



# Schools VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

GREENOCK CAMPUS 2019/20

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# West College Scotland

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

If you are unsure of 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 to 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.



**Fiona McKenzie**  
Head of Communities

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# ENGINEERING

## GROUP AWARD

### Course Outline

In this course, students 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

Two National 5's at C or above in Maths (NOT LIFESKILL MATHS) and English and preferably a Science or Intermediate 2 minimum C Maths and English and preferably a Science any combination of the above as long as there is a pass in Maths and English.

### Course Content

- Unit F39B11 Mechanical & Fabrication
- Unit F39C11 Electrical & Electronics
- Unit F39D11 Design Manufacture
- Unit F39E11 Maintenance
- Unit C25375 Engineering skills Group Award

### Progression

The level 5 course is an entry level qualification into the Engineering sector and it will equip you with an invaluable set of transferable engineering skills that will allow you to access a whole host of industries. Successful completion of the course with additional appropriate academic qualifications can lead to NC and HNC Engineering course or level 5 or 6 Modern apprenticeships

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

### Key Facts



#### Location

Greenock Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 5

#### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# INTRODUCTION TO VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY

### Course Outline

Do you love cars and want to work in a garage? This course will provide you with an opportunity to experience the skills and knowledge required for the vehicle retail repair industry. It will also prepare prospective young drivers and owners to maintain their vehicles.

### Entry Level Recommended

- 3 pass at Intermediate1/ National4
- Have a keen interest in cars
- Be a good communicator
- Be a team player
- Be prepared to commit to the course

### Course Content

Mandatory units:

- ELMV01 Health and Safety
- ELMV02 Introduction to careers
- ELMV03 Introduction to hand tools
- ELMV04 Communications
- ELMV07 Introduction to workshop cleaning

Optional units:

- ELMV16 Cooling and Lubrication
- ELMV18 Wheel and Tyre checks
- ELMV19 Vehicle checks
- ELMV31 Body Fitting
- ELMV44 Cleaning vehicle exterior

### Progression

You could continue to work towards a diploma level award or progress to a level 5 course in vehicle maintenance and repair. You could also find employment with large national chains, local garages, police or armed forces. A modern apprenticeship would provide you with on the job training.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

### Key Facts



#### Location

Greenock Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 3/4

#### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# CAR BODY REPAIR

## Course Outline

Do you love cars? Wanting to work in a garage? This is the course for you. This course will provide you with an opportunity to experience the skills and knowledge required for the vehicle retail repair industry. It will also prepare prospective young drivers and owners to maintain their own vehicles.

## Entry Level Recommended

Working at National 4 or above, with a genuine interest in gaining employment in a challenging and fast moving industry.

## Course Content

Mandatory units:

- ELMV01 introduction to Health and safety
- ELMV02 Introduction to careers transportation, maintenance and repair
- ELMV03 introduction to hand tools
- ELMV04 Communication in the motor vehicle environment
- ELMV07 Introduction to workshop cleaning and maintenance

- ELMV37 Introduction to Joining Motor Vehicle Materials
- ELMV38 Introduction to applying primers.
- EMMV41 Introduction to applying topcoats
- ELMV43 Introduction to improving the final finish
- ELMV44 Cleaning a vehicle exterior

Upon successful completion of the above selection of units you will receive

'The Award for the Introduction to Vehicle Technology' From IMI Awards.

## Progression

Possessing a recognised entry level qualification you can progress on to a full-time course of study with West College Scotland, in level 1 car maintenance, level 1 motorbikes or level 1 car body repair. Use the knowledge gained to engage with employers for work experience or enter a modern apprenticeship with an employer or a training agency.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 3/4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

# INTRODUCTION TO PLUMBING

## Course Outline

The Course is a vocationally-related 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

Open to S5/6 Pupils. While entry is at the discretion of the centre, candidate would normally be expected to have attained core skills at SCQF level 3 or equivalent

## Course Content

5 units required to achieve the Group Award, these include:

- Introduction Building Services Engineering
- Introduction to safe working practices
- Introduction to Energy
- Introduction to science
- Employability skills

## Progression

On completion this course can lead directly on to the NPA Building Services Engineering at (SCQF Level 5). Successful candidates can also apply for the NC Building Services Engineering at (SCQF level 6) or apply for employment within the sector as appropriate.

Candidates could also move into other occupational areas, such as construction.

## Interview

All students will be interviewed for this course. This can involve answering a few questions or a one to one interview.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# NPA COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT

## Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you 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, enthusiastic and prepared to study outwith college sessions.

## Entry Level Recommended

You should preferably have a National 5 in Mathematics and/or Computer Science and some experience of computer programming.

## Course Content

- Unit F915 11 Computer Games: Design
- Unit F916 11 Computer Games: Media Assets
- Unit F917 11 Computer Games: Development

You will be asked to design, create media (graphics & sound) & code a computer game.

## Progression

Successful completion of these units would enable you to progress onto the National Certificate (NC) in Computer Games Development. If you have Higher Mathematics or Higher Computing Science, then progression to the Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Computer Games Development would be possible.

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# SKILLS FOR WORK CHILDCARE

## 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

Students should have achieved credit at level 4 and be working on level some 5 subjects and above at the same time as studying this course.

## Course Content

This course is a group award consisting of four units at National 5 level. It covers a broad range of issues in the following units:

- Unit F19L 11: Child Development and Health
- Unit DM84 11: Working in Early Education and Childcare

- Unit DM86 11: Parenting
- Unit DM41 11: Play in Early Education and Childcare

Please note that no placements are offered on this course.

## Progression

This course can prepare you for work in the areas of employment that deal with care in the environment e.g. If you complete this course successfully and would like to undertake further study, you can apply for:

- NC Early Education and Childcare
- NC Higher Health Care
- NC Higher Social Care
- PDA Education Support Assistance (January)

## Interview

You will be interviewed for this course and this will involve:

- A welcome and introduction from Head of Sector
- A written exercise - short paragraph answers to three questions
- A personal interview

## Key Facts



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Waterfront Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

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### Time

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Your written response and personal presentation will be graded to establish your suitability for the course.

# HIGHER ECONOMICS

## Course Outline

This course is made up of three individual units and a final exam. The three units are: UK economic activity, global economic activity and economics of the market.

### 1. UK Economic activity

This section of the course provides an opportunity for you to learn to understand economic activity of the UK government. You will consider the flow of income in the UK economy and will analyse taxation and spending decisions. You will learn to assess the policies and other methods the UK Government uses to achieve its economic aims.

### 2. Global Economic Activity

This section of the course provides an opportunity for you to learn to analyse the global nature of economics. You will explore global trades and the balance of payments and their importance to the UK. You will look at exchange rates, and consider economic features of the European Union, developing and emerging economies and their impact on the UK.

### 3. Economics of the market

This section of the course provides an opportunity for you to learn to analyse the economic problem of unlimited wants in relation to limited resources and how this impacts on the daily choices made by individuals, firms and Governments. You will also analyse how demand and supply drives resource allocation and economic production.

### Entry Level Recommended

You should be in S6 at school and have obtained a Higher in English or Business Management.

However pupils in S5 will be considered at the request of the school.

### Course Content

- UK Economic activity
- Global Economic Activity
- Economics of the market

### Progression

A Higher in Economics can lead to progression on a number of courses. This course provides an excellent foundation

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

should you wish to study Economics, Business or Accountancy programmes at college or university.

Many other courses at college or university also contain elements of economics and it is therefore a suitable choice for general progression to many other college or university courses like Politics, Philosophy or Management.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for entry to this course programme.

# INTRODUCTION TO CABIN CREW AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS

## Course Outline

Students will learn duties carried out by cabin crew and airport ground operation personal. Develop an understanding for airline terminology and be willing to take part in role play situations, e.g. safety demonstrations, announcements, trolley service, mock airport operations dealing with a variety of customer scenarios.

### Entry Level Recommended

Two National 5 passes at grade C and above

### Course Content

- Unit LRNCHKIN/004 Learn to Check In
- Unit F3PM11/017 Working as Air Cabin Crew
- Unit F3P811/005 Introduction to Airport Ground Operations
- Unit F3PJ11/017 Selling Skills

## Progression

NC International Travel with Airport Ground Operations (Depending on qualifications achieved) or HNC Travel & Tourism (if one Higher achieved at school)

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# HNC TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## INFILL CLASS

### Course Outline

This course develops product knowledge and people skills for the fast paced environment of the travel industry, providing students with the vocational skills required for high quality service to customers in many different types of tourism and travel organisations.

### Entry Level Recommended

Pupils must have 1 Higher

### Course Content

12 credits will be offered to enable students to complete an HNC

- Unit H11R34/011 Retail Travel Practice (2 credits)
- Unit f6vy34/017 Air Travel (2 credits)
- Unit H1J63/011 Travel & Tourism Graded Unit
- Unit DK03/058 Marketing
- Unit H1F034/036 Creating Culture & Customer Care
- Unit D85F34/158 ICT
- Unit D77G34/272 Communication

- Unit DK0733/056 International Tourist Destinations
- Unit H0RC34/014 Preparation for Employment
- Unit DJ9W34/056 Structure of the Travel & Tourism Industry

### Progression

From airlines, Travel Agents and Tour Operators to Visitor Attraction Management, there is an exciting and diverse range of opportunities both at home and abroad for successful travel students. For those who wish to progress to HND level is possible at our Paisley Campus you would be required to complete a further 18 credits to achieve HND)

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Monday/Tuesday and Thursday  
(one of these days will be a half day)

### Time

9:00am - 4:00pm

# INTRODUCTION TO BEAUTY THERAPY

### Course Outline

This course is an introduction to beauty Therapy, covering both practical and theoretical elements. Particular emphasis is placed on the practical abilities of the student's work, with an essential aspect of the course involving participating in a "realistic working environment".

### Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements students must have a keen interest in the Beauty Industry

### Course Content

- NPA in cosmetology
- 4 credits
- F0FE10/041 Beauty practical skills - Facials and Nail Therapy
- F0F610/113 Product awareness
- F0F10/094 Career option & choices
- F0FD10/090 Health & Safety
- F0F910/112 Prepare and assist in the workplace environment
- DJ3W10/095 Working with customers & colleagues

### Progression

You have the Opportunity to progress to another schools programme in either, Begin Hairdressing or Begin Makeup artistry. School leavers 16+ can apply for our full-time courses.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# BEGIN MAKE UP ARTISTRY

## NPA COSMETOLOGY FRAMEWORK

### Course Outline

NPA in cosmetology consists of 4 credits. Students will work on units such as Makeup artistry practical skills, product awareness, career options and choices, health and safety, prepare and assist in the workplace environment as well as working with customers and colleagues. This course gives pupils an opportunity to apply to NC Makeup up full time courses in future. A degree of written work is part of all units within this course.

### Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements students must have a keen interest in the subject area

### Course Content

- Unit F0FB 10: Make-up Artistry - Practical Skills
- Unit F0F6 10: Product awareness
- Unit F0F8 10: Career option & choices
- Unit F0FD 10: Health & Safety
- Unit F0F9 10: Prepare and assist in the workplace environment
- Unit DJ3W 10: Working with customers & colleagues

### Progression

Opportunity to apply to NC Makeup, SCQF Level 6 full time course.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

### Key Facts



#### Location

Greenock Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 4

#### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# HIGHER PSYCHOLOGY

### Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to enhance your knowledge and understanding of Human Psychology. This is achieved by studying a variety of topics that will help you to understand and explain the human mind and behaviour. There are three topics, topic 1 Individual Behaviour, examines aspects which make us unique such as our memory, how we respond to stress and the various influences on our sleeping patterns. Topic 2 Research, explains and examines the various research skills employed by psychologists when investigating human behaviour. This unit concludes with a personal research project which will involve students selecting a suitable topic for research and devising and conducting that research. The unit concludes with the submission of and individual report that is externally marked and accounts for 40% of the final mark. The last topic Social Behaviour, looks at the various social influences that have an influence on our behaviour, such as the degree to which we conform or our prejudice towards other groups in society. The course concludes with a final exam.

### Entry Level Recommended

You should be in S6 at school and have obtained an SQA Higher in English. However pupils in S5 will be considered at the request of the school.

### Course Content

- Unit H261 76 Individual Behaviour
- Unit H262 76 Social Behaviour
- Unit H260 76 Research

You will also be asked to complete a Research Investigation as part of the Investigating Behaviour unit. Along with your investigation, you will be asked to keep a logbook to record progress. Your research investigation and logbook will be externally marked and are worth 40% of the final mark. The remaining 60% of the final mark comes from the end of course external exam, which tests your knowledge and understanding of all three units.

### Progression

A Higher in Psychology can lead to progression on a number of courses. This course provides an excellent foundation should you wish to study Psychology at university or Management, Education,

### Key Facts



#### Location

Waterfront Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 6

#### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

Criminology. Indeed, many courses and subjects at university contain an element of Psychology and it is therefore a versatile choice for general progression to higher education. Psychology is considered both an arts and a science subject, so it can be very useful for entry to a wide range of courses at university. You may also wish to continue your study of the subject as part of a general HNC in Social Sciences or Counselling.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course

# HUMAN BODY STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

## Course Outline

Human Body Structure and Function is a double credit unit at SCQF Level 8. As such it entails approx. 80 hours of teaching and 80 hours of study by learners and equates to Year 2 of university biology degree programmes. The unit offers learners with experience of biology (Higher grade or Advanced Higher) the opportunity to extend this knowledge and develop an understanding of select body systems & how the human body co-ordinates these systems to maintain homeostasis. In studying these systems learners also discover what happens when things go wrong, covering conditions as diverse as hyperthyroidism, gigantism and coronary heart disease. The unit would be an ideal stepping stone between secondary education and 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.

## Entry Level Recommended

You need to already have successfully passed Higher Biology or Higher Human Biology

You should also have a genuine interest in human anatomy & physiology

## Course Content

- 🔹 **Skeletal & Muscular systems**
- 🔹 **Reflex actions**
- 🔹 **Function of the blood and heart**
- 🔹 **Structure and function of respiratory system**
- 🔹 **Structure and function of urinary system**
- 🔹 **Structure and function of digestive system**
- 🔹 **Examples of laboratory experiments**

## Progression

Combined with some higher qualifications, you could progress to university to study science /medicine courses. See relevant job profiles at Plan IT plus website [www.planitplus.net](http://www.planitplus.net)

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 8

### Day

Wednesday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

# LABORATORY SKILLS

## Course Outline

A variety of practical skills will be developed relevant to those looking to work in the area of life sciences. This ranges from the practical techniques needed to work with micro-organisms in a laboratory through to the use of Gilson pipettes, and apparatus such as spectrophotometers and electrophoresis equipment. By carrying out a range of experiments as well as a practical project, pupils will develop a variety of skills which will be beneficial whether pursuing biology-based degree routes, vocational routes such as pharmacy, medicine and veterinary science, or employment.

Assessment is by written test as well as practical skills with project work providing the possibility of gaining a CREST award from the British Science Association.

## Entry Level Recommended

Pupils should have National 5 Biology or above

## Course Content

- 🔹 **Microbiological Techniques D042 12**
- 🔹 **Experimental Procedures in Biology D934 12**
- 🔹 **Science Investigation Skills F3TB 11**

## Progression

In combination with relevant school qualifications pupils could gain access to college programme at SCQF Level 6 or HNC (level 7)

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# NPA MUSIC BUSINESS

## Course Outline

Do you love music and would like to find out how the music industry works? If you are interested in working in the music industry and want to know what all the different jobs involve, this is the ideal course to give you a good grounding in the music industry. Classes will be a mix of tutorials, case studies and practical sessions and you will have the opportunity to work with bands in our award winning recording studios, work on the Clyde built Record label and organise live events.

## Entry Level Recommended

- ▶ A genuine interest in the music industry
- ▶ English at intermediate 2/national 5 or equivalent
- ▶ Business Management at intermediate 2/national 5 or equivalent

## Course Content

- ▶ **Unit F58J12 An introduction to the UK Music industry**
- ▶ **Unit F8LF12 Promotion in the music industry**
- ▶ **Unit F58F12 Creative project**

## Progression

Successful completion of all the units on this course will enable you to apply for fast track place on HNC Music Business at West College Scotland

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Wednesday and Friday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# NPA TELEVISION PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

This flexible and thought provoking course enables students 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 student. Students will learn to critically analyse television news as well as create their own news stories. They 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 student worksheets. It has been conceived using a concept map which sees the news (and indeed all media) as involved in a circuit of meaning; 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 students a theoretical and practical understanding of the social, political, creative, technological and ethical choices involved in television news. It is designed to encourage students 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

Pupils must have an interest in general Media.

## Course Content

- ▶ **Unit F58511 Basic Video camera operations**
- ▶ **Unit F57V11 Basic Video Editing**
- ▶ **Unit F58612 Directing a single camera production**
- ▶ **Unit F58912 Multi Camera studio production roles**
- ▶ **Unit F58E11 Sound Recording for single camera**

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5/6

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

## Progression

Entry to full time NC Media course at the college, possible entry into HNC Creative Industries: Television, depending on standard of Media portfolio, attitude, aptitude and ability

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

# SKILLS FOR WORK CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

## 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

While entry is at the discretion of the department, candidates should have already obtained or working towards level 4 or above.

## Course Content

- Unit DM7C 11: Employability Skills
- Unit DXOL 11: Brick Walling
- Unit DXOR 11 Decorative Painting
- Unit DXOJ 11: Site Carpentry Bench Joinery

## Progression

Following successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply for full time college courses: NPA - Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Skills

Apprenticeships with: Construction skills

- Intermediate Electrical
- NC Renewable Energy
- NC Built Environment

## Interview

There will be a short over view of the course. 1-1 discussion for clarification of the course, a short test will be completed at this stage.

The way you present yourself on the day and your written responses will be graded to gauge your suitability for the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday and Thursday  
or Wednesday and Friday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# SPORT

## Course Outline

National Progression Award in Exercise and Fitness Leadership SCQF level 6

## Entry Level Recommended

Candidates with a strong leaning towards and interest in Sport and Fitness.

S5 and S6 candidates currently working towards or have achieved Higher/s

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

- Exercise and Fitness: Cardiovascular Training (Higher)
- Exercise and Fitness: Fixed Weight Training (Higher)
- Exercise and Fitness: Free Weight Training (Higher)
- Exercise and Fitness: Circuit Training (Higher)

## Progression

Articulation with HNC/D College based programmes in Fitness and Coaching.

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

NPA Level 6 Open to S5/6 Pupils

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday afternoon

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: 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

Open to S5/6Pupils

Students will require to have some experience in playing one of the following instruments:

- ▶ bass guitar,
- ▶ drums,
- ▶ guitar,
- ▶ keyboards,
- ▶ vocals

However, students don't necessarily have to have studied a music qualification such as National 5 Music or Higher Music prior to starting this course.

Therefore any student who has experience in playing one of the above instruments, even as a hobby, will be considered to take part in this course.

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

The NPA Music course consists of the following SQA modules:

- ▶ **Performing Music On One Instrument Or Voice - 2 modules (1 at SCQF Level 5 and 1 at SCQF Level 6) - this is individual instrumental tuition on the pupils chosen instrument (Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Vocals or Keyboards)**
- ▶ **Live Performance - 2 modules (1 at SCQF Level 5 and 1 at SCQF Level 6) - students will learn the craft of performing live in solo or group situations, and will complete the modules by performing a show at The Beacon Arts Centre in Greenock**
- ▶ **Promotion In The Music Industry - student will learn some basics of the Music Business by understanding how to promote live events.**

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus  
or individual school subject to uptake

### Level

SCQF Level 6

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

3.30pm-5.30pm

## Progression

Students who are successful on this course will be strongly considered to study HNC Music with us when they leave school.

## Interview

All students will have a formal interview prior to coming on the course, and will take part in a short audition. Details of the audition will be given to applicants in plenty of time prior to the audition.

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES 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

Open to S6

Students will require to have some experience in playing one of the following instruments:

- ▶ Guitar
- ▶ Bass Guitar
- ▶ Drums
- ▶ Keyboards
- ▶ Vocal

## Course Content

The HNC Music course consists of 12 SQA credits including 121 Instrumental Tuition, Live Performance, Introduction To Music Business and Music Theory and Music History.

## Progression

After successfully completing the HNC Music course, students will then be eligible to apply for year 2 of the HND Music course.

## Interview

All students will have a formal interview prior to coming on the course, and will take part in a short audition. Details of the audition will be given to applicants in plenty of time prior to the audition.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
or Tuesday, Thursday all day infill

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm  
or  
9:00am - 4:00pm

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

## 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

Open to S6

Students who have at least one higher and an interest in Television Production will be considered.

### Course Content

Qualification Breakdown

The HNC Television Production course consists of 12 SQA credits including Camera, Lighting, Sound Recording, Editing, Production Skills and Multi-camera Production Skills.

### Progression

After successfully completing the HNC Television Production course, students will then be eligible to apply for year 2 of the HND Television Production course.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

### Key Facts



#### Location

Greenock Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 7

#### Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
afternoons  
or Tuesday, Thursday all day infill

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm  
or  
9:00am - 4:00pm

# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

## HNC SOUND PRODUCTION

### Course Outline

This course is aimed at pupils 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 pupils 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

Open to S6

Students who have at least one higher and an interest in Sound Production will be considered.

### Course Content

The HNC Sound Production course consists of 12 SQA credits including Multi-track Recording and Mixing, Live Sound Reinforcement, Audio Post Production and an Introduction To Music Business.

### Progression

After successfully completing the HNC Sound Production course, students will then be eligible to apply for year 2 of the HND Sound Production course.

### Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

### Key Facts



#### Location

Greenock Campus

#### Level

SCQF Level 7

#### Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
afternoons  
or Monday, Tuesday all day infill

#### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm  
or  
9:00am - 4:00pm

# BUSINESS & COMPUTING: CYBER SECURITY

## Course Outline

This course is designed to raise awareness of Cyber Security and work towards filling the skills gap in this field. The award provides foundation knowledge and skills in Data Security, Digital Forensics and Ethical Hacking.

## Entry Level Recommended

Open to S5/6 pupils

Entry is at the discretion of the centre. Learners should have a keen interest in Cyber Security and have obtained Basic IT skills at SCQF level 4.

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

- ▶ **Learners will achieve a National Progression Award (NPA) in Cyber Security( SCQF level 5)**
- ▶ **Students will achieve 3 units: Data Security; Digital Forensics; Ethical Hacking**

## Progression

Students can progress(subject to interview) onto National Certificate in Technical Support with Cyber Security or National Certificate in Computer Games Development

## Interview

All students will have a formal interview prior to coming on the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# BUSINESS & COMPUTING: HNC BUSINESS

## Course Outline

The HNC in Business is designed to provide a broad understanding of business organisations and the environment in which they operate. The HNC develops further some of the themes introduced through Higher Business Management whilst introducing some new topic areas such as Business Accounting and Economics.

## Entry Level Recommended

Open to S6

Students should have at least 1 relevant higher, ideally Business Management or English although other Highers will be considered.

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

- ▶ **F84T 34 Managing People and Organisations**
- ▶ **F7J8 34 Economic Issues: An Introduction**
- ▶ **F7BX 34 Marketing: An Introduction**
- ▶ **F84M 34 Business Accounting**
- ▶ **HH83 34 IT In Business: Spreadsheets**
- ▶ **D75X 34 Applications Software 1**

- ▶ **H7TK 34 Communications: Business Communications**
- ▶ **F8LD 34 Business Graded Unit 1**

Additional two units from the list below:

- ▶ **F84P 34 Business Law: An introduction**
- ▶ **F84K 34 Statistics for Business**
- ▶ **F1F0 34 Creating a culture of customer care**
- ▶ **FK93 34 Digital Marketing Communications: An Introduction**

## Progression

Having successfully completed the HNC Business you will have the knowledge and understanding to progress in to a wide variety of job opportunities with both large and small businesses. However many of our learners progress to higher level qualifications such as HND Business or progress on to a Degree in business

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 7

### Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY: HOSPITALITY ESSENTIALS

## Course Outline

This 30 week course is designed for those with an interest in working full-time or part-time in this vibrant, fast paced and exciting industry.

From a café, coffee shop, licenced restaurant or hotel this combination of industry required certificates and skills added to your CV will help you find employment.

## Entry Level Recommended

Open to S5/6 pupils with National 4/5 in hospitality subjects with a genuine interest in the hospitality industry.

## Course Content

Qualification Breakdown:

- ✔ Allergy Awareness Certificate
- ✔ Licensing Training for SERVICE Staff Certificate
- ✔ Barista Skills Certificate
- ✔ Events and front of house skills
- ✔ Basic Kitchen cookery skills

## Progression

On successful completion of all the units on this course will enable you to progress onto full-time College hospitality courses or employment.

## Interview

All students will have a formal interview prior to coming on the course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### 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 undertake a course in the theoretical and practical skills involved in hairdressing. All units contained within the course contain written work in the formation of a portfolio of evidence.

## Entry Level Recommended

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

## Course Content

- ✔ Unit DXOK 10 Hairdressing: Employability Skills
- ✔ Unit DXOM 10 Hairdressing: Salon Awareness
- ✔ Unit DXON 10 Hairdressing: Working in the Salon
- ✔ Unit DXOP 10 Hairdressing: Creativity
- ✔ Make up skills

## Progression

Opportunity to progress onto Begin Hairdressing full time course, or seek to work as a salon assistant within the industry.

## Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this course.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

Tuesday/Thursday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

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- Essential Skills
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# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I get there?

Your school will organise transport to take you to the college, and take you back to the nearest point to your home at the end of the day.

## How are the vocational course options different from the subjects that I take at school?

The main difference is that with vocational course options there is a strong focus on building skills for life and skills for work. The vocational courses lead to awards such as Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs), City and Guilds (C&G) and Higher National Certificates HNC.

## How will the courses be certified?

When you receive your certificate from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and City and Guilds, the results of your vocational courses will appear alongside the awards for courses you have completed in school.

## So what are the benefits?

The award itself will act as a springboard for you to gain direct entry into the workplace, or into a traineeship or apprenticeship, or to go on to college or university. You will develop valuable skills such as working with others and problem solving, skills that you will need if you are to succeed 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.

## Kerri Molloy

School Liaison Administrator

t: 01475 724 433

## Sandra Gardiner

School Liaison Coordinator

t: 01475 724 433

m: 07590 230 404

## Fiona McKenzie

Head of Learning Communities

t: 01475 724 433

## It sounds great - how do I apply?

Places are limited, so you should speak as soon as possible to your Head of Year, who will show you how to apply. You should also read the option details for your choice of course and discuss these with your parent/carer.

All courses will only run subject to numbers



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