



Schools Senior Phase Programmes - S5 & S6

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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.

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

CAR MECHANICS

Course Outline

This course will allow you to gain experience in the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry. You will gain experience working on real cars and rigs in a workshop environment. Continual assessment will take place throughout the course, to make sure your skills are being fully developed. This course will increase your chance of employment in vehicle repair industry.

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards 3 National 5 subjects including Maths

Course Content

- ◆ The Garage
- ◆ The Technician
- ◆ The Car
- ◆ Vehicle Modifications

Progression

- ◆ College
- ◆ Modern Apprenticeship

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

ACCOUNTANCY FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy is ideally for pupils in S6 and takes 1 years to complete. The aim of the Foundation Apprenticeship Accounting course is to help you understand and use financial information. You will learn to record financial accounting information (and bookkeeping), prepare financial information, indirect tax, analysing accounting information, management accounting and professional ethics for accountants.

Please note work experience will be limited with this Foundation Apprenticeship due to AAT exams and will be arranged during the course.

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 data in the ledger**
- ✓ **Professional ethics for accountants**
- ✓ **Advanced bookkeeping**
- ✓ **Final accounts preparation**
- ✓ **Indirect tax**

Progression

- ✓ **HNC/D Accounting**
- ✓ **Modern Apprenticeship in Accounting**
- ✓ **University**

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Time

1.30pm – 4.30pm

HNC BUSINESS

Course Outline

The HNC Business award is designed to offer candidates who have completed their Higher in Business (or related subject) or who have a general interest in Business, the opportunity to progress to the next academic level.

Entry Level Recommended

Must already have one Higher (Grade C and above) or a minimum of 5 subject passes at Intermediate 2 or Nat 5 level (minimum grade of 3 A's & 2 B's) which must include Business or Modern Studies & English.

Course Content

10 Mandatory SQA Credits:

- Managing People & Organisations
- Marketing: An Introduction
- Economic Issues: An Introduction
- Business Accounting
- Business Communication
- IT in Business Spreadsheets
- IT Applications Software
- Graded Unit

Optional Credits (2 further credits)

Depending on numbers in class, a variety of options may be offered including Law, Marketing or Human Resources.

Progression

- HND Business
- University

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Time

1.00pm – 4.00pm

BUSINESS SKILLS FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills is for pupils in S5 and takes 2 years to complete. In S5 the Foundation Apprenticeship will feature the National Progression Award (NPA), plus the new unit 'Contemporary Business Issues'. In S6 it will mainly be delivered in the workplace, and will enable workplace competence to be developed. In addition, the Foundation Apprentices will complete the SCQF level 6 Work Placement unit.

Entry Level Recommended

National 5 Maths and English and preferably a business subject.

Pupils should have an interest in at least one of the following areas: business processes, procurement, entrepreneurship, accounting or management.

Course Content

- Understanding business
- PC Passport - Working with IT software
- Plan how to manage and improve own performance in a business environment
- Support other people to work in a business environment
- Management of people and finance
- Contemporary business issues
- Communicate in a business environment
- Design and produce documents in a business environment

Progression

- HNC/D Business, Accounting or Administration & IT
- Modern Apprenticeship in Business Administration
- University

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Shorter Duration Model

Year 1 - Tuesday/Thursday PM at College
& 1 full day at Renfrewshire Council

2 Year Model

Year 1 - Tuesday/Thursday PM at College
Year 2 - 1 full day at Renfrewshire Council

Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT

Course Outline

The National Progression Award (NPA) in Computer Games Development provides an opportunity for you to develop your knowledge and understanding of games design and games programming. This is an intensive course and requires you to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and prepared to study out with college. You will be working in labs that are equipped with the latest games software and hardware that will foster an atmosphere conducive to creative games development.

Entry Level Recommended

You must have:

- 3 passes at National 4, 1 of which should be Maths
- Due to the competitive nature of this sector, it helps if you demonstrate a real passion for gaming and you will be asked to provide a short personal statement on why you want to attend college

Course Content

National Progression Award in Computer Games Development SCQF Level 5:

- Computer Games Design
- Computer Games Media Assets
- Computer Games Development

Progression

You will have the opportunity to progress to studying the NC in Computer Games Development. If you have Higher Maths progression to the HNC/D in Computer Games Development is encouraged.

You might go on to do:

- A full time higher education course, such as a Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND) or degree, in the computer games industry, computer games (Design), programmer, or related area of study. The level you might enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- A career in graphic design or as a games tester

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday and Thursday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

NPA IN LEGAL STUDIES

Course Outline

This NPA will develop your knowledge and understand of the role of the law. It will provide you with the opportunity to develop relevant Core Skills for legal related occupations and further study, it will also prepare you for entry into related NQ and HN programmes

Entry Level Recommended

Passes at level 5 in English and/or History and/or Modern Studies or similar. A keen interest in all aspects Scots Law would be beneficial

Course Content

- Crime in Society
- Scots Law: An Introduction

Progression

Successful completion of the units would allow entry onto the HNC Business, Accounting or Administration courses.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Friday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

NPA IN DIGITAL SKILLS FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Course Outline

This National Progression Award (NPA) in Enterprise and Business at SCQF level 6 is relevant to anyone considering starting a business, or with an interest in doing so.

The focus of the qualification is on pre-enterprise activity and IT skills essential in any business, with the aim of developing the knowledge and skills required to start a business. It is an essential course for anyone considering self-employment in the future.

The knowledge and skills gained from the qualification are equally relevant to any workplace, equipping you for employment in a wide range of areas, or for further study.

Entry Level Recommended

Applicants should have successfully completed Business and English related subjects to level 5.

Basic IT skills would be an advantage with some experience of using Microsoft Word and Spreadsheets.

Course Content

- Understanding Business
- Management of Marketing and Operations
- Management of People and Finance
- Business Formation: An Introduction
- Business Skills and Behaviours
- Business Formation: Commercial Aspects of Law
- Finance and E - Business
- Business Formation: Developing a Business Idea
- Word Processing (level 5)
- IT Solutions for Administrators (level 5)
- Web Apps: Word Processing
- Web Apps: Spreadsheets

Progression

Successful completion of this award would provide you with access to HNC Accounting, Administration or Business

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

PDA OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Course Outline

This PDA is suitable if you are looking for an opportunity to progress into a range of administrative roles or progress to university to study Business or Administration.

There is no articulation onto a degree course but would give universities an indication, on successful completion, that you are ready to study at that level.

Entry Level Recommended

Applicants should have completed at least one Higher for example English, History, Modern Studies and have a basic level of IT Skills.

Course Content

- Office Administration
- Digital Technologies for Administrators
- Communication: Business Communication
- Personal Planning Development
- Human Resources: Core Activities

Progression

Successful completion of the units would allow entry onto the HNC Business, Accounting or Administration courses.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1:00pm - 4:00pm

INTRODUCTION TO EARLY YEARS AND PRIMARY TEACHING

Course Outline

The course is designed to develop some of the essential skills and knowledge required for further study and to work in the fast-growing sectors of Early Learning & Childcare and Primary Teaching.

This course has been specifically designed to support students to develop a good underpinning knowledge of Child development and theories of development, along with providing a clear overview of how language, literacy and numeracy could be supported in an educational setting, and the key role that the adult plays in supporting this process. On completion of these units, along with Higher English, students will be guaranteed an interview to study Childhood Practice practitioner award at WCS College or may also use the solid foundations of what has been covered in this course to support an application for a primary school teaching qualification.

Entry Level Recommended

Applicants must have either achieved or be working towards Higher English

Course Content

This course has been designed to cover key areas of learning relevant to further study in Primary School teaching and Childhood practice.

Units include:

- ◆ **Child Development**
- ◆ **Child Development Theory**
- ◆ **Supporting Language, Literacy and Numeracy in an Educational Setting**

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF 6

Day

Tuesday & Thursday

Time

1.45-4.00pm

SKILLS FOR WORK CHILDCARE

Course Outline

You will study a National 5 level programme an introductory qualification that will allow you to further develop your knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to consider work in the early learning and childcare sector.

At National 5 pupils can begin to develop transferable skills including:

- skills to become effective job-seekers and employees
- positive attitude to learning
- flexible approaches to solving problems

The Qualification covers areas such as the Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People, Play in Early Learning and Childcare and Working In Early Learning and Childcare

Entry Level Recommended

Must have achieved

National 4 qualifications, including English or Communications and be working towards National 5's

Useful to have achieved

Early Learning and Childcare National 4 course or its unit(s)

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 Units (one of the following):

- Contemporary families
- Children and Young People: Rights and Protection
- Care and Feeding of Children and Young People
- Introduction to First Aid

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

Please note no placements are offered on this course.

Progression

- NC Early Education and Childcare
- Employment

Interview

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

SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Shorter Duration Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare is for pupils in S6.

Pupils complete a National Progression Award (NPA) at SCQF level 6 in Social Services and Healthcare. The NPA provides knowledge and an introduction to the skills that will help pupils to complete Mandatory Units of the SVQ 2 Social Services and Healthcare.

Together, the NPA and SVQ along with the associated work placement* form the Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare.

Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ **Achieved five relevant National 5 qualifications at Grade C or above including English by end of S5 (Relevant subjects may include science, psychology, sociology or other care related topics)**
- ✔ **Achieved or working towards Higher English (A-C) by end of S6**

Please note: all candidates are required to be vetted by Disclosure Scotland as part of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme).

Course Content

You will develop your own knowledge and practice and study a range of units including:

- ✔ **Social services in Scotland**
- ✔ **Communication in care relationships**
- ✔ **Human development and social influences**
- ✔ **Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals**
- ✔ **Safeguarding people**
- ✔ **Develop your own knowledge and practice**

Progression

- ✔ **Modern Apprenticeship**
- ✔ **Higher Social or Health Care Level 6**
- ✔ **HNC Social Services or Care & Administrative Practice or Childhood Practice**
- ✔ **University**

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Tuesday/Thursday PM at college & 1 full day work placement

Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

Interview

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

An online application must be submitted via the FA page of the college website

HIGHER PSYCHOLOGY

Course Outline

The course provides students with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of human psychology.

This is achieved by studying a variety of topics that will help students understand the human mind and behaviour from a scientific perspective. There are currently two units on the Higher Psychology course; Social Behaviour and Individual Differences.

In the Social Behaviour unit, students will study the mandatory topics of conformity, compliance, and obedience before moving on to study the optional topics of prejudice and aggression. For the Individual Differences unit, students will study the mandatory topics of sleep and dreams before moving on to study the optional topics of depression and memory. The course also consists of a Research Investigation which involves students selecting a suitable topic for research before designing and conducting that research in collaboration with other class members.

Research Investigations are individually written before being submitted for external marking. The Investigations are worth 33% of the final grade. There is a final exam.

Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ S6 Pupils
- ✔ Achieved Higher English

Course Content

- ✔ Individual Behaviour
- ✔ Social Behaviour

In addition to these units, students will complete a Research Investigation and keep a logbook to record progress. The Research Investigation is worth 40 marks and contributes 33% towards the final grade.

The remaining 66% of the final grade comes from the end of course external exam, which assesses your knowledge and understanding of the course content

Progression

- ✔ HNC in Social Sciences
- ✔ HNC Counselling
- ✔ University

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

Interview

You may be required to attend an interview for this course.

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 learners - at SCQF Level 5 - to a selection of topics and areas of debates that inform contemporary ideas of crime and justice.

Entry Level Recommended

Pupils should have Nat 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 learners have the opportunity to 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. Learners 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. Learners will gain skills such as communication, time management and the ability to work with others, which are fundamental to employment prospects.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Wednesday & Friday

Time

1:45pm - 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

S6 Only.

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 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.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 8

Day

Tuesday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

PDA HISTORY

Course Outline

West College Scotland will provide you with the opportunity to gain a Personal Development Award (PDA) in History. The History award aims to provide you with an understanding of History and will look at 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.

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 higher education course in social science at college or university degree courses in History, arts, social sciences, sciences. The level you might enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- Employment in History, social sciences

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

This course will be delivered Online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits your lifestyle and commitments.

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

Monday

Time

5.00pm - 8.00pm

PDA POLITICS

Course Outline

West College Scotland will provide you with the opportunity to gain a Personal Development Award (PDA) in Politics. The Politics award 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.

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 higher education course in social science at college or university degree courses in Politics, arts, social sciences, sciences, criminology or business studies. The level you might enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- Employment in Politics, social sciences, sciences, criminology or business

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

This course will be delivered Online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits your lifestyle and commitments.

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

Tuesday

Time

5.00pm - 8.00pm

PDA SOCIOLOGY

Course Outline

West College Scotland will provide you with the opportunity to gain a Personal Development Award (PDA) in Sociology. The Sociology award 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.

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 higher education course in social science at college or university degree courses in Sociology, arts, social sciences, sciences, criminology or business studies. The level you might enter would depend on the level and relevance of your other qualifications
- Employment in Sociology, social sciences, sciences, criminology or business

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

This course will be delivered Online to provide you with the flexibility to study in a way that suits your lifestyle and commitments.

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

Thursday

Time

5.00pm - 8.00pm

CIVIL ENGINEERING FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering is ideally for pupils in S6. Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop the skills required by modern professional Civil Engineering Technicians and provides an insight to the many career options available. They will study the principles and practices utilised by engineers and consultancy teams working in the field of renewable energy, roads and bridges, flood alleviation, commercial buildings, marine works and environmental protection through an NC in Civil Engineering at SCQF Level 6 and SVQ 3 Construction Technical. There will be work placement 1 day per week.

Entry Level Recommended

Achieved several National 5 subjects including Maths & Physics and working towards Higher

Course Content

- ✓ Civil engineering materials
- ✓ Civil engineering site work
- ✓ Computer aided drafting: An introduction
- ✓ Health and safety in the construction industry
- ✓ Mechanics for construction: An introduction
- ✓ Civil engineering project
- ✓ Civil engineering technology
- ✓ Construction site surveying: An introduction
- ✓ Mathematics: Craft 1
- ✓ Construction Technology: Groundworks & Substructures

Progression

- ✓ Modern Apprenticeship
- ✓ HNC Construction Management
- ✓ University

Interview

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

An online application must be submitted via the FA page on the college website.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Time

9.30am – 4.00pm

SFW ENGINEERING

Course Outline

In this course, pupils will study four units, where you will be introduced to mechanical and electrical/electronic engineering processes, tools, technologies and skills within a practical workshop environment 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 Nat 4 Math and English at Grade C or above and working towards Nat 5

Course Content

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

Progression

- ▢ NC Engineering
- ▢ HNC Engineering
- ▢ Modern Apprenticeship

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF 5

Day

Wednesday & Friday

Time

1.45pm - 4.00pm

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing aims to give pupils the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to enter into a career in Engineering and the Advanced Manufacturing sector and other Engineering related industries. The programme is designed to provide participants with theory, practice and related work experience.

The FA in Advanced Manufacturing is an SCQF Level 6 qualification aimed at pupils in S5 and will take 2 years to complete.

Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ **Achieved National 5 Maths**
(Working towards National 5 Maths and a National 5 STEM/Technical based subject will be considered by the course team.)

Course Content

- ✔ **Communication Core Skill Unit**
- ✔ **Mathematics: Technician 1**
- ✔ **Engineering: Applying IT**
- ✔ **CAD for Engineers**
- ✔ **Engineering Manufacturing Processes**
- ✔ **Engineering Materials**
- ✔ **Graphical Engineering Communications**
- ✔ **Industrial CNC Machining**

3 mandatory units, 5 restricted core units, plus four optional units from a further range.

Progression

- ✔ **Modern Apprenticeship**
- ✔ **HNC Engineering**
- ✔ **University**

Interview

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

An online application must be submitted via the FA page of the college website

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Year 1 - Tuesday/Thursday PM college.
Employer engagement will take place during year 1.
Year 2 – Tuesday - Friday PM at college & Block work placement.

Time

1.30pm - 4.00pm

ENGINEERING SYSTEMS FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering aims to give pupils the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to enter into a career in Engineering and the Advanced Manufacturing sector and other Engineering related industries. The programme is designed to provide participants with theory, practice and related work experience. The FA in Engineering is an SCQF Level 6 qualification aimed at pupils in S6 and will take 1 year to complete.

Entry Level Recommended

- ✔ Achieved National 5 Maths and working towards Higher
- ✔ National 5 English and a STEM based subject

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

- ✔ **Modern Apprenticeship**
- ✔ **HNC Engineering**
- ✔ **University**

Interview

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

An online application must be submitted via the FA page of the college website

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Year 1 - Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
full day at College. Block work
placement May/June TBC

Time

9.30am - 4.00pm

PERFORMING ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

Course Outline

This qualification covers the fundamental skills and knowledge common to all engineering and manufacturing practises including health and safety requirements and communicating engineering information. The qualification is comprised of 3 Mandatory units and 2 Optional Units (from a large selection of 32.) The 2 practical units are there to substantially improve the practical skills of the pupil, by manufacturing a number of different items from a series of engineering drawing to within a given tolerance.

Entry Level Recommended

Preferable should have or be working towards national 5 qualifications in two of the following Maths, Graphical Communication, Metalwork, Woodwork, Design and Technology/Manufacture, Science

- Have a keen interest in engineering
- Be a good communicator
- Be a team player
- Be prepared to commit to the course

Course Content

Mandatory Units

- Working Safely in an Engineering Environment
- Working Efficiently and Effectively in Engineering
- Using and Communicating Technical Information

2 units from a selection of 32 to be decided by the department.

Progression

Full time Pre-Apprentice college course

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Tuesday/Thursday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

SKILLS FOR WORK CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

Course Outline

Jobs in the construction industry are ever in demand. If you are interested in securing one, you should try this introductory course. It is an ideal starting point for you to explore each of the main trade areas. This is a very practical course; students will work in a variety of workshops producing products and models that are accepted as being completed to industry standards.

Entry Level Recommended

- Working towards National 5 Maths and English
- Genuine interest in the Construction Industry

Course Content

- Employability Skills
- Half Brickwork
- Decorative Painting
- Site Carpentry Bench Joinery

Progression

- NPA Bricklaying
- NPA Roof Slating & Tiling
- NPA Painting & Decorating

Interview

A successful interview with college staff will be required and also a multiple choice exercise before a place is offered on the course.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

CREATIVE & DIGITAL MEDIA FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Course Outline

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media is a 1 year course. Pupils complete a National Progression Award (NPA) at SCQF level 6. This includes knowledge units that support pupils to develop an understanding of the technologies, processes and practices used within the Creative Industries. Pupils also complete 4 units of the Diploma in Creative Digital Media at SCQF Level 7 all leading to the unit Media: Project which will compliment the workplace experience and will be used for the industry challenge project.

Entry Level Recommended

National 5 English and Computing or Media Subject working towards Higher

Course Content

- ▶ **Creative industries: An introduction - Scotland**
- ▶ **Media: understanding the creative process**
- ▶ **Work effectively with others in the creative industries**
- ▶ **Communicating using digital marketing/ sales channels**
- ▶ **Media project**
- ▶ **Creative industries: Understanding a creative brief**
- ▶ **Storytelling for the creative industries**
- ▶ **Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety**
- ▶ **Use digital and social media in marketing campaigns**

Progression

- ▶ **Modern Apprenticeship**
- ▶ **HNC or HND in a variety of creative disciplines**
- ▶ **University**

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Tuesday/Thursday PM at college & 1 full day work placement

Time

1.30 - 4.00pm

Interview

An interview is not required for a place on this course. Places will be offered based on information provided within the online application.

An online application must be submitted via the FA page of the college website

SOCIAL MEDIA & ANIMATION

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 and content 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 learn how to use film, audio, photography and digital art software to create content for a website.

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards National 5s

Course Content

- ▶ Animation Fundamentals
- ▶ Art & Design Project
- ▶ Interactive Multimedia for Web Development
- ▶ Research

Progression

- ▶ NC Media
- ▶ NC Graphics

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

HIGHER DANCE

Course Outline

This is the perfect course for you if you have an interest in working with others and enhancing your knowledge and understanding of choreography to create new and exciting dance work. You will participate in a variety of dance styles and learn, with others, how the fundamentals are used in the creative process of choreography (dance styles include Jazz, Contemporary and commercial). A basic understanding of Jazz, Contemporary or Ballet is beneficial but not essential for this course and you will be expected to display a commitment to engaging in new ways of working within dance. As you will be working with others, especially in choreographic pieces, full attendance on this course is expected. You will be given support throughout the course to plan, develop and evaluate your performance and will be kept fully informed of your progress. During this course you will have the opportunity to attend theatre trips and workshops such as the Scottish Ballet Highers' day.

Entry Level Recommended

A reference is required for this course

Course Content

- Choreography
- Technical Skills
- Dance Appreciation

Progression

- NC Dance
- HND Dance Artists
- University

Interview

Entry is by audition and interview only, this will involve: A practical dance class, a group presentation about the course and content, a written short answer paper. The practical class requires that: Appropriate dance clothing should be worn. You should be prepared to dance bare foot. You may be introduced to dance styles which you have not tried before. If you are interested you will be notified through your school of an audition date. Following auditions, places are offered to those who demonstrate the greatest potential to benefit from the course, regardless of their previous experience or dance education background.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

HIGHER PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Outline

Photography is the world's most popular hobby activity. So many business and professions now use photography to promote and develop their brands and products. From Instagram to posters in Braehead Shopping Mall photography is all around us.

Working towards a Higher in Photography will require you to take time in your week to plan, take and edit your pictures. Some projects are weather dependent meaning you will have to take pictures when possible; that might mean early on a Sunday morning!

Some students who complete this course go on to join our very successful courses in photography here in the College. Other students use the Higher to boost their art qualifications for entry to university, college or art school. As part of your school week this course gives you a chance to make a move to the next stage of your development, being a college student, working with new people from across Renfrewshire.

Students really love this course and explain it has helped their confidence and made

them feel more ready to move to college/Uni or work full time.

The course assumes you have little or no experience of photography when you start. We provide all equipment and materials you will need. This is a creative subject that also has a technical element. It will give you an opportunity to practice a wider range of skills – and it looks great on your UCAS or job application form!

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements

Course Content

- Learn to use a DSLR camera and edit your images
- Contextual imagery Look at the world of photography, design and plan your photo shoots
- Compile a final project folio of your images

Progression

- NQ Photography
- HNC Photography
- University
- Art School

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 6

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

Interview

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

NPA MUSIC PERFORMING

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your knowledge and understanding of Live Performance, Music Promotion and technique on an instrument or voice. This will be an intensive course and will require you to be self-motivated, enthusiastic and prepared to study out with college sessions.

Entry Level Recommended

You should have a basic level of instrument or vocal skill and entry will be based upon a successful audition. You would benefit from previous experience in music performing.

Course Content

- Music: Live Performance
- Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice
- Music: Promotion in the Music Industry

Progression

- NC Music
- HNC Music
- HNC Sound Production

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

NPA CREATIVE BEAUTY

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 brow shaping, Day and Fantasy Make Up application, artistic design for the face and creative finishes to the nails using polishes on the Hands and feet

Written work will include workbooks, short tests, 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 pupils must adhere to all requirements which includes pupils working on each other and being prepared to participate in skin care, remove make up to have make up reapplied.

Course Content

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

- Beauty Skills: An Introduction
- Cosmetology: Make-Up Artistry
- Creative Nail Finishes to Hand and Feet

Progression

- NC Beauty Therapy
- Employment

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

BEGIN MAKE-UP ARTISTRY

Course Outline

National Progression Award in cosmetology consists of 4 credits. Pupils will work on units such as make-up 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 Make-up full time courses in the future. A degree of written work is part of all units within this course.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements

Course Content

- Make-up Artistry- Practical Skills
- Product awareness
- Working with customers & colleagues
- Career options & choices
- Prepare and assist in the work place environment
- Health & Safety

Progression

NC Make-up course

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 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

You must have a keen interest in learning about hairdressing and be prepared to observe skills being demonstrated and then to practice for as long as it takes to become competent.

Course Content

- Salon Awareness
- Working in a Salon
- Creativity
- Employability Skills

Progression

- Begin Hairdressing course
- Employment as a salon assistant

Interview

You will be interviewed for this course and this will involve: Group presentation about the course and content question paper about your interests in the hairdressing industry. Personal one to one interview your written responses and personal presentation will be graded to gauge your suitability for the course.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

NPA PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course Outline

This course provides an opportunity for you to develop your skills in professional cookery and is designed to give you the skills and knowledge needed to make an informed decision regarding following a career in the catering industry as a trainee chef or chef apprentice. It is also the stepping stone to more advanced courses in professional cookery which can be studied full-time or in conjunction with employment.

This is not a leisure course it is intended for pupils who wish to work in the industry and classes take place in a commercial kitchen in the college.

Entry Level Recommended

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

Course Content

Core Units

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

Other possible Units

- 🔹 **Craft Baking**
- 🔹 **Introduction to Cake Decoration**
- 🔹 **Hospitality: Organisation of Practical Skills**
- 🔹 **Local Hospitality Provision**

Progression

- 🔹 **NQ Professional Cookery level 5**
- 🔹 **Employment**
- 🔹 **Modern Apprenticeship**

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

HNC TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Course Outline

This course will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for employment within the Travel and Tourism industry or for progression to further academic qualifications within the Travel and Tourism area. Employment areas cover organisations in the domestic, inbound tourism and outbound travel industry, for example, tour operations, visitor servicing, tourism development, marketing, customer service, guiding, conferencing, tourist and information services, retail and business travel agents, airlines, airports, cruise operators. This course can also provide a preparation for employment in the general field of business in areas such as administration, marketing and customer services.

Entry Level Recommended

- ✓ S6 Pupils able to work independently and under pressure
- ✓ Achieved 1 Higher or a pass at NC level in a related subject for example Administration or Business

Course Content

Mandatory Units:

- ✓ Introduction to Travel and Tourism
- ✓ Structure of the Travel and Tourism Industry
- ✓ Retail Travel Practice
- ✓ Creating a Culture of Customer Care
- ✓ International Tourist Destinations
- ✓ Preparation for Employment in the Travel and Tourism Industry
- ✓ Graded Unit 1
- ✓ Air Travel
- ✓ Communication

Other Possible Units:

- ✓ Tour Guiding and Resort Representation
- ✓ Visitor Attraction Operations
- ✓ Communication in Spanish

Progression

- ✓ HND Travel and Tourism
- ✓ University
- ✓ Employment

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

2 full days TBC

Time

9.00pm – 4.00pm

Interview

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

NPA BAKERY

Course Outline

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the catering industry, but do not necessarily have any prior experience of bakery, then try this introductory course. You will learn skills in professional bakery, whilst working in the training kitchens within the Hospitality department. You will be preparing and presenting food in a realistic working environment throughout the academic year.

Entry Level Recommended

Preferably achieved Core Skills SCQF Level 3 however entry is at the discretion of the college.

Course Content

- 🍳 Craft Baking: An Introduction
- 🍰 Cake Decorating: An Introduction
- 🍞 Bread Making: An Introduction
- 🥐 Pastry

Progression

- 🍳 NC Professional Cookery
- 🍳 Employment

Interview

An interview is not required for this course

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.45pm – 4.00pm

SKILLS FOR WORK HOSPITALITY

Course Outline

Candidates will develop vocational skills and knowledge and gain practical experience in: menu planning; preparing, cooking and presenting a range of foods in a professional kitchen; serving food and drinks; undertaking reception duties and customer care; and planning, organising and running a small hospitality event.

Entry Level Recommended

Applicants must demonstrate an interest in Hospitality /Catering and should be undertaking Hospitality subjects in School.

Course Content

- Working in a Professional Kitchen
- Working in a professional Restaurant
- Working in the Hospitality Industry
- Planning and contributing to Events

Progression

Successful completion of this course would allow articulation onto NQ, NC or SVQ Professional Cookery Level 5 or Hospitality Operations and Events Level 5/6

Interview

Yes

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1:45pm - 4:00pm

NQ CABIN CREW & AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Course Outline

Pupils will learn duties carried out by cabin crew and airport ground operation personnel. 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

Achieve 2 National 5s at grade C or above.

Course Content

- Working as Air Cabin Crew
- Selling Skills
- Skills for Customer Care
- Introduction to Airport Ground Operations
- Airport Ground Operations (advanced)
- Travel Products and Services

Progression

- NC International Travel with Airport Ground Operations
- HNC Travel & Tourism

Interview

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

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Tuesday/Thursday

Time

1:45pm - 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 springboard 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?

Please contact the relevant person below:

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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

➤ www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/foundation-apprenticeship

➤ <https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/schools-vocational-programme/>





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