

## Education Department

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Dear Parent/Carer

### VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

#### Information Event at Glasgow Clyde College on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February and at Glasgow West College (Paisley Campus) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

This year ERC Vocational Programme is offering an even wider range of vocational courses for school pupils. To keep parents informed of these exciting and worthwhile opportunities, Glasgow Clyde College (GKC) is planning an evening event that will give pupils and parents a taster of what their courses can offer. They are offering two sessions running from either 6pm to 6.45pm or from 7pm to 7.45pm and it will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

Glasgow West College (GWC) is also offering a drop-in session on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

So that the colleges can cater for numbers we need to send the names of those pupils potentially interested in going along with parents.

I know the college staff have been working hard to give pupils and parents a genuine experience of what a vocational course can offer in supporting young people to be competitive and prepared for their future plans. I strongly recommend you attend one of these events if your son/daughter is considering a vocational course.

The GKC event on 19<sup>th</sup> February will involve practical activities, a discussion about the subject and a presentation which will allow young people to make informed choices about choices for next session. The sessions and locations are listed on the attached page. Please have a look at these with your son/daughter to discuss what would be of interest.

At the GWC event on 17<sup>th</sup> February there will be staff on hand to answer questions about entry requirements, qualifications and progression routes regarding their courses. A tour of facilities will be available on request.

If you are interested in attending one of these events I would ask you to complete the attached reply slip that your son/daughter should return to the blue boxes outside the school office by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.** This allows responses to be collated and returned to the colleges allowing them to prepare for the event. Alternatively you could email the school to inform us of your intention to attend the event along with details of the vocational course – please mark your email FAO Ms Anne Lewis.

More information about the Vocational Programme will be shared with parents at the S4 & S5 Options meeting held in the school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm. Pupils have also received an assembly presentation to promote the vocational choices open to them. There will also be flyers available to give some more information about the choices.

In the meantime if you have any further questions please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Anne Lewis

DHT (Vocational Coordinator - MCHS)

**Vocational Events - Reply Slip to be returned to Blue Boxes FAO Ms A Lewis, no later than Wednesday 4 February 2015.**

PUPIL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in attending a Vocational event with my son/daughter and have ticked the relevant course below.

Parental Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocational Programme – Glasgow Clyde College taster event on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015** – times to be confirmed

Vocational option	College	Tick if attending
Applied Anatomy - SCQF Level 7	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Animal Care - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
CSCS - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Events Co-ordination - SCQF Level 5/6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
First Aid (HSE) – SCQF Level 6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Floristry City & Guilds Level 1	Langside Campus (GCC)	
Forensic Science	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Hairdressing Techniques - SCQF Level 4 & 5	ERC Style Academy	
Manicure - SCQF Level 5	ERC Style Academy	
NC Mechanical Engineering - SCQF Level 6	Annielsand Campus (GCC)	
NPA in Cosmetology (Make-Up Artistry and Beauty Therapy) - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
NPA Journalism - SCQF Level 6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
NPA Sound Production - SCQF Level 6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
NPA Playwork - SCQF Level 5	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
NPA T.V. Production - SCQF Level 5/6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Oracle - Computer Course - SCQF Level 7	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Photography - SCQF Level 6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
Psychology - SCQF Level 6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
SfW Construction Crafts - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
SfW Early Education and Childcare - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
SfW Financial Services - SCQF Level 5/6	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	
SfW Health and Social Care - SCQF Level 6	Langside Campus (GCC)	
SfW Sport and Recreation - SCQF Level 4	Cardonald Campus (GCC)	

**West College Scotland, Paisley Campus. 6pm – 8pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Course	6.00 – 8.00pm
Cake Decoration: An Introduction - SCQF Level 4	
NPA Computer Games - SCQF Level 5	
NPA Professional Cookery SCQF Level 4	
SfW Automotive Skills - SCQF Level 4	
Vehicle Maintenance - City & Guilds Level 3	