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Learning Digitally in the
Senior Phase of the Curriculum

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Choosing a Senior Phase subject not on offer in your school?

Over the last few years, for young people in S6 (and in a few exceptional cases S5) there has been the option to study a subject in another school at set times. You have probably heard this referred to as the consortium arrangements and involved pupils travelling between schools in the locality. These offers have been made to increase pupil choice, particularly where a subject is an essential entrance requirement for a positive destination.

This arrangement has previously involved travelling to local secondary schools to join a Senior Phase class and complete your learning there as delivered by the subject teacher in that school. These classes would often consist of young people from a range of schools in your area.

Senior Pupils would also have travelled to local colleges to take part in Foundation Apprenticeships and vocational courses that your school didn't deliver.

The good news is that this year you are still going to be able to complete subject option choices from other schools, however because of the situation with the coronavirus it now has to be organised differently so that we can keep you all safe and reduce the risk of the virus spreading.

No more travel between schools

As we bring all young people back to school following the COVID-19 lockdown, the advice from the Scottish Government is to minimise young people's movement between establishments, during the school day, wherever possible. This is to keep you and others safe! This means we will no longer be asking you to travel in taxis or buses to other schools.

As well as reducing the risk of spreading the virus, we know that travelling from your school to another establishment took time out of your day and with traffic and weather conditions you could sometimes be late back to school or home. Our feedback from young people over the last few years is that this has been frustrating and we hope that these new digital arrangements will also help solve these issues.

Digital learning through North Lanarkshire's Digital School

You will now have finalised your subject options for this coming year. You may have made some changes to your original options after receiving your results. We fully understand that this has been an unusual year for everyone. We want to make sure we give you the best chance we can, despite the challenges the virus has brought us all.

- If you have chosen a subject which was originally part of the choices through the consortium arrangements, then Head Teachers will plan with the Digital School Lead which of these subjects can now be delivered digitally.
- You will access your learning through 'live' teaching sessions on Microsoft Teams in Glow. A learning lesson will look and feel different to how used to, though teaching content will remain the same and focused on the standards of the Advanced Higher Course.
- You will have a Teams site and Channel where you can discuss your learning with you teacher. They will be able to offer support and set learning tasks through this channel.

- Microsoft Teams now allows for face to face teaching with staff and young people. This option was not previously available to education and we are keen to make the best use of it.

As well as Microsoft Teams we will also be piloting a 'Digital Classroom' in Airdrie Academy. This classroom will use Vscene as the digital platform, which also allows 'live' digital learning. The digital classroom will have additional technology of cameras and sound bars to follow the teacher in the room.

If one of your subject options will be delivered digitally you will have this in your timetable and you will have a guide to support you with digital learning.

Vocational Education Level 4/5/6

Vocational Education courses provide work related experience within a work based learning environment. You can choose to undertake qualifications linked to industry such as Early Learning & Childcare, Accounts, construction and many more. These courses are delivered in our schools by local training providers such as colleges and private training partners. This is a unique way of learning about the theory of work related industries and putting that theory into practice. During this course you will also have the opportunity to engage with local employers on real life projects.

