

Vocational e-learning

**new ways for 14-19
year olds to achieve
qualifications**

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Innovative education

NCFE and vision2learn for schools are working together to deliver high quality vocational qualifications via e-learning to 14-19 year olds.

Vision2learn for **schools** is a vocational e-learning service that is working with over 400 secondary schools nationally. There are a range of NCFE qualifications on the vision2learn for **schools** online learning platform that carry equivalent points to a B grade at GCSE.

These qualifications offer an invaluable opportunity for learners, who are at risk of not achieving 5 GCSEs A*- C, to boost their Level 2 achievements. For high achieving learners, it enables them to expand their qualification range.

NCFE qualifications delivered on the vision2learn for **schools** platform offer the following benefits:

- You can control the pace of the learning to suit the needs of the school and individual learner
- Vision2learn for **schools** online resource allows for independent study
- Ideal vocational alternative or addition to existing GCSE curriculum
- Helps to vocationalise the curriculum
- NCFE qualifications are not exam based, giving your learners an alternative method of achieving new qualifications
- All course content, assessments and resources are included online
- Exceptional customer service and support from NCFE and vision2learn for **schools** staff
- Full training and technical support whilst staff develop their expertise from vision2learn for **schools**
- Supportive External Moderators from NCFE and the opportunity to receive Direct Claim Status (DCS).

“The independence and flexibility afforded by vision2learn for **schools** was really attractive to us at Standish School. The courses have sparked interest and motivation in our pupils; they offer the opportunity to re-engage with education for those who either didn't want to, or were simply unable to learn in the traditional classroom environment. They have been a success across the board and have contributed to improving the school's overall results.”

Jonathan Miller, Senior Deputy Headteacher, Standish Community High School, Wigan

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Introduction to vision2learn for schools

Creating Careers is a market leader in developing and supplying accredited e-learning to the Secondary Schools and Further Education sectors through its vision2learn brand.

Innovative, flexible and unique - vision2learn for **schools** is the leading e-learning service designed to deliver, support and administer vocational qualifications online to 14-19 year olds.

More than 50 courses and units, designed to help learners achieve nationally recognised qualifications, are available as interactive, engaging online learning materials for blended and e-learning delivery.

We work in partnership with networks of secondary schools to find new ways to help learners achieve. Schools tell us vision2learn helps them to:

- Raise Level 2 results and achievement
- Deliver online courses in their Inclusion Units
- Re-engage school refusers and excluded learners
- Offer alternative, personalised provision at KS3 and KS4
- Boost their CVA.



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Introduction to NCFE

NCFE is a leading provider of nationally recognised qualifications and is committed to delivering exceptional customer service.

We're an awarding body and registered charity with the charitable purpose to 'promote and advance the education and training of young people and adults'. We do this by developing and accrediting a range of vocational qualifications and awards on which we register over 250,000 learners a year.

NCFE has grown dramatically in recent years, working with over 1200 colleges, schools and training providers to offer 400 qualifications on the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework) and NQF (National Qualifications Framework) in a range of subject areas.

NCFE works closely with centres and employers throughout the UK to develop specific and relevant qualifications which focus on the needs of the learners.

Customer service - The NCFE way

NCFE is passionate about providing exceptional customer service and exceeding your expectations. We think our approach to customer service makes us different; we're easy to do business with, flexible and responsive.

We achieve this in the following ways:

- Giving you your very own dedicated contact at NCFE
- Communicating in plain English, without jargon
- No call centres
- Making all support materials free to download from our website.

If you are new to working with Vocational Awarding Organisations and want to find out more about how NCFE moderates and certifies their qualifications we have a very helpful website that can answer a lot of these questions. See www.ncfe.org.uk

Specific resources you can download include:

- Information on how to achieve Direct Claims Status (DCS)
- A guide to occupational competence
- External Moderation - A Guide for Schools
- A guide to the centre visits reports and external moderators complete and an addendum.

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Why it works in schools

E-learning with vision2learn for schools is a really effective way to deliver a personalised curriculum because it gives learners the freedom and control they need to start driving their own learning agenda.

Three great benefits are **choice**, **flexibility** and **control**:

Choice because learners and schools can tailor-make learning pathways from our extensive and growing range of online vocational courses to suit individual needs.

Flexibility because it's available online 24 hours, seven days a week, so learners can study from school or home, wherever there's access to an internet-connected PC.

Control because the service includes everything schools need to deliver, administer, track and manage these qualifications online, including extensive teaching resources all provided in a safe and secure environment.

Benefits of vocational online learning

Vocational qualifications help learners to gain credit for the skills and talents they naturally possess, this helps their confidence to soar as their achievements grow. Vision2learn for schools is a non-school model of learning which appeals to 'hard-to-reach' learners. So learners who may have mentally written themselves off as learners are able to:

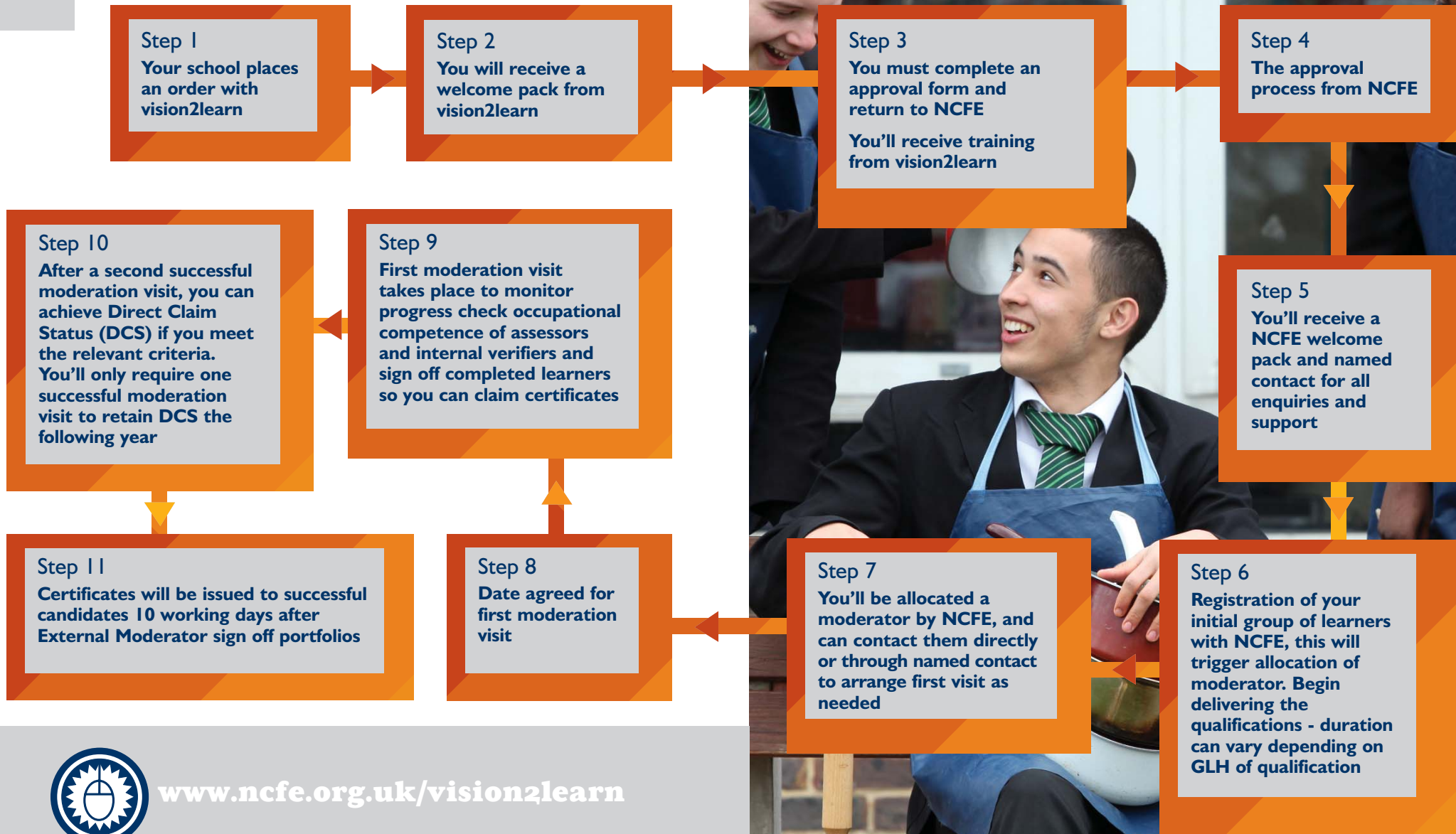
- Develop practical, 'work-ready' skills
- Gain essential skills that employers are looking for
- Enhance their CV with GCSE equivalent qualifications
- Switch back on to mainstream studies and improve their life chances as a result!

Learning online is fun too – it's a chance to explore new technologies and communicate in new ways. As sophisticated tracking and reporting systems are built-in, the system produces auditable information on retention and achievement at the click of a button.



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The process explained



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NCFE qualifications available with vision₂learn for schools

Level 2 qualifications – GCSE equivalent qualifications, ideal for Diploma Additional Learning too!

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Nutrition and Health

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 20%

Point score: 46 **GCSE grade B equivalent**

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sports Coaching

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 20%

Point score: 46 **GCSE grade B equivalent**

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 20%

Point score: 46 **GCSE grade B equivalent**

NCFE Level 2 Award/Certificate for Developing Enterprise Capabilities

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: Award 5%/Certificate 20%

Point score: Award 11.5/Certificate 46 **GCSE grade B equivalent**

NCFE Level 2 Key Skills Certificate in Working with Others

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 15%

Point score: 34.5

NCFE Level 2 Key Skills Certificate in Problem Solving

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 15%

Point score: 34.5

NCFE Level 2 Key Skills Certificate in Improving own Learning and Performance

Contribution to Level 2 threshold: 15%

Point score: 34.5

Level 1 qualifications – ideal for your Foundation Learning learners

NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Exercise Studies

Contribution to Level 1 threshold: 20%

Point score: 25

NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Personal Money Management

Contribution to Level 1 threshold: 5%

Point score: 6.3



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Case studies

Getting ahead with e-learning at Outwood Grange Academy

Outwood Grange Academy in Wakefield is leading the way when it comes to meeting the government's goal for 14-19 year olds: to give young people the knowledge and skills that employers and the economy need to prosper in the 21st century. The school has introduced vision2learn for **schools** online courses to give pupils the skills they need to enter the workplace or pursue further education.

Julie Slater, Principal at Outwood Grange, commented:

“ The vision2learn for **schools** courses have worked really well. We were able to personalise learning to suit our pupils and, as a consequence, they have achieved phenomenal results. ”

Year 10 pupil Emma Phillips is studying for an apprenticeship in Hairdressing alongside her GCSEs. Emma commented:

“ I really like being able to work on my own on the computer, at my own pace, and having help there when I need it. It's satisfying to work through the units, send my finished work to my teacher and get quick feedback, and it's helped me in other subjects too, like Maths and English. ”

Pupils get a healthy kick-start at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School in Southcote, Reading, is motivating its students and achieving excellent results, thanks to vision2learn for **schools**.

The school has introduced the Nutrition and Health vocational qualification (NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Nutrition and Health) and has found it particularly supportive for students who find it difficult to follow the normal routines and expectations of school.

Patricia Wainwright, Acting Deputy Headteacher, comments:

“ The vision2learn for **schools** vocational courses are the perfect solution for us; a way to personalise learning for all our pupils and offer support to those who find the mainstream curriculum a challenge. ”

100% success for Asperger's pupils

Patricia comments:

“ These courses have also been a great support for our pupils with Asperger's Syndrome. These students can sometimes experience difficulty when responding to change - for example, moving to a different classroom. If this happens, they are able to return to the Asperger Base, where their learning can continue. They simply log on in an environment they are comfortable in and continue with their course. Because they are able to learn at a pace that suits them, they feel in control and consequently, achieve fantastic results. Every Asperger student who has taken this qualification has passed. ”

Patricia continues:

“ The Nutrition and Health qualification has opened doors for our pupils, giving them options they may not have had if they had only relied on a traditional curriculum. One of our pupils, who had not planned to stay on at school, is now in the Sixth Form and is considering a career in catering, as a result of studying this course. We now intend to offer more of these courses, in particular Sports Coaching Skills and Equality and Diversity. We are firm believers in making education relevant to all of our pupils - when it comes to inclusive education, one size does not fit all. ”



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