

National 3/4 People and Society

The National 3/4 People and Society Course develops basic knowledge of key ideas from across social studies and social science disciplines, and an awareness of significant influences on society and individuals. Learners gain a range of skills which will enhance opportunities to engage positively in society, as well as knowledge and understanding of society and their place in it.

What will my child experience during the course?

- Active and independent learning by setting personal targets, reviewing and reflecting on progress and deciding next steps; self and peer evaluation
- A blend of classroom approaches including whole class, small group or one to one discussions; direct interactive teaching; fieldwork, visits or trips; application of skills and knowledge to real-life situations
- Collaborative learning: in groups or pairs to encourage team- working; with learners in other curricular areas to reinforce and transfer skills; with external partners, as appropriate
- Space for personalisation and choice
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: information-handling; presenting findings; evaluating; talking, listening, reading, writing; using IT; gathering data

Pupils will study 3 units:

People and Society: Investigating Skills - learners will develop a limited range of routine investigating skills, including choosing sources of information for an investigation, collecting information from sources using a limited range of sources, and selecting information. Learners will develop these skills through

choosing, with support, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of people and society.

People and Society: Comparing and Contrasting - learners will develop routine skills of using information to compare and contrast. Learners will develop these skills through choosing, with support, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of people and society.

People and Society: Making Decisions - learners will develop routine skills of using information to make decisions. Learners will develop these skills through choosing, with support, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of people and society.

Assessment

- To gain National 3/4s, learners must pass all the Units in the Course
- Units are assessed by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Assessment (or 'evidence of learning') may be digital or spoken presentations, posters, leaflets, extended writing, notes, wall displays or podcasts. Learners may use these to build a portfolio to show their progress through the Units
- National 3/4s are not graded.

Progression

Nat 3/4 People and Society can lead to pupils working on units at Nat 4 level in History, Geography or Modern Studies.