# 21st century skills

Preparation students for a changing world

Young people are preparing for a very different world from the one we know.

## What are the 21st century skills in the General senior syllabuses?

### Critical thinking
- Analytical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- Reasoning
- Reflecting and evaluating
- Intellectual flexibility

### Creative thinking
- Innovation
- Initiative and enterprise
- Curiosity and imagination
- Creativity
- Generating and applying new ideas
- Identifying alternatives
- Seeing or making new links

### Communication
- Effective oral and written communication
- Using language, symbols and texts
- Communicating ideas effectively with diverse audiences

### Collaboration and teamwork
- Relating to others (interacting with others)
- Recognising and using diverse perspectives
- Participating and contributing
- Community connections

### Personal and social skills
- Adaptability/flexibility
- Management (self, career, time, planning and organising)
- Character (resilience, mindfulness, open- and fair-mindedness, self-awareness)
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Cultural awareness
- Ethical (and moral) understanding

### ICT skills
- Operations and concepts
- Accessing and analysing information
- Being productive users of technology
- Digital citizenship (being safe, positive and responsible online)