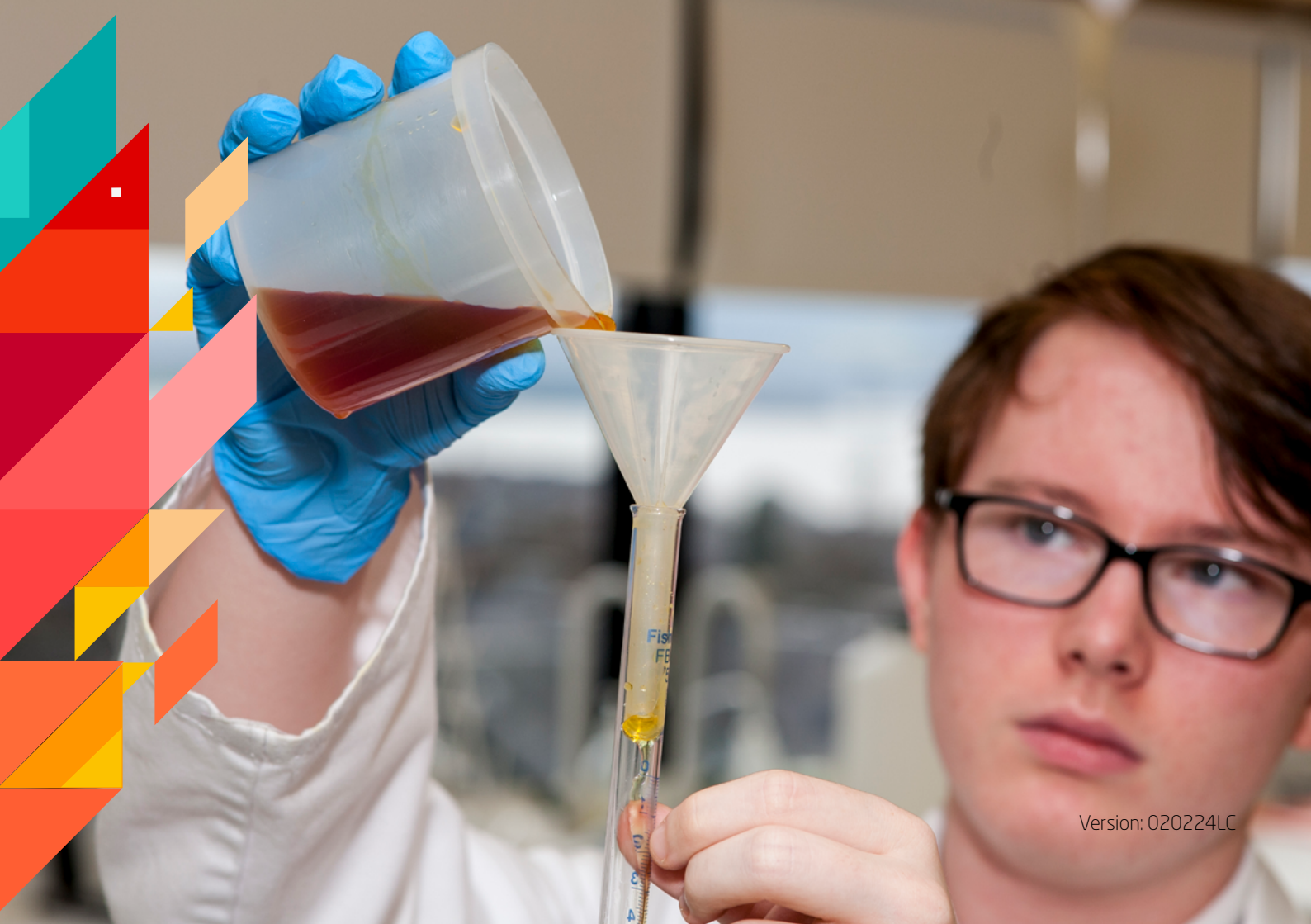




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# Schools Senior Phase Programmes - S5 & S6

GREENOCK CAMPUS 2024-25



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# West College Scotland

## Schools Vocational Programmes

Welcome to West College Scotland's Senior Phase Programme; we are delighted that you are considering coming to study at our College.



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If you are unsure what you want to do when you leave school then read on...

The courses we offer are ideal if you want to explore subjects and possible career choices which you may not have had the opportunity to study at school. Our courses are designed to give you a whole new learning experience which is different from your school learning. We aim to help you develop new skills relevant to future employment in the wider world and give you the opportunity to progress to further or higher education, so that you achieve your ambitions.

We look forward to welcoming you to West College Scotland.



# West College Scotland

## Foundation Apprenticeships

Learn the skills you need for the future, while you're still at school

### What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

A Foundation Apprenticeship is an SCQF Level 6 qualification. You can sit a Foundation Apprenticeship over two years, starting in 5th year or a shorter duration course starting in 5th or 6th year alongside your Highers and National 5s.

The difference is, you spend time away from school, at college and with an employer. So you get real, practical work experience.

- ▶ **Get a qualification that employers recognise and the skills you need to start a career in that industry**
- ▶ **Open up your options after school**
- ▶ **You get to work on real projects with an employer. Some of Scotland's biggest, best known organisations are involved, including Barclays, Network Rail and the NHS**
- ▶ **It's a chance to try a career out - so you can decide if it's right for you**

### Where could a Foundation Apprenticeship take you?

#### Straight to Work

An FA gives you skills employers want – like timekeeping, problem solving, communication and teamwork.

You'll have connections with employers, work experience and qualifications recognised by industry.

All this looks great on your CV.

#### A Modern Apprenticeship

In the same subject: You could complete your MA quicker because you'll have completed some elements of the MA during the FA.

In another subject: You'll already have the experience of learning on the job. That looks good to employers who are recruiting MAs.

#### A Graduate Level Apprenticeship

You'll have the experience of learning through work – so you're ready to do it a higher level.

With a GLA, you can take your studies further, even up to Master's Degree level. All while you have a job.

#### College or University

Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised by many Scottish universities and colleges



# INTRODUCTION TO AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE

## Course Outline

This vocational course is designed to engage and motivate those who are interested in learning about the automotive maintenance industry. This course requires you to complete an eportfolio to record the knowledge and skills attained. This can be completed on a mobile smart phone, tablet, laptop. You will also have access to eLearning course material allowing you to study anywhere, anytime. Access to laptop/smart device and Wi-Fi would be advantageous. The Motor Vehicle industry continues to see truly inspiring developments, exciting change and sustainable growth in both personal and public transportation. It is an excellent place to build a secure future and already employs more than 800,000 people in the UK.

## Entry Level Recommended

A genuine interest in vehicles and how to repair them is a must. SCQF level 4 qualifications would be an advantage.

## Course Content

- ▶ Introduction to Health and Safety in the workplace
- ▶ Introduction to common tools and equipment for vehicle maintenance and repair
- ▶ Introduction to Engine Components and Operation
- ▶ Introduction to Lubrication System Components and Maintenance
- ▶ Introduction to Engine Cooling System Components and Maintenance
- ▶ Introduction to Spark Ignition System Components and Maintenance

## Progression

This course provides you a progression route to enhance your knowledge and skills on the Level 1 Certificate in Transport Maintenance (Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle), Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Body repair or Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair Paint principles.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 3

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday afternoon

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# INTRODUCTION TO AUTOMOTIVE BODY REPAIR

## Course Outline

This vocational course is designed to engage and motivate those who are interested in learning about the automotive maintenance industry. This course requires you to complete an eportfolio to record the knowledge and skills attained. This can be completed on a mobile smart phone, tablet, laptop. You will also have access to eLearning course material allowing you to study anywhere, anytime. Access to laptop/ smart device and Wi-Fi would be advantageous. The Motor Vehicle industry continues to see truly inspiring developments, exciting change and sustainable growth in both personal and public transportation. It is an excellent place to build a secure future and already employs more than 800,000 people in the UK.

## Entry Level Recommended

A genuine interest in vehicles and how to repair them is a must. SCQF level 4 qualifications would be an advantage.

## Course Content

- ▶ **Introduction to Health and Safety in the workplace**
- ▶ **Tools, Equipment and Consumable Materials for Vehicle Maintenance**
- ▶ **Introduction to Metal Preparation**
- ▶ **Panel Removal and Refitting**
- ▶ **Minor Panel Damage Repairs**
- ▶ **Vehicle Damage Assessment**
- ▶ **Vehicle Exterior Valeting and Detailing**
- ▶ **Vehicle Interior Valeting and Detailing**

## Progression

This course provides you a progression route to enhance your knowledge and skills on the Level 1 Certificate in Transport Maintenance (Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle), Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Body repair or Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair Paint principles.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 3

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday afternoon

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm



# ACCOUNTANCY FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

## Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy is ideally for pupils in S6 and takes 1 year to complete. The aim of the Foundation Apprenticeship Accounting course is to help you understand and use financial information. You will learn how to record and analyse financial accounting and bookkeeping. The Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy includes the professional qualification of Association of Accounting Technicians, a Level 2 Certificate in Bookkeeping. This qualification allows for easy transition onto the MA or the GA in Accountancy. Previous successful learners have gone to employment with organisations such as KPMG and Morgan Stanley, or continued to study progressing onto HNC Accounting or Finance Degree programmes.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ **Achieved National 5 Maths and English at grade A or B.**
- ✔ **National 5 Business Studies will be advantageous.**
- ✔ **Working at Higher level.**
- ✔ **There may be an element of independent online learning required.**

## Course Content

- ✔ **Preparing Management Accounting Information**
- ✔ **Analysing Accounting Information**
- ✔ **Preparing Financial Accounting Information**
- ✔ **Recording Transactions in the Ledger OR Professional Ethics for Accountants**
- ✔ **AAT exams:**
  - Introduction to Book-keeping**
  - Principles of Book-keeping Controls**
  - Work Based Challenge Unit**

## Progression

- ✔ **HNC/D Accounting**
- ✔ **Modern Apprenticeship in Accounting**
- ✔ **University / Finance Degree programmes**

An application and personal statement will be required.

## Key Facts



### Location

Paisley campus - independent travel required and will be reimbursed.

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# NPA COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT

## Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of Computer Games Development. The course focuses on games design, games programming and creating media (2D graphics and audio). Computer Games Development is an intensive course and will require you to be self-motivated and enthusiastic.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ Achieved National 5 Maths and/or Computer Science
- ✔ Some experience of Computer Programming

## Course Content

- ✔ **Computer Games: Design**
- ✔ **Computer Games: Media Assets**
- ✔ **Computer Games: Development**

## Progression

- ✔ **NC Computer Games Development**
- ✔ **HNC Computer Games Development**

The games industry is currently booming and previous students have gone on to work for companies such as Rockstar and Cloud Imperium.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



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# NPA CYBER SECURITY WITH DATA SCIENCE

## Course Outline

The NPA in Cyber Security provides knowledge and skills in data security, digital forensics and ethical hacking and provides a skills pipeline into the cyber security industry.

In addition, the hugely popular field of Data Science is introduced.

These awards are designed to raise awareness of cyber security and address the current skills gap within the industry. The course will encourage you to improve your cyber hygiene and enable you to identify security weakness safely, legally and ethically.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ Achieved National 4 ICT
- ✔ A keen interest in Cyber Security

## Course Content

- ✔ Data Security
- ✔ Digital Forensics
- ✔ Ethical Hacking
- ✔ Data Science

## Progression

- ✔ NQ Computing with Cyber Security
- ✔ HNC Cyber Security

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# SKILLS FOR WORK EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (SCQF LEVEL 5)

## Course Outline

You will study a National 5 level programme that will allow you to further develop your knowledge and understanding of child development and children's health, how to care for and feed children, the importance of play in children's development. You will also be given an opportunity to visit a nursery setting in order to gain some practical experience of working with children. This will be a supervised session/s therefore negating the need for a PVG check.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 4s Working towards National 5s, including English at National 5

## Course Content

Mandatory Units

- Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- Play in Early Learning and Childcare
- Working in Early Learning and Childcare

Optional unit

- Care and Feeding of Children and Young People

Please note no placements are offered on this course and all demonstrations and interactions are simulated to create a realistic environment.

Visits to local nurseries are part of your course.

A Personal statement and informal interview are required, and entry levels require to be met.

## Progression

- NC Childhood Practice
- NC Child Health and Social Care
- NC Social Care

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



# HIGHER CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT

## Target audience

The course would be suitable for those who are considering a career in Primary Teaching or Childhood Practice.

It enables you to understand child development from pre-birth to 16 and the roles and responsibilities of those who contribute to the development of children and young people.

You will gain skills, knowledge and understanding that help you to contribute to the development of children in personal and professional contexts.

The skills knowledge and understanding gained, would support applications to further study in Education, Childhood Practice or Nursing.

## Entry Level Recommended

You should either be working towards or have Higher English.

## Course Outline

The main aims of the course are to:

- understand child development and the factors that influence it from pre-birth to 16
- understand theories of development and the way these are applied to working with children and young people
- develop awareness of initiatives and/or strategies used to inform current childhood practice
- develop awareness of current services for children and young people
- understand the role and responsibilities of professionals and others in contributing to the development of children and young people
- develop skills of investigating, analysing, evaluating and presenting information

## Course Content

- Child Development
- Child Development Theory
- Services for Children and Young People
- SQA Assessed External Project and Exam

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Waterfront Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30-4:00pm

## Progression

On completion of this Higher students will be guaranteed an interview to study Childhood Practice practitioner award or may also use this course to support an application for a primary school teaching qualification.

# HIGHER PSYCHOLOGY

## Course Outline

This Higher covers a range of topics and approaches within psychology and will introduce you to different ways of explaining behaviour. It is a 'crash' higher, and sits within the 'science' half of social sciences. It is grounded in theory and research so you will be expected to be able to remember, explain and analyse a range of theories and research.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved Higher English

## Course Content

- Memory
- Sleep & Dreams
- Conformity & Obedience
- Independent Research Assignment

## Progression

- Level 6 Social Sciences & Criminology
- HNC Social Sciences

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Waterfront Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



# NPA CRIMINOLOGY

## Course Outline

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by the criminal justice system, and methods of prevention. It is one of the fastest growing academic subjects in Scotland and the UK.

This National Progression Award (NPA) is designed to introduce you - at SCQF Level 5 - to a selection of topics and areas of debates that inform contemporary ideas of crime and justice.

## Entry Level Recommended

You should have National 5 English and have a keen interest in the subject.

## Course Content

- Crime in the Community
- Criminology: Crime Scenes
- Modern Studies: Social Issues.
- Introductory unit to Forensic Science

## Progression

In combination with relevant school qualification you could progress to an NPA at Level 6 and then PDAs at SCQF levels 7 and 8.

This award may also lead to employment in a related field of work. You will gain practical skills required by employers, as well as opening the door to opportunities existing in roles in business, finance, the commercial or public sector and the Police.

You will gain skills such as communication, time management and the ability to work with others, which are fundamental to employment prospects.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart and Waterfront Campuses

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# PDA POLITICS

## Course Outline

The Politics course aims to provide you with an understanding of the competing theories of how and why the state is organised the way it is. You will explore key ideas which continue to influence the modern world. Developing your critical thinking and exploring key political concepts like accountability, citizenship, democracy, equality, justice, liberty, power, authority or rights will help you formulate an increased understanding of modern political systems and structures of Scotland and the UK.

This course will be delivered online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits you.

## Entry Level Recommended

You must have Higher English at A or B level.

## Course Content

PDA in Politics – SCQF level 7

- ▶ **Politics and Development of Politics**
- ▶ **Explanation and Research of Politics Topics**

This course is demanding in terms of written work, study at home and group work.

The course will be assessed in a variety of ways including an essay response, a closed book assessment.

## Progression

You might go on to do:

- ▶ **Full time course in social science at college or university degree courses in Politics, Arts, Social Science, Science, Criminology or Business.** The level you enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- ▶ **Employment in Politics, Social Science, Science, Criminology or Business.**

## Key Facts



### Location

Online

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday

### Time

5pm – 8pm



# PDA HISTORY

## Course Outline

The History course aims to provide you with an understanding of History and will explore how the past can influence both the present and the future. You will develop your skills in analysing and interpreting sources, weighing up competing arguments and coming to a measured conclusion. In addition, you will study European history and Europe in the 20th Century – Russia after 1917 and the Rise of Fascism.

This course will be delivered online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits you.

## Entry Level Recommended

You must have Higher English at A or B level.

## Course Content

PDA in History – SCQF level 7

- History and Development of History
- Explanation and Research of History Topics

This course is demanding in terms of written work, study at home and group work.

The course will be assessed in a variety of ways including an essay response, a closed book assessment.

## Progression

You might go on to do:

- Full time course in social science at college or university degree courses in **Politics, Arts, Social Science, Science, Criminology or Business**. The level you enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- Employment in History or Social Science

## Key Facts



### Location

Online

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Monday

### Time

5pm – 8pm

# PDA SOCIOLOGY

## Course Outline

The Sociology course aims to provide you with an understanding of Sociology and will look at explore key topics like Social Class, Gender and Crime and Deviance. This course encourages you to consider society, from its origin and development, to how it's explained by competing perspectives. The course provides you with an understanding of key social concepts like socialisation and social order and encourages you to question and explore why society is organised the way it is.

This course will be delivered online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits you.

## Entry Level Recommended

You must have Higher English at A or B level.

## Course Content

PDA in Sociology – SCQF level 7

- History and Development of Sociology
- Explanation and Research of Sociology Topics

This course is demanding in terms of written work, study at home and group work.

The course will be assessed in a variety of ways including an essay response, a closed book assessment.

## Progression

You might go on to do:

- Full time course in social science at college or university degree courses in Politics, Arts, Social Science, Science, Criminology or Business. The level you enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- Employment in Sociology, Social Science, Sciences, Criminology or Business

## Key Facts



### Location

Online

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Thursday

### Time

5pm – 8pm

# UNIFORMED AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Course Outline

The course focuses on:

- Introducing you to the roles and responsibilities of uniformed and emergency services and explores different career opportunities and the generic employability skills required.
- The importance of your personal wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle for a career in the uniformed or emergency services.
- Introducing you to the concept of diversity and the possible impacts it has within a community.
- The importance and benefits of team-working in uniformed and emergency services environments.

## Entry Level Recommended

You do not need to have any previous qualifications or experience.

## Course Content

You will learn how to:

- Look into career opportunities in a range of uniformed and emergency services including the Army, Merchant Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Fire and Rescue, and Police.

- Participate in practical activities in an allocated role in a service environment.
- Review your own performance to develop your employability skills.
- Explain why it is important to maintain personal wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle in this industry.
- Take part in physical fitness activities that show how to maintain the fitness required.
- Carry out a basic risk assessment in a service environment.
- Follow instructions to assist in the management of an unexpected situation in a uniformed and emergency services environment.
- Investigate diversity within a local community and explain its relevance to the uniformed and emergency services.
- Investigate an issue of concern to the local community.
- Demonstrate a positive approach whilst interviewing a member of the local community about this issue.
- Manage and defuse a confrontational situation.
- Investigate the importance of working as part of a team in the uniformed and emergency services.
- Contribute to a plan for a team task to a given brief, in a service environment.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Waterfront Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

- Contribute to the specified team task working co-operatively with others.
- Review and evaluate your own contribution to team-working on the completion of this task

## Progression

After you finish this course, there may be opportunities to study other qualifications in this area, and/or further develop skills that will help in employment.

## Interview

There will be an interview for this course to allow you to ask questions and to determine your suitability for the course.

# NPA CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

## Course Outline

Jobs in the Construction industry are always plentiful. If you are interested in a career in construction, you should try this introductory course. It is an ideal starting point for you to explore each of the main trade areas. You will need to be prepared to get your hands dirty! You will learn a variety of trades which are important in the industry, such as bench joinery, painting and decorating, brickwork and employability skills.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 4s

## Course Content

- Employability Skills
- Brick Walling
- Site Carpentry Bench Joinery

## Progression

- NPA Carpentry & Joinery
- NPA Brickwork
- NPA Painting & Decorating
- Modern Apprenticeship

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

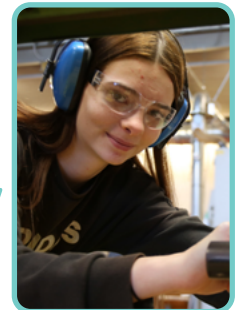
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### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

// The lecturers are great and have helped me learn new skills and build my confidence. //

Inverclyde Academy pupil  
Reyna McWilliams







# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

## Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Construction Skills supports the commitment to provide relevant work-based vocational education and training as part of the senior phase curriculum. This will prepare you for direct entry into a career in the Construction sector and other related occupations, by equipping you with the necessary skills and knowledge to work effectively.

The overall purpose of the course is to ensure that learners develop practical and technical skills, alongside the opportunity to develop their meta skills, supported through the delivery of project-based learning supported by industry, while still attending school.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ✓ Achieved National 4's
- ✓ Working towards National 5 Maths and Technical based subject

## Course Content

The Construction Skills framework includes two core elements:

1. National Progression Award in Construction Skills (SCQF Level 5) in which there are three units which must be completed to gain the Group Award.

- ✓ Develop Bench Joinery Skills
- ✓ Manufacture Joinery Components
- ✓ Decorative Treatments
- ✓ Built Environment Design Project
- ✓ Efficient Construction Practices: An Introduction
- ✓ Employability and Behavioural Skills

2. Work Based Challenge Unit - (J4E3 04)

The WBCU has been designed to support the delivery of the National Progression Award. Providers are asked to engage with employer(s) to identify a suitable project that will complement the learning outcomes within the NPA units. These units should be delivered in a holistic way, integrating learning and assessment, which encompasses the practical work contained within the project.

Through the project, you will be asked to reflect on your meta-skills development and record this alongside your evidence base. Reflective practice is therefore central to the development of meta-skills throughout the project.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

## Progression

- ✓ Full-time college course in a construction discipline, i.e. Joinery, Painting or Bricklaying.
- ✓ Foundation Apprenticeship at SCQF Level 6
- ✓ Further Education
- ✓ Employment/Training opportunities
- ✓ Modern Apprenticeship

# INTRODUCTION TO PLUMBING

## Course Outline

The course is a vocational qualification at a basic, introductory level which is intended to make candidates aware of, and prepare for, employment within the BSE sector in any of the main occupational areas of; Plumbing, Electro technical, Heating and Ventilating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 3 Maths and English

## Course Content

- Introduction to building services engineering
- Introduction to energy
- Employability skills
- Introduction to safe working practices
- Introduction to science

## Progression

- NPA Building Services Engineering
- NC Building Services Engineering

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# ENGINEERING SYSTEMS FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

## Course Outline

Take the first steps toward an exciting career in Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing! Explore the world of innovation, design, and cutting-edge technology with a Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) in Engineering. This SCQF Level 6 qualification is designed to provide you with theory, practice and related work experience, aimed at pupils in S6 and will take 1 year to complete.

Bridge the gap between classroom knowledge and real-world application and explore behind the scenes with exciting trips, expert sessions, and cutting-edge technologies.

- ▶ **Real-World Skills:** Gain hands-on experience and knowledge that go beyond textbooks.
- ▶ **Build, Create, Innovate:** From designing futuristic structures to mastering the latest manufacturing techniques, this programme is your launchpad for creativity and innovation.
- ▶ **Endless Possibilities:** Open doors to a range of diverse industries, from renewable energy to space exploration.
- ▶ **Get Your Hands Dirty:** Learn by doing through projects, labs, and workshops, bringing theory to life.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 5 Maths.

Working towards Higher Maths and another STEM based subject would be advantageous.

## Course Content

- ▶ **NC Engineering Systems**
- ▶ **Performing Engineering Operations Units including:**  
Communications, Mathematics: Technician 1, Engineering: AIT, Engineering Materials, Mechanical Engineering Principles, Electrical Principles, Single Phase & 3-Phase Principles, Graphical Engineering Communication, Mechanical Engineering Principles, Engineering Dynamics: An Introduction, Rotating Electrical Machines, Material Removal Practice: Turning

## Progression

- ▶ **Many of our FA's have progressed to a range of universities including University of Glasgow, University of Strathclyde, University of the West of Scotland and Edinburgh University.**
- ▶ **Of the students that complete the FA 92% have progressed their Engineering interests into either FE, HE or Modern apprenticeships and 50% of the 92% are in Modern apprenticeships.**

## Key Facts



### Location

Paisley campus - independent travel required and will be reimbursed.

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Day Year 1 - Tuesday/Thursday/Friday full day at College.

Block work placement May/June TBC

### Time

9.30am - 4.00pm

Companies include:

**aggreko** **amazon**

**BAE SYSTEMS**

**babcock™** **DIAGEO**

An application and personal statement will be required.

# SKILLS FOR WORK ENGINEERING

## Course Outline

In this course, you will study four units, where you will be introduced to complex engineering processes, tools, technologies and skills to prepare you for college or the workplace. As a predominantly practical course most assessment is practical with some written and there are no formal exams.

## Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 5 Maths and English at grade 'C' or above (not Life Skill Maths) and preferably a science subject.

## Course Content

- ▶ Mechanical & Fabrication
- ▶ Design Manufacture
- ▶ Electrical & Electronics
- ▶ Maintenance

## Progression

- ▶ NC Engineering
- ▶ HNC Engineering
- ▶ Modern Apprenticeship

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



# NPA TELEVISION PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

This flexible and thought provoking course enables pupils to study all aspects of television news. It can be used within the context of Media Studies, English, Citizenship and related subjects. The resources can be adjusted to suit the subject as well as the level of pupil. You will learn to critically analyse television news as well as create your own news stories. You will use digital technologies as well as online tools to select, edit and produce news stories, whilst working within the TV studios environment. This course is made up of four lesson plans corresponding pupil worksheets. The structure has been informed by the key aspects approach that underlines most UK Media Studies courses. The news course can easily be integrated with the study of other Media forms.

Breaking the news aims to give you a theoretical and practical understanding of the social, political, creative, technological and ethical choices involved in television news. It is designed to encourage you to consider the role of the news services in a democratic society, and develop a lifelong interest in political, social and economic issues both nationally and globally.

## Entry Level Recommended

A genuine interest in general Media.

## Course Content

- Basic Video Camera Operations
- Basic Video Editing
- Sound Recording for Single Camera
- Directing a Single Camera Production
- Multi Camera Studio Production Roles

## Progression

- NC Media
- HNC Creative Industries: Television

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5/6

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# HNC TELEVISION PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

This is a really hands-on course involving external experience, and is based around working as part of our TV channel production team. After successfully completing this course you'll have the skills needed to get an entry level role in camera, sound and editing, production or studio work.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ▶ S6 pupils who have achieved at least one Higher
- ▶ Genuine interest in Television Production

## Course Content

12 SQA Credits including:

- ▶ **Multi-Camera Production Skills**
- ▶ **Camera, Lighting, Sound Recording, Editing, Production Skills**

## Progression

HND Television Production

## Interview

A successful interview with college staff will be required before a place is offered on the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday all day

### Time

9.00am – 4.00pm

# HNC SOUND PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

This course is aimed at those who are interested in learning how to make sound recordings in a recording studio environment and operate live sound in a music venue. The course will give you the skills needed to get an entry level role as a live sound engineer, studio recording engineer, music producer, instrument technician, multimedia editor or sound designer.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ 56 pupils who have achieved at least one Higher
- ✔ Genuine interest in Sound Production

## Course Content

12 SQA Credits including:

- ✔ **Multi-track Recording & Mixing**
- ✔ **Live Sound Reinforcement**
- ✔ **Audio Post Production**
- ✔ **Digital Audio Workstations**

## Progression

HND Sound Production

## Interview

A successful interview with college staff will be required before a place is offered on the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday all day

### Time

9.00am – 4.00pm



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# HNC MUSIC

## Course Outline

This is a hands-on course that gives you lots of opportunities to perform live and take part in recording sessions. You will receive 121 instrumental tuition throughout the course.

## Entry Level Recommended

S6 Pupils

Experience in playing one of the following instruments:

- ▶ Bass Guitar
- ▶ Drums
- ▶ Guitar
- ▶ Keyboards
- ▶ Vocals

## Course Content

12 SQA Credits including:

- ▶ 121 Instrumental Tuition
- ▶ Live Performance
- ▶ Music History
- ▶ Music Theory
- ▶ Introduction to Music Business

## Progression

HND Music

## Interview

A successful interview with college staff and short audition will be required before a place is offered on the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday all day

### Time

9.00am – 4.00pm

# NPA MUSIC

## Course Outline

This course is aimed at pupils who have a keen interest in rock / pop music, no matter what their ambitions are after leaving school – whether they want to study music at college / university or not. The course focuses on learning the craft of live performance, which will culminate in an end of year show case in the main theatre of The Beacon Arts Centre.

## Entry Level Recommended

Pupils who passed S4 rock school automatic entry other students will need an audition Experience in playing one of the following instruments:

- ▶ Bass Guitar
- ▶ Drums
- ▶ Guitar
- ▶ Keyboards
- ▶ Vocals

## Course Content

- ▶ Performing Music on One Instrument or Vocals
- ▶ Live Performance
- ▶ Promotion in the Music Industry

## Progression

HNC Music

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# NPA BEAUTY AND HAIRSTYLING

## Course Outline

Studying at West College Scotland will ensure you experience a broad introduction to this area of study. Practical and theory sessions are designed to ensure you develop both vocational skills and the underpinning knowledge and understanding required.

Practical experience will include working on classmates to practice and perfect a range of skills including skin cleansing and Make Up application, hair styling using thermal tools and creating plaits, braids and twists and creative finishes to the nails using polishes and nail art on the hands.

Written work will include projects, portfolio production and home study. Emphasis throughout all units is on the employability skills and attitudes which will help to prepare you for the workplace.

## Entry Level Recommended

Have a keen interest in beauty therapy and make-up artistry enjoy working as part of a team and have a creative flair.

In line with the guidelines for successful completion you must adhere to all requirements which includes working on each other and being prepared to participate in hair, skin and nail care, removal and application of make up.

## Course Content

To achieve the NPA Group Award you must successfully complete the three mandatory units listed

- Facial Skin Care and Make-up
- Manicure and Creative Nail Finishes
- Hairstyling: An Introduction

## Progression

- NC Beauty and aesthetics level 5
- NC Level 4 Hairdressing

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# SKILLS FOR WORK HAIRDRESSING

## Course Outline

If you are interested in a career in Hairdressing, why not explore all the possibilities in our fantastic salons? The main aim of the course is to provide you with the opportunity to gain theoretical and practical skills involved in hairdressing. All units contain written work in the formation of a portfolio of evidence.

## Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements pupils must have a keen interest in the Hairdressing industry.

## Course Content

- ✔ Employability Skills
- ✔ Hairdressing : Working in the Salon
- ✔ Makeup Skills
- ✔ Hairdressing: Salon Awareness
- ✔ Hairdressing: Creativity

## Progression

- ✔ Begin Hairdressing college course
- ✔ Salon assistant job interview

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# PROFESSIONAL COOKERY WITH BAKERY

## Course Outline

This course will help you to develop bakery skills as well as an understanding of bread making, craft baking, pastry and cake decoration. It gives you the skills required for future employment within the bakery industry or the catering industry in general or for progression to further academic qualifications.

## Entry Level Recommended

No formal qualifications are required however experience of a hospitality or home economics related subject would be helpful.

## Course Content

Core Units

- ✔ **Craft Baking: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Bread Making: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Cake Decoration: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Pastry**

Other possible Units:

- ✔ **Food Preparation Techniques: An Introduction**
- ✔ **Food Hygiene for the Hospitality Industry**
- ✔ **Cookery Processes: An Introduction**

## Progression

- ✔ **NC Professional Cookery Level 5 full-time at college**
- ✔ **Employment as a commis-chef (specialising in patisserie) in a professional kitchen**
- ✔ **Assistant baker in a supermarket or specialist bakery**
- ✔ **Modern apprenticeship**

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# SCIENCE PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR PROGRESSION

## Course Outline

This course provides you with the opportunity to develop practical skills relevant to a range of degree programmes as well as to employment. You will develop competence and confidence in the use of standard laboratory equipment such as automatic pipettes and spectrophotometers, as well as techniques including gel electrophoresis and chromatography. Assessment is through developing competency in practical work as well as an understanding of Health and Safety. A short written test is also required.

## Entry Level Recommended

You must already have a pass (at Grade C or above) from Higher Biology/Human Biology or Higher Chemistry.

## Course Content

- 🔍 Laboratory Skills for Science Industries
- 🔍 Applied Biochemical Techniques

## Progression

The course would be an ideal progression route to higher education. This would include progression to college based programmes listed below as well as programmes in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and science based degree routes. Data handling, problem solving and experimental techniques are all developed to levels appropriate to employment.

In combination with your school qualifications this course could lead to a place on the following college HNC programmes:

- 🔍 HNC Applied science with biology/chemistry
- 🔍 HNC Applied science with physics/chemistry.
- 🔍 HNC Applied science with the University of Glasgow
- 🔍 HNC Biomedical Science

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



# HUMAN BODY STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

## Course Outline

Human Body Structure and Function SCQF Level 8 units offers you the opportunity to extend your knowledge and develop an understanding of selected body systems and how the human body co-ordinates these systems to maintain homeostasis. In studying these systems, you will also discover what happens when things go wrong, covering conditions as diverse as hyperthyroidism, gigantism and coronary heart disease.

## Entry Level Recommended

You must have:

- 📌 **Biology or Human Biology Higher or be working towards Advanced Higher**
- 📌 **You should have a genuine interest in human anatomy & physiology**

## Course Content

Please note you will be studying an SQA double credit unit at SCQF level 8, this is not a Group Award:

This course covers topics including:

- 📌 **Structure & function of the skeletal system**
- 📌 **Function of the blood and heart**
- 📌 **Structure and function of respiratory system**
- 📌 **Structure and function of urinary system**
- 📌 **Structure and function of digestive system**
- 📌 **Hormonal and electrical signalling**
- 📌 **Practical laboratory experiments**

## Progression

The unit would be an ideal progression route to university programmes in medicine and dentistry, as well as to biology based degree routes. Data handling, problem solving and experimental techniques are all developed alongside expanding knowledge on anatomy and physiology.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

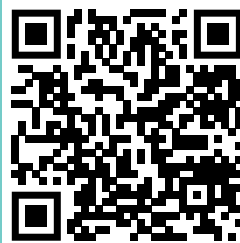
SCQF Level 8

### Day

Tuesday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



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# SPORT

## Course Outline

This short course will introduce you to higher level subjects of both disciplines and create a better understanding of theory and practical application for those wishing to further progress within this field of study.

## Entry Level Recommended

You will have a strong interest in Sport and Fitness. S5/6 candidates currently working towards or have achieved SCQF level 6 subjects.

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

- 🔹 **Basic Sports Coaching Techniques (2 credits) SCQF level 6**
- 🔹 **Planning Personal Fitness SCQF level 6**
- 🔹 **Psychology of Sport and Exercise SCQF level 7**
- 🔹 **Sports Mechanics: An Introduction SCQF level 5**

## Progression

Articulation with college based programmes in Sport and Fitness, HNC Sport Coaching and HNC Fitness.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5-6-7

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I get there?

If transport is required this is organised through your school and will take you back to the nearest point to your home at the end of the day.

For Foundation Apprenticeships travel expenses will be provided for work placements located more than 2 miles from your home.

## How are these programmes different from the subjects I take at school?

The main difference is that you will spend time at college while working towards qualifications at SCQF Level 4, 5, 6 or 7.

If you are studying a Foundation Apprenticeship you will spend time in a work placement with an employer.

## How will the courses be certified?

You will receive a certificate from the relevant awarding body (SQA, IMI etc.).

## So what are the benefits?

The award itself will act as a progression route into the workplace, a modern apprenticeship, or to go onto college or university. You will develop valuable skills such as communication, working with others and problem solving, skills that are beneficial in the world of work.

## Who do I contact if I have a problem while at College?

The School Liaison Section is based in room 106 within the College and your lecturer will show you where this is on your first day

### Sandra Gardiner

School Liaison coordinator

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### Sharron Rodger

Schools Relationship Manager

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### Katrina Maxwell

Foundation Apprenticeship School Engagement Coordinator

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## It sounds great - how do I apply?

Places are limited, you should speak to your guidance teacher as soon as possible. You should also read the option details for your choice of course and discuss this with your parent or guardian.

For Foundation Apprenticeships you must apply online through the West College Scotland website.

Further information can be found at:

- ▶ [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot)
- ▶ [www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/foundation-apprenticeship](http://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/foundation-apprenticeship)
- ▶ <https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/schools-vocational-programme/>





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