

Curriculum map



Ambitious Approach

We want to prepare children and young people for a happy and fulfilling life and, whilst doing so, afford them dignity, respect, and compassion. The Ambitious Approach is centred around improving the quality of life of autistic young people while they are in education and ensuring this quality of life continues into adulthood. When pupils and learners leave our settings, we want them to find employment, go on to further education or training, and live fully as part of the communities of their choice.



Curriculum

- Our curriculum is meaningful, functional, personalised, empowering, innovative, creative and flexible to help us meet the needs of every pupil.
- We maximise opportunities for our students to enjoy and succeed in their learning and be equipped and prepared for fulfilling and rewarding adult lives.

Curriculum delivery

- We ensure pupils have the support they need to access learning environments.
- We put in place reasonable and practicable adaptations to allow everyone to thrive.

Collaboration

- We involve pupils and learners in decisions about their learning, support and future and value their voices and opinions.
- We also work closely with parents and carers ensuring a continuous partnership between home and school that benefits the child or young person.

Curriculum intent statement

Spring School provides all pupils with a curriculum that is ambitious, coherent and sequenced, accessible and balanced.

Ambitious – the curriculum is closely linked to a quality-of-life framework with all pupils learning and progression closely aligned to ambitious outcomes in their Educational Health Care (EHC) plans. Learning will be geared towards a preparation for valued inclusion in communities after school, preparation for the next stage of education and realising the goal of meaningful, paid employment. It will be aspirational for all pupils and provide a framework in which they can realise their passions and skills, and utilise these as a vehicle for a successful adult life.

Coherent and sequenced – the curriculum is built on individual prior learning and designed to celebrate the small steps that lead to long term progression and generalisation across contexts and experiences. The curriculum is the framework that links formal and informal learning across the school and ensures that all pupils make clear and demonstrable progress during their time at Spring School.

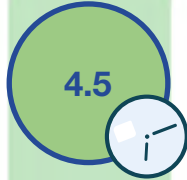
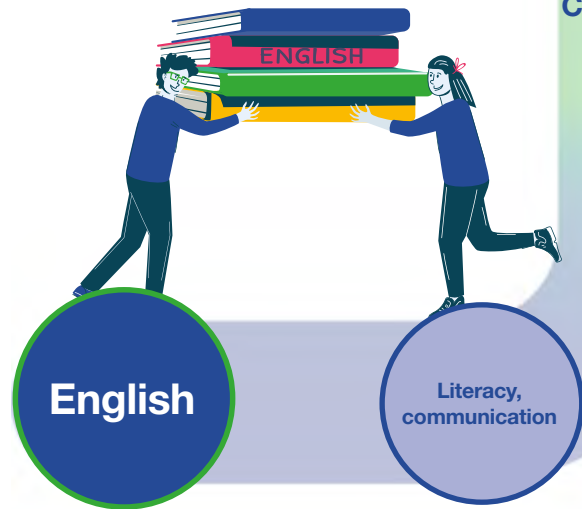
Accessible – all pupils are provided opportunities to develop the tools and skills needed for life-long learning. For many at Spring School their autism presents as a barrier to inclusion, learning and success. The curriculum accounts for this and places significant importance on the development of regulation and communication skills that are transparent and functional and can be used across contexts. The curriculum accounts for the reality that many joining the school will have had disjointed and exclusionary school experiences and that they will need support in filling in gaps in knowledge and understanding.

Balanced – throughout the curriculum uses national frameworks (EYFS framework, national curriculum, national accreditation and others) to shape expected learning for pupils. The curriculum is rich and diverse, reflecting the cohort of pupils in the school and their wider community. It celebrates diversity and core British values and has a focus on developing cultural capital for all students as an aide to their valuation in community groups during their time at Spring School and beyond.

The focus of each cohort's and individuals' curriculum are shared with staff, parents and governors on a regular basis. Pupils are encouraged to engage in their learning processes and to co-produce their learning opportunities and journey.



Curriculum area English



National curriculum, speech and language therapy, GCSEs, entry levels, EYFS, SCERTs, Pre-KS1/2 markers



Quality of Life outcomes
(links or examples of possible outcomes)

The ability to communicate emotions and feelings transparently and effectively

Emotional

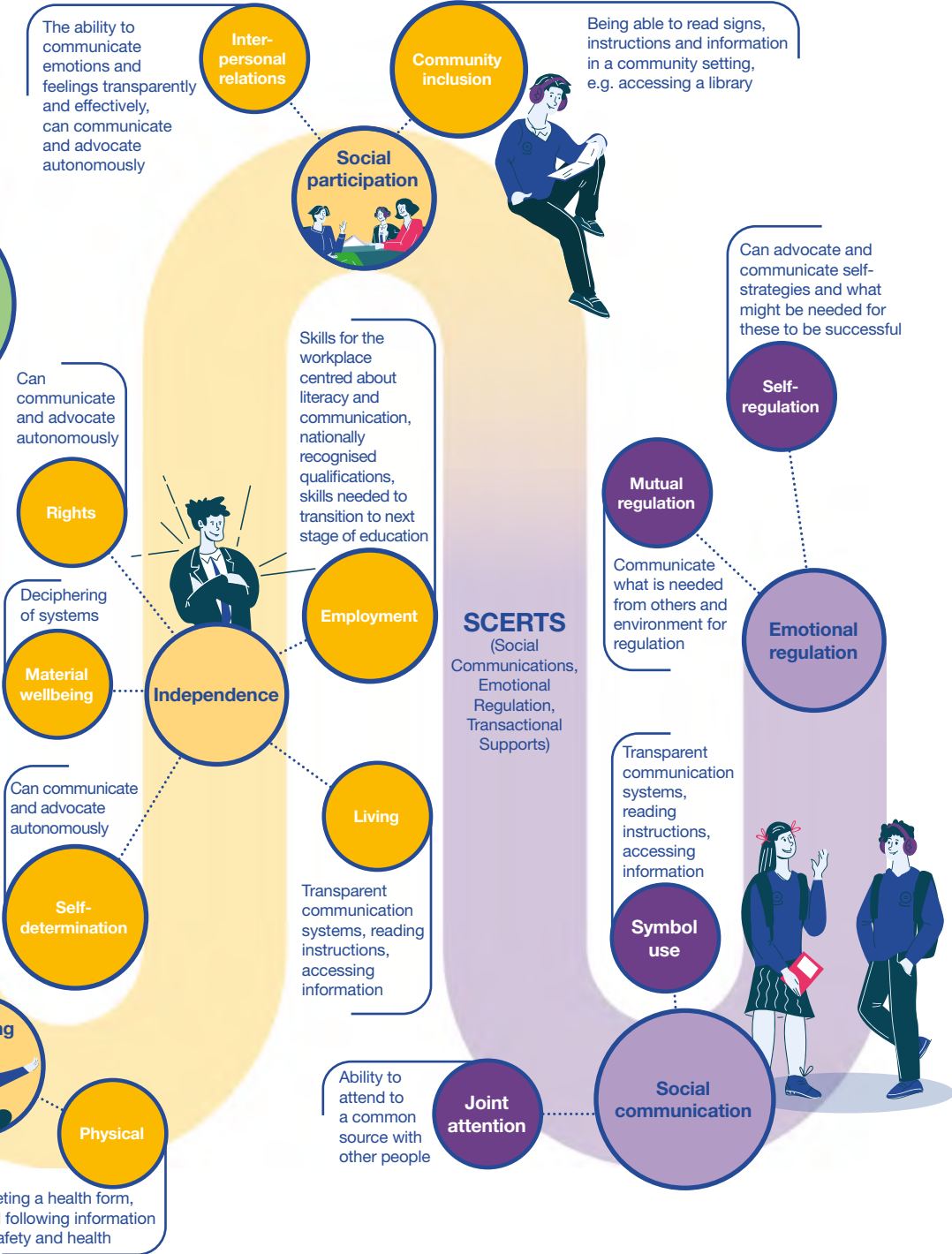
Transparent communication systems, access to the written word, reading for meaning, writing for purpose etc...

Personal

Wellbeing

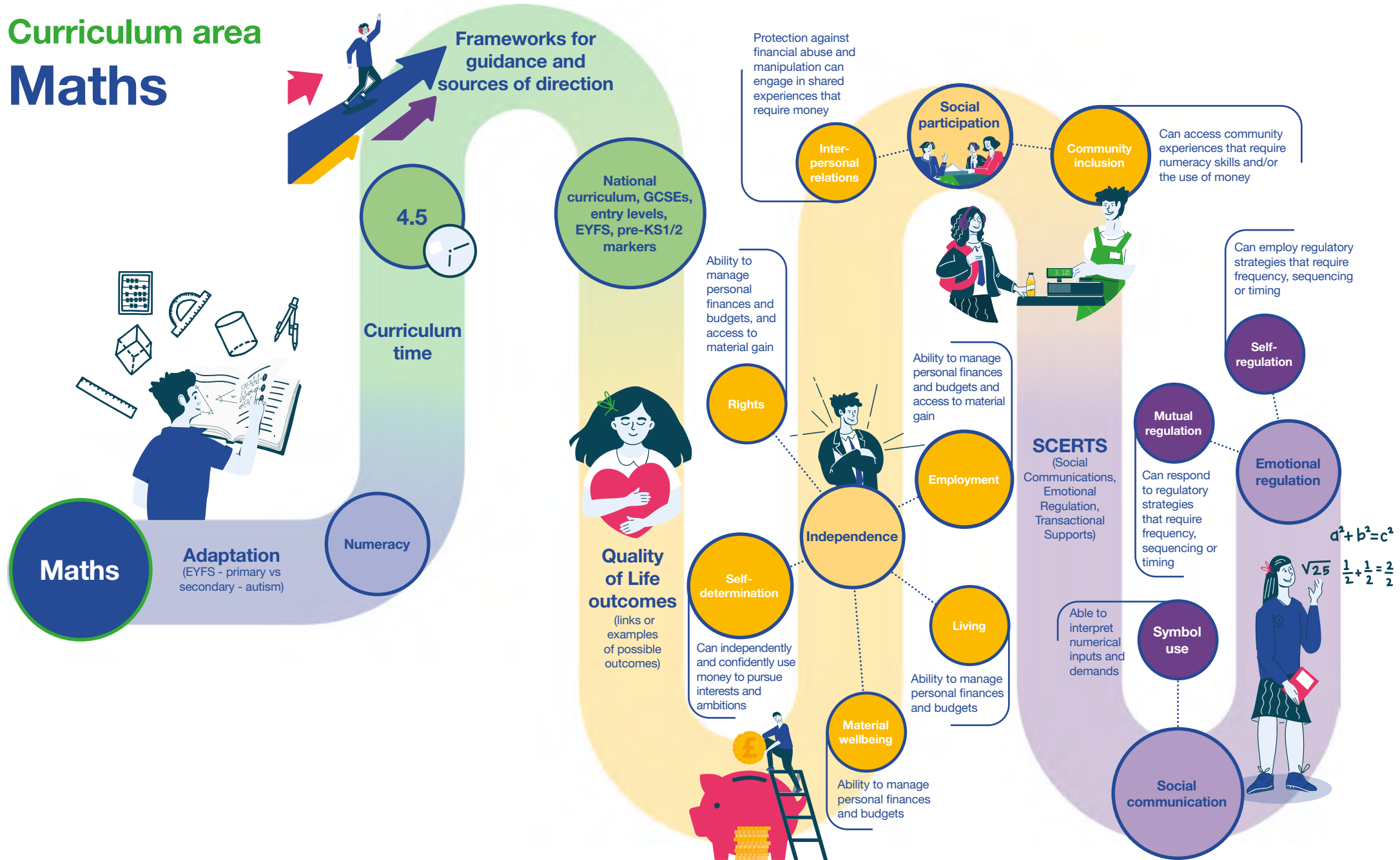
Physical

e.g. Completing a health form, reading and following information related to safety and health

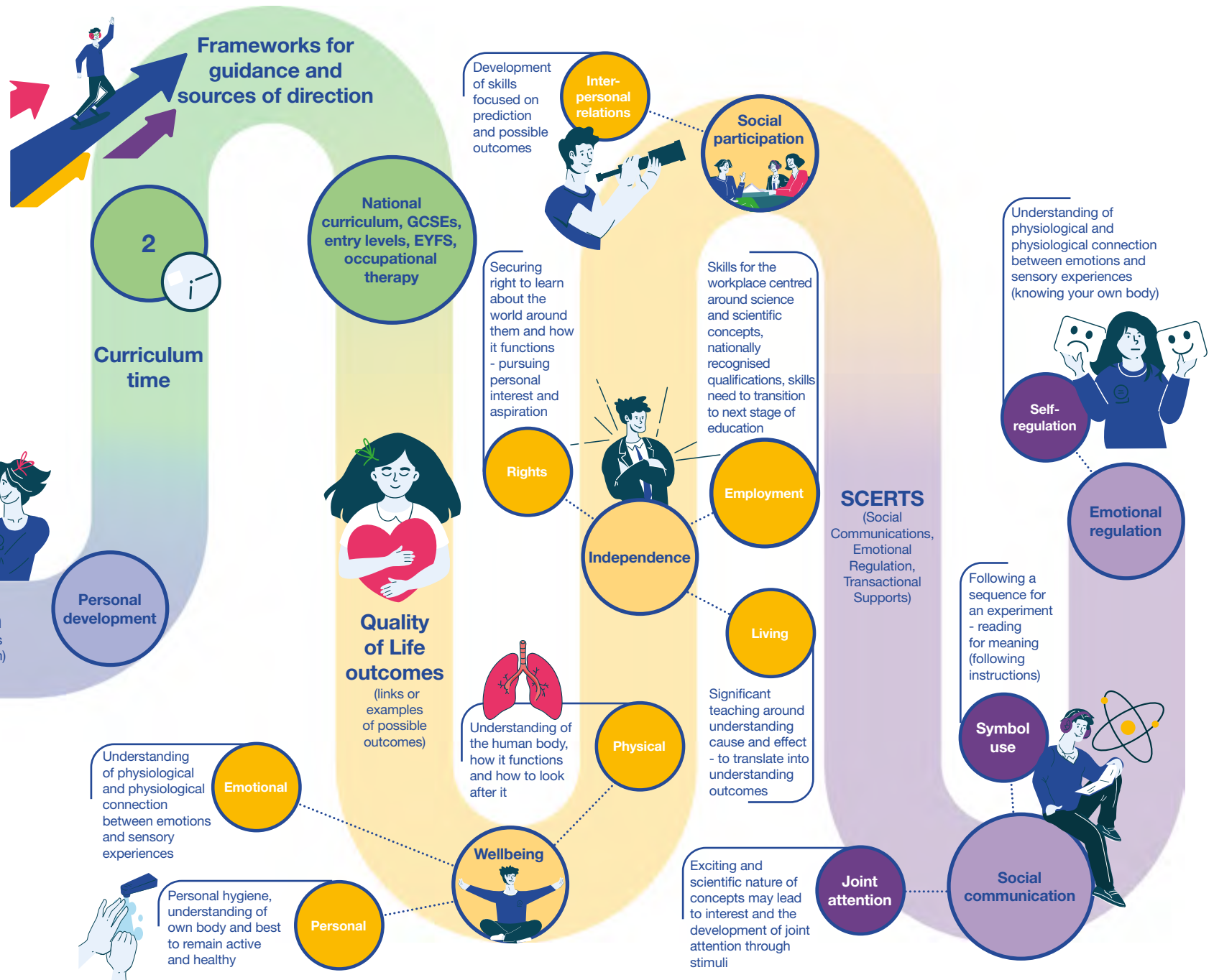


SCERTS
(Social Communications, Emotional Regulation, Transactional Supports)

Curriculum area Maths



Curriculum area Science



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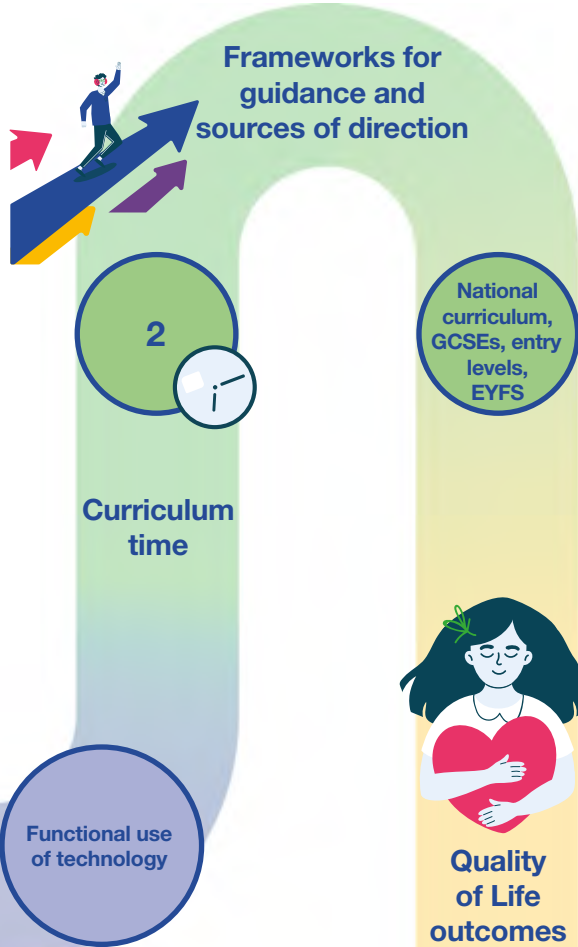
Computing



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Adaptation
(EYFS - primary vs secondary - autism)

Functional use of technology



Frameworks for guidance and sources of direction

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Curriculum time

National curriculum, GCSEs, entry levels, EYFS



Quality of Life outcomes
(links or examples of possible outcomes)

Use of technology to access the world, communicate, connect and many other opportunities

Emotional

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Personal



Wellbeing

Physical

Engagement with technology to support living a healthy life-style (e.g. a step counter)

In an increasing digital world - being able to functionally use technology will be vital

Rights

Being able to manage an online banking account

Material wellbeing

Using technology to communicate and advocate (e.g. booking an activity or experience online)

Independence

Self-determination



Use of technology and being ICT literate will be the gateway to the next stage of education and/or meaningful employment

Employment

Living

Being able to use technology independently and functionally for a range of purposes

For many autistic people when talking about the move towards technology based interaction they reported on a reduction of anxiety and associated challenges

Inter-personal relations

Social participation

Community inclusion

Engaging with communities and people online and/or using technology to access social spaces



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Mutual regulation

Use of technology to aide with regulation (somewhere to escape from the world or providing significant input and support)

Self-regulation

Emotional regulation



Symbol use

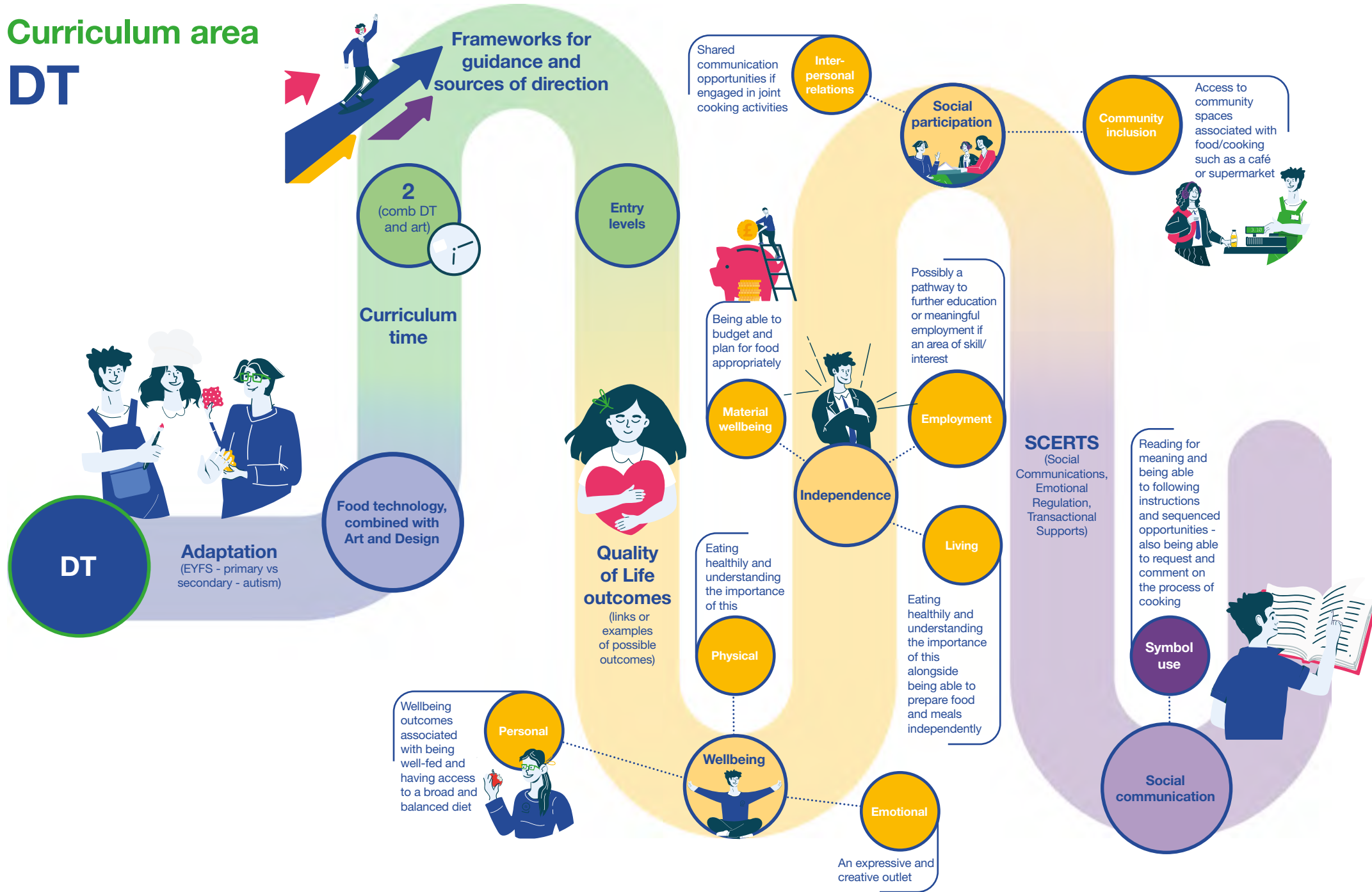
Social communication

Using augmentative comms tools through technology or the use of coding programmes to support the development of sequencing and structuring skills

Use of technology as a shared social and/or communicative stimulus

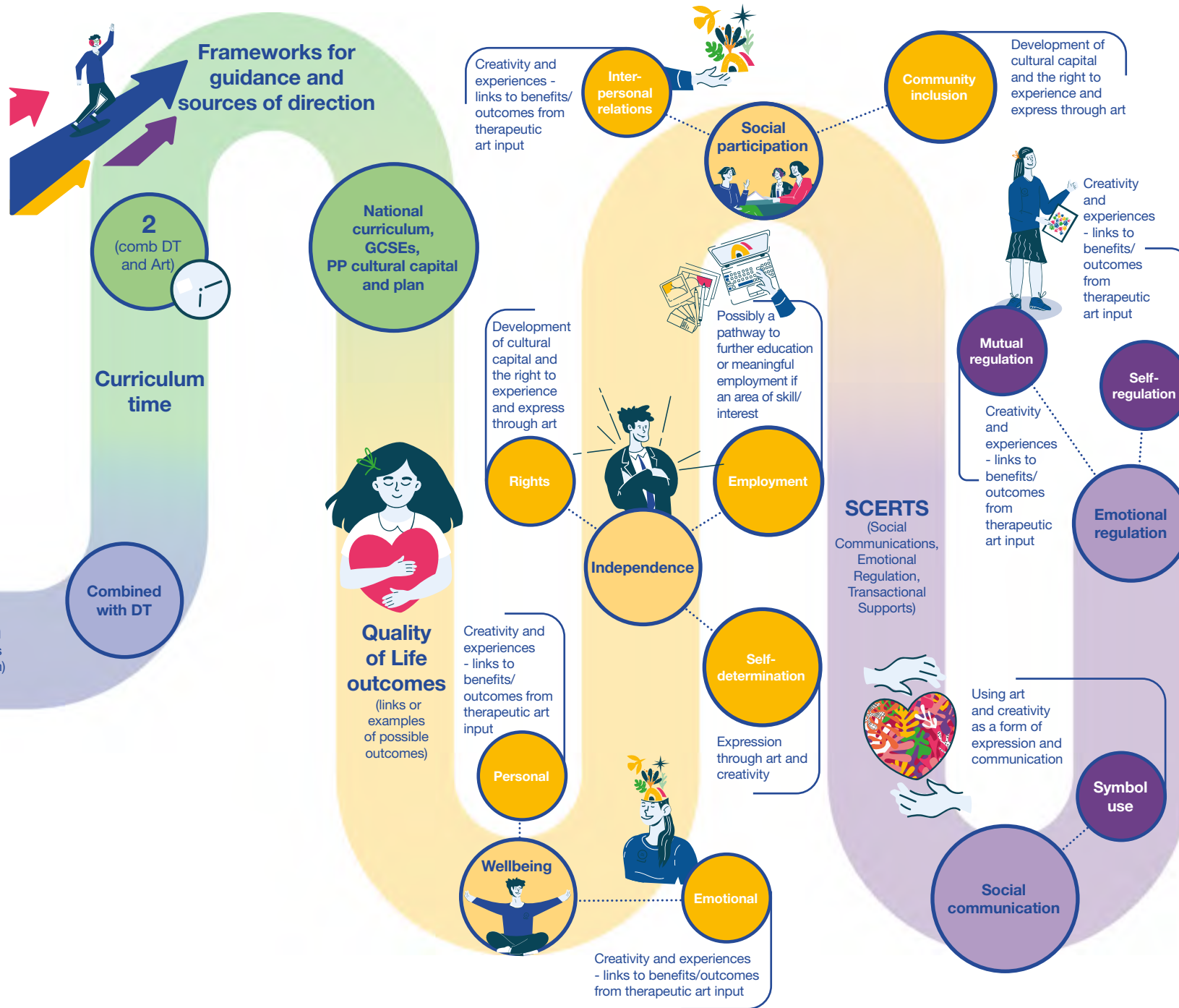
Joint attention

Curriculum area DT



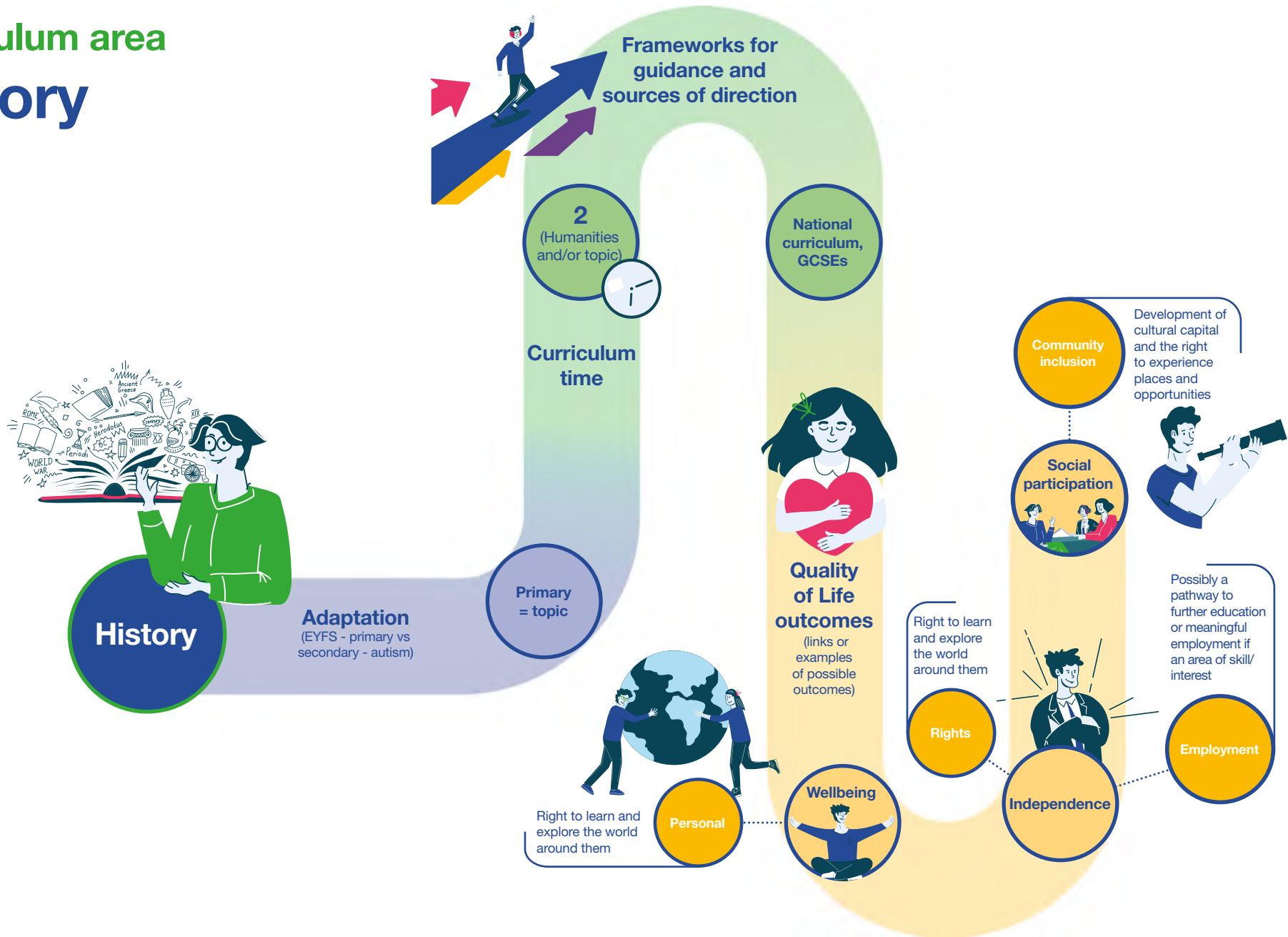
Curriculum area

Art and Design

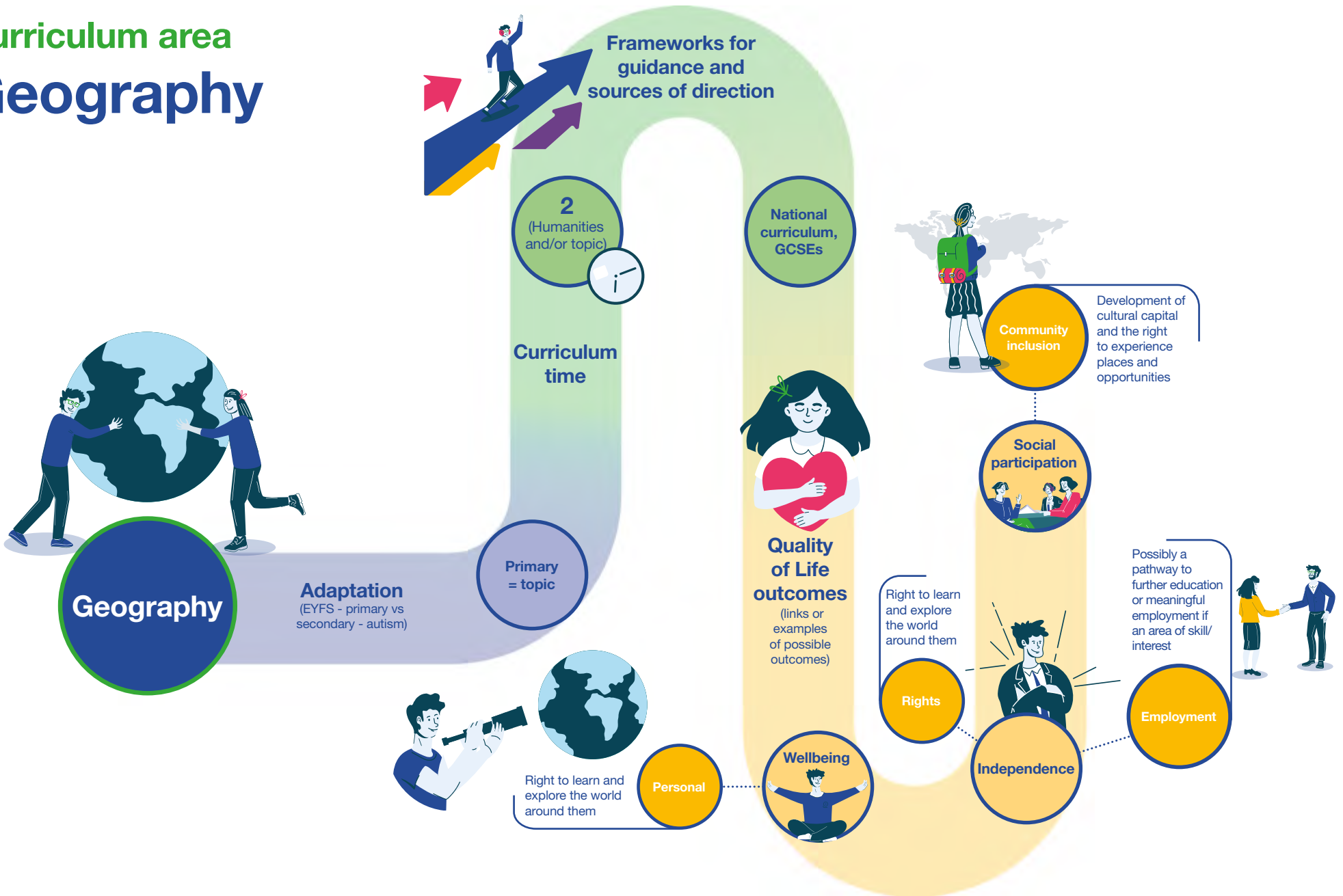


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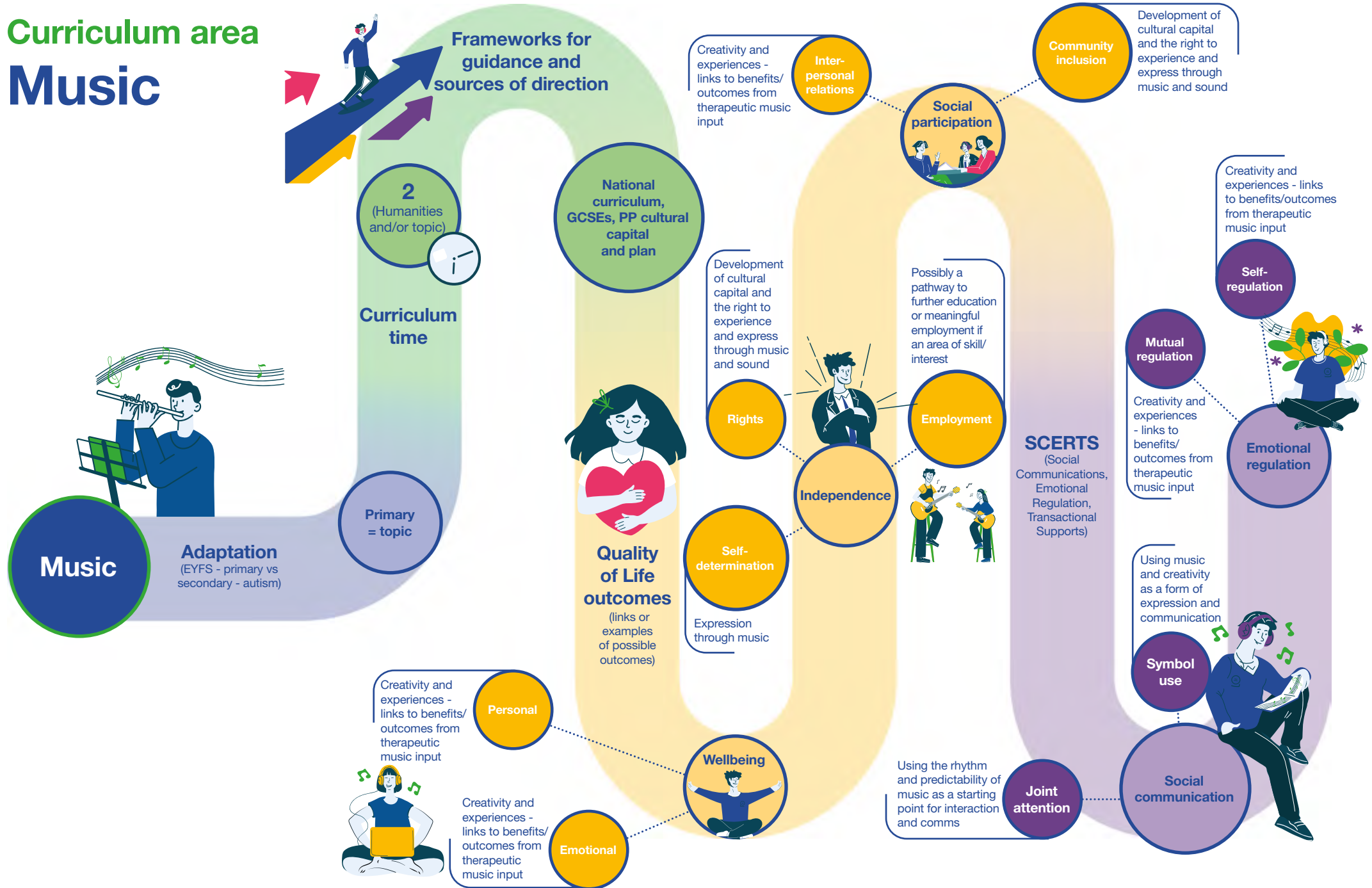
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Curriculum area Geography

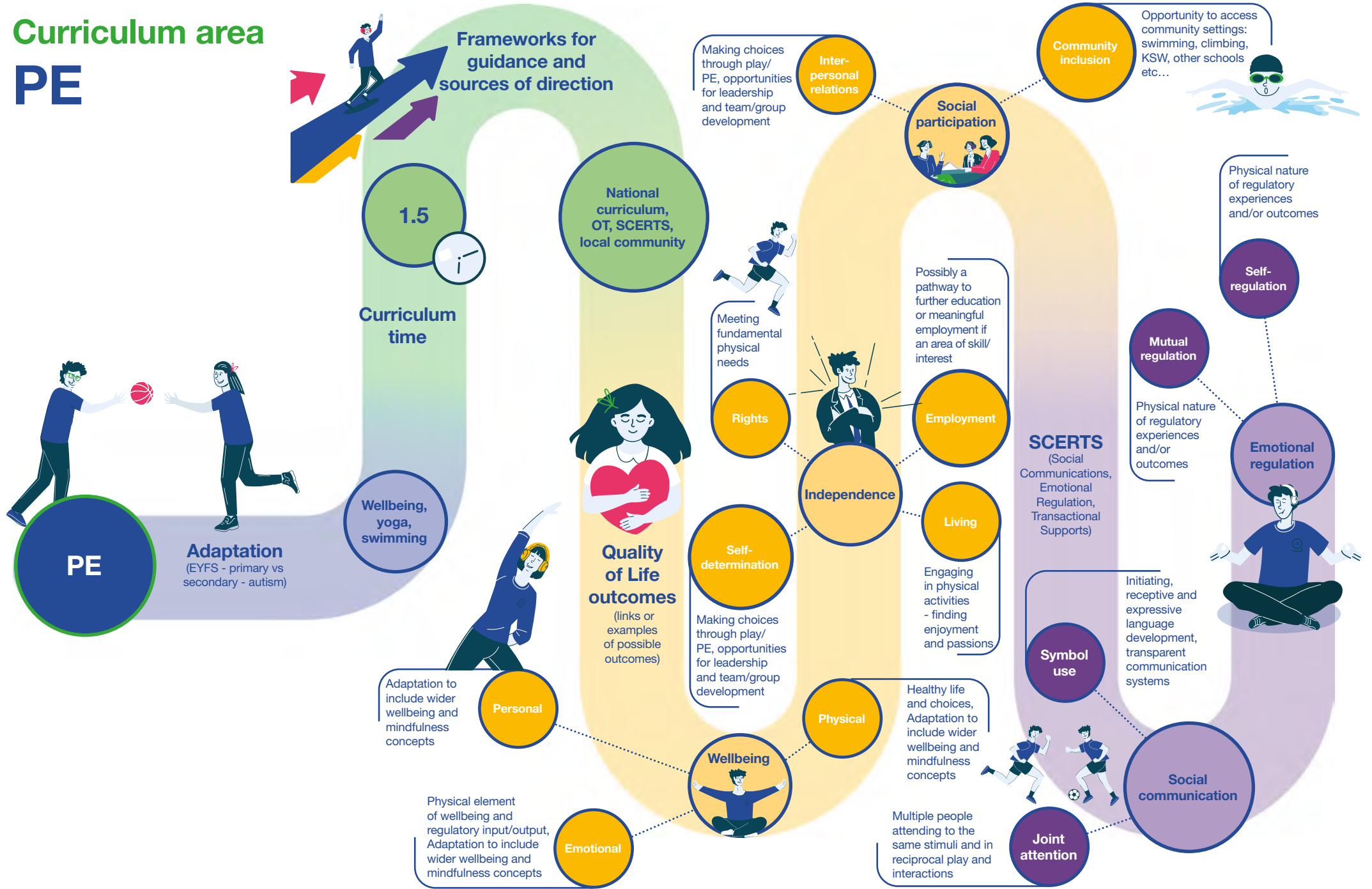


Curriculum area Music



Curriculum area

PE



Curriculum area RE

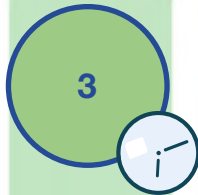


RE

Adaptation
(EYFS - primary vs secondary - autism)



Frameworks for guidance and sources of direction



Curriculum time

Listed in 'emotional resilience', PHSE



British Values

Quality of Life outcomes
(links or examples of possible outcomes)

Development of cultural capital and the right to experience places and opportunities - Understanding of cultures and faiths within the community pupils are part of



Better understanding of society and rights and opportunities and their place within that



Possibly a pathway to further education or meaningful employment if an area of skill/interest



Ability to express interests and emotions that may be attached to understanding the world



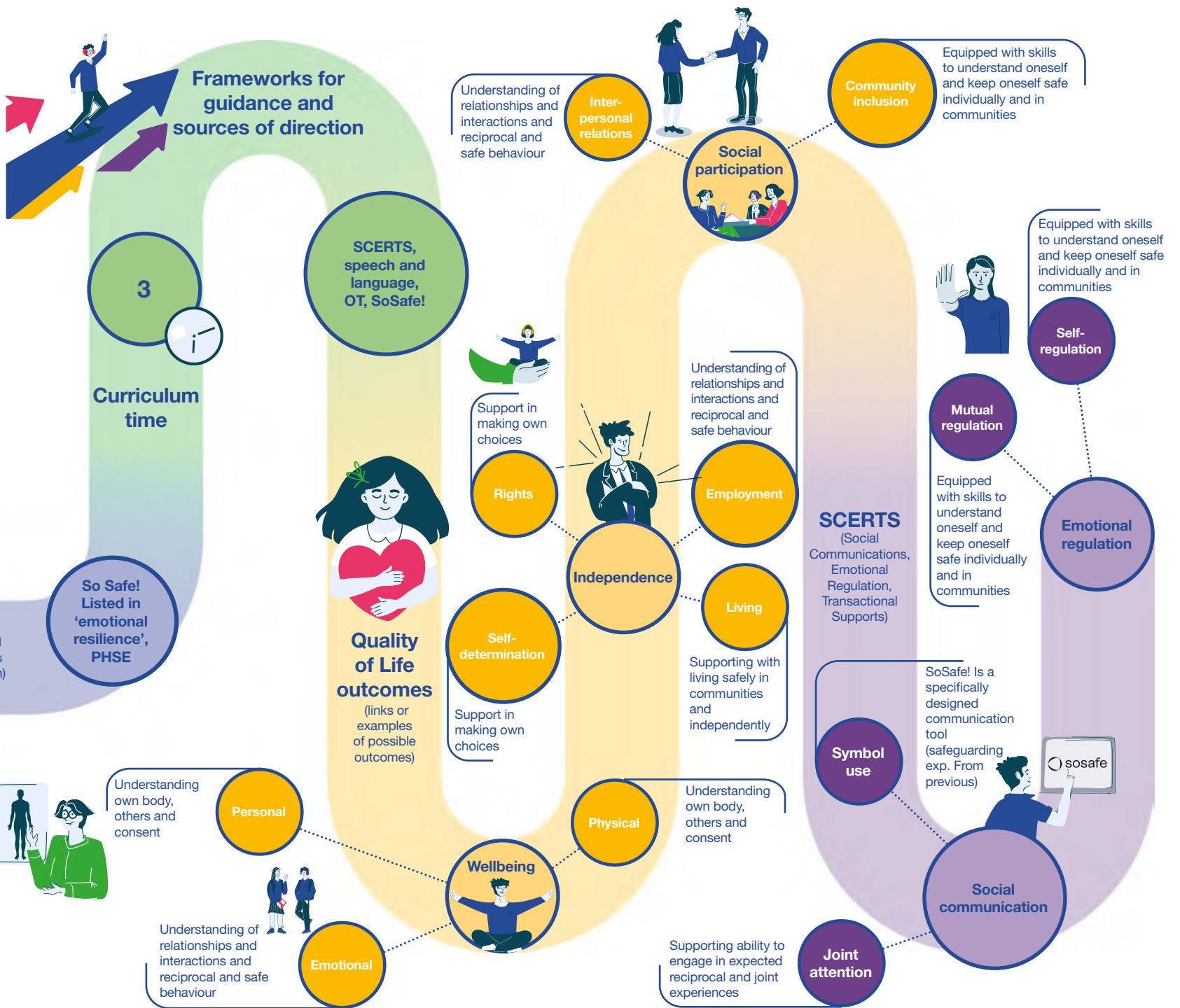
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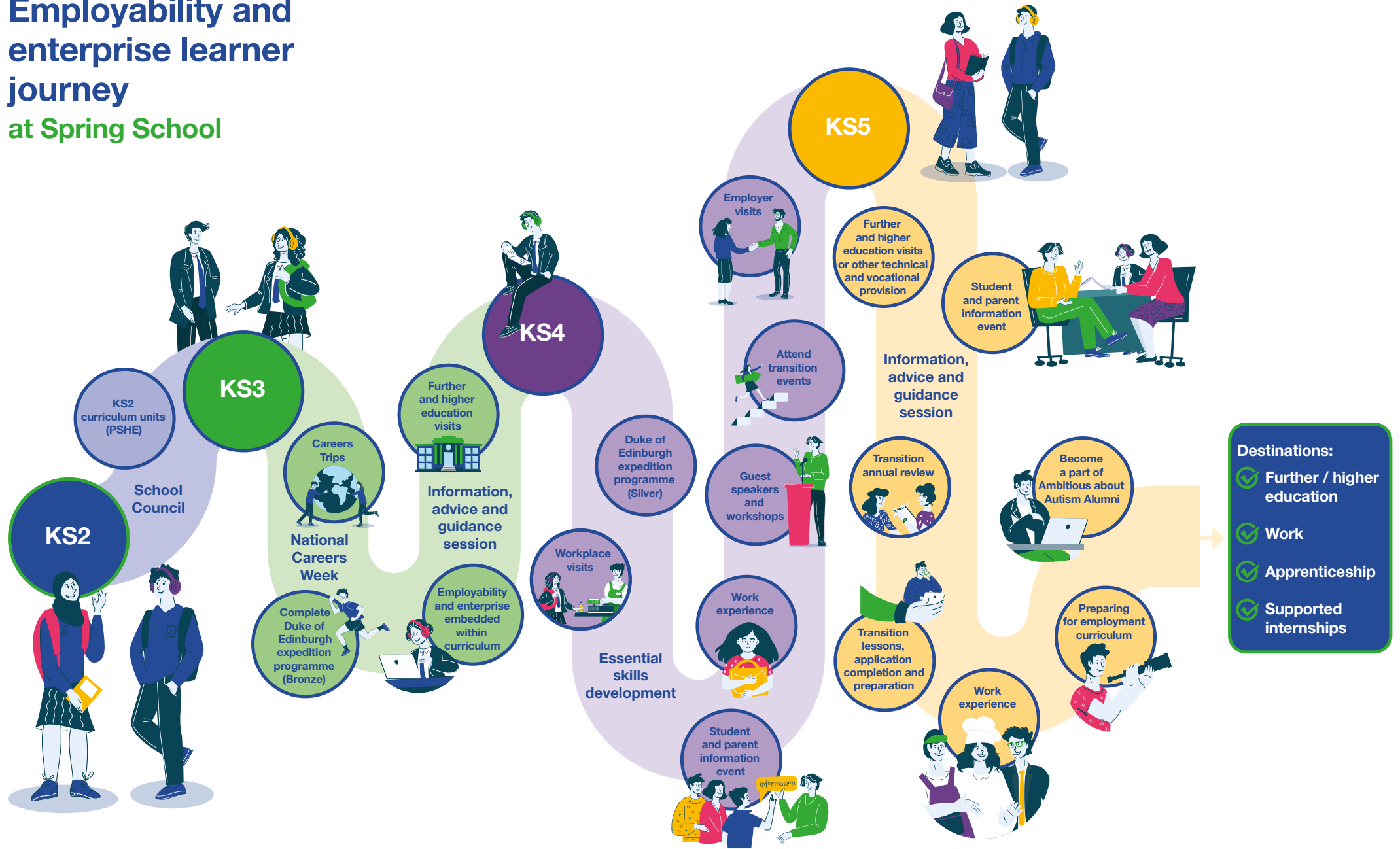
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Curriculum area RSE



Employability and enterprise learner journey at Spring School





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We believe every autistic child and young person has the right to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

We started as one school and have become a movement for change. We champion rights, campaign for change and create opportunities.

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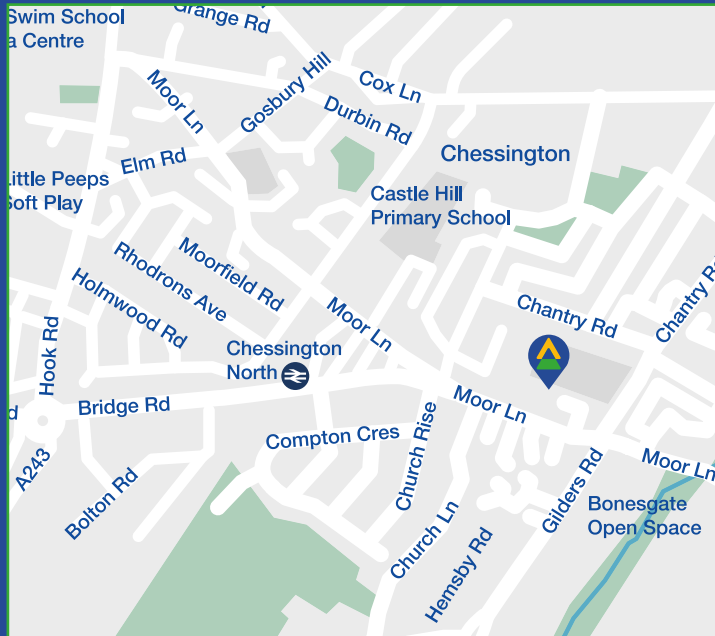
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