

Year 9

L1 Pathways 2026



Introduction

You are at an exciting stage of your learning pathway: choosing subjects to study over the next two years in order to lead to future qualifications, college, careers and the world of work. Whilst exciting, this time can also be daunting: there is lots to consider when deciding which three subjects you would like to pursue.

This booklet, along with your Pathways Adviser, will help you through this process. They will share all the information you need to know about our compulsory subjects (those you have to study) and also each course we have on offer at St Julian's School.

What should you do?

St Julian's believes that you have the right to do the lessons that suit you. Together we will work with you and your parents or carers to make sure the lessons you do in Year 10 are the right subjects for you.

Our aim is to provide you with all the information to help you and your parents/carers to make good choices. You and your parents/carers will be given a Learning Pathways Advisor who you will meet with at the end of January.

Once all the courses have been fully explained, you will be able to make your choices. We will help you do this in school.

What's on offer?

Some subjects are compulsory **core subjects**, which means that all students have to do them:

Compulsory Core Subjects

English
Mathematics
Science
Cymraeg (Welsh language and culture)
PDCS (Personal Development and Cultural Studies - Sweet)
PE

Option Subjects

Other subjects are **options** and you may study up to **six** of these. Three in Year 10 and the other three in Year 11.

Option subjects are subjects you choose to do and each subject is taught for five periods per fortnight. You will be able to read about each course in this booklet.

Will I get all my choices?

We hope that everyone will end up with a combination of subjects that suits them but we cannot guarantee that everyone will be able to get all of their first choices in Year 10.

On the next few pages are the course descriptions.
Read them and feel free to write notes next to each course if you like.

Compulsory Subjects

(Subjects you must do)

Qualification Subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Sweet (a PSE programme in PDCS lessons including Religion & Ethics)

Non-qualification subjects

- PE
- Cymraeg and Welsh Culture

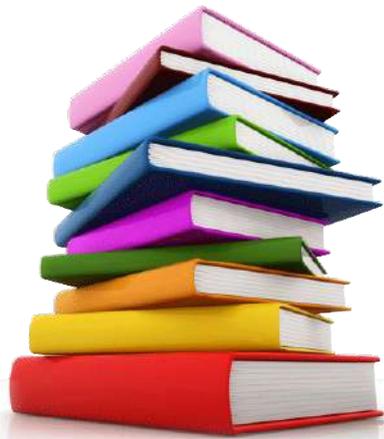


Option Subjects

(Subjects you choose to do)

These BTEC Level 1 courses are designed to develop a range of skills that are important to employers to make it easier for you to get a job. They also prepare you for future college courses and apprenticeships.

All these courses will help you understand the personal qualities you need to have for success in your working life.



BTEC Foundation Learning – Level 1

Business Administration

Business Administration involves:

- Exploring local business
- Branding and visual displays
- Meetings and events
- Communication and finance

Practical, graded, skills-based qualifications, Business Administration is designed to give you the core skills you will need to progress to further study or employment. Graded Pass, Merit or Distinction to motivate you and help you easily assess your potential.

Assessment is conducted through final pieces of coursework built up throughout each unit. A primary focus on local businesses help make each unit tangible and support cynefin. Key teaching areas in each unit include sector skills and knowledge, along with transferable skills such as communication and managing information. Throughout this qualification there are opportunities for students to develop their IT and functional skills whilst building up their business knowledge.

This course is 100% coursework with no examination.

Possible future jobs:

Office Administration
Large Retail stores
Hairdressers / Barbers
Clothes Shops
Coffee Shops
Electrician
Plumber
Many, many more.



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Home Cooking Skills

This enjoyable (and largely practical) course gives learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy cooking meals at home. The tasks we undertake encourage learners to transfer the skills they learn and acquire to other recipes to continue cooking for themselves and their families and to inspire others by passing on their knowledge.

Course work is based on the proposition that being able to cook is an essential life skill which empowers people to make changes that have benefits to health and wellbeing.

Not only does this course offer learners the opportunity to learn how to prepare and cook a range of different dishes and desserts, it also allows learners to focus on nutrition, meal planning, budgeting, preparation, hygiene and safety standards. This course will help to prepare learners for the potential to work in the hospitality industry. Learners will complete the course with improved confidence in their abilities and a stronger understanding of several different cooking and preparation methods.

This course will give learners the opportunity to develop:

- The knowledge, understanding and confidence to cook meals at home
- An understanding of how to economise when planning a meal
- An ability to transfer skills learned to different recipes
- An ability to inspire others by transferring that knowledge

The course is 100% coursework. There is no exam.

Possible future jobs;

Chef, Cook, Restaurant Manager, Waiting Staff, Bar Manager



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Performing Arts

Course Introduction

This course is designed to be practical, fun and interesting. The course is ideal for people who either enjoy their Performing Arts lessons and would like to improve their teamwork skills, would like to build their confidence and become better at speaking in front of others. It's especially helpful if you would like a future career in performing or acting.

The course gives pupils lots of opportunities to use technical equipment such as lighting, sound, costume and props. It also allows pupils to create video recordings to be part of their practical performances.

This course will:

- Develop a range of employability skills and techniques, understanding, personal qualities and attitudes essential for success in working life.
- Provide specialised studies directly relevant to the performing arts industry and related creative sectors.
- Provide a stepping stone into employment in creative industries where some previous experience is necessary to gain initial employment.

Assessment

The course is 100% coursework. There is no exam.

The five units we study are:

- Rehearsing for a Performance
- Acting in a Performance
- Being Organised
- Developing a Personal Progression Plan
- Designing Technical Support

Future career options

Actor, Dancer, Director, Playwright, Choreographer, Lighting Operator, Sound Technician, Costume Designer, Stage Crew, Set/Props Designer, Theatre Usher, Events Organiser, Stage Manager, Make-Up Artist, Wardrobe Assistant, Box Office Staff



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Art and Design

Throughout this course students will develop many art skills such as painting, drawing, collage, photography, printmaking, ceramics, etc. Students will learn about good workshop practice and time management to complete their artwork by a set deadline.

Students will work to project briefs within each unit of study.

The one year course consists of 1 practical coursework unit and a compulsory unit 'Developing a Personal Progression Plan'.

The two year course is 3 practical coursework units and 2 compulsory units - 'Developing a Personal Progression Plan' and 'Being Organised'.

The practical units are:

Creating an Art Image

Within this project students will research and study artists within the theme of trees. They will be involved in a series of workshops that develop their drawing and painting skills. Students will learn how to use photography to inspire their designs for their artwork.

Creating Prints

Within this project students will learn a variety of printmaking techniques such as monoprint, press print and collagraph. This project will be on the theme of buildings and students will use local buildings and famous landmarks to inspire their artwork.

Creating a 3D Art Object

This project is on the theme of animals and students will design and create masks. They will research different cultures from around the world to inspire their creations. The masks will be made using a variety of 3D materials and techniques such as clay, Modroc and papier mache.

This course is 100% coursework and there is no exam.

BTEC Level 1 Art and Design could lead on to study Art at Level 2. Possible careers: magazine assistant, art and design technician assistant, community arts assistant and many more!



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Information Technology

In this course students will study various units linked to IT. Units could include Database Design, Spreadsheet Modelling, Communicating in the IT Industry and Working in the IT Industry.

This course will:

- Develop a range of employability skills and techniques, understanding, personal qualities and attitudes essential for success in working life
- Provide specialised studies directly relevant to information technology industry and related sectors in which learners are working or intend to seek employment
- Provide a stepping stone into employment in the information technology industries where some previous experience is necessary to gain initial employment
- Provide a suitable qualification for learners to progress on to a range of further studies at level 2

The course is 100% coursework. There is no exam.

Possible future jobs

Most jobs require IT skills. There are also specific jobs, eg. Technical Assistant at PC World, Office IT Technician



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Public Services

Public services are services which are provided by the government to support those people living within the UK. These range greatly, but those that are covered in this course include the Fire Service, Police, Prison Service, Coastguard, Paramedics, and the Armed Forces.

This Public Services course is about preparing learners for the world of work in these roles, as well as learning what these occupations consist of. Learners will find out what jobs are available in this industry and the skills needed to do these jobs.

This course will:

- Develop a range of employability skills and techniques, understanding, personal qualities and attitudes essential for success in working life
- Provide specialised studies directly relevant to the travel and tourism industry and related sectors in which learners are working or intend to seek employment
- Provide a stepping stone into employment in the public service sector where some previous experience is necessary to gain initial employment
- Provide a suitable qualification for learners to progress onto a range of further studies at Level 2

The course is 100% coursework. There is no exam.

Possible future jobs;

Fire Service, Police, Prison Service, Coastguard, Paramedics, and the Armed Forces.



BTEC Foundation Learning – Level 1

Introductory Award in Construction

Course Introduction

The Construction course will be of interest to you if you want to learn about different construction skills including carpentry, bricklaying and general repairs. The course aims to give students a general overview of construction techniques within the industry and to learn the basic hand skills needed to progress to further education in college and/or to be able to develop important and useful practical life skills they can use in everyday life.

The Level 1 Construction course is a practical based subject; however you must be prepared to complete theory work as well. There is **No Exam** to sit but every piece of coursework is under constant assessment; this includes cleaning and safely storing any equipment that is used.

The construction sector covers all building trades and services as well as civil engineering and specialist services such as demolition. Importantly, the industry is not just for males; many females prosper within the industry, and many have careers at professional levels such as site engineers, quantity surveyors, civil engineers, and architects.

Assessment

The course is 100% coursework. There is no exam.

Over the one year course, students will work towards the successful completion of the Level 1 award; requiring the successful completion of 2 units consisting of practical and theory elements.

1. Unit A2: Being Organised (Core Mandatory Unit)
2. Unit CON6: Building a Simple Brick Wall
3. Unit CON7: Making Carpentry Joints

Depending on the progress and speed of the cohort, there may also be a third optional unit.

4. Unit CON10: Making Minor Repairs in a House

Please be aware, every aspect of the course is as important as its counterpart - You will need to successfully complete units A2, CON6 and CON7 to pass this course.

What students need to do

Students must enjoy working on practical tasks and be prepared to work hard. Be willing to work as part of a team (you are treated like adults in the construction area, you must act accordingly).

NOTE: Students must be aware that there is still written work in this course. Therefore, students must be prepared and willing to study theoretical work that accompanies the practical work and ensure that they attend fully, in order to complete the compulsory tasks in the limited time available.

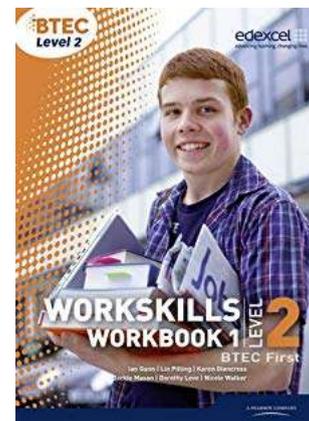


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Workskills

Course Introduction

This is a great course to prepare students for the world or work and life beyond school. This course is designed for students who may struggle academically and want to take a more vocational or employment based pathway after Key Stage 4. It is bespoke to St. Julian's and is designed to offer all students a greater chance of a wide range of qualifications and skills for their progression. The course is worth the equivalent of two GCSEs.



Assessment

100% Coursework based. For the double award, students need to complete all six booklets. For the single award, students need to complete four booklets.

Workskills

The purpose of Level 2 Workskills is to give learners the skills to enter and manage a career that will change over time.

Units of Study

- There are six booklets:

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| | Developing Work-Related Skills and Behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysing personal behaviours, strengths and weaknesses• Managing skills and behaviours to be effective• Creating strategies to enhance own employability | BOOK 1 |
| | Working as Part of a Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding skills needed for successful teamwork• Exploring the purpose and benefits of teamwork• Understanding barriers to effective teamwork | BOOK 2 |
| | Being Entrepreneurial <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding enterprise and being entrepreneurial• Identifying entrepreneurial skills• Planning and running enterprise activities | BOOK 3 |
| | Developing Job Application Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing excellent job applications• Securing work experience and placements• Presenting yourself well during the application process | BOOK 4 |
| | Planning for Career Entry and Progression <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding links between skills, qualities and careers• Exploring current and future learning opportunities• Creating a career progression plan | BOOK 5 |
| | Celebrating Equality and Diversity in the Workplace <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and appreciating differences• Exploring legislation and how it affects you and others• Learning how a diverse workforce can benefit employers | BOOK 6 |

Skills Challenge Certificate (SCC)

Course Introduction

SCC is an opportunity for you to gain important skills that you may not study in other subjects
A key element of SCC is the Welsh Baccalaureate (Skills Challenge Certificate G.C.S.E)

Assessment: To gain the Level one Welsh Baccalaureate, you will complete a Skills Challenge Certificate in lessons (equivalent to one GCSE). This is made up of two challenges and an individual investigation, on a topic of your choice. You will also need to achieve a number of supporting qualifications.

SCC is completely assessed through controlled assessment. There is no exam element for this course.

Enterprise and Employability Challenge - 25%

A team challenge to design an item to raise funds for a children's hospice. You will also develop skills that will be useful for applying for college / jobs.

Global Challenge-25%

Study of refugees and migration.

Learning how to apply critical thinking and problem solving and to assess sources for credibility.
Creating a raising awareness campaign in a creative and innovative way.

Individual Project - 50%

1-2,000 word project based on an area of interest linked to personal interests, studies or future ambitions. This develops research skills and allows you to look in depth at an area of your choice. You will learn how to analyse research and how to reference.

Grading:

The level one Welsh Baccalaureate qualification is awarded at Foundation Level. Foundation will depend on whether you get L1 Pass in your supporting qualifications.

The Level 1 Skills Challenge Certificate is graded Pass*, Pass.



The Careers Wales Website

For help and advice on which qualifications you need for which career, please use the Careers Wales website (www.careerswales.com).

There are lots of useful resources on this site to help you and you can also email a Careers Advisor.

Our Careers Adviser is:

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More information can be found:

Accessible careers information and quizzes for students working towards a L1:

[My Future | Careers Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

Specialist advice for parents/carers of L1 students:

[Support for parents and carers | Careers Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)



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