

Intent and Implementation of the Laser Car Maintenance Programme

Car Maintenance is a Vocational Option offered to the Sixth Form students at St. Georges. It is geared towards providing the students with knowledge and skills which would be needed were they to engage in a work based environment in the Motor Vehicle industry.

Implementation is done through an expert in Car Maintenance with support from trained staff including those from the speech and language department. Teaching is delivered in the Vehicle Workshop, with access to 2 vehicles and the necessary tools, equipment and material. Here students appreciate the difference of working in a vocational based environment rather than in the classroom.

Students cover a wide range of topics, such as car valeting, tyre checking, fluid levels, routine maintenance and repair of various systems (braking, suspension, etc). Evidence, consisting of photographs, completed worksheets and witness statements, is collated into a portfolio, continually assessed and moderated once a term.

This portfolio is accredited through the Laser LEAP qualifications, either at Level 1 Extended Award or Level 1 Certificate.