



Dublin South East Services

St Augustine's Vocational Development

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Aim of Vocational

The aim of Vocational Development is to prepare students for their transition from St Augustine's ; whether to further training or to the world of work.

Through the participation in a range of realistic work-related activities, students are given opportunities - each according to his or her own individual level of ability and pace of learning - to develop hands-on practical , employability and life skills.

These are the programmes we offer;

Personal Planning and Personal Effectiveness	Horticulture and the Environment	Technology and Internet Skills	Catering and Hospitality	Publishing and Organisational Skills	Screen Printing	Career Preparation
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Personal Planning and Personal Effectiveness

Personal Planning is planning from a young person's perspective on his or her own life.

Students will explore, set, and review, Personal Goals and be supported in identifying personal strengths and areas of learning which they wish to focus on.

Family members, and other potential supportive network members will be included in the process, with a view to developing a Circle of Support. It will involve visualising the student's lifestyle post –Graduation and exploring what Networks of Support may be available.

Students will be assisted in developing a Personal Plan, which they can use for progression to other Services, further education, employment, family or brokerage supports.

Students will gain a QQI level 3 in Personal Effectiveness



Horticulture and the Environment

During the student's time in this area the aim is to develop a range of knowledge and skills. Students will have completed a Manual Handling course before commencing.

Skills will include:

- Learning to use a variety of garden tools and equipment.
- Learning about safe lifting, team work and Personal Protective Clothing.
- Learning about staying safe in a horticulture environment.
- Building on following an instruction and completing a task from start to finish.
- Sowing and planting vegetables in raised beds.
- Weeding and cleaning area by hand using garden hoe, rakes and brushes.
- Mixing and blending Compost.

Students will work towards attaining the Horticulture JCSP Statement Number 31.

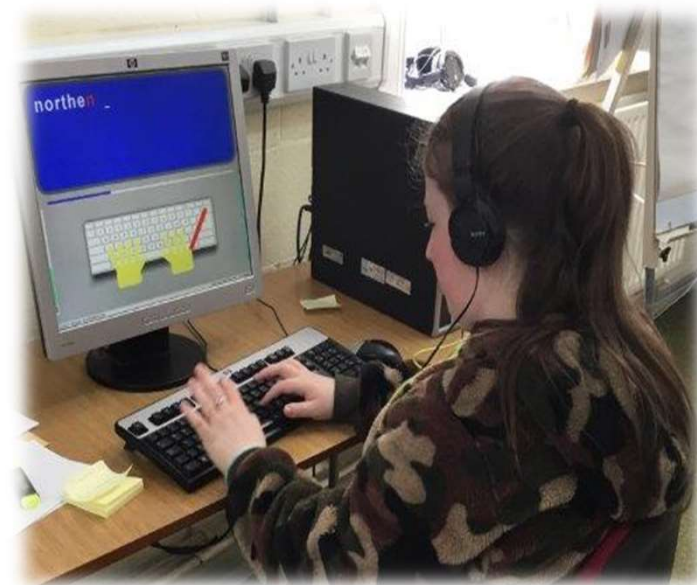


Technology and Internet Skills

The aim of this programme is to introduce student's to the world of technology – for personal, social and work use.

Students will cover:

- An introduction to various types of technology, Desktop Computers; Tablets; Smartphones.
- Risks and how to Internet stay safe through Interactive Workshops.
- Typing – 'Touch Type Read & Spell (TTRS).
- Using computer programmes – Microsoft Word; Excel; PowerPoint.



The student's will work towards attaining either a JCSP in Basic Computer Technology Statement Number 13 Or a QQI level 3 in Internet Skills

Catering and Hospitality

The aim of this programme is to build on the knowledge and skills to enable student's to progress to safely working in a catering environment.

Modules covered within this area are:

- Manual handling.
- Basic HASSP.
- Using a range of kitchen equipment and appliances.
- Being able to present yourself in a catering environment with your uniform and protective clothing.
- Personal hygiene training.
- Fire evacuation.
- Knife safety.
- Floor safety- slips, trips, falls.
- Burn prevention.
- Using chemicals safely.

Students will have the option of working towards a QQI Nutrition and Healthy Options Level 3





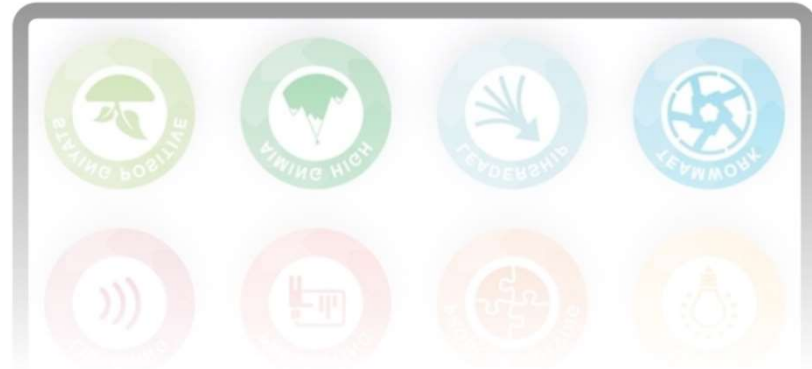
Publishing

Students will explore their creative side in planning and putting together a range of Publications for hard and soft copy publication

This will include design, formatting and previewing the layout of documents for publishing

There are varied roles within this new exciting programme where students will practice a variety of skills using selected equipment and be a part of a creative and innovative team

Students will work towards achieving a QQI level 3 in Word Processing



QQI

(Quality and Qualifications Ireland)

Established in 2003, the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a 10-level, single national entity through which all learning achievements may be measured and related to each other. Underpinned by quality assurance principles, the Irish NFQ describes qualifications in the Irish education and training system and sets out what each qualification says about what learners know, understand and are able to do. It also sets out qualifications pathways from one NFQ level to the next.

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is responsible for developing, promoting and maintaining the Irish NFQ. QQI also facilitates the recognition of foreign qualifications. (www.qqi.ie)

**In the vocational Programme –
Students will have the option of working
towards the following QQI currently being
offered:**

Personal Effectiveness – 3N0565

Career Preparation – 3N0896

Internet Skills – 3N0931

Word Processing – 3N0588

Nutrition and Healthy Options – 3N0887

