

KTS+ Curriculum Statement



At KTS+ we follow Individual Study Programmes as required by the Department of Education. This personalises learning for our students and helps to prepare them to move on to further learning, social care provision or work.

English and Maths

Each student will take part in English and Maths three mornings a week. Students will participate in: Functional Skills at Entry Level 1, 2 or 3. In addition to ReadWriteInc programme for literacy skills and Numicon for Maths.



Core Subjects

We feel that learning about Life Skills is very important for our students. Most days the students will be involved in one lesson focussing on different life skills. Each student will be working on their individual accredited course depending upon ability. The courses are:

Entry Level 1 in Independent Living Skills (NOCN)

Entry Level 2 in Independent Living Skills (NOCN)

Entry Level 3 in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development (NOCN)

Examples of lessons:

Independent Living Skills - we focus on developing independent living skills which would lead to greater independence for our students. Some of these skills involve learning about independent travel, managing money, identifying leisure activities and learning how to manage their time. Some students will also access our flat at KTS+ and learn about Personal Hygiene.



Home Management - the various day to day tasks involved with looking after themselves and managing their own home and environment safely is also an aspect of the core curriculum. Some students will access the flat and laundry at KTS+ to learn about cleaning, drying and sorting clothes, how to put them away and look after your own home.

Cooking - students will focus on learning about health and safety in the kitchen and basic cooking skills, such as making a sandwich, peeling potatoes etc. This will be taught through practical sessions in the kitchen.



Personal Development - this will include preparation for work and the development of skills required in the world of work. Students will work with outside agencies such as SEN Careers Service to think about what they are interested in doing and how they can prepare for this. The focus always being preparation for their future destinations and/or employment.



Work Experience - at KTS+ there are opportunities for work experience or work placements in local businesses; such as James Cook University Hospital and the Primary Department at KTS. We are constantly contacting new possible placements for our students to access over the course of the year.

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Pathways Subjects

Students choose four different Pathways subjects to complete over the year. These subjects are accredited to the above course. Subjects on offer are:

Art



Students will be learning about different forms of art and producing a mosaic for the outside of the KTS+ building which they will design, prepare and make themselves. The students will use different materials and produce art work that will be displayed around the building.

Animal Care

At KTS+ we have 1 rabbit, 2 Guinea pigs, and tropical fish which the students are responsible for looking after and caring for. The students also visit local animal shelters, farms and zoos during the course of the year to provide them with an understanding of a wide range of animals.



Music

Students will be learning how to play different instruments and how to record their music using computers and iPads. Each term the students will work towards creating an ensemble which will perform in the whole school assembly and at the Enterprise Sale Days.

Catering

Throughout the year the students will be producing different seasonal food and drinks. Some students will be mastering basic skills such as peeling, chopping and health and safety. Other students will produce cakes, pies and drinks that will be sold in the department's Community Cafe on a Friday.



Gardening

At KTS+ we have a garden, pond, vegetable patch, herb garden, shrubs, plants and a compost heap that need maintain on a weekly basis. The gardening students will be responsible for maintain these areas as well as continuing to encourage wild life into the garden.

Media

Students will visit the local enterprise centre to write articles for the Freebrough Flyer.



Hair and Beauty



The students will participate in manicure, massage, facials and different hair skills during the course of the year. Some students will also access hair and beauty sessions at local colleges.

Fitness/Dance/Basketball

Students will be learning about their own body, how it works and what to do to increase their fitness levels. Some students will involve being a part of the Special Olympics team.



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Additional Sessions

In addition to the above accredited course the students will access other lessons during the week:



Leisure Studies

Each student is given the option each term about which leisure study activity they would like to participate in on a Thursday morning. The options are as follows:
Swimming, Gym or Badminton at Loftus leisure Centre or Gardening at KTS+

College Access

A couple of students who will be leaving next year will have access on a weekly basis to the college they are thinking of attending once they leave KTS academy. The students will be gaining qualification whilst on this placement that is relevant to what they would like to study the following year.

Enterprise

Students will be involved in different enterprise groups over the course of the year. The students chose which group they would like to be in which range from art and craft, catering and management. The purpose of the enterprise sessions are to make items to be sold at either the Enterprise Sale Days which happen at the end of each term, or in the Community Cafe which takes place every Friday 10-12 at KTS+.



Community Cafe

This is a Cafe that is run every Friday at KTS+ and is open to the community. Everything that is sold in the Cafe is made by the students. The students also take orders, serve, take payment and clear away in the cafe. Some students also help with Bingo each week which is very popular with the people who come in. Please feel free to pop along and support our local enterprise by having a cuppa and a cake or buying a pie.

Sport at DeBrus

Some students will be attending a sports club at the Debrus Centre with a coach and participate in lots of different sports. The coach is working hard with the students and this will hopefully lead to some of them being selected for the Commonwealth Special Games.



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