



Your child's choices

The Entitlement Framework

What is the Entitlement Framework?

The Department of Education wants to make sure that every pupil in every mainstream post-primary school has a wide range of courses to choose from across all the areas of learning. It is important that every young person can see where these courses can help in planning their future.

What does the Entitlement Framework mean for me and my child?

You can talk to your child's school about the courses they want to study, and they may also be able to study a course at another school or a Further Education College. There may be times when a school simply cannot offer access to the course they want, but every opportunity should be explored.

Making Informed Choices

Making informed choices is important for your child's future. They will get advice from careers advisers who come into the school, as well as the ongoing careers teaching that takes place within school as part of the curriculum.

Education at Key Stage 4 (Years 11 and 12)

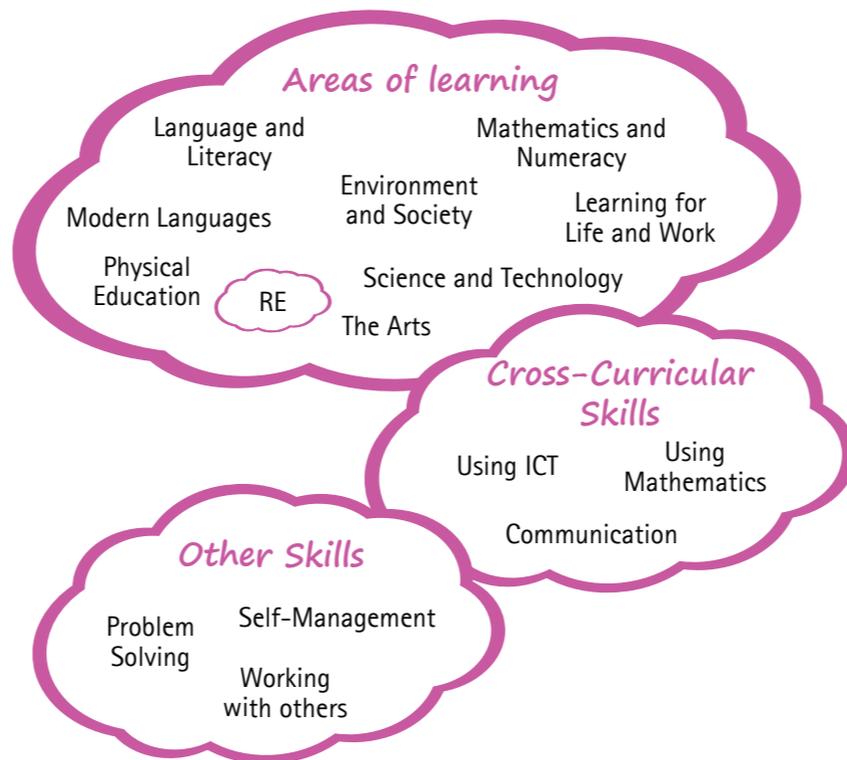
This is the Key Stage when your child will study for and sit GCSEs, and/or other courses at the same level.

Education at Key Stage 5/ Sixth Form (Years 13 and 14)

This is the Key Stage when your child can stay on at school and study for and sit A-Levels, and/or other courses at the same level.

Areas of Learning and Skills

The curriculum at Key Stage 4 is set out under eight areas of learning, Religious Education, and the important skills young people need to succeed in life and work.



Minimum Course Offer

Minimum Number of Courses offered from...	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 5
September 2013	18 courses	21 courses
September 2014	21 courses	24 courses
September 2015	24 courses	27 courses

Where can I find out more?

You can always talk to your child's school and below you will find some links to different sources of information. You can also email the Department at:

14-19CurriculumEntitlementTeam@deni.gov.uk

DE website

<http://www.deni.gov.uk/>

CCEA

http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/key_stage_4/

Bright Futures

<http://www.brightfuturesni.org/>

Valuing Education

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/education-works>

NI Direct

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/parents.htm>

DEL careers

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/education-and-learning/careers.htm>

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