



SENse Learning

Qualifications, Certificates and Awards FAQ



What achievements are SENse Learning able to award?

At SENse Learning we strive to acknowledge students learning and achievements using a range of qualifications, certificates, and awards.

We offer:

NCFE Functional Skills

Qualifications in Maths, English, and Digital Functional Skills.

ASDAN certificates

for Lifeskills Challenges and Short Courses.

Arts Awards

accredited by Trinity College London.



How many qualifications, certificates or awards can a young person do?

Students can access our qualifications and certificates alongside one another.

ASDAN Lifeskills Challenge certificates are available to all across a range of levels.

Each student is considered on an individual basis. Some will start with lower level qualifications and work their way through each one, others will work towards higher level qualifications from the start.

Students can access Arts Award at any level and then progress on to the higher levels if they wish.

Why don't we offer subject-specific qualifications? (E.g. GCSE History)

As an interim service, we strive to fill gaps in students' knowledge in the core subjects of Maths and English.

Where students have a particular interest in a subject or area we will look to use this and embed a range of learning opportunities linked to their interests.

The referrals team work hard to match students with suitable associates to make sessions successful.

This process would take even longer if we were looking for subject specialist teachers.



What if my young person is struggling to access academic courses?

At SENse Learning we pride ourselves on being a holistic provision.

Lifeskills Challenges are a way of focusing sessions and supporting students in gaining certificates for their knowledge, skills, and understanding.

While they are not formal qualifications, they can be used to support students in developing skills and understanding in line with their interests and across many life skills areas, such as community engagement, health, independence, sport, and leisure.

Much of the evidence needed for these can be collected without additional set tasks.

They are a good way for students to explore many different areas and interests and can provide a starting point for considering further education if the student is at that age/stage.





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What do the different levels mean?

Functional Skills are available at Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2, Entry Level 3, Level 1 and Level 2 in Maths and English.

Digital Functional Skills are available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1 only.

Entry level 1 - subject content similar to the National Curriculum at Key-Stage 1.

Entry level 2 - subject content similar to the National Curriculum at the end of Key-Stage 1/lower Key-Stage 2

Entry level 3 - subject content similar to the National Curriculum at the end of Key-Stage 2 (year 6)

Level 1 - subject content similar to National curriculum at Key Stage 3

Level 2 - subject content similar to National curriculum at Key stage 3/Key stage 4

Level 2 in Maths and English are widely recognised as equivalent to a 4/pass at GCSE.

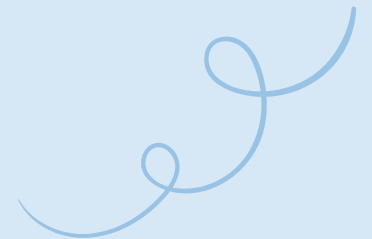
Arts Award:

Discover - Foundation certificate

Explore - Entry Level 3 certificate

Bronze - Level 1 certificate

Silver - Level 2 certificate (equivalent to a pass/4 at GCSE)

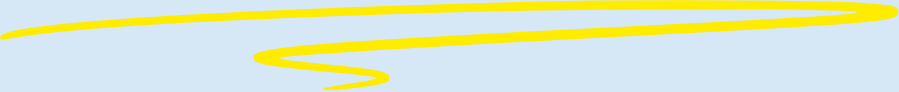


Where do assessments take place?

Evidence for the ASDAN certificates and Arts Awards is collated during sessions using tasks, activities, and photos.

We do not have a Centre where students complete their assessments.

Functional Skills assessments can be completed in the student's home or a quiet space hired within the community. E.g., a separate room within the library, a meeting room hired for this purpose.



How are Functional Skills Assessments completed?

Entry Level Functional Skills Maths and English assessments are paper assessments overseen and marked by the student's teacher.

At Level 1 and Level 2 Maths and English Reading/Writing assessments are formal external assessments set by and marked by NCFE.

Where possible, we use a secure online exam platform to complete the Functional Skills assessments.

Digital Functional Skills assessments are only available through the online exam platform.

We supply and maintain a bank of 'Exam laptops' which are then loaned out for the completion of the assessments.