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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



CAR MECHANICS

Course Outline

An opportunity to gain experience in the Motor Vehicle repair industry.

SQA Units will cover: The Garage and The Car. You will gain experience working on real cars and rigs in a realistic environment.

Continual assessment will run through the course on the skills that are being developed. This will allow students to gain useful knowledge for both themselves in later life and the potential of employment in vehicle repair industry.

Entry Level Recommended

- 🔹 You must be working towards at least 3 national 4 awards
- 🔹 Preferably, English, Maths and a Science subject

Course Content

Understanding how the garage is set up and works. Alongside this there is an introduction which looks at the car, how the systems operate and common repair areas.

Progression

This course will allow a taste of what to expect in the vehicle repair industry. It will give knowledge which could assist in getting a Modern Apprentice position within a garage or alternatively a full-time position on a further education course.

Key Facts



Location

Paisley Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Friday Morning

Time

9.30am-12.00pm

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER GAMES INDUSTRY

Course Outline

This taster course will introduce you into the world of the computer games industry. They will look at both esports and game development during the course. Learners will get to know the various roles involved in the esports industry and how to plan an esports event. They will also look at roles within games development and learn about developing their own game. This qualification covers coding is also an important part of this qualification. The award will improve your 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

- ◆ Introduction to Esports
- ◆ Introduction to Computer Games Development

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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SKILLS FOR WORK EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

Course Outline

You will study units from the Skills for Work programme - Early Education and Childcare at National 4 Level. This will introduce you to the knowledge and experience required to work in a variety of childcare environments. You will learn ways of providing appropriate play and activities for children and young people whilst maintaining their health, safety and well-being in every situation. This course will allow you to develop an understanding of child development, explore how to cater for children's individual needs and examine the roles and responsibilities required of childcare practitioners.

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards National 4s, including English at Nat 4

Course Content

Mandatory Units

- Child Development
- Play in Early Learning and Childcare

Please note no placements are offered on this course and all demonstrations and interactions are simulated to create a realistic environment.

Progression

- Skills for Work National 5 Early Education and Childcare

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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.

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PLUMBING

Course Outline

This taster course will introduce you to plumbing craft. It includes practical workshop activities focusing on cutting, fitting, connecting, and assembling copper pipework. The course aims to develop safe working practices and employability skills.

Entry Level Recommended

An interest in plumbing and renewable technologies.

Course Content

- ▶ **Select, use and maintain plumbing tools and materials**
- ▶ **Fabricate copper pipework arrangements**

Progression

You can progress onto Pre-Apprenticeship Plumbing and Renewable Technologies.

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INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING (ENGINEERING UNITS)

Course Outline

In this introduction to engineering course, you will study a series of units in mechanical, electrical engineering. These units will give you knowledge in engineering and its technologies used within a practical workshop environment. The course will have a both a practical and a theoretical element.

For the practical element you will be required to manufacture, assemble, wire artefacts to an agreed standard. For the theoretical element you will be required to answer written questions.

Entry Level Recommended

S4 students working towards Nat 4/5 preferably in either technology or science subjects.

Course Content

Units in Mechanical and Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

Progression

NC Engineering

Key Facts



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CREATIVE BEAUTY SKILLS WITH HAIR STYLING

Course Outline

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

On the course 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

On the course 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 you 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

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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: An Introduction

Progression

- NC Professional Cookery
- Employment

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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 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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