



Schools' S4 VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

PAISLEY CAMPUS 2022/23

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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CREATING MUSIC

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your knowledge and understanding of Creating Music. You will be given the opportunity to explore song writing, sound recording and composing.

Entry Level Recommended

You should have a keen interest in music and a basic level of instrument or vocal skill or sound recording.

Course Content

Units shall be based on song writing and will combine performance and recording opportunities.

Progression

Successful completion of these units may enable you to progress onto the NPA music course or the National Certificate (NC).

Key Facts



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Paisley Campus

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SCQF Level 5

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Friday Morning

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9.30am – 12.00pm

INTRODUCTION TO DANCE

Course Outline

This is an exciting course to explore the fundamentals in Jazz, Contemporary and Ballet. There will also be elements of Body Conditioning and Choreography included in the course..

Entry Level Recommended

You do not need any formal qualification.

Course Content

Units will cover an introductory level to jazz, contemporary and ballet.

Progression

Successful students will have the opportunity to move on to our Higher dance programme or our NQ course.

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COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT WITH ESPORTS

Course Outline

This course will allow you look at how you would plan, design and create your own computer games as well as learning about the exciting world of esports, where you will learn to create a brand, plan and undertake an eSports event.

This qualification covers core areas such as design, media assets and development. Coding is also an important part of this qualification. The award will improve learners' computational thinking skills — an area that is gaining recognition as a vital 21st century competence — and stimulate interest in computer science among young learners

Entry Level Recommended

Undertaking Computing and Maths at Nat 5

Course Content

- Computer Games Development
- Producing an Esports brand
- Undertake an Esports event

Progression

You can progress to the Schools Vocational S5/6 Computer Games course or progress to the NC or HNC Games Development Qualifications at West College Scotland

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Interview

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

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ANIMATION 1

Course Outline

Social Media is everywhere and is used to interact and promote a wide range of hobbies, interests, sports, arts, business and general communication on a daily-basis, worldwide

This course will help you to create animations to promote your area of interest through inclusion within a social media context

You will look at social media platforms, social media tools, social media methodologies and social media etiquette, whilst creating your own social media platform. You will learn about the basics of animation through use of animation software and how this can be used to maximise the effect of promoting your social media platform

You will also look at a variety of methods of creating content to be used on social media platforms

Entry Level Recommended

4

Course Content

4 units:

- 2x Social Media
- 2x Animation

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Progression

Through this course, you may be eligible to progress onto the level 5 course in Social Media and Animation or a full-time course in NC Media and/or NC Graphics

Interview

There will be a one-to-one interview for this

INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING

Course Outline

This course will prepare you for the Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting or for entry level positions in an accounting firm.

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards Numeracy or Maths level 4/5

Course Content

- Financial and Cost Accounting an Introduction,
- Financial Accounting for Sole Traders,
- Business Information and ICT all at level 4

Progression

Foundation Apprenticeship in Accounting or NQ in Accounting with Digital Technologies

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INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION

Course Outline

This course will prepare you for the Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills and to work in an office or business environment.

Entry Level Recommended

No entry requirements

Course Content

Word Processing, Audio level 4, Skills for Customer Care Level 4

Progression

Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills

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CONSTRUCTION

Course Outline

This course is an ideal starting point for you to explore each of the main trade areas. This is a very practical course on it you will work in a variety of workshops.

You will cover trade areas as well as underpinning theoretical work.

Alongside learning new skills, you will also work towards developing core skills such as communications, numeracy, working with others and problem solving all of which are invaluable when entering the world of work.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements.

Course Content

There will be a selection of 3 units that may consist of:

- 🔧 **Roof Tiling**
- 🔧 **Bench Carpentry and Joinery**
- 🔧 **Decorative Painting & Finishing**
- 🔧 **Half Brick Walling**

Progression

On completion of this course you can progress onto senior phase Construction Crafts

Interview

There will be a one to one interview for this

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SKILLS FOR WORK HEALTH SECTOR

Course Outline

The National 4 Health Sector Course has been designed to provide learners with opportunities to develop generic employability skills in the context of the health sector. The course may also assist progression into further and higher education and training/employment. The health sector includes the National Health Service (NHS) (primary and secondary care), independent healthcare, complementary therapies, the life sciences and retail pharmaceutical industries and the community and voluntary sector.

This Skills for Work Course is also designed to provide learners with opportunities for developing Core Skills and Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work, with a strong focus on enhancing skills and attitudes for employability.

Entry Level Recommended

Candidate to be able to demonstrate an ability to work at SCQF level 4 with interest in pursuing a career in the health care sector

Course Content

- **H6N0 74 Health Sector: An Introduction – Scotland (National 4) 6 SCQF credit points**
- **F58R 74* Health Sector: Roles and Responsibilities (National 4) 6 SCQF credit points**
- **F598 74* Health Sector: Health Awareness (National 4) 6 SCQF credit points**
- **F599 74* Health Sector: Working Safely (National 4) 3 SCQF credit points**
- **F59A 74* Health Sector: Life Sciences Industry (National 4) 3 SCQF credit points**

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Progression

- **SVQs in Health and Social Care**
- **National courses or units**
- **Further/higher education**
- **Training/employment**

Interview

Group information session and Interview required

INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course Outline

The hospitality industry recruits a vast number of skilled and unskilled workers each year and the workforce continue to be heavily reliant upon young people aged 16-19 years. This 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.

On this course pupils will develop knowledge an understanding of personal hygiene, food safety and health and safety requirements when working in a professional kitchen along with organisational and time management skills required to follow recipes and produce dishes. Pupils will also learn how to professionally use and care for knives within professional kitchens.

Entry Level Recommended

No entry requirements, however, a keen interest in cooking is desired.

Course Content

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

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Progression

- NC Professional Cookery
- Employment

Interview

An interview is not required for this course

INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR, BEAUTY & MAKE-UP INDUSTRY

Course Outline

The course aim is to introduce students to the Hairdressing, Beauty & Make-up industry.

Students on the course will learn and develop various practical skills, incorporating underpinning knowledge, employability skills, health & safety, customer care & product selection.

Students must be prepared to model for, and work on each other on occasion.

Entry Level Recommended

Recommended SCQF level 3

Course Content

Students on the course will learn practical skills including:

Hairdressing:

- Hair styling
- Shampooing hair
- Blow drying
- Use of heated equipment
- Plaits & Braids
- Conditioning treatments

Beauty & Make-up:

- Skin Care
- Cleanse, tone, moisturise
- File & polish
- Nail art
- Basic make-up techniques for day & night
- Face-painting

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Progression

On successful completion of the course the students may progress to:

- Begin Hairdressing
- Begin Beauty
- NC Media Hair & Make-up
- Pre-apprenticeship academy for hairdressing & Barbering
- Employment as a Modern Apprentice in the industry

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 Schools Team can be found in the Renfrew Building along from the Main Reception at the main entrance.

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It sounds great - how do I apply?

Places are limited, so you should speak as soon as possible to your guidance teacher, 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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