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# Schools Senior Phase Programmes – S4

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# West College Scotland

## Schools Vocational Programmes

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...



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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*

**Fiona McKenzie**  
Head of Communities



# INTRODUCTION TO AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING

## Course Outline

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

## Entry Level Recommended

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

## Course Content

- Introduction to Health and Safety in the workplace
- Tools, Equipment and Consumable Materials for Vehicle Maintenance
- Vehicle Paint Preparation
- Paint Spraying and Masking Techniques
- Primer Preparation and Application Techniques

## Progression

This course provides a progression route onto Level 1 Certificate in Transport Maintenance (Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle), Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Body repair or Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair Paint principles

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 3

### Day

Wednesday

### Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

# COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPMENT

## Course Outline

Do you have a passion for computer games?  
Do you want to learn to how to design and make a game?

The course introduces you to the development process behind computer games.

You will have the opportunity to gain a valuable insight into some of the technologies and skills required within the computer games industry.

## Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements, but a keen interest in computing is expected.

## Course Content

You will gain two units in

### ◆ Games Design: What makes a game engaging or immersive?

You will be guided through the design process analysing existing titles to consider why they have become so popular. You will move onto develop your own creative skills working on design projects and game pitches

### ◆ Level Design: You will gain hands on experience in 3D level design and construction features in unreal (or similar) technologies with state of the art equipment.

### ◆ Introduction to computer programming for games: this is where the magic happens. Learn how to code your own computer games using programming software.

## Progression

You can progress to the SCQF level 5 Computer Games at college, or a Foundation Apprenticeship IT Software.

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

## Key Facts



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SCQF Level 4

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# CHILDCARE

## Course Outline

The course is suitable for those looking to gain knowledge of early learning and childcare – a huge growth area in Scotland! It looks at how children develop physically, socially, emotionally, intellectually, as well as in their language development.

## Entry Level Recommended

This course is available to S4 pupils with an interest in early learning and childcare.

## Course Content

- DM83 10 Child Development
- DM84 10 Play in Early Education and Childcare

## Progression

If you continue into S5, you will be able to apply for the Skills for Work Level 5 Early Education and Childcare course. This will further develop your knowledge of childcare. Alternatively, you can apply for a full-time Level 5 course Entry to Early Education and Childcare.

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Waterfront Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

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# INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACY

## Course Outline

The course aims to provide you with experience of the following key areas of pharmacy services:

- ◆ **Understanding Disease States & Promoting Public Health**
- ◆ **Preparation & Use of Medicines**
- ◆ **Medical Terms**

You will study structure & function of the human body and link this knowledge to a range of public health issues including coronary heart disease and diabetes. Practical work will allow you to develop skills in aseptic preparation of medicines and good dispensing practice.

You will be assessed by written tests and also in practical skills.

## Entry Level Recommended

You should be studying science subjects at Nat 5 and have a keen interest in a career working in the pharmacy sector.

## Course Content

- ◆ **Health Sector: Improving Health & Wellbeing**  
(SCQF Level 5: 1.0 credits)
- ◆ **Applying Practical Skills**  
(SCQF Level 5: 1.0 credits)

## Progression

In combination with relevant school qualifications this course could lead to the full time Access to Pharmacy Services programme (SCQF Level 5).

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 5

### Day

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### Time

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# MEDICAL LABORATORY SKILLS

## Course Outline

You will be able to study practical laboratory science, gaining experience of a wide range of techniques as well as becoming familiar with laboratory equipment and health and safety. Practical work will enable you to enhance your problem solving and analytical skills as well as develop your practical skills. During your time in college you will also gain an insight into careers available in science & develop relevant employability skills such as time management, self-evaluation and working co-operatively with others

## Entry Level Recommended

You should be studying another science subject at National 5 (or above) and have a keen interest in practical lab work.

## Course Content

- Applying Practical Skills (SCQF Level 5, 1.0 credits)
- Health Sector: Improving Health & Wellbeing (SCQF Level 5, 1.0 credits)

## Progression

Completion of this programme, in combination with school qualifications, could lead to an NC in Applied Science (Level 5) or access to Pharmacy services (level 5) or Access to HN Science (Level 6)

## Key Facts



### Location

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### Level

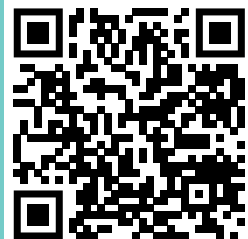
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# CONSTRUCTION – SELECTION OF NAT 4 UNITS

## 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 4 units for this course they will consist of

- ◆ **Roof Tiling**
- ◆ **Bench Carpentry and Joinery**
- ◆ **Decorative Painting**
- ◆ **Decorative Finishing**

## Progression

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

## Key Facts



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SCQF Level 4

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# ENGINEERING

## Course Outline

Do you want to work in the Engineering Industry?

This course is a great qualification to introduce you to the Engineering sector. It will equip you with an invaluable set of transferable engineering skills that will allow you to access a host of industries.

## Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements.

## Course Content

This course will cover three units at National 4 level

- 🔧 **F3FS11 Plumbing**
- 🔧 **F19H10 Mechanical Engineering**
- 🔧 **F19D10 Electrical/Electronic Engineering**

## Progression

You can progress onto the National 5 Engineering course, or Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering

## Key Facts



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# S4 RSL CERTIFICATE LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

## Course Outline

This course will provide you with the opportunity to improve your skills as a musician by providing you with individual instrumental tuition and perform in a band as part of live performance.

## Entry Level Recommended

A basic ability on one of the following instruments is required – Guitar, Bsss Guitar, Drums, Keyboards, Vocals.

## Course Content

The course will consist of two main elements – instrumental tuition and live performance.

For instrumental tuition, you will study your specialist instrument at a particular grade (1-8) with world renowned awarding bodies RSL and Trinity. At the end of the year, you will have the opportunity to sit the exam and become qualified on your instrument at a grade that suits your current ability. For live performance, you will work in our state-of-the-art rehearsal facilities with other musicians in your class as a band, learning how to prepare for a professional live performance, culminating in a live music

performance at a local venue. In previous years, our students have performed their end of year showcases in venues such as The Beacon Arts Centre.

## Progression

This course can lead to progression on to NC Music or NPA Music in S5, which in turn can then lead to a course in higher education such as HNC/HND Music, and year one of university courses

## Interview

The interview will consist of an informal audition with one of our instrument tutors. You should prepare 2 pieces to perform on your instrument.

## Key Facts



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# SOUND PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

You will be introduced to the skills required to work as a recording studio engineer and live sound engineer. These two main areas of employment in the sound production industry will enable you to learn skills in multi-track recording and multitrack mixing, learning to use industry standard DAW software Pro Tools and Reason. You will also learn how to set up a PA system and how to operate live sound at live events.

## Entry Level Recommended

No formal entry requirements.

## Course Content

The three SQA units (three credits) that will make up this course are as follows:

- ▶ **Multi-track recording and mixing**
- ▶ **Digital Audio Workstations - Pro Tools and Reason**
- ▶ **Setting up a PA system**
- ▶ **Operating Live Sound**

## Progression

Successful students will have the opportunity to progress to SCQF Level 5/6 qualifications, such as NC Sound Production.

## Key Facts



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# TELEVISION PRODUCTION

## Course Outline

You will be introduced to the basics of Television Production, where they will work as a production team in small groups to create content for the local TV channel Inverclyde TV. You are encouraged to match your interest in learning about TV production with other interests in order for the class group to create a variety of content, for example in Film, Food, Music, Politics, Sport etc.

## Entry Level Recommended

No formal entry requirements

## Course Content

- Basic video camera operating
- Basic video editing
- Sound Recording for Camera
- Lighting for Camera
- Production skills

## Progression

Opportunity to progress onto NPA Television Production (SCQF Level 5) or NC Media. Possible progression to NC Television Production and Photography course at SCQF Level 6 depending on other qualifications

## Key Facts



### Location

Greenock Finnart Campus

### Level

SCQF Level 4

### Day

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### Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm



# INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR, MAKE-UP AND BEAUTY INDUSTRY

## Course Outline

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

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

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

## Entry Level Recommended

Recommended SCQF level 3

## Course Content

You will learn practical skills including:

Hairdressing:

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

Beauty:

- Skin Care
- Cleanse, tone, moisturise
- File & polish
- Nail art

## 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

## Key Facts



### Location

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# 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 you 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. You 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

## Progression

- ◆ NC Professional Cookery
- ◆ Employment

## Key Facts



### Location

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SCQF Level 3-5

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# SPORT

## Course Outline

This course is designed to introduce you to the subject areas of Health and Fitness and Sports Coaching.

## Entry Level Recommended

You will have an interest in Sport and Fitness. S4 candidates currently working towards or have achieved SCQF level 5 subjects.

## Course Content

- ▶ **Sports Officiating: Basketball**  
SCQF level 5
- ▶ **Sporting Activity Participation and Performance: Basketball**  
SCQF level 5
- ▶ **Sporting Activity Participation and Performance: Badminton**  
SCQF level 5
- ▶ **Exercise and Fitness: An Introduction**  
SCQF level 4
- ▶ **Awareness of First Aid**  
(online programme)

## Progression

Articulation with college based programmes in Sport and Fitness.

## Key Facts



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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

### Sandra Gardiner

School Liaison Coordinator

t: 01475 724 433

m: 07590 230 404

### Sharron Rodger

Schools Relationship Manager

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e: [sharron.rodger@wcs.ac.uk](mailto:sharron.rodger@wcs.ac.uk)

## 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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