

Curriculum for Excellence Bringing **learning to life** and **life to learning**

Curriculum for Excellence is now being introduced across Scotland for all 3-18 year olds – wherever they learn. It aims to **raise standards**, prepare our children for a future they do not yet know and equip them for jobs of tomorrow in a fast changing world.

Curriculum for Excellence enables professionals to teach subjects creatively, to **work together** across the school and with other schools, to share **best practice** and explore learning together. At Wellington we are developing a Virtual Learning Environment to support learners and teachers in the sharing of ideas and good practice and plans are in place for parents to have access to this network.

Teachers and practitioners will share information to plan a child's 'learning journey' from 3-18, helping their progression from nursery to primary, primary to secondary and beyond, ensuring the change is smooth. They'll ensure children continue to work at a pace they can cope with and with challenge they can thrive on. Wellington School is particularly well placed to help pupils through this learning journey.

Curriculum for Excellence balances the importance of **knowledge** and **skills**. Every child is entitled to a **broad and deep** general education, whatever their level and ability. Every single teacher and practitioner will be responsible for **literacy and numeracy** – the language and number skills that unlock other subjects and are vital to everyday life.

It develops **skills** for learning, life and work to help young people go on to further study, secure work and navigate through life. It brings real life into the classroom, making learning relevant and helps young people apply lessons to their life beyond the classroom. It links **knowledge** in one subject area to another helping children understand the world and make connections. It develops skills so that children can think for themselves, make sound judgements, challenge, enquire and find solutions.

There will be new ways of **assessing progress** and ensuring that children achieve their potential. There will be new **qualifications** for literacy and numeracy from 2012/13 and new National 4 and 5 subject based qualifications from 2013/14. Access, Higher and Advanced Higher will be updated to take account of, and support, the new approaches to learning and teaching. The first year group to experience the new structure will be the current Primary 7 pupils.

There's personal **support** to help young people fulfil their potential and make the most of their opportunities with **additional support** wherever that's needed. There will be a new emphasis by all staff on looking after our children's **health and wellbeing** – to ensure that the school is a place where children feel safe and secure.

Ultimately, Curriculum for Excellence aims to improve our children's life chances, to nurture **successful** learners, **confident** individuals, **effective** contributors, and **responsible** citizens, building on Scotland's reputation for great education.