



Through the Skills section you can develop your personal interests, and practical and social skills.

You could choose to improve on an existing skill or try something new. It's all about having a go, learning something and getting better at it, giving yourself a sense of achievement and well-being. Colleges, universities and employers like to see that you have life skills too!



“I could have never anticipated how much doing the Award influenced where I am today. I think the key reason to do the Award is to really discover what you enjoy doing and what you are best at.”

**Daniel Scott,
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Example ideas

Here's a list of some Skills section ideas that you could do or use as a starting point to create a programme of your own.

Music

- Playing an instrument
- Learning musical theory
- Singing
- Music event management

Sports related

- Sports officiating
- Umpiring and refereeing
- Sports equipment maintenance
- Sports ground maintenance

Arts and crafts

- Ceramics
- Clay modelling
- Embroidery
- Dressmaking
- Glass painting
- Jewellery making
- Calligraphy
- Drawing
- History of art
- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Graphic design

Nature and the environment

- Agriculture

- Aquarium keeping
- Astronomy
- Bee keeping
- Bird watching
- Conservation
- Dog training and handling
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Horticulture
- Horse care and handling

Communication

- Film and video making
- Film studies
- Sign language
- Braille
- Foreign languages
- Newsletter and magazine production
- Reading
- Writing
- Presentation skills
- Public speaking and debating
- Digital media
- Journalism
- Information technology
- Website development

Games

- Billiards, snooker or pool
- Card games

- Chess
- Draughts
- Darts
- Backgammon
- Other table games

Life skills

- Business management
- Financial literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Health awareness

Technical and vocational skills

- Accounting
- Hairdressing
- Vehicle maintenance
- Engineering
- Fashion
- Furniture making
- Furniture restoration
- Metal work
- Tailoring
- Carpentry
- Cookery

Performance skills

- Drama and theatre skills
- Circus skills
- Puppetry