

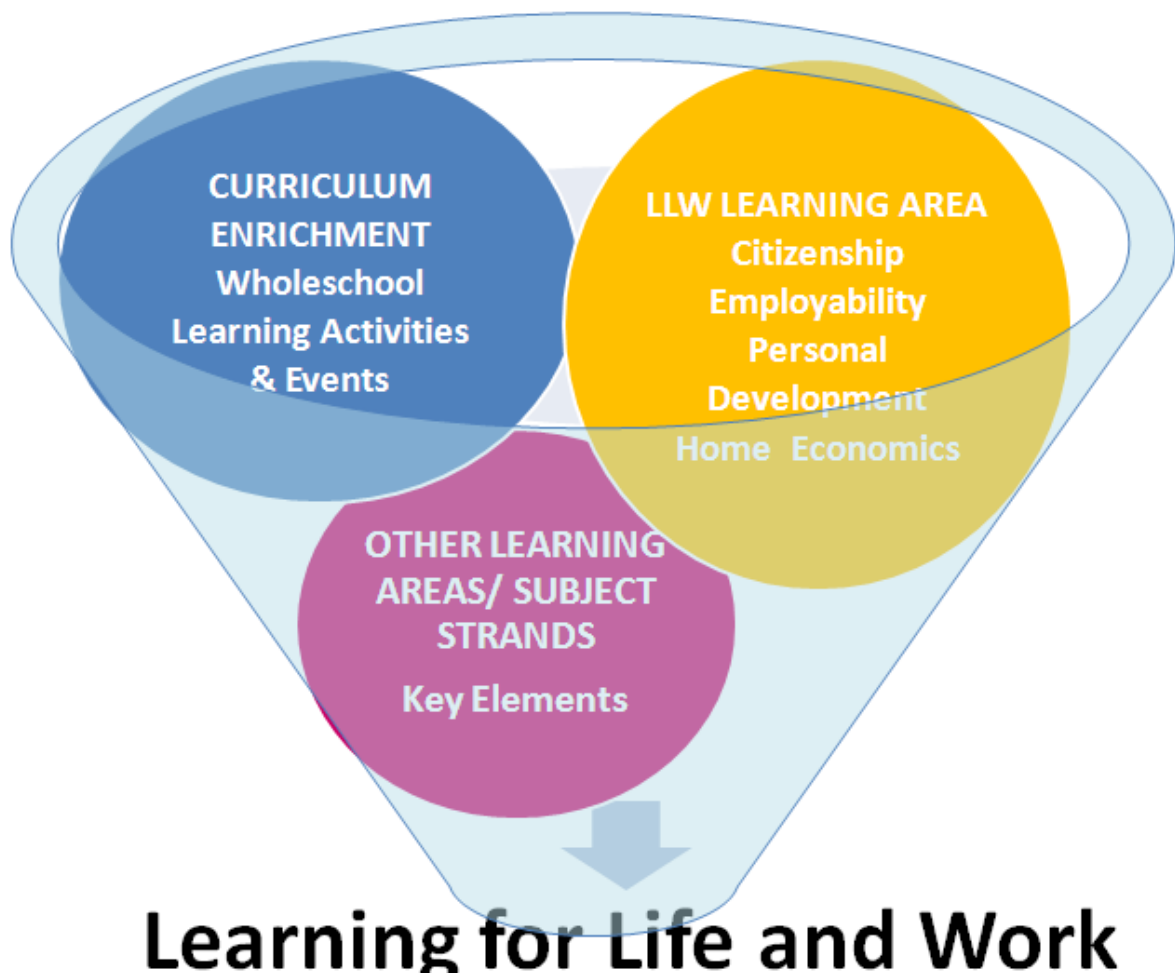
learning for life and work

Why 'Learning for Life and Work'?

The Revised Northern Ireland Curriculum sets out a single broad aim for education:

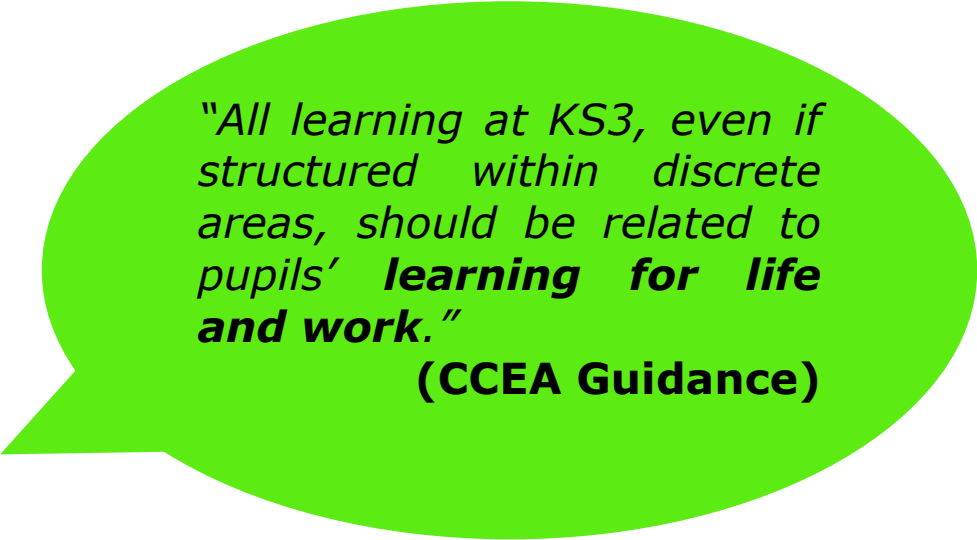
'To empower young people to develop their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives.'

Because of this, Learning for Life and Work (LLW) at KS3 & KS4 is multi-faceted; operating at three different levels of school life.



llw as a key element within all subjects

The Northern Ireland Curriculum requires that **all Subject Departments** in post-primary schools relate **all learning** to pupils' life and work. Therefore, the four strands of learning for life and work are expressed throughout the minimum statutory requirements of **all subjects as 'key elements'**.



*"All learning at KS3, even if structured within discrete areas, should be related to pupils' **learning for life and work.**"*

(CCEA Guidance)

llw as a learning area

The Revised Curriculum also introduced LLW as a new stand-alone **Area of Learning** in post-primary schools, comprising those Social Science subjects considered to be most significant for **21st Century learning.**

"Each LLW subject strand should be explicit both in terms of the timetable and schemes of work"

(CCEA Guidance)

These subjects are: **Home Economics** which was originally within the Learning Area of Environment & Society, along with Geography, History and Business Studies; **Personal Development** which was previously a cross-curricular theme; and the new subjects of **Citizenship** and **Employability**. There is progression across the Key Stages: from the primary school curriculum where LLW provision is made through the Learning Area of **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding**; and as the **key element** of **Employability** which is implemented across all Areas of Learning.

KS 3



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KS 4



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"Discrete time is regarded as necessary"

(CCEA Guidance)

llw as wholeschool enriched curriculum

"In order to augment the discrete time and the work in Learning Areas, schools can organise special days or events to address particular aspects"
(CCEA Guidance)

Every area of college life actively contributes to the overall aim of preparing pupils for Life and Work. Whole-school Learning for Life and Work activities and events include:

STEM	Derg Mourne Learning Community
Careers Conventions	Extended Schools Programme
Work Experience	Competitions
Unity Group	Peer Mentoring Programme
Learning Mentor	Fund-raising events
Counselling Services	First-aid training
Art, Drama, sport and music workshops	Equality and Diversity training
Enterprise activities	Lunch-time and after-school clubs
Guest speakers from industry	Law and Order workshops
University and College visits	Pope John Paul II Award
School trips (local and global)	Health Promotion Activities
School Council	Implementation of policies e.g. Food in Schools Policy
Drama Productions	Volunteering
Theme days	Post-16 Enrichment Programme
First Aid Training	Heart Start Programme

Various Government and Non-Governmental organisations support College staff in delivering a wide range of programmes and events. These include:

Aware Defeat Depression	Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service	Strabane Ethnic Community Association
Young Enterprise	WELB Youth Service	Gaslight Media
NI Assembly	Public Health Agency	Strabane District Council
PSNI	Careers Service NI	University of Ulster
Live Stock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland	Food Standards Agency for Northern Ireland	Queens University
Amazing Brains	Dairy Council for Northern Ireland	Sentinus