

ACCOUNTING

Why choose Accounting?

Finance is a topic very much in the news and the course will provide pupils with a good introduction to this dynamic and interesting field. The financial sector is hugely important to the UK labour market and economy and is one of the major employers in Scotland.

This course will be suitable for all learners who are interested in a career in

Business	Financial management	Taxation
Banking	Insurance	Stock Broking
Accountancy	Law	Investment Analysis

and those who wish to be their own boss at some point in the future or who want to be able to manage their own finances well as they get older. Careers in finance can be rewarded with very high salaries and many accountants move into senior management positions because they have a sound understanding of this key element of business.

The Course may be of greatest appeal to those learners who enjoy, or wish to take advantage of, numeracy-based learning opportunities. It will suit learners who feel their skills set is matched to courses which require attention to detail and who like to apply their logical and analytical thinking.

What does the course involve?

We will study the costs involved in running a business, labour/wage payment systems, budgeting, sources of finance for a business, costing jobs by a business and the preparation of electronic charts through the study of break-even analysis.

There will be an emphasis on developing and applying skills in various contexts as well as the presentation and communication of accounting information in a variety of ways. There will be a mix of cooperative or independent tasks which develop team working and using initiative.

The main aims of the course are to enable learners to develop

- awareness of the importance of accounting in industry and society
- accuracy in preparing, presenting, interpreting and analysing accounting information

- your skill in applying information technology in accounting-related tasks
- a systematic approach to solving financial issues
- and apply accounting techniques to prepare you for the world of business

The skills you will develop are

- Numeracy skills through presenting accounting statements, tables and graphs
- Employability, Enterprise and Citizenship skills through an understanding of how businesses work, skills to enter the world of work, ICT skills, logic and critical thinking, working with others and meeting deadlines
- Thinking skills by using accounting concepts and vocabulary in real-life examples, using information to solve problems, planning/organising to complete tasks

How do I know if this course is right for me? Read through this list – if most of these apply to you then we look forward to seeing you in the course.

- I like the idea of working with numbers in any industry that interests me
- I like working in an analytical and logical manner
- I am interested in how business interact and make money
- I like a structured approach to my learning
- I like taking charge and being inquisitive to solve problems
- I am interested in the world of finance and business
- I would like to play a key role in making sure my business succeeds

How is the course assessed?

Your work will be assessed through ongoing monitoring of classwork and class activities. You may also be given mini scenarios where you work within a “real-life” problem solving business situation – this will be similar to the coursework assignment in S4.

A study in Accounting in S3 can lead to certification in S4 at National 5 level. With this in mind each unit/group of units will have a graded test which will help you decide whether you will do National 5 in S4.

Homework

This will be given regularly to reinforce your learning and to assess your progress.

Possible pathways in the Senior Phase

- National 5 Accounting
- Higher Accounting
- Advanced Higher Accounting