

ASDAN BRONZE/SILVER/GOLD CHALLENGE



Personal Development Programme

Introduction

The ASDAN Personal Development Programme (Ages 14-16), is based on challenges and activities rather than the usual elements of classroom learning. It is aimed at students that may feel overwhelmed with the regular demands of options and exams in Key stage 4. The ASDAN PDP offers an opportunity for students to gain Bronze Credits (5), Bronze (6 credits), Silver (12) and Gold Awards (18) during the two years of study.

The course is nationally recognised by Colleges and the National Record of Achievement; it can also be linked into the ASDAN further Education programmes.

There is a variety of work; there are 13 modules (topics) to choose from and each module has a selection of challenges whereby the student can gain credits towards an award. The ASDAN PDP incorporates basic transferable key skills that can be applied across the curriculum and in everyday life experiences as well as social and personal skills.

There is a flexible approach to learning, evidence of meeting the challenges must be collated in a portfolio that is then submitted for moderation. There are no exams but the challenges must be completed and signed off. The student can complete the evidence through photographing their work, talking about their work and experiences, audio/video recordings, and/or written evidence. The modules involve students in tasks where they will be working independently or as a group when problem solving. There may also be opportunities for some work to be undertaken outside of the School in the local community as well as group discussion and planning for events and a trip.

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