

# **Delivering Essential Skills through National Qualifications**

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# Learning Intention

To share next practice in the integration of essential skills and National Qualifications



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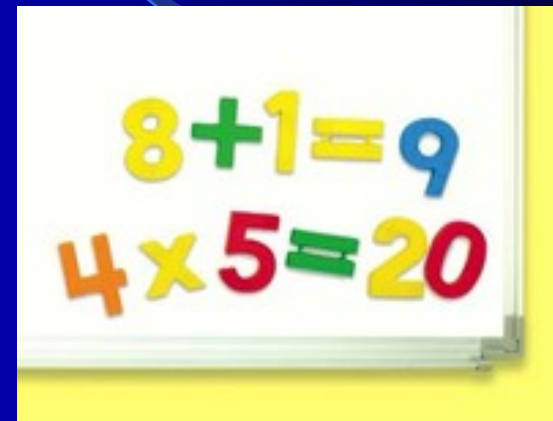
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# Curriculum for Excellence

The Story so far.....

- Teamwork
- Ownership
- Interdisciplinary
- Planning
- Relevance
- Pedagogy
- Challenge
- Enjoyment
- Coherence
- AifL
- Distributive leadership role



# Building the Curriculum 3

...[learners]...expect education to provide them with:

- *opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work (including career planning skills) with a continuous focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing*
- *connections between all aspects of learning and support for learning*

# Building the Curriculum 3

Issues that HMIE recommended CfE should address include:

- *being much more rigorous and explicit about the development and certification of **essential skills**, particularly literacy and numeracy;*
- *providing space for imaginative teaching that can capitalise on approaches which make learning **relevant, lively and motivating***

# Essential Skills?



# Skills for Scotland: A Lifelong Skills Strategy

- Personal and learning skills
- Literacy and Numeracy
- The 5 core skills
- Employability skills
- Essential skills that include all of those above
- Vocational skills

# essential skills



## we all need them

### **literacy & numeracy:**

are the skills required to be able to read, write and use numbers for everyday use, in all aspects of our lives.

### **five core skills:**

- ▀ communication
- ▀ numeracy
- ▀ i.t.
- ▀ problem solving
- ▀ working with others

### **employability skills:**

employers tell us the skills they look for when employing someone are:

- ▀ timekeeping
- ▀ attitude to work
- ▀ enthusiasm and commitment

### **vocational skills:**

these are the skills specific to a particular job or industry.

- ▀ painting & decorating
- ▀ welding
- ▀ hairdressing
- ▀ cooking
- ▀ typing, filing, photocopying etc

### **citizenship skills:**

these skills help people become more 'active citizens', making decisions and taking pride in their lives, communities and workplace, eg

- ▀ volunteering
- ▀ project work in the community
- ▀ supporting other students

# Essential Skills for Teachers of Excellence

- A positive attitude to pupil learning
- An ability to communicate value to pupils
- Good content knowledge and understanding
- A teaching repertoire of many ways to impart knowledge
- **Knowledge and understanding of connections across curricular area**

(Margaret Alcorn, National CPD co-ordinator, September 2008)

# Coffee



# What Next?



