



Quick Hit, May 2020

Scottish Further & Higher Education During Covid-19

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The [Scottish Government](#) has confirmed that while lockdown is being eased, social distancing will need to be maintained and periods of lockdown may need to be reintroduced. Colleges are to re-open in August / September and are planning a blended package of onsite and online learning. All colleges have agreed to work together under a [single set of guidelines](#) to support current students and new applicants. The majority of colleges have produced online coronavirus updates and Frequently Asked Questions (see over) and Colleges Scotland have created a [general FAQ's for those starting and enrolling in college](#). General advice from colleges includes:

- **DO APPLY FOR COURSES, FUNDING AND OTHER SUPPORT** as normal
- Colleges are more likely to respond to **ONLINE CONTACT** (or phone) than post at this time.
- **KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EMAIL** – make sure the college has your current contact detail and check your Spam filter / Junk mail.
- **FOLLOW THE COLLEGES** on social media and/or sign up for mailing lists to stay connected
- If Coronavirus has directly impacted your ability to complete your studies/qualifications, e.g. illness, caring responsibilities, lack of IT, **DO INFORM THE COLLEGE OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

APPLICATION & CONFIRMATION

Campuses are closed but applications for courses starting in the Autumn are being processed as normal. This includes applications for funding and other support. Applications should be made online but if this is not possible contact the college to discuss. There may be some delays in replying to applications, but as long as you have a confirmation email from the college your application is in their system and being processed. All face to face student interviews are cancelled but alternative phone interviews or video conferencing may be used. Offers may be made prior to exam results day (4 August) on the strength of applications/interviews. Once an offer is made applicants should reply as soon as possible. Those applying through UCAS should keep an eye on [UCAS Track](#).

EXAM RESULTS

Colleges have been working closely with SQA and issued a [joint statement](#) in April. They aim to ensure work completed by current students is recognised and accredited. Colleges will also treat SQA 2020 results given to school students in the same way as exam results in previous years. If applicants are concerned they may not get the results needed for entry they should contact the college to discuss.

ONLINE LEARNING

Many colleges have been working closely with schools and local authority partners to utilise online learning options, such as GLOW, so pupils can complete their college courses. A number of colleges have online learning platforms for students, in some cases these have been opened up to school pupils and 2020 applicants. A few Colleges have also opened elements of their online learning to the wider community, in some cases for free. See [My Wow 'Find Free Online Learning'](#) or college websites / social media.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Some colleges already had virtual tours and videos as part of their knowledge package for new applicants. During this time more colleges are expanding or building their virtual offer - virtual events, online open days, Facebook Q&A's. If this works well colleges are likely to continue offering virtual events during and after the Coronavirus crisis. College with an existing virtual offer (see over) may be worth monitoring via social media / website / mailing lists for upcoming / future virtual events.

INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Colleges can be contacted at any time for information and support. All colleges can be reached via email, social media or other online channels and most have phonelines, some colleges may not have a transfer call system so some college numbers may not work. College staff contacting applicants may be calling from mobile or home numbers. Applicants concerned about answering calls from unknown numbers should contact the college.

Articulation & Advanced Entry – there is little specific C19 information on these pathways, but it is likely applications and progression will continue as before, though transition support and events may be moved online. Existing partnerships and pathways will be important through the Coronavirus crisis – see 'University Links' over.

Apprenticeships - SDS, SQA and colleges are working closely with partners to ensure work and learning is recognised and accredited. SDS and SQA have issued a [joint statement on Foundation Apprenticeships](#), and there are [FAQ's for Apprentices](#) and [FAQ's for Employers](#). **Also see:** [SQA Advice on Accreditation](#).

Note: information is most relevant to full-time college applicants, however, the links below may provide information for a wider range of people including current students, parents and employers.

SCOTTISH COLLEGES

Key Links for College Applicants During Coronavirus

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NOTE: virtual events listed may have passed but highlight colleges developing their virtual offer

ABERDEEN- ABERDEENSHIRE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND COLLEGE (NESCOL)	FAQ's for current students and 2020 applicants Contact us - 0300 330 5550 / studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk , with live chat on website from 9am-2pm Monday-Friday.
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter ; YouTube ; and option to Subscribe to Mailing list
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Fraserburgh Campus Virtual Open Day held 19 May For future events follow Social Media/website, Mailing list
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	NESCOL Guide to Associate Universities (formal Articulation Agreements)
AYRSHIRE COLLEGE REGION	AYRSHIRE COLLEGE	Coronavirus information for students & applicants Contact us - 0300 303 0303 / enquiries@ayrshire.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube ; plus Subscribe to Newsletter
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Articulation Agreements: UWS, Glasgow Caledonian (GCU Guide for College Students) and University of Strathclyde. Plus Open University (OU) Partnership .
BORDERS COLLEGE REGION	BORDERS COLLEGE	Coronavirus Advice for staff, students & applicants Contact us - 08700 50 51 52 / Applicants area enquiries@borderscollege.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Borders Virtual Tour and Videos
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Associate Student Schemes: Edinburgh Napier and Heriot-Watt universities. See: Borders Pathways to Higher Education Booklet
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY REGION	DUMFIRES & GALLOWAY COLLEGE	FAQ for students and applicants Also see News Contact us – (01387) 734000 / admissionemail@dumgal.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Held Virtual Open Week 18-22 May ; and Live Facebook Q&A Thursday 21 May ; plus Virtual Tour (requires enabled JavaScript, has instructions to install)
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Partner in Crichton Campus. Agreed Articulation route with UWS; informal agreement Glasgow School of Art . Offer an OU Campus Learning Space
EDINBURGH & LOTHIAN COLLEGE	EDINBURGH COLLEGE	Coronavirus update staff & current students also see News & Events Contact Us - 0131 297 8300 (9am - 4pm) / Application Enquiries cams@edinburghcollege.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter ; YouTube
	EVENTS / INFO	Events Update - all events up till August cancelled, August event remain on calendar
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Associate Student Degrees with: Edinburgh Napier ; Heriot-Watt ; Queen Margaret ; and formal / informal articulation agreements with some universities / courses.

FIFE COLLEGE REGION	FIFE COLLEGE	FAQ's for students & applicants , also see Coronavirus area for Students and coronavirus-closure or News
	STAY CONNECTED	Contact us - 03442480115 / info@fife.ac.uk
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter ; Vimeo ; YouTube Fife College School Progression maps with HN routes and University Partners. Hub Partner with Abertay University Also offer an OU Campus Learning Space .

FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE REGION	FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE	Coronavirus information for students includes FAQ's for Applicants ; Students ; Apprentices (highlight SDS) & Partnership Degree Students .
	STAY CONNECTED	Contact us – 01324 403 000 / email for applicants learneradvisers@forthvalley.ac.uk
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; and Fusion Blog Forth Valley College Degree Options include partnerships with Stirling University (see Articulation Tool); RGU; Aberdeen; Heriot-Watt for Chem Engineering; & Strathclyde Engineering Academy. In discussion with St Andrews for route into Chemistry (2019/20).

GLASGOW COLLEGE REGION	Guide To All Glasgow Colleges Progression Pathways	
	CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE	Coronavirus Update has FAQ's for students and one Q for new applicants.
	STAY CONNECTED	Contact us - 0141 375 5555 / enquiries@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Snapchat ; Twitter ; YouTube
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Virtual Campus Tours . Also see Events Update Pathway Degree routes: Glasgow Caledonian (GCU Guide for College Students); Agreed Articulation routes: University of the West of Scotland. Informal agreement with Glasgow School of Art .
	GLASGOW CLYDE COLLEGE	Coronavirus FAQ's includes questions for current students and August Applicants
	STAY CONNECTED	Contact us - 0141 272 9000 / info@glasgowclyde.ac.uk or admissions@glasgowclyde.ac.uk
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Pinterest ; Twitter ; YouTube Video - 5 Steps to maximise your chance of interview
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Pathway Degree routes: Glasgow Caledonian (GCU Guide for College Students); Agreed Articulation routes: UWS; Associate Student Scheme: Glasgow School of Art and Heriot-Watt for textiles. Informal agreement Robert Gordon - Gray's Art School.
	GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE	FAQ's for students
	STAY CONNECTED	Contact us - 0141 630 5000 / info@glasgowkelvin.ac.uk
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Facebook ; Twitter
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Pathway Degree routes: Glasgow Caledonian (GCU Guide for College Students); Agreed Articulation routes: University of the West of Scotland. Informal agreement with Glasgow School of Art .

<p>These colleges are part of University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI) partnership. Some colleges have their own Coronavirus update areas but some refer you back to UHI All Highland & Island Colleges have agreed Articulation Pathways with UHI</p>	
ARGYLL COLLEGE	Contact us - t: 0345 230 9969 or ACAdmissions@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter
INVERNESS COLLEGE	Coronavirus information for students, applicants, businesses & staff
	Contact Us - 01463 273000 or admissions.ic@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Held Virtual Open Week 27 April – 1 st May
LEWS CASTLE COLLEGE	Your mental health during Coronavirus
	Contact Us - 01851 770 000 or leadmissions@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Held first Online Open Day 13 May
MORAY COLLEGE	Coronavirus area for students, applicants & businesses
	Contact Us - 01343 576000 or admissions.moray@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
NORTH HIGHLAND COLLEGE	Coronavirus information including FAQ's for current students, Information for Applicants and Advice on Funding
	Contact Us - 01463 279190 / Course e-enquiries
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Virtual Schools
ORKNEY COLLEGE	Contact Us - 01856 569000 or orkney.college@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Twitter
PERTH COLLEGE	Coronavirus information & links
	Contact Us – email pe_enquiries.perth@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube - weekly Student Engagement vlogs
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Help Online open Week 25-28 May
SHETLAND COLLEGE	Support for current students
	Contact Us - 01463 279190
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Held Online Open Week 11-15 th May
WEST HIGHLAND COLLEGE	Coronavirus information for students & applicants with FAQs for Applicants
	Contact Us - 01397 874000 / admissions.whc@uhi.ac.uk
STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Virtual Schools and Held Online Open Day 21 and 28 May - 4 later dates listed
SABHAL MOR OSTAIG	Coronavirus statement and some links

	SABHAL MOR OSTAIG	Contact Us – 01471 888000 / fios@smo.uhi.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Twitter ; Newsletter Subscription
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Virtual Open Afternoon , held Friday 8 May. Event Calendar including virtual
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Agreed Articulation routes: UHI ; Aberdeen University ;

LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE REGION	NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	Coronavirus Advice area with staff and student hub – hub for current and prospective students Contact Us - Admissions@nclan.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter ;
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Agreed Articulation: Aberdeen University ; Edinburgh Napier ; Strathclyde University; UWS; Offer an OU Campus Learning Space ;
	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	Coronavirus support contacts with FAQ's for students, and 2 Q's for applicants Contact Us - admissions@slc.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter ; SLC Blog
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Faculty Tour Videos SLC also had virtual events on the 26 and 28 of May
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Articulation pathways: UWS; Offer an OU Campus Learning Space ;

TAYSIDE REGION	DUNDEE & ANGUS COLLEGE	FAQ's for students, one for applicants Contact Us - heretohelp@dundeeandangus.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Articulation pathways: Aberdeen University ; Robert Gordon University ; Hub partner: Abertay University ;

WEST REGION	WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND	FAQ's for current students , there is an FAQ's for applicants but currently no reference to coronavirus Contact Us - Student Advisory Services is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm. Call: 0300 600 60 60 or Email: info@wcs.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Instagram ; Twitter
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	UWS agreed articulation routes; informal agreement with GSA; Offer an OU Campus Learning Space ;

WEST LOTHIAN COLLEGE REGION	WEST LOTHIAN COLLEGE	Coronavirus Updates including FAQ's Contact Us - +44 (0)1506 418181 / enquiries@west-lothian.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; LinkedIn ; Twitter ; YouTube also College Blog
	VIRTUAL EVENTS / INFO	Virtual Open Day Thursday 4 June 2020
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	WLC Routes from College to Uni – includes: Edinburgh Napier ; Heriot-Watt , QMU ; OU; plus, in-house degrees

N/A	NEWBATTLE ABBEY COLLEGE	www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk/ no specific coronavirus update area Contact Us - 0131 663 1921 / email: office@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk
	STAY CONNECTED	Facebook ; Twitter ; YouTube
	UNIVERSITY LINKS	Arts & Social Science Associate Student Scheme at QMU

Note University Links: [Edinburgh University](#) and [Glasgow University](#) currently have no articulation pathways / partnerships. Advanced entry with HNC/HND considered on a case by case basis (i.e. rare)