

Skills for Further Learning and Employment – Key Stage 5 Qualification

This qualification is designed to prepare pupils for further learning or training, offering an ideal starting point for vocational education. It provides a balanced blend of personal development, employability skills, and an introduction to a range of vocational sectors.

Who Is It For?

This qualification is suitable for:

- Learners beginning their vocational education or training
- Learners wanting to demonstrate their abilities and aspirations
- Learners of all ages (pre-16 and post-16)
- Learners working at or towards Entry Level 1

What Does the Qualification Involve?

Pupils work toward one of four qualification sizes, depending on the number of credits earned and the time committed:

- **Award** – 6 credits (approx. 60 hours of learning)
- **Certificate** – 13 credits (approx. 130 hours)
- **Extended Certificate** – 24 credits (approx. 240 hours)
- **Diploma** – 37 credits (approx. 370 hours)

All learners will begin with a mandatory unit: *Personal Action Planning*, which helps them identify their current strengths and areas for improvement and set goals for their personal development. Following this, pupils complete units from:

- Generic Unit Group B, which includes:
 - Employability
 - Personal Learning and Development
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Literacy and Numeracy
- Pathway Unit Group C, which offers a selection of units across a range of vocational pathways, allowing pupils to explore different career-related sectors.

Pupils who joined the **Student Centre during the academic years 2023–24 and 2024–25** are all working towards the **Skills for Further Learning and Employment qualification**. You'll notice on the curriculum overview that this includes specific units designed for pupils with **Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD)**.

However, for pupils joining the **Student Centre in 2025–26**, the pathway will differ slightly. Pupils with SLD who began the **Personal Progress qualification** in the **Senior School** will continue working on that same qualification in the Student Centre. They will **not** transition to the Skills for Further Learning and Employment qualification.