 1 and 2 units, ASDAN Preparing for Adulthood programmes, John Muir Award and Green Tree School Award.

The move to Secondary will help your son/daughter to form new friendships, explore new environments, experience new things and, above all, increase their confidence and independence.

I trust this leaflet will offer you a helpful overview of the Secondary Department, but should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs Smallwood, Head Teacher, or Mr Campbell, Principal Teacher, via the school office.



Community interaction is a key priority for upper primary, secondary and senior phase pupils.

Secondary Department Staff



Mr Campbell
Principal Teacher



Mrs Murray
Acting
Principal Teacher



Mrs Wilson
Teacher



Mr Nicoll
Teacher



Mrs Macdonald
Teacher



Miss Woodburn
Teacher

Mr Chris Hall, Ayrshire College Lecturer, also provides classes at Willowbank.

Please check our website for the most up-to-date staff list.

Teaching staff are supported by several Classroom Assistants.