

Where there's  
a **skill**  
There's a way

**COLLEGE ACADEMY**

**2024/25**

**DGC** Dumfries  
and Galloway  
College



# Start your journey at college and get one step ahead...



Did you know that at College Academy there are a number of qualifications that you can study while you are at school?

Schools and colleges are dedicated to working together to ensure young people are given the opportunity to gain vocational experience and to study a subject that might not be available to them at school. Planning for the future is essential in a world of new technologies and changing employment opportunities.

Our offers are based on the growing skills, requirements, and employment needs for Dumfries and Galloway's regional economy.

By starting your college journey in your senior phase at school you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.



## What College Academy Can Offer you

### **Inclusive Learning Environment:**

At College Academy, we prioritise inclusivity, ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and diverse learning community.

### **Hands-On Learning:**

Immerse yourself in practical, hands-on experiences that go beyond traditional classroom settings. Our curriculum is crafted to provide real-world skills essential for future success.

### **Skills Growth:**

"Where there is a skill, there is a way." College Academy is committed to nurturing and developing a wide range of skills, empowering students to navigate their unique pathways to success.

### **Personalised Support:**

As a college student, we will treat you as an individual and with respect. We will offer you a safe, supportive environment to allow you to prosper and benefit from your studies.

You will be provided with ongoing feedback on how you are progressing with your coursework. Our staff are professional, dedicated, and approachable if you need additional support at any stage please let your course tutor (or teacher) know.

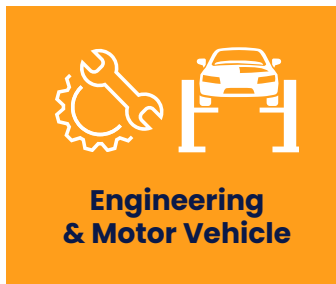
# Subject Areas

Explore our wide range of subject areas



Our website offers the most comprehensive information of our current College Academy offering with detail on entry requirements, course content and progression.

Go to: [➤ Academy Portal Page](#)



Click on a subject area tile then choose a course that interests you



Click > find out more to go to the course listing where you will find everything you need to know and where it could take you.



## Entry requirements

**For full course entry requirements, please visit our online portal.**

For entry on courses\*, the following will apply:

- Recommendation from school
- Parent or guardian approval
- A genuine interest in the subject
- Students should be self-motivated
- Students should be able to work independently
- Full attendance

\* Select courses may require an additional interview and advice session.

**Confirmation of acceptance/decline of your application will be emailed in April 2024.**

**Your school will also be notified if your application has been successful.**

**We have a dedicated day for all\* College Academy level 6 and 7 course Interviews.**

**This will be on Thursday 14th March 2024  
4 pm - 6 pm**

**\*Health and Social Care will not be interviewed**



## What to expect when you attend College Academy Courses

- **Be prepared to participate fully in the course**
- **Be prepared to abide by College Academy policies and code of conduct**
- **Be interested in the course and have the entry requirements stated**



### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

Some of the vocational options will require young people to operate equipment under supervision and use tools in certain specialist areas.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be issued to qualifying groups. Students must bring the PPE on each college day and wear as instructed.



### **Attendance**

Full attendance is expected for all College Academy students. A poor attendance record may result in students being unable to complete their qualifications. Above all, we expect you to have the desire to learn and benefit from your studies.

## Brand new pathways to UWS

An innovative partnership between the College and the University allows you to start a degree programme alongside your school timetable and get on the pathway to successfully completing a university degree

If you're in S5 or S6 and interested in Business or Computing\* but you're not sure you have the right qualifications to go to university, our senior phase pathways may be the perfect solution for you.

With this initiative, you can build your future your way and access the latest routes to gain a degree.

For more info & courses [!\[\]\(cbe80b694ebd74fcfe136a095b608235\_img.jpg\) \*\*UWS Pathways\*\*](#)

On successful completion of the Foundation Academy courses, you will gain automatic entry to the HNC course and start working towards the first year of your degree, delivered at DGC in partnership with UWS.

\*From 2024 BSc (Hons) Computing Science will be replaced by BSc (Hons) Cyber Security, Subject to University approval.





**We want you to enjoy your time at college,  
setting you on the path to success.**



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*At first, I was quite worried about coming to college as it's bigger than school but I've quite enjoyed it here. I've met new people and I've done a lot of e-sports here. It's been really fun and rewarding.*

**Adam McGregor – Annan Academy**  
**Introduction to E-Sports NPA @ SCQF Level 5**

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Speak to your pupil support teacher or SDS Careers Adviser for more information on College Academy.

**If you have any further enquires**

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