

## **ASDAN – Subject Intent**

### Welcome to ASDAN Vocational Learning


ASDAN courses are hands-on, student-led programmes that offer an alternative pathway for learners who thrive in practical, real-world environments. Whether it's Animal Care, Cooking, Sport, or one of our other vocational options, ASDAN is about building confidence, independence, and real-life skills that matter.


### What Are ASDAN Courses?


ASDAN qualifications are structured around short, manageable units that are project-based and practically focused. Students complete tasks, collect evidence, and reflect on their progress at their own pace, often working as part of a small team. The courses are designed to be flexible and tailored to the interests of the learners, giving them a voice in how and what they study.

### What Will Students Do?

Students choose from a wide range of vocational areas, such as:

 Animal Care – hands-on learning with animals, from handling to basic health and welfare.

 Cooking – developing kitchen skills, meal planning, and food safety.

 Sport & Physical Activity – learning through coaching, participation, and fitness.

Each course includes practical activities, personal goal setting, and opportunities for self-reflection and teamwork.

### What Do Students Achieve?

By the end of the course, students will:

Receive an official ASDAN certificate or qualification, which can support progression to college, training, or employment.

Build a portfolio of work and evidence showing what they've learned and achieved.

Gain valuable life and work-related skills, such as communication, teamwork, time management, and responsibility.

### Why Students Love ASDAN

Many students find ASDAN a refreshing and rewarding part of their timetable—it's practical, meaningful, and led by them. It's a place where they can shine in different ways, make choices about their learning, and develop confidence in their abilities.

#### **Skills development**

**Ability to learn** – students will manage their personal learning and development. They will plan and work towards targets to improve their performance and review their progress.

**Teamwork** – students will work with others when planning and carrying out activities to get things done and achieve shared objectives. This will involve working with a group of people.

**Problem solving** – student will use their ability to recognise problems and do something about them. They will use different methods to find a solution and check to see if they work.

**IT skills** – student will make the best use of computers and other items such as printers, scanners and digital cameras.

**Literacy** – students will talk to people; they will find ways of finding out information and let other people know about their views and opinions. Students will use all aspects of writing and reading.

**Numeracy** – students will use and develop various numeracy skills; for example, measuring and or calculating.

**Some of the Short Courses on offer:**



This course consists of seven modules, each containing activities based around a different aspect of animal care:

**A**nimal investigation  
**S**afety around animals  
**L**ooking after animals  
**A**nimals in trouble  
**A**nimals in the media  
**A**nimals and the law  
**C**areers in working with animals



The Gardening Short Course contains eight modules:

- Planting in the garden
- Growing food on the allotment
- Working under cover
- Wildlife in the garden
- Using your produce in the kitchen
- Construction in the garden
- Art in the garden
- Careers in gardening



This vocational taster contains six modules, corresponding to different aspects of construction:

- General construction operations
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry and joinery
- Painting and decorative finishing
- Health and safety in the construction sector
- Careers in the construction sector



This Vocational Taster contains six modules, corresponding to different aspects of hair and beauty:

- Customer service
- Nail services
- Basic hairdressing techniques
- Basic facial treatments
- Health and safety in hair and beauty
- Careers in hair and beauty

