

Skills for Work courses

These new qualifications encourage young people to become familiar with the world of work. They provide a variety of practical experiences that are linked to particular careers. The Courses will help young people to develop knowledge and skills that will be important for employment – and for life in general

Skills for Work courses can be started at any stage from S3 onwards Check out the details on the SQA website - Copy and paste this link into your internet browser:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/5951.html>

BENEFITS FOR PUPILS

Skills for Work Courses will help young people to acquire knowledge and develop skills that will be useful in work and for life in general

For example:

- an understanding of the workplace, including their own responsibilities (eg time-keeping, appearance, customer care)
- how to evaluate their own progress, strengths and weaknesses
- how to analyse and solve problems
- how to be adaptable and have a positive attitude to change.

BENEFITS FOR COLLEGES/BUSINESS

- Contact with potential recruits.
- Young people become more aware of Colleges' needs and expectations
- Young people become more aware of employers' needs and expectations.
- Staff development opportunities such as increased knowledge of the education system and the further development of organisational, management and communication skills.

ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOLS

School's Course Planning routines need to recognise planning needs of colleges

Timetabling of College-based courses need to fit with school timetable.

Schools may deliver some SfW courses alone or in collaboration with business.

COMMITMENT REQUIRED FROM COLLEGES/COMPANIES

Once the course has been identified as viable, it needs to run to completion, especially on 2-year courses.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Local arrangements for travel and work-clothing costs

CERTIFICATION POSSIBILITIES

SQA Access 3 through to Higher

YEAR GROUP TARGETED

S3-S6

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For SQA Case studies Copy and paste this link into your internet browser:

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/24926.html>

See also the School College Partnership website www.ceccsc.co.uk for greater local detail.