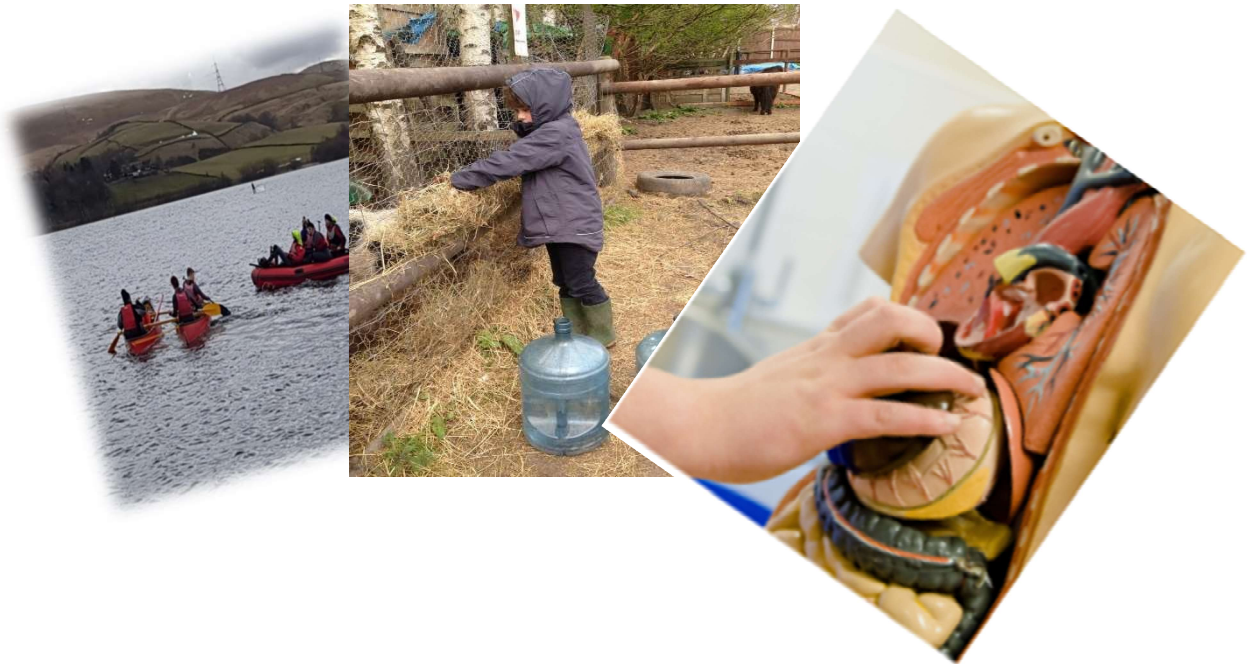




Curriculum

2018 – 2019



Building a future for our young people.

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Introduction

Meadows School works closely with The Agricultural and Rural Centre, Links 4 Life, SMS and ACE training to provide you with an **exciting** hand on **curriculum** that is **different** from most schools that you have attended before!

Meadows School is committed bringing learning to life by providing you with:

- this booklet, so that you can **choose your subjects** that you would like to learn about.
- the 25 hours of education that you are entitled too!
- a **careers programme**, that will explore your future and allow you to have taster **work experience** sessions in your chosen field.
- opportunities that enable you to gain **qualifications** for your **future**.
- an environment that **keeps you safe** in our changing world.
- a **therapy** team that will listen and **support** you through the journey
- help you to learn and make **rapid progress** in your learning journey
- a spiritual, moral, social, and cultural education, that will allow you to make **good relationships** with others.

The ARC enable students to work with a range of Agricultural and Horticultural methods as a means of re-engaging students back into mainstream education or a provision that is suitable for the you. We will:

- provide you with **good or outstanding teaching** that will help you to learn in a relaxed environment
- bring learning to life by allowing you to learn through exciting subjects such as Enterprise (**making money!**) Design Technology (**making objects such as tables, DVD racks etc.**) and Science through hands on experiences by **looking at the animals**
- teach you **Maths and English** through others subjects bringing in **real life situations**
- group you with other young people, so you can **develop positive relationships** with others
- help you in each lesson **to reflect on how much learning** you have made and how we can make it even better.
- Listen on how to make **learning fun** and provide you with a **personalised learning curriculum**

Meadows School have come together with The Agricultural and Rural Centre to offer you an exciting curriculum that is proven to ensure you reach your potential with us.

So sit back, read the booklet and then let us discuss what you want **your learning journey** to look like **from now on!**

Parent and Carers information: The ARC is one of only four approved Alternative providers advertised on Stockport MBC's local offer as a centre that offers an alternative education for students with SEN or LAC.



English

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English is the primary language of communication in the UK. Most of us grow up speaking it fluently or learn naturally. So, we hear you ask, if I'm already fluent, why study English at school?

Employers say that one of the most valuable things they look for in the people who work for them is good communication skills, this means writing and presentation as well as talking.

Why is this course good?

Well there is a lot more to English than the words we speak. To learn the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar, and to construct a sentence on a page, takes everyone a lot of time, study and patience. Learning these rules can help you to study other languages too.

What is the course offered?

We offer course catered for students of different abilities. We offer a Functional Skills (Entry level 1,2 and 3, and Level 1 and 3) as well as English GCSE.

Functional Skills covers Reading, writing and Speaking and Listening

GCSE

Paper 1 Exploration in creative reading and writing.

Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives.

Paper 3 Non exam assessment
Non examination assessment -
Spoken Language



Maths

What do going out for dinner, choosing a shampoo, or planning a holiday all have in common? You've guessed it: maths. Numerical and logical thinking play a part in each of these everyday activities, and in many others.

Maths is for everyone; our qualifications support and enable students to engage with, explore, enjoy and succeed in maths.

Why is this course good?

A good understanding of maths in everyday life is essential for making sense of all the numbers and problems life throws at us.

Maths at the ARC is very hands on, and you can put your learning in to practice.

What is the course offered?

We offer courses catered for students of different abilities.

We offer a Functional Skills Maths Entry Level, level 1 and 2 and Maths GCSE.

Functional Skills

Entry 1,2 and 3 - Practical task

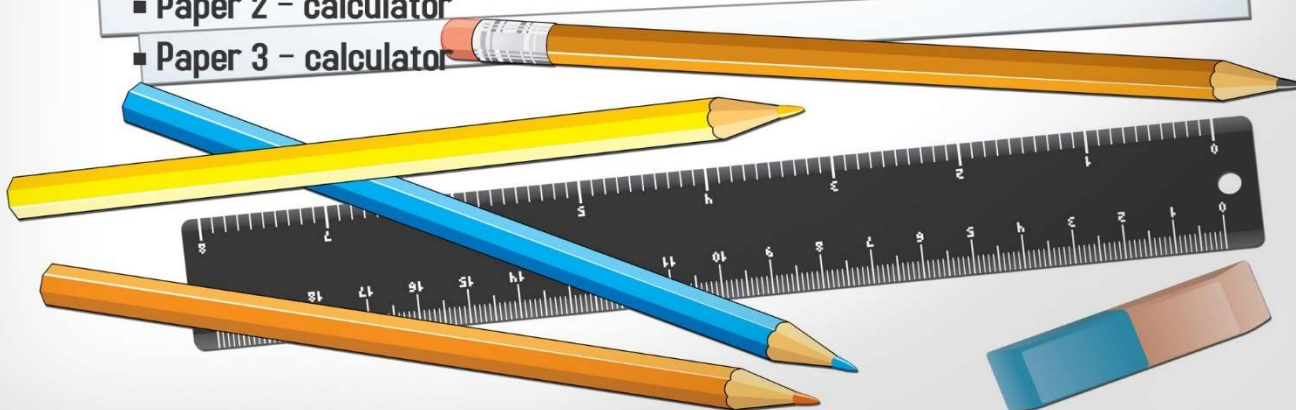
Level 1 and 2 - Written paper (calculator allowed)

GCSE

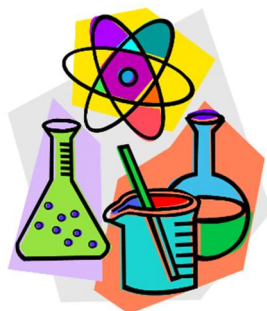
GCSE Mathematics has a Foundation tier (grades 1 – 5) and a Higher tier (grades 4 – 9).

Students will cover:

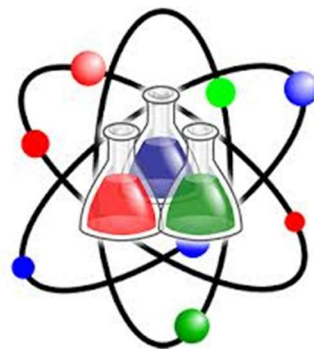
- Paper 1 – non calculator
- Paper 2 – calculator
- Paper 3 – calculator



General Science



There's no better way to learn about science than through purposeful practical activities as part of day to day teaching and learning. That's why at The Agricultural and Rural Centre, science is brought to life. Students will cover some areas of: Biology, Chemistry and Physics with plenty of practical experiments and activities to support your learning.



Why is this course good?

Science is the best way to learn about the world around us. Through science we gain a better understanding of the universe. We also gain new and beneficial technologies and medicines. Without science, we would still be stuck in caves and living nomadic, short lifestyles. This is a very "hands-on" course with plenty of opportunity to take part in experiments, debates and school visits and trips.

What is the course offered?

This course will offer the GCSE in Science, covering the following area's.

- Biology
 - Structure and function of living organisms
 - Material cycles and energy
 - Interactions and interdependencies
 - Genetics and evolution
- Chemistry
 - Structure and function of living organisms
 - Material cycles and energy
- Physics
 - Energy
 - Motion and forces
 - Waves
 - Electricity and electromagnetism
 - Matter
 - Space physics





Introduction to Plant Care and Land based Science



There is nothing more fun than growing your own vegetables and plants. Digging the ground, potting your seeds and best of all, eating the food you have made yourself, or why not learn how to manage the land so you can own your own horses or farm in the future?

Why is this course good?

You will get to spend lots of time outside working on your own planting patch. You will also have your own indoor area in the polytunnel to grow fruit and flowers. You will get to take your plants and vegetables to local horticultural shows and have the opportunity to win rosettes.

You will get to go on visits to garden centres, fruit farms and specialist flower and cooking centres.

Best of all you get to eat the produce you grow at our harvest meal.

What is the course offered?

Meadows School offers two courses in plant care:

1. The WJEC Science Today Entry Pathway
2. BTEC in Plant Care

Both of these qualifications are coursework only and therefore you evidence your work in a portfolio.





Introduction to Animal Care

Would you like to work with animals? Or maybe you would just like to enjoy spending time with animals? Either way, this course will let you learn how to care for animals properly.

Why is this course good?

You will get to work with lots of different animals, including horses, goats, rabbits, ducks and guinea pigs.

You will get to choose your favourite animal to care for?

You will get to take your animal to a local show and have the opportunity to win rosettes.

You will get to visit other animal centres, such as dog kennels, an animal auction and a zoo.

What is the course offered?

Meadows School offers two courses in Animal Care:

1. The WJEC Science Today Entry Pathway
2. BTEC in Animal Care

Both of these qualifications are coursework only and therefore you evidence your work in a portfolio



Religious Studies / Social Moral Cultural Development



RE is not about being religious, it is about establishing yourself as a person. It's about knowing that you think, and being aware of what others think. You will examine how religious beliefs interact with moral, ethical and cultural issues.

Why is this course good?

This course will enable you to develop your communication skills as well as deepening your own beliefs and opinions. You will look at other cultures and how they celebrate life and deal with important matters.

What is the course offered?

As this is an introductory course we will offer a choice of AQA Units.



Citizenship

Citizenship is about enabling people to make their own decisions and to take responsibility for their own lives and communities.



Why is this course good?

We want young people to leave education with a grasp of the political, legal and economic functions of adult society, and with the social and moral awareness to thrive in it.

What is the course offered?

The ASDAN Citizenship Short Course accredits up to 60 hours of Citizenship activity.

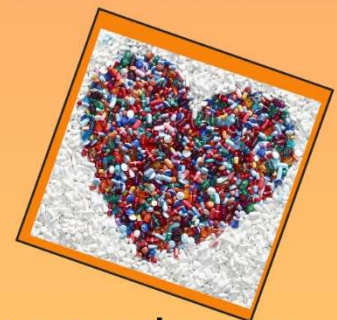
Personal, Social and Health Education

PSHE is a planned programme to help children and young people develop fully as individuals and as members of families and social and economic communities.

Why is this course good?

It teaches you the qualities and troubles that you may face in life and advice on how to deal with these appropriately and effectively whilst remaining safe and secure.

PSHE can help you develop own identity, confidence and self esteem, make career choices and to be able to work with others.



What is the course offered?

The PSHE Short Course accredits up to 60 hours of PSHE activity across seven topic areas.

Geography

It is important that we know about the world that we live in. Geography allows students to understand our planet, global political issues and the relationship between people, groups and the physical environment in which we live.



Why is this course good?

Geography will help develop your communication and teamwork skills, as you will often work on group projects. You will also develop your research and analysis skills.

What is the course offered?

In Geography we are offering AQA Units.



History

History helps us understand change and how the society we live in came to be. The past causes the present and so the future.

Why is this course good?

All people are living history. To take a few obvious examples; communities speak languages that are inherited from the past. They live in societies with complex cultures, traditions and religions that have not been created on the spur of the moment.

What is the course offered?

In History we are offering AQA Units.

Enterprise

Ever wanted to run your own business? Enterprise can make the connection between school and the world of work, enabling young people to develop the knowledge and attitudes they need to succeed, building on key skills such as; communication, confidence, teamwork, problem solving and financial capabilities.

Why is this course good?

The course can enable students to develop employability skills such as teamwork, communication, IT, problem solving and literacy and numeracy skills. The enterprise activity makes sense of the knowledge and understanding of the course content by putting in to context.




The course can help students to build:

- The skills, knowledge and understanding which will prepare them for working life as confident individuals and members of society.
- Employability skills, such as the ability to problem solve, to communicate effectively and to work well in a team.
- Their innovative and creative skills, to take risks and manage them, to become financially capable and to develop a can-do attitude.

What is the course offered?

The ASDAN Enterprise Short Course accredits up to 60 hours of Enterprise activity.

Sports and Fitness



Physical and mental fitness play very important roles in our lives and people who are both, physically and mentally fit are less prone to medical conditions as well. By being active, you will burn calories that you store from eating throughout the day and—it can be as easy as walking the dog or as rigorous as running a marathon.

Providing opportunities to be active early on puts you on a path to better physical and mental health. It's never too late to jumpstart a healthy lifestyle.

Why is this course good?



Physical education also helps children build social skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for others. Finally, physical education can actually help improve academic performance. Even moderate physical activity can improve both attention and brain function, helping kids concentrate better in class and perform better on exams.

Physical education helps students increase physical activity, both in and out of school. Students can also use P.E. class to learn which sorts of physical activities they are interested in. Through exposure to a wide variety of activities, students can discover which ones engage them the most, making them more likely to continue exercising regularly.

What is the course offered?



The ASDAN Sports and Fitness Short Course accredits up to 60 hours of sports and fitness activities.



Construction

The construction industry employs millions of people and is one of the most exciting sectors to work in.

Why is this course good?

This is a hands on course, where you have the opportunity to create exciting things using bricks, wood, metal and even the chance to make some of your own electrical items.

You will develop:

- **Skills in logical thinking, numeracy and computing.**
- **Teamwork and communication skills.**
- **Awareness of issues when planning and managing construction projects**
- **An understanding of Health and Safety**
- **An understanding of effective leadership skills and management of employees.**

What is the course offered?

As this is an introductory course we will offer AQA units.



TEXTILES



Have you got that creative flair to design and create your own clothes? This course allows you to learn how to sew properly so that you can use a sewing machine or hand sew material to create your very own articles. Maybe you would like to be a fashion designer or even a textiles teacher. This is a great introduction to textiles and what future courses could offer you.

WHY IS THIS COURSE GOOD?

This course is a great introduction course and you will learn about a range of other different skills that you can develop, including computer aided design and tie dying.

You will get to learn how to use a sewing machine properly and other textiles skills, such as knitting and embroidery.

You get to let your creative flair loose to make your own clothing.

WHAT IS THE COURSE OFFERED?

As this introductory course, we are offering AQA unit accreditation.

