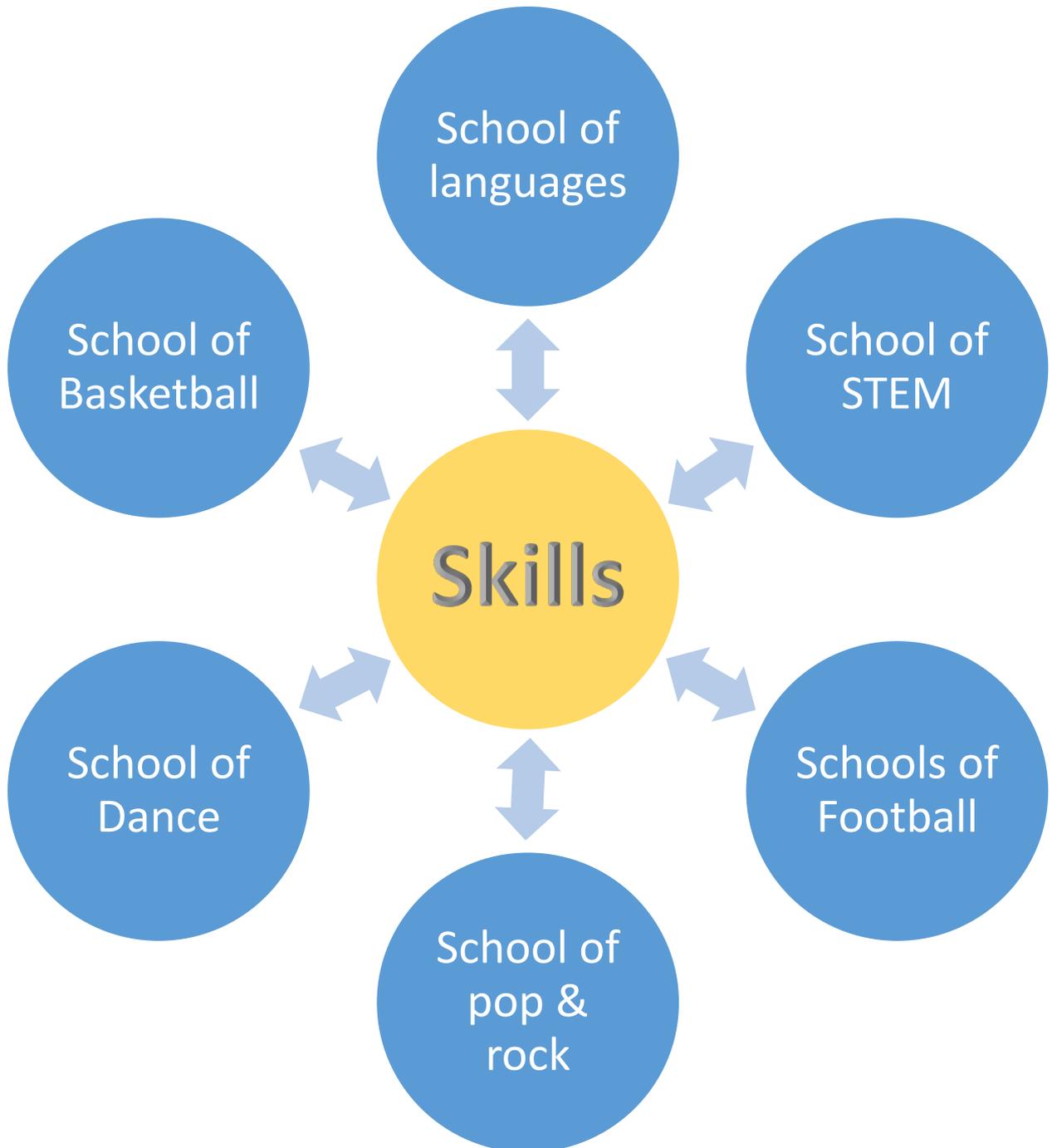


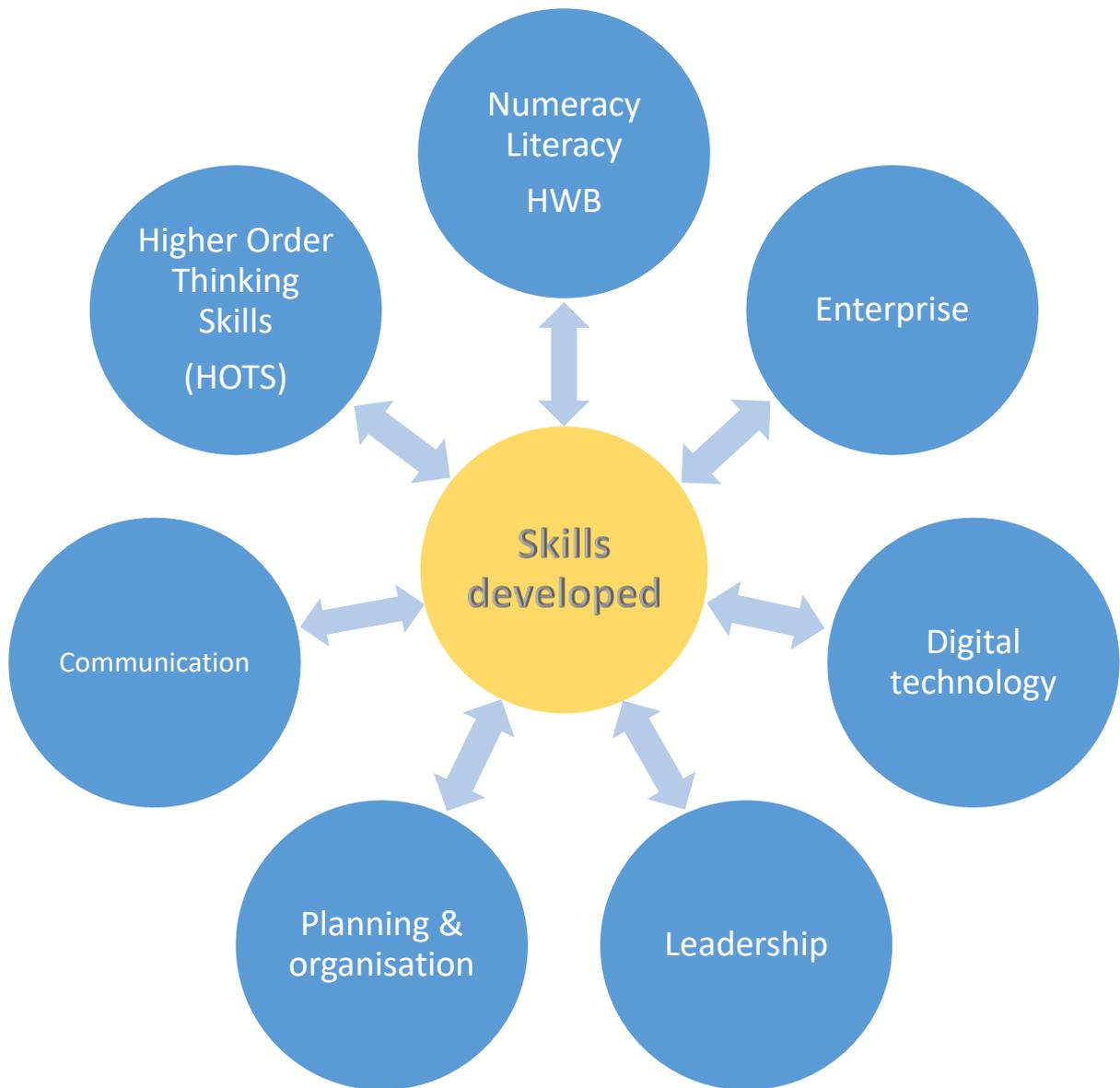
Gracemount High School

S1 'Schools of'

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Skills Framework



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Introduction

Our S1 enhanced curriculum is underpinned by a clear development of skills for life work & learning, which support pupils to apply their knowledge and learning across all curricular areas. The development of these skills will be explicit throughout all of the 'Schools of ...' experiences and will help inform profiling for all pupils alongside their regular curriculum.

It offers opportunity for personalisation & choice and the chance to learn in varied, fun and challenging contexts. The 'Schools of' enhanced curriculum affords the pupils in S1 the invaluable opportunity to specialise in an area of particular interest whilst developing essential transferable skills that allow them to thrive both in and outside of school.

How does it work?

All pupils in P7 who are intending on attending Gracemount High school will opt into a 'School of....' Programme allowing them personalisation, choice and specialisation in a specific area of interest. They will follow this programme throughout S1 where they will develop skills which enhance their abilities to learn and will benefit them throughout their school careers and beyond.

The programme will run for 2 periods per week throughout S1. Prior to transitioning into S2 all pupils will be given the opportunity to change the programme which they follow and they will carry this into S2.

The pupils will all track their skill development throughout the year and will be given opportunity throughout the curriculum to make links in all subject areas. The pupils will complete a skill development profile at the end of S1 and S2. This profile will help inform future course choice and the learner pathways which each pupil will take throughout their school journey. The skills will then be utilised in the future to support all pupils towards a positive and sustained destination.

How do I select my 'School of..'?

Please take the time to read all of the information on the different 'School of..' programmes contained within this booklet. Once you have chosen the programme you wish to follow, please complete one of the following:

- Go to the Gracemount High School website and complete the 'Schools of' choice form by following the link by **Monday 25th June:**

<http://www.gracemounthighschool.co.uk/>

- Go directly to the 'Survey Monkey' link below and complete the choice form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GHSSchoolsof>

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Hutchison** at Gracemount High School on **0131 664 7440**.

‘Schools of.....’

Information booklet

	Elective	Curriculum Area
1	School of STEM	Science, Technologies, Maths
<p>Description: Would you like to enter the exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths? In this course pupils will have the opportunity to complete different exciting activities each week which will give them an insight into STEM projects and the careers of the future. Possible School of STEM activities are: Design a car for the future; The future of Communication; Computer games vs sport; Generation of electricity through dance floors, Robotics and many more exciting activities. This course will develop skills in teamwork, leadership, communication, digital technology, planning and organisation, numeracy, literacy and enterprise.</p>		

	Elective	Curriculum Area
2	School of Language	Languages
<p>Description: Did you know that Mandarin is the most spoken language in the world? This course offers the pupils of Gracemount the opportunity to learn some of the basics of the Mandarin language and a little about the culture of China and its people. This would be a fantastic experience for all of the pupils who select the course. Progression from this School of would allow pupils to continue with Mandarin in S3 and then go on and gain qualifications ranging from National 3 – Higher in Mandarin. This course will also help boost the ability to learn a language and develop vital skills such as communication, research, teamwork, health and wellbeing, literacy and leadership.</p>		

	Elective	Curriculum Area
3	School of Rock & Pop	Expressive Arts
<p>Description: School of Rock and Pop will give pupils opportunities to experience what life is like in the music industry. There will be a chance to form a band and play music in various styles, such as rock, pop, rap, hip hop etc. Pupils will be able to make their own choices when learning skills on popular instruments and/or singing. Pupils will also learn how a recording studio works and will record their own music to make a debut single as well as having the chance to perform at events and work with professional musicians. This course will develop skills such as literacy, enterprise, digital technology, communication, problem solving, teamwork and leadership.</p>		

	Elective	Curriculum Area
4	School of Basketball	Health & Wellbeing
<p>Description: This course is run in partnership with Boroughmuir Blaze basketball club. Pupils will learn the vital skills of communication, teamwork, literacy, problem solving and leadership alongside the specific basketball skills that will develop you as a player. You will learn what it takes both mentally and physically to be a basketball player and a successful learner of new skills. This is the first year that the course will run and will progress into S2 and beyond into the senior phase.</p>		

	Elective	Curriculum Area
5	School of Dance	Health & Wellbeing, Expressive arts
<p>Description: Do you want to Dance? This course will give pupils an experience in Dance that will last a lifetime. Pupils will experience a wide range of skills & dance styles. They will work as part of a group, developing cooperation & communication skills. They will also build resilience by being able to give, receive, accept & apply constructive feedback on performance. There will be an opportunity to be involved in a performance in our annual School dance show. Progression routes in Dance continue right through to the senior phase where you can study at National 5 and Higher levels.</p>		

	Elective	Curriculum Area
6&7	School of Football (Boys & Girls)	Health & Wellbeing,
<p>Description: The School of Football provides an opportunity to undertake individualised training programme built into the wider school curriculum. The personalised programme will enhance the pupil's skills for life learning and work; physical & psychological wellbeing and social development with football as the context.</p> <p>Please note: The selection process for this has already taken place so please only select this option if you have been successful in the trial and have accepted a place on the School of Football programme.</p>		

Make your choices here:

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