



ENGLISH ART HISTORY

Curriculum

BOOKLET

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Building a future for young people

INTRODUCTION

We work hard to ensure that Meadows school offers a safe, happy and stimulating environment for our pupils and our curriculum offer reflects this.

Our curriculum embodies our culture and ethos developed through a Trauma Informed approach where relationship is at the heart of every interaction. We recognize the adverse childhood experiences that you have endured and celebrate the fantastic determination you have to overcome any barriers to ensure you reach your full potential.

For this reason, Meadows School works closely with The Agricultural and Rural Centre and other Alternative Providers, to provide you with an exciting hands-on curriculum that is different from most schools that you have attended before!

Meadows School is committed to bring 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.
- an Educational Psychologist to ensure your lessons suit your personalised needs.
- resources and specialist teachers to 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 Agricultural and Rural Centre will enable you to work with a range of Agricultural and horticultural methods as a means of engaging you in education and they 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!) Creative Arts (Building, Construction, textiles, Woodwork) and Environmental Science through hands on experiences by looking at the animals and working on the land.
- Bringing Maths and English to life through practical application.
- 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.
- Discover new ways 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 full potential with us.

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

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Animal Care

Why do we offer you this course?

Working with animals is arguably one of the most therapeutic and rewarding jobs for those who have a passion for animals. The Agricultural and Rural Centre (ARC) offers Meadows school a unique opportunity to have a hands-on experience of working with a wide range of farming animals and to discover the world of Animal care.

What are the career opportunities?

There are lots of good jobs with animals, whether you want to go to university or start work as soon as possible. Many involve being physically active and going outdoors in all weathers, but some allow you to stay warm and dry. Current job vacancies in the UK include:

Dog kennel worker
veterinary nurse
Zookeeper
Wildlife documentary production
Mounted Police officer
Animal Shearers

RSPCA inspector
Veterinary surgeon
Working for an animal charity
Marine biologist
Army dog handler

Stable groom
Zoologist.
RSPCA inspector
Police dog handler
Blacksmith

What work experience activities can I do?

Meadows school have good contacts with local animal companies, farmers and individual professionals, such

as Dog kennels, Sheep farmers and Blacksmiths. This course includes at least one work experience placement to experience what working with animals is like in the world of work.



Why is this course good?

This course offers a day to day hands-on experience of working with animals and allows you to enjoy your passion for animals.

What are the qualifications offered?

Meadows school offers two qualifications in this area:

WJEC Science Today – Entry Pathway
BTEC Animal Care – Level 1 and 2
Technical Award = BTEC First Award in Animal Care – Level 1/2

Both courses are evidenced through coursework and a portfolio.



Citizenship

Citizenship helps you to learn about democracy, government and law and how to be an active citizen in today's community.

Why do we offer you this course?

We want young people to leave education with a grasp of the political, legal and economic functions of adult society, and with social and moral awareness to thrive in it. This course helps you to acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills to take responsible citizenship actions, play a positive role in public and democratic life as informed and active citizens, and provide you with the basis for further learning and study.

You will get to learn about the British constitution and Government as well as Democracy and Society.

What are the career opportunities?

Those who study Citizenship often go on to the following careers:

Member of Parliament (MP)
Work in Finance
Community Charities

Government Councilor
Work in Business

Government worker
Human Resources

What work experience opportunities are available?

As one of the Stockport Mayors chosen charities, The Agricultural and Rural Centre are privileged to have the opportunity for their participants to have VIP visits to the houses of parliament as well as having local and National MP visits. Meadows school pupils are given these opportunities as well as the opportunity to work with other local businesses.



Why is the course good?

Citizenship studies can help you to become a thoughtful active citizen with knowledge of democracy, government and law. It can also motivate you to become a benefit to your local community, possibly by volunteering in local charities and community projects.

What qualifications/Accreditations do we offer?

Meadows school offer the new GCSE in Citizenship studies and ASDAN short course award.



Creative Art

Why do we offer you this course?

Do you have a Creative flair? Maybe you enjoy drawing or are keen to learn photography? This course gives you a great opportunity to learn ART and Design courses through practical, theory and technical applications.

You will learn drawing and painting techniques, online Art, media and animation and practical techniques, such as textiles, photography and Design & Technology.



What are the career opportunities?

With the introduction of the Internet, creative industries continue to grow in the UK with too many job opportunities to list here. However, those who study this course have gone on to become:

Painter and Decorator

Hairstylist

Website developer

Artist

Actors

Photographers

What work experience opportunities are available?

Pupils studying this course will be given the opportunity to spend time in a Creative Art working environment, such as Art studio's, website designer companies and hair salons as well as having various visitors to the school and the ARC.

Why is the course good?

This course gives you the opportunity to offer you the space and pace to experiment at your own pace. This course allows you to follow your interests through the use of learning historical, practical and technical methods

What qualifications do we offer?



AQA Unit Awards -Textiles, Construction and Art

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Art and Design

BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Creative Digital Media Production

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





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.



Ethics



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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 work experience opportunities are offered?

Pupils are given the opportunity to visit local religious workers in various locations and places of worship including visits to Manchester Cathedral, Rochdale mosque and Manchester Buddhist Centre.

Pupils are also given the opportunity to take part in creative art competitions and ethical debates.

What are the qualifications offered?

ASDAN Short course
AQA Unit awards
GCSE Short course

Qualifications are coursework and/or Exam papers.



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?

Entry level Certificate
GCSE short course.

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

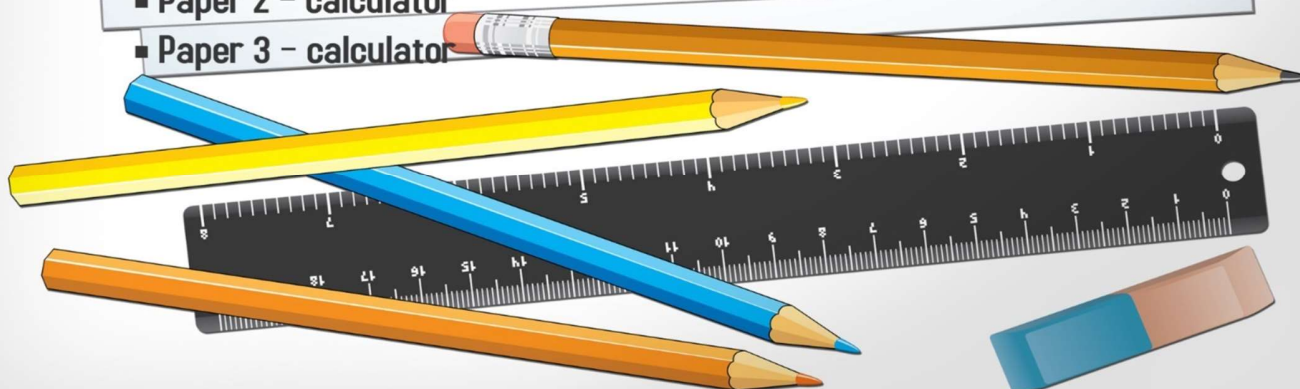
Level 1 and 2 - Written paper (calculator allowed)

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



PE/OUTDOOR PURSUIT

Meadows School offer you an exciting sporting program that is tailored to your needs. We work in partnership with Links 4 Life to offer you a range of outdoor and indoor sporting activities with supported qualifications and accreditations.

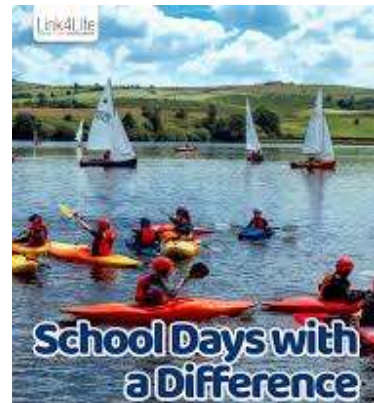
We recognize that sport and outdoor activity is a crucial part of your development and to support this we also offer you the opportunity to complete the ASDAN short course in Sport with the possibility of a bespoke sporting curriculum to suit your needs and interests.

Why is this course good?



We offer you the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities such as:

- Sailing
- Canoeing
- Mountain biking
- Rock climbing
- Orienteering



What is the course offered?

We also do the ASDAN short course in Sport and Physical Exercise as well as individual accreditations and qualifications for the outdoor activities you will undertake throughout the year.



What next?

Key Stage 3

If you are year 7, 8 or 9 pupils then you will study the Key Stage National Curriculum in English, Math's, Citizenship, Humanities, PE/Outdoor pursuits and Ethics. You will also study Biology through plant care and animal care as well as Creative Arts.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 and year 11 pupils will study relevant courses to suit your ability in English, Math's, Citizenship, Humanities, PE/Outdoor pursuits and Ethics.

You will also be given the opportunity to choose to study at least one Technical Award course in: Hair and Beauty, Construction, Sport, Art, Media, History, Citizenship or Music.

All of our pupils are given the opportunity to attend other Alternative Providers to ensure you are given specialist career opportunities to help build your future.

Kind Regards

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