



# Cedarwood School

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## ASDAN and Beyond *My Course, My Achievement*

Introduced to Cedarwood School in early 2019, the ASDAN and Beyond stream was identified as being a great opportunity for pupils with a wide range of learning needs, abilities and support needs to have a tailored curriculum suited for them individually. This tailored curriculum or alternative learning pathway, is a shift away from the traditional mainstream way of learning to a more skills based person-centered approach and provides meaningful outcomes that prepares pupils for adult life.

The aim of Asdan and Beyond is to help young people develop knowledge and skills for learning, work, and life.

"Tell me and I forget,  
teach me and I may  
remember. Involve me  
and I learn". -  
Benjamin Franklin



## A Breakdown of ASDAN and Beyond

The ASDAN and Beyond stream comprises of 4 components: ASDAN; D’CAPS (Differentiated CAPS); AET (Adult Education and Training); and Vocational. Where the pupil fits in is dependent on their particular support needs at that time.



### ASDAN AND AET

Pupils doing ASDAN will be identified from Grade 4. Here, they will do ASDAN alongside D’CAPS.

Once they reach Year 9, they will move onto the AET programme.

All 4 levels of the AET programme must be successfully completed for the pupil to achieve an NQF level 1 qualification.



### VOCATIONAL

Pupils wanting to enrol for Vocational Courses must have at least **an academic Grade 9 (NQF 1)**

Pupils may be able to complete a full Vocational programme over the course of 3 years.

### IMPORTANT:

THE INDIVIDUAL LEVELS OF AET ARE NOT NQF LEVELS

ALL 4 LEVELS OF AET COMBINED IS EQUAL TO NQF LEVEL 1

AET PUPILS WHO FINISH ALL LEVELS OF AET, MAY START WITH A PART VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME. THIS IS TIME AND PACE DEPENDANT. PART QUALIFICATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED AS FULL QUALIFICATIONS AT A PRIVATE INSTITUTION AFTER THE PUPIL HAS COMPLETED YEAR 12. IT IS NOT GUARANTEED THAT AET PUPILS WILL BE ABLE TO START A VOCATIONAL COURSE, AS SOME MIGHT TAKE UP TO YEAR 12 TO COMPLETE THEIR AET

E.G. GRADE 12 IS NOT EQUAL TO YEAR 12

## **ASDAN and Beyond Courses and Subjects**

The courses and subjects that are currently offered in the stream include the following:

- ✓ English
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ New Horizons
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Expressive Arts
- ✓ Creative Arts
- ✓ Foodwise
- ✓ Life Skills
- ✓ Computers
- ✓ Economic Management Sciences
- ✓ Social Sciences

These courses are not limited and may change as the particular needs of the pupil and society change.

The Vocational stream officially opens in 2022 and the vocational course that will be offered will officially be announced in Term 3 of 2021.

## **Careers**

The career options for pupils that choose to take the ASDAN and Beyond is quite extensive. The following are examples of the career options:

- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Travel and tourism
- ✓ Office administration
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Management
- ✓ Information and Communication Technology
- ✓ End-user computing
- ✓ Civil engineering and building construction
- ✓ Art and design
- ✓ Clothing production
- ✓ Electrical engineering
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Office administration

These courses can be done at TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Colleges. The following are TVET Colleges within Gauteng:

- ✓ Central Johannesburg TVET College
- ✓ Ekurhuleni East TVET College
- ✓ Ekurhuleni West TVET College
- ✓ Sedibeng TVET College
- ✓ South West Gauteng TVET College

- ✓ Tshwane North TVET College
- ✓ Tshwane South TVET College
- ✓ Western TVET College

## Reflections

The ASDAN & Beyond pathway has extended in both the College and Prep, and with that, we have seen growth in numbers but also in courage: personal strength: and confidence in the young pupils.

We have approached this pathway with the aim of educating and molding the whole child and the results have been astonishing! Once the academic stressors of tests, exams and homework were removed, the pupils started to realise that they were able to grasp the concepts taught and we began to see their “real” personalities. The pupils began to believe again that they can achieve!

*One of the youngest members of the class had never been seen to smile or laugh at school. Since joining ASDAN & Beyond, teachers have made remarks like “I have never seen that side of him”, “he is shining so brightly now”, and so on. By looking at the whole child we have given these youngsters the opportunity to grow and learn in a meaningful and fulfilling way. Their energy and charisma are infectious. ASDAN & Beyond at Cedarwood School is accessible, relatable, tangible and meaningful for all who experience it.*

*– Margeaux Engelbrecht, ASDAN and Beyond Coordinator (Cedarwood Prep)*

*When she started ASDAN she was very excited and willing to take on this new pathway and was also very excited to move back to her old school. It was amazing, the confidence that we saw in her all of a sudden, and that glow on her face. She looked as if she belonged.....*

*-Nadia Naidoo (ASDAN and Beyond Parent)*