**Carrick Academy**

**Information for Parents and Pupils**



**S2 - S3 Course Planning**

**Enclosed is information on the various subjects that your child may study in S3. All options in S3 provide a solid basis for working towards National Qualifications in S4.**

**Curriculum Area: Science**

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| **Biology** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2W2RXDO1\MC900229685[1].wmf | In **Biology** pupils gain an insight into the diversity of living organisms, the uniqueness of being human and the importance of body systems and cells. |
| **Chemistry** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\553H5BEG\MC900305409[1].wmf | **Chemistry** involves the study of the properties and uses of substances as well as understanding the earth’s own materials and chemical changes. |
| **Physics** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G88C8CPI\MC900397965[1].wmf | The study of **Physics** offers pupils an understanding of the physical world through such themes as forces, electricity, vibration and waves. |

**Curriculum Area: Modern Languages**

Foreign language skills and an international outlook give pupils an advantage in the search for study or work opportunities. Modern languages skills are highly sought after in the world of work with more and more international companies operating in Scotland.

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| **French** | French Flag - National Flag of France also known as Le Drapeau Tricolore or The French Tricolor | The **French** course will look at a range of topics with a focus on work and living abroad. There will be a focus on developing talking and listening skills. Throughout the year, we will complete the Modern Languages for Life and Work purposes modules for SQA. |
| **German** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\282H3VEE\MP900362682[1].jpg | Pupils opting for **German,** the most spoken language in Europe, will develop a range of communicative and presentation skills. The course is an accelerated beginners’ course which will build on existing language skills. There will be a cultural focus and pupils will take part in active learning with stimulating resources. |

**Curriculum Area: Social Studies**

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| **Business** | C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0234687.gif | The **Business** option introduces pupils to the financial and economic environment of an organisation. It develops skills in presenting business related information. A main feature is the development of enterprise and employability skills. |
| **Geography** | C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0335112.wmf | People, place and the environment are the key themes in **Geography** within the contexts of Scotland, the UK, Europe and the world. |
| **History** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\EXC3O29H\MC900237940[1].wmf | The study of **History** will focus on people, past events and societies helping learners to evaluate key events and respect the heritage and identity of others. |
| **Modern Studies** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HHA10OGP\MC900320682[1].wmf | The **Modern Studies** option looks at the role of the individual within society and examines the impact of politics, the media and business on our everyday lives. |

**Curriculum Area: Technology**

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| **Administration & IT** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G88C8CPI\MM900318057[1].gif | **Admin and IT** enable pupils to understand the nature of administration and to use IT in business related activities. This course develops a range of skills for learning, life and work. |
| **Home Economics** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\0URKB4K0\MC900339528[1].wmf | In **Home Economics** pupils will continue to practise their culinary skills with a focus on maintaining a healthy lifestyle as well as further developing their knowledge of food and textiles. |
| **Graphics** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HHA10OGP\MM900178188[1].gif | In **Graphics** pupils will have the opportunity to develop their creative talents in design drawing both manually and electronically. |

**Curriculum Area: Expressive Arts / Elective**

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| **Art** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XPJNUKVK\MC900397857[1].wmfC:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XPJNUKVK\MC900199411[1].wmf | Pupils who opt for **Art** will have the opportunity to develop their own skills in creating, presenting and evaluating their own work or that of others as well as enjoy and be inspired by the work of famous artists and designers. |
| **Craft & Design** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XPJNUKVK\MC900292438[1].wmf | The option of **Craft and Design** stimulates creativity and innovation as well as developing skills in both engineering and problem solving through design and make. |
| **Physical Education** | j0301480 | In **PE**, learners will work through various sporting activities. They will identify their strengths and work hard to improve any areas for development. Learners will undertake a range of individual and team sports. |
| **Music** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XPJNUKVK\MC900441491[1].png | In **Music** pupils will develop their own vocal or instrumental skills as well as learning how to create, perform, evaluate and appreciate musical pieces. |
| **Chemistry** | C:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\553H5BEG\MC900305409[1].wmfC:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\G88C8CPI\MC900397965[1].wmfC:\Documents and Settings\sa99jrusk\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2W2RXDO1\MC900229685[1].wmf | (see above for information)  The option of **Chemistry** in this column allows pupils to study all 3 sciences. |