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Kickstart your career while still at school

School partnership courses - for senior school pupils moving into S4, S5 and S6 in August 2025 - offer a wide range of vocational courses to study alongside school-based National and Higher qualifications. Make Fridays Fun and join us at college to level up your skills and grab those qualifications that'll be the stepping stones to your future career! 🚀🚀🚀🚀 #FridayAtCollege #SkillsForSuccess #FutureCareerStart

See below our range of courses:

Foundation Apprenticeship - Social Services, Children and Young People

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services Children and Young People, is a fast track award delivered over 2 academic years. Students will develop skills in communication, learn about legislation, child health and play as well as gain practical work experience in a suitable placement.

Qualifications

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services Children and Young People at SCQF Level 6

Entry requirements

Applicants should have or be working towards at least 2 National 5's including English. Applicants should be able to demonstrate values and principles relevant to working in care, such as kindness and empathy. Pupils should have a good level of written and spoken English. Communication with users of service as well as with staff in the workplace is a key competence. Ability to work with others, problem solve and a commitment to appropriate values is necessary. Pupils are required to undergo a PVG prior to placement.

Units

Year 1 includes National Progression Award and SVQ units in Social Services Children and Young People both at SCQF level 6. Units include Safeguarding of Children and Young People, Play for Children and Young People, Communication with Children and Young People, Development of Children and Young People and Promote the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People.

Year 2 (April 2026 Start) includes SVQ Units include Support effective communication, Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals, Support the safeguarding of children, Develop your own knowledge and practice.

Foundation Apprenticeship - Hospitality

Course Outline

This course will provide learners with an introduction to the different sectors of the hospitality industry, provide experience of vocationally related learning and facilitate progression to further education and/or training. The units delivered as part of this award include Developing Skills for Working in Hospitality, Developing Skills for Working in the Professional Kitchen, Front of House Operations and Events. The Foundation Apprenticeship is suitable for S5 and S6 students who are looking to transition from school into further education or industry.

Qualifications

Work-Based Skills: Hospitality at SCQF Level 5

Entry requirements

Learners would benefit from having attained the skills, knowledge and understanding from relevant qualifications in Hospitality at SCQF Level 4 and 5 or progressing from a college course in the same area.

Foundation Apprenticeship - Automotive Skills

Course Outline

Alternating afternoons between workshop and classroom. Practical activities carried out in the workshop include tyre changes, car cleaning, Health & Safety procedures, engines, exhaust & workshop skills. Theoretical content is provided within classroom sessions to provide under-pinning knowledge. On-Going assessment/portfolio building.

Qualifications

A Foundation Apprenticeship in Automotive Skills SCQF Level 4

Entry requirements

Interest in learning about motor vehicle studies, excellent school attendance record.

Foundation Apprenticeship – Social Services and Healthcare

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services and Healthcare is a fast-track award delivered over 2 academic years. With this Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll be prepared for a wide range of different Social Care roles. In Scotland, over 203,000 people work in social services. The number of jobs is still growing, and there are great opportunities for progression, too.

Qualifications

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services Children and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6

Entry requirements

Applicants should have or be working towards at least 2 National 5's including English. Applicants should be able to demonstrate values and principles relevant to working in care, such as kindness and empathy. Pupils should have a good level of written and spoken English. Communication with users of service as well as with staff in the workplace is a key competence. Ability to work with others, problem solve and a commitment to appropriate values is necessary. Pupils are required to undergo a PVG prior to placement.

Units

Year 1 includes National Progression Award and SVQ units in Social Services and Healthcare both at SCQF level 6. Units include Social Service in Scotland, Safeguarding People, Communication in Care Relationships, Safe Practice and Wellbeing in Social Services and Human Development and Social Services.

Year 2 (April 2026 Start) includes SVQ Units include Support Effective Communication, Support the Health and Safety of Yourself and Individuals, Support the Safeguarding of Individuals, Develop your own Knowledge and Practice. To achieve your SVQ units, pupils are assessed as part of work placement.

Foundation Apprenticeship - NPA Construction Craft & Technician

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship will give you the chance to develop the skills and knowledge to enter a career in the construction industry. You will learn about the different construction trades and gain some practical skills in Brickwork, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting & Decorating, Plumbing, Brickwork or Roofing. This course is delivered by time served trades people and provides trade expertise in classroom and workshop activities. The course provides employer engagement and you will carry out a sustainable build project.

Entry requirements

Demonstrate an interest in this area and a good attendance record at school.

Units

Understanding industry Personal development: Self and Work, Half Brick Walling, Carpentry and Joinery Techniques, Decorative Painting. SVQ units include Work Based Challenge Skills Unit (SCQF Level 4).

To achieve your SVQ units, pupils will engage with employers to carry out the sustainable build project.

Land-based: Agriculture (Rural Skills for Work)

Course Outline

The Course allows all candidates to begin to develop some of the basic practical skills necessary to work in most of the land based disciplines including agriculture as well as an opportunity to explore the very diverse employment prospects that exist in land-based industries.

Qualifications

Skills for Work Rural Skills SCQF Level 4 Entry

Entry requirements

You will need to demonstrate an aptitude for land-based industries.

Units

Estate Maintenance: An Introduction

Land-based Industries: An Introduction

Employability Skills for Land-based Industries

Animal Husbandry: An Introduction

Animal Handling: An Introduction

NPA Forestry – Schools Academy

Course Outline

The Course allows learners the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of forestry. The course covers units on forestry, woodland, the production and care of young trees and business project. The course delivery will apply to practical contexts allowing learners to complete routine tasks when in college.

Qualifications

NPA Rural Skills – Forestry at SCQF Level 5

Entry requirements

Skills for Work: Rural Skills (level 4) or an ability to study at SCQF Level 5

Units

Rural Business Investigation

Forests and Woodlands: An Introduction

Production and Care of Young Trees

Racing Yard Routine – NPA SCQF Level 5 - Borders

Course Outline

Scottish Racing and Borders College are offering a National Progression Award (NPA) in Race yard Routine to Borders school pupils. You will gain knowledge in race horse care and yard duties. You will gain experience of working at a busy yard with various types of horses.

Qualifications

NPA Racing Yard Routine

Entry requirements

NPA Level 4 Horse Care or a proven interest in racing and horsecare. Entry is subject to an interview.

Units

Horse Care: Horse Health: An Introduction

Horse Care: Safe Working Practices

Racehorse Care: An Introduction

Horse Care: Watering and Feeding: An Introduction

Scottish Racing Academy – NPA Level 4 Horsecare – Schools - Borders

Course Outline

Scottish Racing and Borders College are offering a National Progression Award (NPA) in Horse Care (Racing Pathway) to Borders school pupils. You will gain skills and knowledge of horse care and yard duties. You will gain experience in working with quiet horses.

Qualifications

NPA in Horse Care

Entry requirements

A proven interest in horse care and or horse racing along with an interest in pursuing a career in the equine industry.

Units

Horse Care: Horse Identification and Handling a Quiet Horse Safely

Horse Care: Assist with Grooming a Quiet Horse

Horse Care: Tack and Tacking up

Horse Care: Stable Routine

Skills for Learning and Work Link

Course Outline

In preparation for the Skills for Learning and Work course, pupils are gradually introduced to the routines of college life. This course will provide tasters of a range of practical classes, including Childcare, Catering, Health & Wellbeing, Employability and Core Skills. They will have an introduction to the world of work and take part in activities which promote self-confidence and independence. This course is delivered all day on a Wednesday.

Qualifications

Non-assessed course at SCQF Level 2/3

Entry requirements

Referrals would normally be made following school transition and/or review meetings.

Early Learning and Childcare – SCQF Level 4

Course Outline

This course is designed for pupils who are interested in studying early education and childcare. The units cover information regarding child development, play, maintenance of a safe environment for children and working in an Early Education and Childcare setting. Pupils study key milestones of child development, pre-birth to 12 years. Pupils will gain a basic understanding of a variety of types of play and provision in Early Education and Childcare sector and also key aspects of current health & safety legislation relating to Early Education and childcare.

Qualifications

Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare National 4

Entry requirements

An interest in childcare and an ability to study at National 4 level.

Units (SQA)

Child Development

Play in Early Learning and Childcare

Working in Early Learning and Childcare

Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children

Early Education and Childcare – SCQF Level 5

Course Outline

This course is an introduction to developing skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for work in the early learning and childcare sector. Learners begin to prepare for working in the sector. Transferable employability skills, including:

- an understanding of the workplace and the employee's responsibilities (eg time-keeping, appearance, customer care)
- self-evaluation skills
- positive attitude to learning
- flexible approaches to solving problems
- adaptability and positive attitude to change
- confidence to set goals, reflect and learn from experience
- skills to become effective job-seekers and employees

Qualifications

Skills for Work: Early Learning and Childcare SCQF Level

Entry requirements

An interest in childcare and applicants should have or be working towards Early Learning and Childcare – SCQF Level 4 or at least 2 National 5's, including English.

Units

Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Play in Early Learning and Childcare

Working in Early Learning and Childcare

Care and Feeding of Children and Young People

NPA Social Services, Children and Young People – SCQF Level 6

Course Outline

The NPA Social Services, Children and Young People is a combination of assessment and practice based experience: introducing key learning themes that can be a basis for a career working with Children and Young People.

Qualifications

NPA - Social Services Children and Young People at SCQF Level 6

Entry requirements

Applicants should have or be working towards at least 2 National 5's including English. Applicants should be able to demonstrate values and principles relevant to working in care, such as kindness and empathy. Pupils should have a good level of written and spoken English. Ability to work with others, problem solve and a commitment to appropriate values is necessary.

Units

Safeguarding of Children and Young People
Play for Children and Young People
Communication with Children and Young People
Development of Children and Young People
Promote the Wellbeing and Safety of Children and Young People

NPA Social Services and Healthcare

Course Outline

This NPA develops knowledge and understanding of the care sector; practical and transferable skills; oral, written and evaluation abilities; problem solving and planning capabilities; skills for working with others; and organisational and communication skills.

Qualifications

NPA - Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6

Entry requirements

Applicants should have or be working towards at least 2 National 5's including English. Applicants should have an interest and enthusiasm in exploring this area of work and be able to work at SCQF 6 (Higher Level). Applicants should be able to demonstrate values and principles relevant to working in care, such as kindness and empathy. Pupils should have a good level of written and spoken English. Ability to work with others, problem solve and a commitment to appropriate values is necessary

Units

Social Service in Scotland
Safeguarding People
Communication in Care Relationships
Safe Practice and Wellbeing in Social Services
Human Development and Social Services.

Animal Care (An Introduction)

Course Outline

You will be given an introduction to identifying and caring for small animals which will cover: Identify basic characteristics of animals, Assist with the preparation and maintenance of accommodation for animals, Assist with the preparation and provision of food and water for animals. You will also gain an understanding of working safely, efficiently and effectively in a Land-based environment and will pick up employability skills

Qualifications

Skills for Work Animal Care SCQF level 4

Entry requirements

Show that you have an interest in this area.

Units

Estate Maintenance: An Introduction

Land-based Industries: An Introduction

Employability Skills for Land-based

Industries Animal Husbandry: An Introduction

Animal Handling: An Introduction

Engineering Academy - Schools

Course Outline

You will use and communicate technical information to make components using hand tools, use fitting techniques and assemble mechanical components while gaining an understanding of working safely, efficiently and effectively in an engineering environment.

Qualifications

Performing Engineering Operations SVQ Level 1

Entry requirements

2 Passes at National 3 to include Maths or Physics.

Units

Complying with Statutory Regulations and Organisational Safety Requirements

Working Efficiently and Effectively in Engineering

Using and Communicating Technical Information

Carrying out Pipe Fitting Activities

Wiring Electrical Equipment and Circuits

NPA Enterprise and Business - Schools Academy (SCQF Level 6)

Course Outline

This award in Enterprise and Business is an introductory qualification designed to provide learners with the opportunity to develop Enterprise and Employability skills. It will prepare learners for further study within this vocational area.

Students will study units including Business Formation: An Introduction, Business Skills and Behaviours, Business Formation: Commercial Aspects of Law, Finance and E-Business and Business Formation: Developing a Business Idea.

The course is suitable for S5 and S6 students who are looking to transition from school into further education or industry.

Qualifications

NPA Enterprise and Business at SCQF Level 6

Entry requirements

Learners would benefit from having a qualification in a related subject at SCQF Level 5, an interest in Business and Enterprise and may be interested in pursuing a career in this area.

Units

Complying with Statutory Regulations and Organisational Safety Requirements

Working Efficiently and Effectively in Engineering

Using and Communicating Technical Information

Carrying out Pipe Fitting Activities

Wiring Electrical Equipment and Circuits

NPA Cyber Security – SCQF Level 5

Course Outline

This course will give you an introduction to this subject area and the basic skills necessary to progress onto further study in Computing, IT or another subject. Understanding techniques of Data Security, Digital forensics and Ethical Hacking is important in ensuring that learners are aware of their responsibilities within the virtual community.

Qualifications

NPA Cyber Security SCQF Level 5

Entry requirements

Three National 4s (preferably including one of Maths, Computer Science or Physics)

Units

Data Security

Ethical Hacking

Digital Forensics

NPA Computing Technology (SCQF Level 6)

Course Outline

This course will advance your knowledge and skills in this subject area to progress onto further study in Computing, IT or another subject. The delivery will be project based and will provide candidates with opportunity to develop a wide range of digital skills.

Qualifications

NPA in Computing Technology at SCQF Level 6

Entry Requirements

Three National 5s (preferably including one of Maths, Computer Science or Physics) or NPA Cyber Security at SCQF Level 5

Units

Units that are included in the Computing Technology NPA Framework

E-Sports - NPA

Course Outline

This course will provide candidates with opportunities to enhance their game-playing skills, organise and compete in E-Sports events regionally and nationally and also develop the essential digital skills that are required in the modern-day working environment. By undertaking this course candidates will be provided with a bespoke gaming studio to undertake their course work along with being provided with an area that allows them to prepare and practice in an engaging environment.

Qualifications

NPA E-Sports SCQF Level 5

Entry Requirements

Three National 4s (preferably including one of Maths, Computer Science or Physics)

Units

Game Performance

The E-Sports Industry

Organising and Promoting Events

Beauty and Hairstyling - NPA

Course Outline

This award in Beauty and Hairstyling is an introductory qualification. It has been designed to provide learners with the opportunity to develop basic skills, placing emphasis on skills development and the application of these. It will prepare learners for further study within this vocational area.

The basis of this award is to provide learners with an introduction to the beauty and hairdressing industries, enabling learners to experience vocational-related learning, providing opportunities to develop a range of Core Skills, along with encouraging the development of a positive work ethic.

Qualifications

NPA in Beauty and Hairstyling at SCQF Level 4

Entry Requirements

National 4 award in Literacy or Communications at Intermediate 1 plus Information Technology at Intermediate 1 or equivalent qualification. Selection will be subject to satisfactory interview session. Candidates without any formal academic qualifications may be considered at interview.

Units

Facial Skin Care and Make-up

Manicure and Creative Nail Finishes

Hairstyling: An Introduction

BASE Level 5 – Introduction to Sport and Fitness Leadership

Course Outline

Borders Academy of Sporting Excellence (BASE) supports aspiring sports performers and coaches to develop their individual sports performance alongside their academic studies. This is an excellent opportunity for aspiring sports students to combine academic study and personal development through the delivery of strength and conditioning, practical sport and exercise sessions and classroom theoretical sessions.

Qualifications

SCQF Level 5

Entry Requirements

SCQF Level 4 Physical Education and English or ability to study at SCQF Level 5

Units

Lead Sport and Physical Activity

Participation in Sport/Games

Resistance and Fitness Training

Health and Wellbeing

