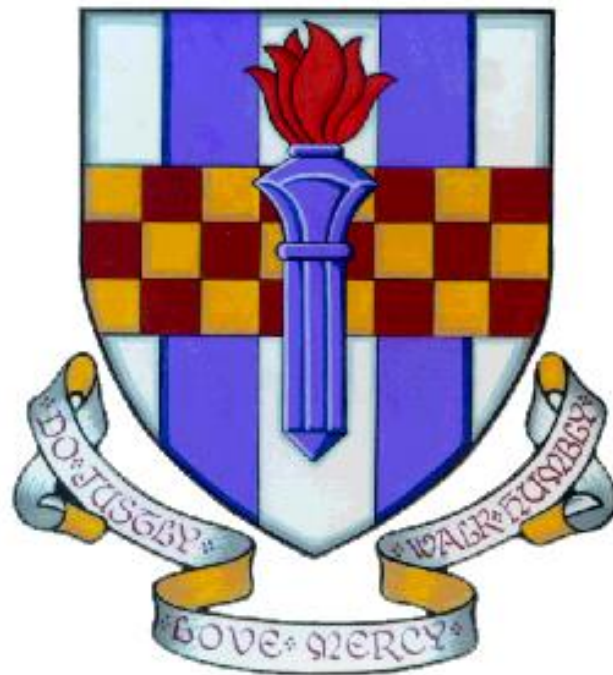


Kilmarnock Academy



Vocational Courses (Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock Campus) Progression Pathways Booklet 2016-2017

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
National Progression Award Beauty Skills (with Hairdressing) Level 4 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
This course will interest you if you enjoy using your creative ideas in a practical way. You should also like working with other people and discussing how best to produce the looks you want to achieve. You should be prepared to participate as a model for fellow students which will require you to remove your own make-up before class.		
What is the Course About?		
The aim of this course is to give you the experience of a salon environment and the opportunity to learn about the different roles and responsibilities in Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing.		
You will gain practical experience of general salon duties including assisting with customer care.		
Beauty specific skills include facials, make-up, nail finishes.		
Hairdressing specific skills include shampooing, conditioning and drying hair.		
Throughout the course emphasis is on the development of employability skills and attitudes valued by employers.		
What do I Need?		
There are no formal entrance requirements but to get the best out of this course you should enjoy working in a creative environment and have a real interest in the Beauty industry and you will receive an interview. You should also relish the challenge of getting to know new people and you must be able to commit to consistent full attendance throughout the course.		
How will I be Assessed?		
You will be assessed mainly on a range of practical activities carried out in a salon environment. You will also research and write up a project on a relevant topic such as nail finishes or make up.		
Next Steps?		
This Course may provide you with opportunities to progress to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Level 5 Beauty or Hairdressing course • A National Progression Award level 5 course in Beauty or Hairdressing • An SVQ course in Beauty or Hairdressing 		
What do current students say?		
<i>"Love facials, make –up hair and beauty together, one unit one day and another the next day".</i>		
<i>"I didn't realise that there was face painting and a hair unit".</i>		
<i>"There is quite a bit of written work which I didn't expect".</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Advanced Higher Biology Level 7 1 year	Ayrshire Classroom	Kilmarnock Campus Tue 9.00am – 11.15am Thu 11.15am – 1.15pm
Who is the Course for?		
<p>The Advanced Higher is for you if you have a real interest in Biology and you are considering specialising in the subject at College or University.</p> <p>Biology Courses encourage the development of skills and resourcefulness, with the ability to think creatively, analyse and solve problems. Biology affects everyone and aims to find solutions to many of the world's problems. Advances in technologies have made this varied subject more exciting and relevant than ever.</p> <p>Learners will engage in a wide range of investigative tasks, which allows them to develop important skills to become inventive and enterprising, in a world where the skills and knowledge developed in biology are needed across all sectors of society and the economy.</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>Advanced Higher Biology covers key aspects of life science at the molecular scale and extends to aspects of the biology of whole organisms that are among the driving forces of evolution. It develops a sound theoretical understanding and practical experience of experimental investigative work in biological science. Areas covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cells and Proteins • Organisms and Evolution • Investigative Biology 		
What do I Need?		
<p>You would be expected to have passed Higher Biology or Higher Human Biology at B or above.</p>		
How will I be assessed?		
<p>You will undertake internal assessment for each of the 3 units in the course. External assessments are an investigative project (30 marks) and a question paper (90 marks).</p>		
Next Steps?		
<p>You may progress to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an HNC/HND/degree in a biology-based course or a related area • a career in a biology-based discipline or related area 		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>"I'm going to university next year. Meeting new people, teaching staff and learning to find my way around a new building will help in my transition to university." 'I've really enjoyed the course, it's been quite challenging but the lecturers have been really great".</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Advanced Higher Chemistry Level 7 1 year	Ayrshire Classroom	Kilmarnock Campus Tue 11.15 am – 1.15 pm Thu 9.00 am – 11.15 am
Who is the Course for?		
<p>The Advanced Higher is for you if you have a real interest in Chemistry and you are considering specialising in the subject at College or University.</p> <p>The Course aims to equip all learners with an understanding of the impact of chemistry on everyday life, and with the knowledge and skills to be able to reflect critically on scientific publications and media reports concerning chemistry. By using the broad skills base and knowledge and understanding of detailed chemistry key areas, learners will become scientifically literate citizens and be able to review the science-based claims they will meet and to communicate in an evidence-based manner. This also allows learners to make their own reasoned decisions on many issues within a modern society increasingly dependent on chemistry, science and technology. The relevance of chemistry is highlighted by the study of the applications of chemistry in everyday contexts.</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>Chemistry, the study of matter and its interactions, contributes essential knowledge and understanding across all aspects of our lives. The links between the particulate nature of matter and the macroscopic properties of the world are explained. Chemistry research and development is essential for the introduction of new products. The chemical industry is a major contributor to the economy of the country.</p> <p>The purpose of the Advanced Higher Chemistry Course is to develop your knowledge and understanding of the physical and natural environments beyond Higher level. The Course builds on Higher Chemistry, continuing to develop the underlying theories of chemistry and the practical skills used in the chemistry laboratory. Areas investigated include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inorganic and Physical Chemistry • Organic Chemistry and Industrial Analysis • Researching Chemistry 		
What do I Need?		
You would be expected to have passed Higher Chemistry at B or above.		
How will I be assessed?		
You will undertake internal assessment of the 3 units and external assessments of an investigative project (30 marks) and a question paper (90 marks).		
Next Steps?		
You may progress to Chemistry-based HNC/HND/degree programmes or related fields such as medicine, law, dentistry, veterinary medicine, engineering, environmental and health sciences.		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>“I’m going to university next year. Meeting new people, teaching staff and learning to find my way around a new building will help in my transition to university.’ ‘I’ve really enjoyed the course, it’s been quite challenging but the lecturers have been really great”.</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Art Portfolio Preparation Level 6 1 Year	Ayrshire Classroom	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the Course for?		
This course will interest you if you are applying to art school and would like to supplement your portfolio with Life Drawing and Printmaking Skills. You will also get the opportunity to work on a personal project. You should be comfortable discussing your ideas with other students and lecturers and working with unclothed life models.		
What is the Course About?		
The course is about broadening your artistic skills by providing you with an opportunity to develop key life drawing skills, and also to experiment with printing in a range of media including textiles.		
The Printmaking Unit will introduce you to printmaking skills by allowing you to experiment with different methods. You will produce a portfolio of experimental prints, and plan, produce and present finished prints. This unit will be delivered along with a Design for Print unit, where you will develop skills and techniques which will allow you to investigate the commercial print process. You will research, develop, produce and present a design for print to a given brief.		
The Personal Project unit will focus on drawing the human form and take you from the fundamentals of drawing through a variety of linear and tonal exercises through to producing a plan for a personal project, which you will then develop, produce and evaluate.		
What do I Need?		
You should already have achieved a Higher in Art and should be intending to apply to art school or to study art in college		
How will I be Assessed?		
For the Personal Project unit you will produce a folio of work which includes a finalised personal project brief and detailed plan for its completion, research and development of ideas, a final artwork and the evaluation of the whole project.		
The Design and Printmaking units require you to produce a folio of work which includes annotated research and development of ideas, a series of experimental prints using a variety of techniques and a minimum of two finished prints.		
Next Steps?		
Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress onto our level 6 or HNC Art & Design full time course		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Construction Crafts Level 4 1 year	East Ayrshire	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the Course for?		
<p>This course is suitable for both girls and boys interested in a career within the construction industry. This entrance level course will enable candidates to develop good basic hand skills whilst gaining an insight into what our industry has to offer.</p> <p>Engaging with this course could be the start of a career which may allow you to become a Modern Apprentice which is a paid job with the pay increasing whilst you train.</p> <p>Students joining this course will attend college two afternoons each week for one year. During the course, opportunities and information will be provided by the lead industry bodies advising you on how to become an employed Modern Apprentice.</p> <p>If you can give a commitment to attend and give your best this course is achievable and will support progression to multiple opportunities within industry or college.</p> <p>http://www.citb.co.uk/citb-apprenticeships/ http://www.sectt.org.uk/apprenticeships.html http://www.becomeaplumber.com/</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>The skills for work course gives you the opportunity to gain skills in a variety of trades-specific areas such as Joinery, Brickwork, Painting & Decorating, Plumbing and Electrical Installation. In addition you will develop generic skills and attitudes that enhance employability, within the construction / engineering industry, or other sectors.</p>		
What do I Need?		
<p>There are no formal entrance requirements. You will be interviewed and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course. You need a positive attitude with a desire to succeed.</p>		
How will I be assessed?		
<p>Each subject / trade runs for approximately 10 weeks. Whilst in the workshop you will build practical models which are assessed, lecturers will provide guidance and support at all times.</p>		
Next Steps?		
<p>There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A level 5 Construction course • A full time course at college working towards a National Progression Award in Construction • Modern Apprenticeship 		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>"I enjoy practical work more than theory, I have learned about brickwork, basic plumbing and have really enjoyed it".</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Days/Time
Skills for Work Construction Crafts Level 5 1 year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the Course for?		
<p>This course is suitable for both girls and boys interested in a career within the Construction Industry. It is suitable for candidates that have achieved Construction Crafts Level 4 or have other relevant experience and qualifications. This course will enable you to develop good hand skills whilst gaining an insight into what our industry has to offer.</p> <p>Engaging with this course could be the start of a career which may allow you to become a Modern Apprentice which is a paid job with the pay increasing whilst you train.</p> <p>Students joining this course will attend College two afternoons each week for one year.</p> <p>During the course opportunities and information will provided by the lead industry bodies advising you on how to become an employed Modern Apprentice.</p> <p>If you can give a commitment to attend and give your best this course is achievable and will support progression to multiple opportunities within the industry or at college.</p> <p>http://www.citb.co.uk/citb-apprenticeships/ http://www.sectt.org.uk/apprenticeships.html http://www.becomeaplumber.com/</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>You will develop good hand skills and learn trades-specific units – Joinery, Brickwork and Painting & Decorating. In addition you will complete an Employability Skills unit which is designed to develop skills and attitudes that enhance employability, not just in the construction industry, but in employment generally.</p>		
What do I Need?		
<p>Construction Crafts Level 4 or other relevant experience. Candidates will be interviewed on an individual basis, you need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills with a commitment to attend and give your best.</p>		
How will I be assessed?		
<p>Each trade specific unit runs for approximately 10 weeks. Assessments are practically based and aim to further develop your skills.</p>		
Next Steps?		
<p>You have a choice of possible progression routes at the end of this course, for example a full time course at College working towards a National Progression Award in Construction or a Modern Apprenticeship.</p>		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>“A really good course which challenged me, having experienced three trades I was able to pick my strongest and the one I most enjoyed, this informed my choice before applying to college for an NPA in Painting and Decorating. The college has great workshops in addition I used industry standard tools and equipment. I felt really prepared for the next step in my career”.</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 4 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock campus Tue/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
National 4 Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare is an introductory qualification that will help you to understand some of the demands and responsibilities of working in the early education and childcare sector. This is a great course if you enjoy the practical skills required to understand and care for young children, but there is an element of theory based learning too.		
What is the Course About?		
At National 4, you will cover basic issues in each area and begin to develop relevant skills such as team working skills, helping to plan play experiences and develop transferable employability skills, including:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the workplace and the employee's responsibilities (e.g. time-keeping, appearance) • self-evaluation skills • positive attitude to learning • flexible approaches to solving problems • adaptability and positive attitude to change • confidence to set goals, reflect and learn from experience • skills to become effective job-seekers and employees 		
At level 4, you work alone or with others on straightforward tasks with support.		
Units studied:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development • Working in Early Education and Childcare • Play in Early Education and Childcare • Care of Children 		
To achieve the Course award you must successfully achieve all the Units which make up the Course.		
What do I Need?		
There are no formal entrance requirements but you need to be able to work at level 4. You will be interviewed and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.		
How will I be assessed?		
The assessments used in this Course will allow you to show that you understand the ideas and theories and practical skills that you need to go further in the early education and childcare sector. Assessment approaches will include closed book tests and project based activities.		
Next Steps?		
Successful completion of this course will provide a good foundation for progression into NC level programmes in Early Education & Childcare, Health Care and Social Care.		
What do current students say?		
<i>'I've wanted to work in a nursery from a young age. This course has let me understand what skills and qualifications I'll need to make that happen.'</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 5 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tues/Thur 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
The course is designed as an introduction to Early Education and Childcare at Level 5 and gives you an understanding of the demands and responsibilities of working in the sector. It also provides suitable progression if you have studied the Level 4 Early Education and Childcare course.		
What is the Course About?		
National 5 Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare is an introductory qualification that develops the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for working within the sector, including:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an understanding of the workplace and your responsibilities (e.g. time-keeping, appearance) • self-evaluation skills • positive attitude to learning • flexible approaches to solving problems • adaptability and positive attitude to change • confidence to set goals, reflect and learn from experience • skills to become effective job-seekers and employees 		
You will study four Units and these are:-		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development and Health • Play in Early Education and Childcare • Working in Early Education and Childcare • Care and Feeding of Children 		
To achieve the Course award you must successfully achieve all the Units listed above.		
What do I Need?		
Ideally you should be working towards National 5. There will be an interview and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.		
How will I be assessed?		
The assessments used in this Course will allow you to demonstrate a competence in key knowledge, skills and attitudes required in early education and childcare sector. Assessment approaches will include closed book and project based activities.		
Next Steps?		
This Course may provide you with opportunities to progress to:-		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Certificate Group Award in Early Education and Childcare (Higher) 		
What do current students say?		
<i>'I learned a lot about early education last year on the level 4 course but we've built on that a lot this year and I'm really sure this the area I'd like to work in'. 'It's been great studying at college this year. I'm coming to do Early Education fulltime next year and being here, getting to know the lecturers and the building has made me a lot more confident about coming to college next year'.</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Engineering Level 4 1 year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the course for?		
Are you are interested in Engineering? Are you good at and do you enjoy problem solving? Do you wish to gain practical experience within the Engineering area? If so come along to College and join our Skills for Work Engineering Course. The course runs two afternoons per week for 1 year.		
What is the Course About?		
This level 4 course has been designed to provide an introduction to the engineering sector and focuses on the four broad areas of Engineering:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical • Electrical / Electronic • Fabrication • Manufacture 		
This will allow you to gain transferrable skills which can be applied to any of the above engineering areas. The overall purpose of the Course is to make sure that you develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding needed within this industry as well as developing the skills employers are looking. For example, team working, following instructions and working safely.		
What do I Need?		
There are no entrance requirements. You will be interviewed and need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills and a commitment to consistent and full attendance; this will increase the chances of successful completion of the qualification.		
How will I be assessed?		
Assessment across the units in this Course will primarily test practical skills but will also address the wider knowledge and understanding associated with working within an engineering environment. Including knowledge and understanding of tools and equipment and awareness of health and safety.		
Next Steps?		
Successful completion of this course could enable you to progress to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 Engineering • a full time Level 5 course at college (you would need in addition National 4 English & Maths) 		
Ayrshire College currently runs Level 5 courses in Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering.		
What do current students say?		
<i>“A really good introduction to what to expect within the Engineering industry, the course isn’t too difficult and I am already looking at progressing to Level 5 next year”.</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Engineering Level 5 1 year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the course for?		
Are you are interested in Engineering? Are you good at and do you enjoy problem solving? Do you wish to gain practical experience within the Engineering area? If so come along to College and join our Skills for Work Engineering Course. The course runs two afternoons per week for 1 year.		
What is the Course About?		
You will start to develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding and employability skills needed within an engineering sector. This Course focuses on the broad areas of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical/Fabrication, • Electrical/Electronic, • Engineering Maintenance • Design and Manufacture. 		
This will allow you to gain transferrable skills which can be applied to any of the above engineering areas. The overall purpose of the Course is to make sure that you develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding needed within this industry as well as developing the skills employers are looking. For example, team working, following instructions and working safely.		
What do I Need?		
There are no formal entrance requirements but if you want to take engineering further you should be working at National 5 level in Maths and Physics is also helpful to have. You will be interviewed and need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills and a commitment to consistent and full attendance; this will increase the chances of successful completion of the qualification.		
How will I be assessed?		
All of the units focus on the development of specific engineering skills. Assessment follows a similar pattern involving a range of practical activities which will produce evidence for all the outcomes. The evidence will be confirmed by the use of an assessor checklist, including knowledge and understanding of tools and equipment and awareness of health and safety.		
Next Steps?		
Successful completion of this Course may provide you with opportunities to progress to a Full Time Engineering College Course.		
What do current students say?		
<i>“A really good introduction to what to expect within the Engineering industry, I got to use tools and equipment that I don't have access to at school and lecturing staff have indicated what the routes are to get into industry which is very helpful”.</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location / Day / Time
NPA Computer Games Development Levels 5 & 6 bi level 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tues/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
<p>These courses will interest you if you enjoy gaming and want to start making your own. You should have a keen interest in a variety of games genres and have an eye for detail and analysis. If you're interested in discussing and investigating new emerging technologies this is the course for you.</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>The National Progression Award (NPA) in Computer Games Development at SCQF Level 5 is intended to prepare you for progression to further study in Computer Games Development, Digital Media Studies, Computing Science and IT subjects. If you have completed the Level 5 course the Level 6 course lets you develop the knowledge and skills you gained throughout that course. These courses will give you the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design your own narrative for a computer game • Design and create your own characters, objects and levels • Create and capture sounds and graphics • Design how the user interacts with your game • Undertake an activity to promote your game • Improve your core skills 		
What do I Need?		
<p>You need to have a basic level of skills in Microsoft Word and understand the general operation/navigation of a Windows based PC. You must possess an interest in at least one of the following: art, programming, audio or design. It would be good if you have played different games and consoles/platforms but not essential as we will discuss a variety of examples throughout.</p>		
How will I be assessed?		
<p>You will be expected to create a portfolio of your work. The portfolio may be paper or electronic (digital). The portfolio should be completed over the period of the course, with you contributing material to the portfolio on an ongoing basis.</p>		
Next Steps?		
<p>Successful completion of the Level 5 course may allow you to progress to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPA in Computer Games Development Level 6 • NC Digital Media Computing Level 6 • NPA in Digital Media Production Level 6 <p>If you successfully complete the Level 6 course you could progress to direct entry on to an HNC Games course, depending on your other qualifications.</p>		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>"Honestly, the College turned out to be much more enjoyable than I expected it to be. Very flexible but I'm still able to work on and complete tasks. The very flexible approach allows me to work at my own pace and still get it completed in time. But it's a lot more than just playing games".</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Higher Environmental Science Level 6 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
This course is for you if you have an interest in the environment that surrounds you. You will also be interested in environmental issues and social policy.		
What is the Course About?		
The Higher Environmental Science course develops your knowledge and understanding of environmental science in a range of contexts, as well as your investigative and experimental skills. The course is comprised of three units:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Science: Living Environment • Environmental Science: Earth's Response • Environmental Science: Sustainability 		
Field studies are an important part of the course and the scientific investigations are conducted in the local environment.		
What do I Need?		
The preferred entry qualifications are:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 5 Environmental Science or relevant component units • National 5 Biology course or relevant component units • National 5 Geography or relevant component units 		
If you have other relevant qualifications and/or experience these will be considered.		
How will I be assessed?		
The course assessment comprises:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question Paper which will sample from across the Units of the Course and is worth 100 marks • Assignment worth 20 marks 		
Next Steps?		
There is a wide range of career opportunities open to environmental graduates, in areas including: environmental planning, countryside management, energy agencies, law, environmental consultancies and specialist organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Wildlife Trust and Scottish Environmental protection Agency.		
Opportunities of further study are:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree courses such as BSc. (Hons) Environmental at Glasgow Caledonian University • HNC Countryside Management at Scottish Rural and Urban College • HNC programmes in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and Social Sciences. 		
What do current students say?		
<i>'The course gave me direction and convinced me that Environmental management was my first choice. I have now been accepted to SRUC for HNC Sustainable Development.'</i>		
<i>'Hands on experience in the field, rather than learning in the classroom, let us test and improve our skills in the field.'</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Higher Psychology Level 6 One Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thur 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
<p>The purpose of the course is to examine the psychological approach to understanding human behaviour. This is a useful subject for personal development as well as being relevant to many career paths.</p> <p>The Higher course will be of interest if you are thinking of studying a humanities degree at University (for example, English, History, Law, Social Sciences like Psychology or Sociology) or alternatively if you were thinking of studying Social Sciences full time at College this will provide an excellent grounding.</p>		
What is the Course About?		
<p>This Level 6 (Higher) course is made up of three Units components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research: this unit looks at the importance of research in Psychology and examines the methods of research & ethical considerations • Individual Behaviour: this unit will look at topics including sleep & dreams, stress, memory and psychopathology • Social Behaviour: this unit examines conformity & obedience, prejudice and attraction <p>In additional as part of Course Assessment you will need to complete an Assignment: each year the SQA issues a choice of subjects for students to examine. From this, you will carry out your own research investigation, write it up and present it in a professional manner.</p>		
What do I Need?		
<p>You should have at least 3 National 5 passes at B or above including English and one Social Subject. Because you may not have studied Psychology before, it can be helpful if you have achieved a Higher in a relevant Social Subject or English. Presentation for the external exam depends on how well you get on throughout the year, including how you perform in the internal assessments and the prelim.</p>		
How will I be assessed?		
<p>Each of the units contains one assessment which is marked by the lecturer. The assignment is marked by the SQA and forms 40% of the overall grade. There is a final exam that samples across the 3 units covered and forms 60% of the overall grade. Deadlines for submission are important and must be adhered to.</p>		
Next Steps?		
<p>Successful pass at Level 6 (Higher) could lead to progression to the HNC Social Sciences programme or progression to a Social Science degree courses at university e.g. Psychology, Criminology or Social Sciences.</p>		
What do current students say?		
<p><i>"I loved Higher Psychology – it was really different from anything I'd done at school and it was a brilliant way to look at people and what makes us tick...there's a lot of work and you really need to keep up with the classes but it was very interactive with lots of great discussions"</i></p>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location / Day / Time
Introduction to Barista with Hospitality Levels 4 & 5 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
This course is ideal for anyone interested in the exciting, fast growing Hospitality industry. If you are creative, enjoy meeting new people and being part of a team then this is the course for you.		
What is the Course About?		
You will attend on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm where you will be working in either a professional kitchen using industry standard equipment, a restaurant or in a classroom (if required).		
As well as developing skills in the kitchen and front of house, you will gain industry recognised qualifications including Barista Skills which covers all aspects of speciality coffee making.		
Units include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barista Skills • Working in the Professional Kitchen • Food Hygiene/Working Safely • Hospitality Events • Local Hospitality Provision 		
You are required to wear appropriate clothing to meet current food safety law when in the kitchen. You will need to bring this with you for every class or you will not be allowed to participate in the class. These will be provided to you but you will need to wash these ready for the next class.		
What do I Need?		
There are no formal entrance requirements but to get the best out of this course you should have literacy and numeracy skills at level 4, enjoy working in a practical environment and have a real interest in the Hospitality industry. You should also enjoy the challenge of getting to know new people. You need to be committed to attending all the classes.		
How will I be Assessed?		
Assessment is a combination of practical and theory.		
Next Steps?		
Successful completion of this course will prepare you for progression to a full time FE course or for beginning a career in the Hospitality industry.		
What do current students say?		
<i>"I really enjoy working in a professional kitchen. The best bit was actually doing a food service because you get to see the whole thing from planning the menu to doing the food to serving the customer. You really have to work as a team."</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location / Day / Time
National Certificate in Professional Cookery Level 5 2 Years	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tues/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
This course is for you if you are interested in learning about a career in the Hospitality industry or simply gaining or developing skills in an industry standard kitchen. You will enjoy working in a professional kitchen and also working with people and teams. You need to be interested in food and also what makes excellent customer service.		
What is the Course About		
You will attend on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm where you will be working in the professional kitchens, or in a classroom as appropriate. When in the kitchens you will require to wear a set of chef whites (uniform) without which you will not be allowed to participate in a class, as required under current food safety law – you will need to bring this with you for every class. These will be provided to you but you will need to wash these ready for the next class. You will:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop appropriate employability skills for the professional cookery sector. • Understand concepts and terms used in the industry. • Practice a range of skills in relation to professional cookery. • Gain an awareness of the modern trends in professional cookery. • Develop a local and international perspective on cooking. • Develop a local and international perspective on nutrition and healthy eating trends. • Prepare to move on to qualifications at a higher level. 		
You will be given set directed study each week (homework) which you will need to complete – this will be a requirement of the course and you will not complete the National Certificate without successfully completing this element.		
What do I Need?		
There are no entrance requirements but to get the best out of this course you should have literacy and numeracy skills at level 4, enjoy working in a practical environment and have a real interest in the Hospitality industry. You should also relish the challenge of getting to know new people.		
How will I be Assessed?		
You will work towards completing a National Certificate Professional Cookery at level 5, comprising a total of 12 unit credits. This will include a mix of practical and theory elements, and will also involve elements of self-study (homework) of approximately 2 hours per week.		
Next Steps?		
Following successful completion of the National Certificate you could progress to a course at level 6, either from school or in Ayrshire College.		
You could also consider a Modern Apprenticeship programme with an appropriate employer and training provider, such as Ayrshire College.		
What do current students say?		
<i>“I really enjoy working in a professional kitchen. The whole Course had lots of different bits so it keeps you interested but the main thing is I really like how it’s about working in a team and it’s helped me decide what job I want to get in the industry”.</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Uniformed and Emergency Services Level 4 1 Year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thu 2pm-4pm
Who is the Course for?		
The course will be of interest to you if you want to work in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Emergency services. The course will also be great for someone looking for a career that involves physical activity, team work, sport, community development and fitness.		
What is the Course About?		
This course is designed to introduce and develop the key skills needed to work with the Army, Merchant Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marines and the Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Fire and Rescue and Police. You will develop a high level of physical fitness through various activities and this is a really important part of this course. The course will have a lots of practical activities and will develop physical health, team work, sports coaching and community development.		
What do I Need?		
No formal entry requirements. Pupils will be interviewed and will need to demonstrate a commitment to team working and willingness to engage in physical activity/sport, ability to work in the community, have a real interest in the area and be committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.		
How will I be assessed?		
Assessments are a mixture of practical and written work and focus on the ideas and theories learned during class time.		
Next Steps?		
There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of this course will provide a good foundation for those who want to study at SCQF Level 5 in Health, Sport and Fitness and Social Science. • A career in the uniformed or emergency services. 		
What do current students say?		
<i>'This course is 100% perfect, I really love it'. 'I'm going to join the army after I leave school this year and this course has given me a good idea of the skills I'll need there'. 'This course is tough. It's all about discipline, team working and keeping fit but it's my favourite subject this year by a mile'.</i>		

Course Title	Local Authority	Location/Day/Time
Skills for Work Automotive Level 4 1 year	EAC	Kilmarnock Campus Tue/Thur 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Who is the Course for?		
If you want to know about working in the automotive industry, the occupations within it and the skills and knowledge required, can problem solve and enjoy hands-on practical tasks, this course ticks the boxes for you. Assessment across the units in this Course will mostly test your practical skills but will also test the wider knowledge and understanding you need to work in automotive job roles including knowledge and understanding of tools and equipment and awareness of Health & Safety legislation.		
What is the Course About?		
The Course provides a broad introduction to the automotive industry and will introduce you to basic vocational skills, knowledge and understanding. Practical experiences of carrying out basic vehicle checks are included as well as the specific skills involved in removal and replacement of components and mechanisms.		
The overall purpose of the Course is to make sure that you develop practical skills, knowledge and understanding needed within this industry as well as developing the skills employers are looking for. For example, team working, following instructions and good customer service.		
What do I Need?		
There are no formal entrance requirements. You will be interviewed and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.		
How will I be assessed?		
Assessment across the units in this Course will mostly test practical skills but will also address the wider knowledge and understanding associated with working in automotive job roles including knowledge and understanding of tools and equipment and awareness of health and safety legislation.		
Next Steps?		
This Course fills an identified need in the automotive sector for an introductory course for school candidates and supports progression into appropriate further education or work based learning. Successful completion of this Course may provide you with opportunities to progress to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) and Modern Apprenticeships in Automotive areas • Full time National Certificate Courses • Full time Institute of the Motor Industry courses at Ayrshire College • Training/employment 		
What do current students say?		
<i>“This course is really good, I get to work with the vehicles to find and repair faults. Some tasks are easier than others and take a bit more time to understand but I get there and enjoy problem solving”.</i>		