

Why ASDAN?

ASDAN is an education charity and awarding organisation providing courses, accredited curriculum programmes and regulated qualifications to engage, elevate and empower young people aged 11 to 25 years.

ASDAN's goal is to engage pupils through relevant and motivating courses to achieve meaningful learning outcomes, which elevate them to go on to further education, training and work, and empower them to take control of their lives. They do this by developing courses with an accessible and practical pedagogy for learners; and by working with our partner educators to foster the personal, social and work-related abilities of young people in greatest need.

We know the development of personal, social and work-related abilities is vital for learners of all abilities because:

- strengthening these abilities supports academic and vocational learning
- they are particularly effective in re-engaging young people in greatest need
- they are important for accessing knowledge and skills at work
- they are especially important for entry level work
- they equip learners to live well and make full use of their abilities

We believe that young people should have the opportunity to discover, develop and make use of their abilities to affirm their identities, contribute to society, and challenge educational and social inequalities.

"Our courses are designed to develop skills for learning, work and life, with practical and accessible pedagogy. They help young learners discover their passion and purpose as they move forward into further education, work or training." ASDAN

ASDAN offers a wide choice of activity-based programmes for pupils working at a range of levels. More flexible than qualifications, their courses offer imaginative ways of developing, assessing and certificating young people's knowledge and skills development. ASDAN offers a range of nationally approved qualifications based around the development of personal, social and employability skills. Qualifications are available from Entry level 1 to level 3. Some qualifications can be accredited from age 11, others from age 13. ASDAN units can be claimed for pupils with a minimum of 10 hours to up to 60 hours. This allows achievement for our pupils who are on roll for short periods as they are either reintegrated into a mainstream school or come to roll late in KS4. Pupils can complete one 10 hour unit to be awarded a certificate which rewards their engagement in learning.

Pupils may engage in a variety of ASDANs to meet their future needs and personal interests. Our range may include:

- Careers and experiencing work
- Expressive arts
- Foodwise
- Roadwise
- Gardening
- Landbased sector
- PSHE
- Sports and fitness
- Football
- Citizenship
- Beliefs and values