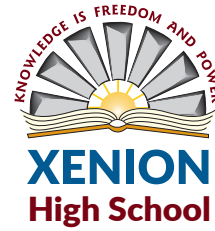


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ARCHITECTURE

Skills you should have

- time and self-management
- design skills
- concise and accurate writing/communication skills
- organisational skills
- identify and predict trends and patterns
- interpret and evaluate events, information, and ideas
- computer literacy
- up-to-date knowledge of the latest legal developments in their field

Other options include

- business and management
- finance
- fire prevention and safety
- law
- management consulting
- urban and rural planning



BIOLOGY

Skills you should have

- time and self-management
- data management, analysis and interpretation
- concise and accurate writing and communication skills
- research skills
- organisational skills
- presentation skills
- ability to identify and predict trends and patterns
- ability to interpret and evaluate events, information, and ideas
- computer literacy

Other options include

- agriculture
- banking and finance
- environmental consultancy
- hospitals
- human resources
- medical writing
- patents
- pharmaceuticals research & development
- regulatory affairs
- sales and marketing
- science journalism
- teaching
- water and environmental control

BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

Skills you should have

- analytical ability
- communication skills
- understanding figures
- problem solving
- ability to think logically
- presentation skills
- report writing skills

Other options include

- management consultancy
- trading
- teaching, particularly with head-teacher roles
- chartered accountancy
- advertising
- investment banking
- bank management
- retail buying
- distribution and logistics management
- insurance underwriting
- marketing executive
- consumer products
- market research executive
- personnel officer
- public relations officer
- retail management
- sales



CHEMISTRY

Skills you should have

- critical and evaluative thinking
- communication and interpersonal skills
- research and analysis
- good problem solving skills
- discipline and a good work ethic

Other options include

- agriculture
- aerospace technology
- biomedical
- biotechnology
- chemical diagnostics
- environmental consultancy
- pharmaceuticals
- research and development
- scientific publishers

DESIGN

Skills you should have

- logical thinking and problem-solving
- project management
- research and editorial skills
- presentation and other communication skills
- computer skills
- hands-on project management
- creativity
- software skills
- an eye for detail

Other options include

- interior design
- graphic design
- film and television production
- fashion design
- editorial roles in printed media
- sub-editing
- product and packaging design
- advertising
- landscape gardening

EDUCATION

Skills you should have

- time management
- problem solving skills
- communication skills
- management skills
- lateral thinking
- bravery
- altruism
- humility

Other options include

- social work
- civil service
- consulting
- publishing

MATHEMATICS

Skills you should have

- logical and quantitative thinking
- numeracy
- ability to handle tricky intellectual challenges
- problem solving skills
- statistical inference

Other options include

- accountancy
- actuarial work
- banking
- consultancy
- insurance
- intelligence and analysis
- quantitative trading
- design and development
- statistical analysis
- teaching



ENGLISH

Skills you should have

- critical and evaluative thinking
- self-management
- excellent written communication
- oral communication and interpersonal skills
- research and analysis skills
- ability to work independently

Other options include

- advertising account executive
- advertising copywriter
- arts administration
- public relations
- broadcast journalism, research or production
- intelligence
- sales and marketing

GEOGRAPHY

Skills you should have

- ability to view problems from a number of angles
- ability to write a professional standard document
- effective verbal communication
- ability to work to deadlines
- independence gained from working abroad and producing a report in foreign conditions
- ability to work in a group gained from fieldwork or project
- an analytical approach to people and their environment
- an objective aptitude for management

Other options include

- geological assistant
- development analyst
- country or rural planner
- environmental consultant
- cartographer
- recycling manager
- weather analyst
- GIS analyst
- park ranger
- travel agent
- soil conservationist
- landscape architect
- water/land manager
- tourism

HISTORY

Skills you should have

- good oral and written communication
- ability to put together a logical argument
- critical thinking
- objectivity regarding 'right' and 'wrong'
- gathering, investigating and assessing material
- condensing or expanding facts, ideas and arguments
- using different types of sources to cross-reference
- basing conclusions on statistical research
- organising material in a logical and coherent way
- present information literally, orally and visually
- an interest in culture
- an ability to spot a train of events

Other options include

- teaching
- journalism
- civil service
- law
- criminal investigation
- archiving
- libraries



IT

Skills you should have

- think logically, quantitatively and creatively
- software development: design, engineering and one or more programming language (such as Java or C#)
- an understanding of computer networking, databases, and some level of web development along with a general knowledge of computers
- ability to communicate your ideas, both verbally and in the form of written assignments
- good planning and careful execution of your work
- teamwork - working closely with many people on a day-to-day basis

Other options include

- analysis
- computer sales support
- database admin
- development
- programming
- software engineer or trainer
- software testing
- IT consultant
- IT support, whether internal or external
- systems designer
- systems programming
- website design

LAW

Skills you should have

- communication skills
- ability to state a case (orally as well as in writing)
- good analytical skills
- problem solving skills
- ability to see the bigger picture
- assimilation of facts
- self-management
- precise expression (especially in writing)

Other options include

- advice worker
- bank manager
- Civil Service administrator
- customs officer
- lecturer
- insurance claims inspector
- insurance underwriter
- legal clerk
- legal secretary
- local government administrator
- police officer
- probation officer
- trading standards officer

MEDICINE / NURSING

Skills you should have

- adaptability and flexibility
- analytical skills
- problem solving skills
- providing person-centred care
- risk management skills
- teamworking skills
- verbal and non-verbal communication skills

Other options include

- adult nurse
- children's nurse
- community worker
- health and safety officer
- healthcare management
- learning disability nurse
- lecturer
- mental health nurse
- personal trainer
- pharmaceuticals scientist
- police officer
- social worker
- welfare rights adviser



ENGINEERING

Skills you should have

- planning
- patience
- analytical thinking
- presentation and other communication skills
- numeracy, statistics and computing
- capacity for detail
- data analysis
- logical thinking
- problem solving
- organisational abilities
- project management
- research skills
- teamwork

Other options include

- business and management
- finance
- fire prevention and safety
- IT
- law
- management consulting
- patent work
- teaching and lecturing
- technical sales
- technical writing and training

MODERN LANGUAGES

Skills you should have

- reading, writing and speaking foreign languages
- gathering, assessing and interpreting information
- leading and participating in discussions and groups
- conveying meaning precisely
- presentation
- responding to others – from discussions in oral classes
- attention to detail
- boost in personal confidence and independence
- listening to other people

Other options include

- teaching
- tourism
- business
- politics
- public relations
- human resources
- distribution or logistics management
- marketing
- publishing
- journalism
- accounting
- law

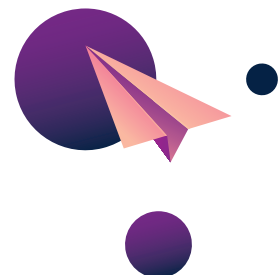
PHILOSOPHY

Skills you should have

- logical and analytical thinking and reasoning
- problem solving
- written and oral communication – presentation of ideas and information
- able to interpret, condense and clarify information
- a significant amount of creativity
- able to formulate your own opinions and defend them in debate
- curiosity, and lateral thinking
- the ability to interpret and analyse a variety of different information
- a willingness to debate any point

Other options include

- journalism
- law
- social services
- business
- education
- IT
- citizens' advice
- Civil Service



PHYSICS

Skills you should have

- communication and presentation skills
- computational and data-processing skills
- data analysis using a range of appropriate statistical methods and packages
- identify and predict trends and patterns
- problem solving skills
- report writing
- research skills

Other options include

- aerospace engineering
- energy and power provision
- environmental consultancy
- manufacturing (including computers, electronics, medical equipment)
- medical technologies
- patent work
- research and development
- scientific publishing
- telecommunications
- water and environmental control

SOCIOLOGY

Skills you should have

- think and act creatively
- maintain a flexible mind
- read pages of text and pick out the essential points
- conduct research and evaluate sources with a healthy scepticism
- lead and participate in discussions
- develop opinions, propose ideas and theories
- maintain objectivity, particularly towards other people
- play devil's advocate
- have confidence in your opinions
- base conclusions on statistical research

Other options include

- journalism
- law
- teaching
- work with charities
- human resources
- retail management

