



SCHOOL-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

COURSE GUIDE

Study at College while still at school

Glossary

FA	Foundation Apprenticeship
NC	National Certificate
NPA	National Progression Award
HNC	Higher National Certificate
HND	Higher National Diploma
MA	Modern Apprenticeship
SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework
SFW	Skills for Work
SVQ	Scottish Vocational Qualification

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
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Please note that the courses listed in this guide are subject to change.

Course details such as **times, days and locations** are on the Ayrshire College website:

www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/schools

Welcome to Ayrshire College

Ayrshire College works closely with local authorities and secondary schools to deliver a wide range of vocational qualifications to school pupils that complements the Curriculum for Excellence.

Senior phase pupils (S4-S6) can study a College course while continuing at school.

Our aim is to ensure young people have access to work-relevant educational experience to enable them to make informed and ambitious choices about the career route that's right for them.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for these courses?

The School-College courses are open to S4 to S6 pupils. Places are limited and there is a selection process that includes an application and interview (some courses require an aptitude test). Your guidance teacher will be able to assist you with this process.

You should:

- Be prepared to participate fully in the course
- Be prepared to abide by Ayrshire College policies and code of conduct
- Be interested in the course and have the entry requirements stated

When will I attend College?

You will attend College alongside, and as an equally important part of, your school studies. The course begins in June, finishes for the summer holidays and starts again in August. All dates, start and finish times are listed on the College website.

What kind of support will I get when I'm at school and College?

At College there will be support from your lecturer. A feedback and review process to keep you on track will be supported by the School-College Partnership Team. Where required, support will be available from the Inclusive Learning Team to assist and mirror the support you receive at school. At school, you will get support from your guidance teacher and Skills Development Scotland advisor.

How do I travel to College?

You will agree travel arrangements with your school, ensuring that you arrive on time for your College class. You will not have to pay for your transport between school and the College campus.



How will I be assessed at College?

In vocational training programmes, students are assessed on their skills and knowledge of the areas covered in the course. There will be known points throughout the year that you will be assessed. Assessments vary depending on the course you have chosen.

How will I know how I am doing on the course?

Your lecturer will provide the School-College Partnership Team and your school with regular formal progress reports throughout the year. You will also be able to track and question your progress by speaking to your lecturer.

How will the course be certificated?

The course will appear on your SQA certificate, just like your school subjects.

Where can I find out more information?

For further information speak to your guidance teacher, a Skills Development Scotland advisor, the School-College Partnership Team or visit the Ayrshire College website:

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Awards



Fraser Wallace

Former Engineering Foundation Apprentice (2016-2018), and winner of Foundation Apprentice of the Year and overall Scottish Apprentice of the Year 2018 at the annual Scottish Apprenticeship Awards (2018).

“

It feels amazing to have won these awards. Being nationally recognised for my achievements in the course and with GE Caledonian is incredible.

Fraser

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What do pupils think?

“ I feel more confident than when I started, at college you can be more open in what you like to talk about. It has helped me build independence and confidence in my programming skills. ”

Holly, NPA Computer Games Development

“ The course itself is good, it's actually quite fun. It's a lot of practical and not too much theory, especially when it comes to the work experience, which I like. The course content focuses on skills that I need for going into the workplace. ”

Josh, Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering

“ I feel like I know what I want to do when I leave school. I understand the music aspect of sound production now and more about publishing in the industry. ”

Robin, NPA Sound Production

“ I would like to do hairdressing and this course can help me get an apprenticeship. ”

Aaron, NPA Beauty Skills with Hairdressing

SCIENCE



Foundation Apprenticeship: Scientific Technologies (Laboratory Skills)

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year - For S5/S6 pupils only

What is the course about?

The science laboratory is a unique learning environment that enables and combines “learning through doing”. Some of the world’s most amazing discoveries have been made by people working in laboratories.

A Foundation Apprenticeship in Scientific Technologies offers you the opportunity to enhance your understanding of putting theory into practice, improve your reasoning skills, and develop practical skills in laboratory work.

It includes:

- NPA in Applied Sciences (SCQF Level 6)
- Three SVQ units (SCQF level 6) in Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities (Industrial Science)
- A substantial work placement

Example of course units include:

NPA

- Laboratory safety
- Mathematics for science
- Fundamental Chemistry
- Experimental Procedures in Science

SVQ

- Prepare compounds and solutions for scientific or technical use
- Carry out simple scientific or technical tests using manual equipment
- Follow Health and Safety procedures for scientific or technical activities

What do I need?

For a place on this course, you’ll need: a pass at National 5 in Chemistry (C or above), Maths and English.

Next Steps

There are a variety to possible progression routes at the end of this course (depending on other school qualifications):

- Modern Apprenticeship
- HNC at College
- University

Advanced Higher Biology

SCQF Level 7 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The Advanced Higher is for you if you have a real interest in biology and you are considering specialising in the subject at College or university, or require the subject for entry into a science-based course.

It covers key aspects of life science at the molecular scale, and extends to aspects of the biology of whole organisms that are among the driving forces of evolution. You will develop a sound theoretical understanding and practical experience of experimental investigative work in biological science. Areas covered include:

- Cells and Proteins
- Organisms and Evolution
- Investigative Biology

What do I need?

You would be expected to have passed Higher Biology or Higher Human Biology at B or above.

Next Steps

You may progress to

- An HNC/HND/degree in a biology-based course or a related area
- A career in a biology-based discipline or related area such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, environmental and health sciences, and laboratory work

Advanced Higher Chemistry

SCQF Level 7 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The Advanced Higher is for you if you have a real interest in chemistry and you are considering specialising in the subject at College or university, or require the subject for entry into a science based course.

The purpose of the course is to develop your knowledge and understanding of the physical and natural environments beyond Higher level. The course builds on Higher Chemistry, continuing to develop the underlying theories of chemistry and the practical skills used in the chemistry laboratory. Areas investigated include:

- Inorganic and Physical Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry and Industrial Analysis
- Researching Chemistry

What do I need?

You would be expected to have passed Higher Chemistry at B or above.

Next Steps

You may progress to

- An HNC/HND/degree in a chemistry-based course
- Related fields such as medicine, law, dentistry, veterinary medicine, engineering, environmental and health sciences

HNC Applied Science

SCQF Level 7 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The HNC Applied Science course allows you to combine your love for both Biology and Chemistry and encourages the development of skills and resourcefulness, combining this with the ability to think creatively, analyse and solve problems.

The course covers key aspects of life science at the molecular scale and extends to aspects of the biology of whole organisms. It develops a sound theoretical understanding and investigates a range of topics through both qualitative and quantitative experiments such as biochemical tests to identify carbohydrates, spectrophotometric analysis of solutions, gravimetric analysis, investigation of the rate of photosynthesis, as well as many others.

You will study topics including:

- Fundamental Chemistry Theory and Biochemistry Theory
- Laboratory Skills and Practical Techniques
- The Human Body, DNA and Genetics
- Statistical Analysis

What do I need?

- A real interest in science
- A minimum of one relevant Higher at Grade C or above, preferably Biology, Human Biology or Chemistry

Next Steps

You may progress to further study in: a range of bioscience based college and university courses.

Or employment in:

- Biotechnological Industrial Laboratories
- NHS Laboratories
- University Research Centres

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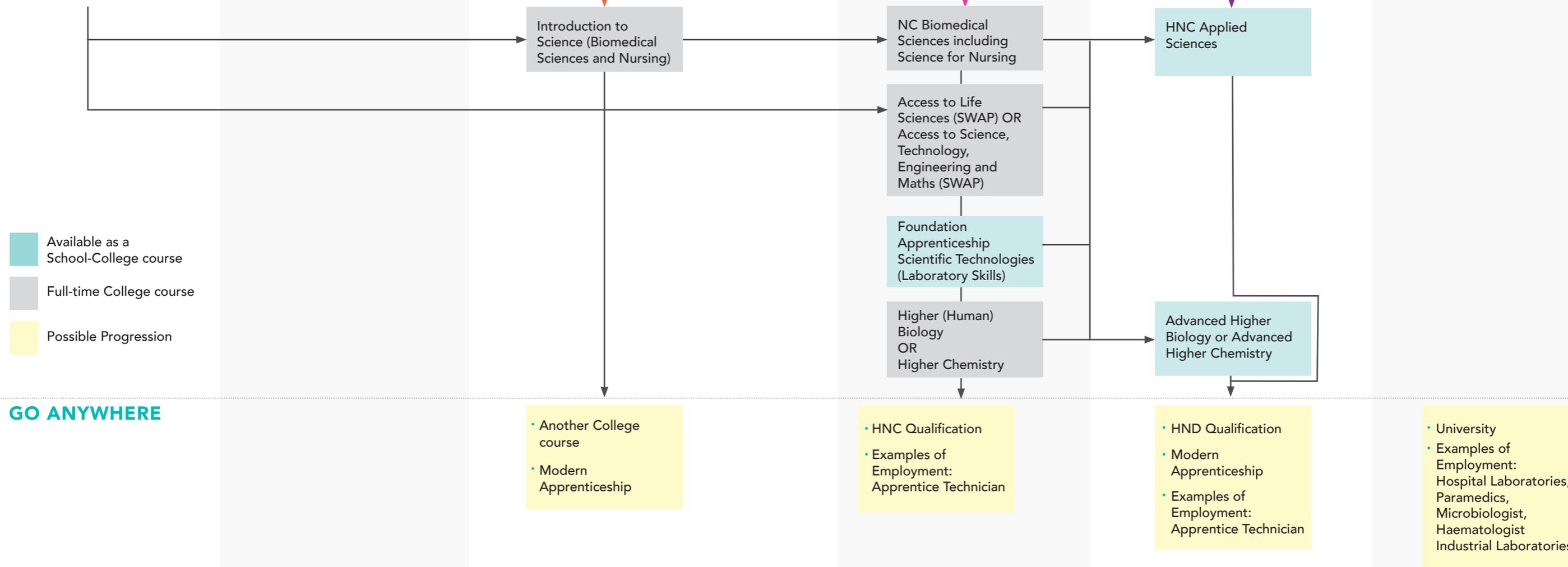
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HIGHER

SCQF LEVEL 7
HNC

SCQF LEVEL 8
HND

SCIENCE PATHWAYS





SOCIAL SCIENCE

Introduction to Criminology

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

Criminology is the study of crime, including crime scenes, the causes and impact of crime, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system.

You will develop an understanding of the different types of physical evidence available at a crime scene, the importance of preserving evidence and how this evidence is utilised. The importance of crime scene protocol will be covered as well as developing an understanding of psychological evidence available at crime scenes and how that information can be used by offender profilers.

You will develop an understanding of the different types of crimes that are committed within the local community. In addition this course will introduce you to how members of the community perceive crime in their community, the role of the mass media in crime reporting and what measures are helping or hindering the community.

What do I need?

- An interest in Criminology, the nature of crime and theories of its causes and solutions
- No formal social science qualifications are required but advantageous

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- NC/HNC at college in social science

NPA Legal Studies

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

Studying law offers you the opportunity to develop a range of skills and explore many aspects of society.

You will learn the basics of Scots law, including the sources of law and how a new law is made. You will consider the differences between criminal law and civil law together with the structure, jurisdiction and appeals of both the civil and criminal courts. You will develop knowledge and understanding of the system of criminal prosecution in Scotland, the tribunal system and the roles, appointments and responsibilities of the legal profession.

You will also develop an understanding of how contracts are made and the process of making them legally binding documents. You will also learn how contracts can be enforced and what can impact their validity, before looking at the process for terminating a contract and the impact of breach of contract.

Lastly you will develop an understanding of what constitutes a crime in Scotland and the main principles involved in prosecution of crime and to explore the nature of crime and its effects on the individual and the community.

What do I need?

- An interest in law or the criminal justice system
- National 5 pass in English at C or above or 3 National 4 passes in social subjects (including English)

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- Full-time college course at NC or HNC level, in a variety of areas such as Social Sciences, Business, Accounts, and Care and Administrative Practice
- University

PDA Psychology

SCQF Level 7 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

Psychology is the scientific study of human thought and behaviour, it looks at why we think, feel and act as we do.

You will examine four schools of thought in Psychology, explaining how each developed since the nineteenth century, as well as the key features that differentiate one from another. You will also develop evaluation skills as you analyse each school.

You will also analyse psychological theories as they are related to specific topics in psychology, such as memory, stress, psychopathology, sleep and dreams, attraction, and prejudice. You will look at conflicting theories around psychological topics as well as research that supports and refutes their explanations. As part of the course you will also conduct research into a psychological topic producing a research report.

What do I need?

- An interest in Psychology, human behaviour and Social Sciences in general
- Higher English or 3 National 5 passes in Social Subjects and English at B or above preferable

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- HND at college
- University
- Range of subject options Social Sciences, Business, Health Care, Social Care, Early Education etc

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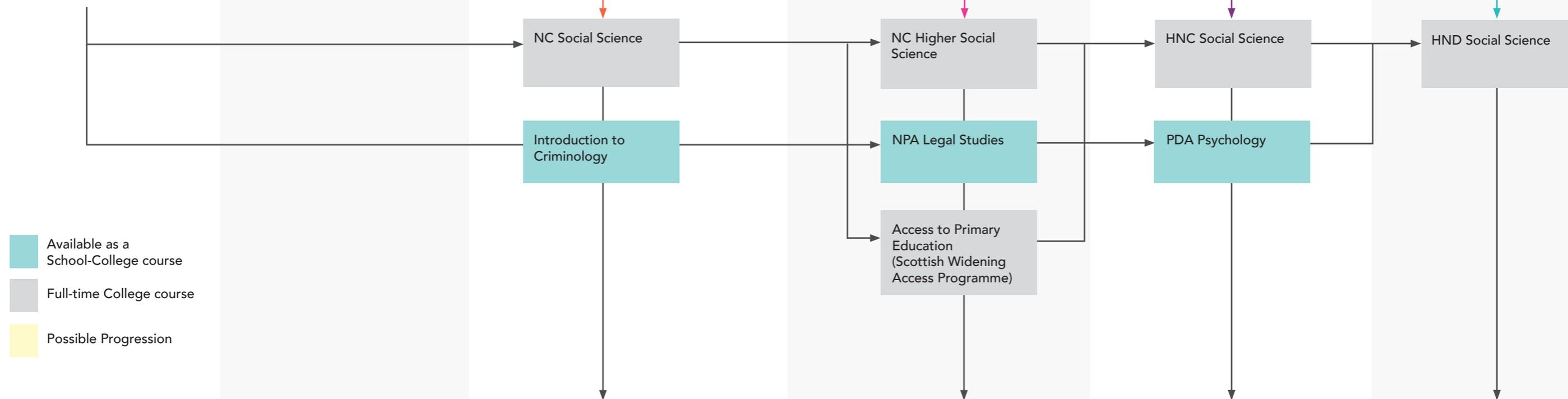
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HIGHER

SCQF LEVEL 7
HNC

SCQF LEVEL 8
HND

SOCIAL SCIENCE PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Modern Apprenticeship

- SWAP students articulate to university
- HNC Qualification
- Examples of employment: Criminal Justice, Administration, Human Resources, Support Worker, Police Service, Market Research

- HND Qualification
- University to study: Social Science, Humanities, Teaching, Law/Criminal Justice, Journalism/Media, Languages, Social Work, Nursing, Environmental Management, Sustainability, Business, Politics
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- Employment in a range of these areas

CONSTRUCTION AND TRADES



Introduction to Construction Industry

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course gives you the opportunity to gain skills in a variety of trade areas such as Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting & Decorating and Plumbing. You will develop awareness of health and safety and attitudes that enhance employability within the construction/engineering industry, or other sectors.

You will study four City and Guilds Construction Units at SCQF Level 4 which may include:

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Painting & Decorating
- Plumbing

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements.

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- A full-time construction course at SCQF Level 4 or 5
- National Progression Award in construction in a chosen trade
- Modern Apprenticeship

Construction Operatives

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This is a mainly practical-based construction course in which you will gain hands-on experience in site-based construction skills such as:

- Laying paving slabs
- Laying block paving (mono-blocking)
- Mixing and using concrete

The practical activities will be delivered in an external environment to simulate an on-site working area. This course also incorporates theoretical studies for Health and Safety, which is an essential requirement for a future career in construction.

Throughout this course, you will develop a range of transferable skills such as effective communication, team working and providing suitable solutions to basic problem solving tasks. These skills will be embedded in the practical activities.

What do I need?

There are no formal entry requirements for this course, however it would be beneficial for you to have, or be working towards, a National 4/5 in a technical subject.

Next Steps

This course may provide progression opportunities to:

- Employment within the construction industry
- A bricklaying course at College
- An apprenticeship as a bricklayer

Skills for Work: Automotive

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course provides you with a broad introduction to the automotive industry and will introduce you to basic vocational skills, knowledge and understanding. Practical experiences of carrying out basic vehicle checks are included as well as the specific skills involved in removal and replacement of components and mechanisms.

The overall purpose of the course is to make sure that you develop practical skills, knowledge and understanding needed within this industry as well as developing the skills employers are looking for: skills like team working, following instructions and good customer service.

- Automotive Skills: The Garage
- Automotive Skills: The Technician
- Automotive Skills: The Car
- Automotive Skills: The Vehicle Modification Project

What do I need?

You don't need passes in specific subjects to join this course, but you need a positive attitude and you should be willing to learn new skills.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may provide you with opportunities to progress to:

- SVQs and Modern Apprenticeships in automotive areas
- Full-time National Certificate courses
- Full-time Institute of the Motor Industry courses at Ayrshire College
- Training or employment

Advanced Woodwork

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

Pupils need to be aged 16 years or over, due to the machine work involved

What is the course about?

This course will give you the opportunity to construct furniture and will enable you to develop:

- An understanding of the relevant health and safety considerations
- Critical thinking and reflective evaluation skills within a woodworking environment
- Employability skills for woodworking and furniture manufacture

Units include, wood machining, workshop practice, making a chair, and making a small box or cabinet.

What do I need?

You need to have completed National 5 Practical Woodworking with a grade B or above. You will be interviewed and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area, and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course. You need a positive attitude with a desire to succeed.

Next Steps

You may progress to:

- Employment in woodworking sector/ carpentry and joinery
- A relevant full-time College course
- Apprenticeship or trainee position as a cabinet maker

Skills for Work: Construction Craft

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

You will develop good hand skills and study trades-specific units – Joinery, Brickwork and Painting & Decorating. You will complete an Employability Skills unit which is designed to develop skills and attitudes that enhance employability, not just in the construction industry, but in employment generally.

This course will enable you to develop good practical skills whilst gaining an insight into what the industry has to offer.

What do I need?

Skills for Work Construction Crafts Level 4 or other relevant experience.

Next Steps

You have a choice of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

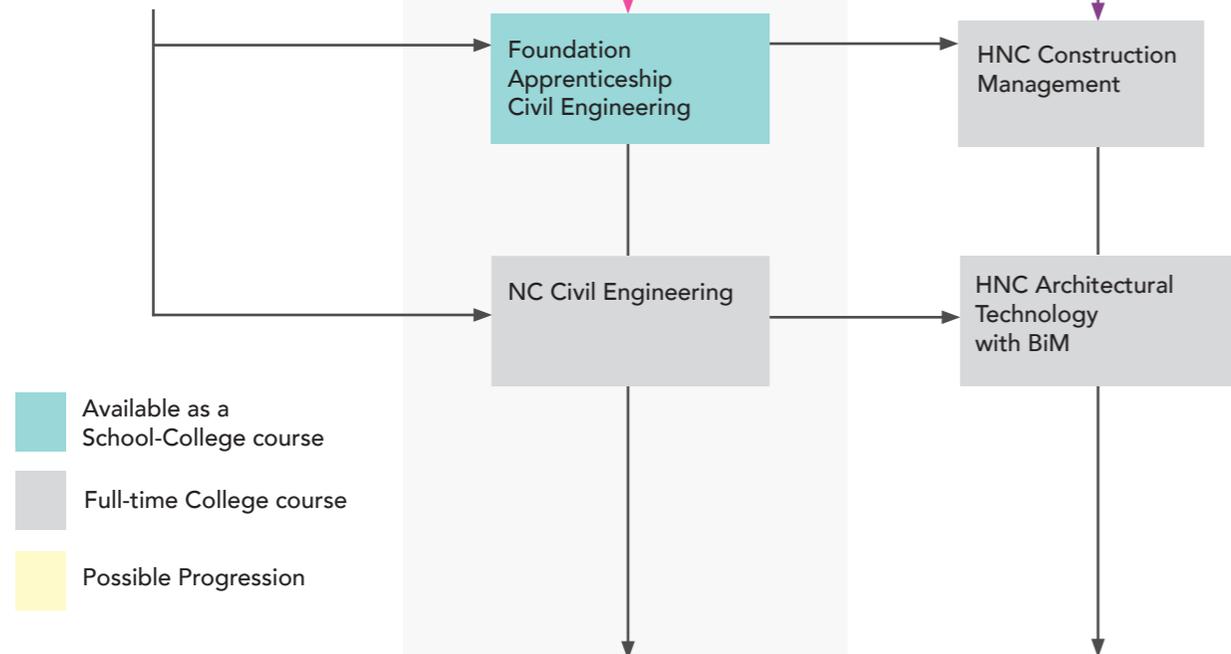
- Full-time course at College working towards a National Progression Award in Construction
- Modern Apprenticeship

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CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONS PATHWAYS

SCQF LEVEL 6
HIGHER

SCQF LEVEL 7
HNC



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- HNC Qualification
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Examples of employment: Civil Engineering Technician, Construction Technician, Quantity Surveying, Building Surveying, Construction Management, Architectural Technology, Land Surveying, Health and Safety

- HND Qualification
- University
- Examples of employment: Senior Level Technician in Civil Engineering or Construction, Quantity Surveying, Building Surveying, Construction Management, Architectural Technology, Health and Safety, Land Surveying

Foundation Apprenticeship: Civil Engineering

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 2 Years - For S5 pupils only

What is the course about?

Can you see yourself creating, planning and overseeing the construction of buildings and infrastructure from roads, bridges and canals, to some of the tallest buildings in the world?

A Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering is studied over two years and includes:

- A National Certificate in Civil Engineering
- At least one unit from the SVQ3 in Civil Engineering

What do I need?

You should have or be working towards, a National 5 qualifications in Mathematics. Your guidance teacher should think you are capable of working at SCQF Level 6, the same level as a Higher qualification.

Next Steps

You will have a solid basis for progression to a modern apprenticeship or continuing your studies at College or university in a range of construction or civil engineering careers specialisms like:

- Construction Management
- Architectural Technology
- Quantity Surveying
- Building Surveying

HNC Construction Management

SCQF Level 7 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

If you'd like to work in a supervisory or management role within the construction industry, this course can help you on your way. Construction Managers (or Site Managers/Agents) are responsible for the safe completion of construction projects, on time and within budget.

This course will be supported by industry, with employers providing mentors from their teams of Construction professionals to assist pupils through their journey.

Regular visits to live construction sites and work placements will be arranged to contextualise learning.

Here's just some of what you'll be doing:

- You'll look at substructure, from site investigations through to ground improvements and building foundations
- Construction technology and the techniques to build to specification
- Construction planning

- Health and Safety
- Administrative processes, contracts and tendering procedures
- CAD (Computer Aided Draughting)
- Building services
- Practical tasks such as: testing materials and conducting a levelling survey between two known benchmarks

What do I need?

- A minimum of one relevant Higher, ideally English, Maths or a Science subject

Next Steps

- HND in Construction Management, Quantity Surveying or Building Surveying
- University
- Career in construction in a role such as a Trainee or Assistant Site Agent



ENGINEERING



SVQ Performing Engineering Operations

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course is for anyone who has an interest in engineering, enjoys practical hands-on work in a workshop environment, can solve problems and wants to gain relevant practical experience in this industry, to possibly gain an apprenticeship.

Students will learn a range of vocational skills including:

- Making components using hand tools and fitting techniques
- Using semi-automatic MIG or MAG welding equipment
- Complying with statutory regulations and organisational safety requirements
- Working efficiently and effectively in engineering
- Using and communicating technical information

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements but if you want to take engineering further you should be working at National 5 Level in Maths. National 5 Physics is also helpful to have. Candidates will be interviewed and need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills, and a commitment to consistent and full attendance.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may provide you with opportunities to progress to a full-time engineering College course.

Skills for Work: Engineering Skills

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course will help you develop the practical skills, knowledge and understanding, and employability skills needed in the engineering sector. This course focuses on the broad areas of:

- Mechanical/Fabrication
- Electrical/Electronic
- Engineering Maintenance
- Design and Manufacture

You will gain transferable skills which can be applied to any of the above engineering areas.

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements but if you want to take engineering further you should be working at National 5 Level in Maths. National 5 Physics is also helpful to have. You will be interviewed and need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills and a commitment to consistent and full attendance, which will increase the chances of success in achieving the qualification.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may provide you with opportunities to progress to a full-time engineering College course.

SVQ Performing Engineering Operations

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course is for anyone who has an interest in engineering, enjoys practical hands-on work in a workshop environment, can problem solve and wishes to gain relevant practical experience within this industry, to possibly gain an apprenticeship.

This course provides a basic requirement for a Modern Apprenticeship. Students will learn vocational skills in engineering including:

- Producing components using hand fitting techniques
- Producing mechanical assemblies
- Using and communicating technical information
- Working efficiently and effectively in engineering
- Working safely in an engineering environment

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements but if you want to take engineering further you should be working at National 5 Level in Maths. National 5 Physics is also helpful to have. Candidates will be interviewed and need to demonstrate a desire to learn new skills and a commitment to consistent and full attendance.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may provide you with the opportunity to progress to a full-time engineering College course or a Modern Apprenticeship.



Foundation Apprenticeship: Engineering

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 2 Years - For S5 pupils only

What is the course about?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering develops the skills and knowledge to enter a career in engineering. It is designed to provide you with theory, practical and work related experience. It also contributes directly to achievement of the Modern Apprenticeship in Engineering by attainment of the core units of the qualification.

Year 1: In S5 pupils will work towards Performing Engineering Operations units (SCQF Level 5) and a proportion of the units from an Engineering related NC (SCQF Level 6).

Year 2: In S6 pupils will complete any outstanding Performing Engineering Operations units (SCQF Level 5) and the remainder of any units for the chosen NC (SCQF Level 6).

What do I need?

You should have, or be working towards, National 5 Mathematics at the start of S5. Candidates will be interviewed and should demonstrate a desire to learn new skills and a commitment to consistent and full attendance. All applicants will be required to complete an aptitude test.

Next Steps

When you complete this course successfully you may progress to:

- A Modern Apprenticeship
- Employment
- An HNC/D college course in a related subject
- University

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SCQF LEVEL 4
NATIONAL 4

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ENGINEERING
PATHWAYS

SVQ Performing
Engineering
Operations

Skills for Work:
Engineering skills

Foundation
Apprenticeship:
Engineering

HNC Engineering
Practice Electrical,
Fabrication, Welding
and Manufacturing

SVQ Performing
Engineering
Operations

NC Engineering
(Aeronautical/
Electrical
Fabrication/Welding,
Manufacturing/
Mechanical)

HNC Mechanical
Engineering

HNC Aircraft
Engineering

HNC Electrical
Engineering

HND Aircraft
Engineering

HND Electrical
Engineering

- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Level 5 PEO course, or a Level 6 NC if you have the qualifications to do so. You may be able to gain semi-skilled employment

- Further College course
- Foundation Apprenticeship or an NC
- Modern Apprenticeship within the engineering sector

- Further College course
- Modern Apprenticeship within the engineering sector

- HND Qualification
- University
- Engineering Academy
- Examples of employment: Fabricator/Welder/Electrical or Mechanical Technician/CNC or Conventional Machinist/CAD Technician or Aerospace-related industry

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BUSINESS AND COMPUTING

NPA Software Development

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The NPA in Software Development (SCQF Level 4) is intended to prepare you for progression to further study in a variety of computing disciplines.

During the award you will learn all about the basic programming concepts and how to write short programs using a software development language and environment. You will learn how to devise solutions to problems in software development.

These courses will give you the opportunity to develop:

- Understanding of the principles of software development, software development languages and environments
- Entry level skills using a high level programming language
- Industry-standard software and principles
- Core Skills in problem solving in relation to software development
- Analytical and other transferable skills

What do I need?

You need to have a basic level of skills in Microsoft Word and understand the general operation/navigation of a Windows-based PC. Some previous experience of coding using platforms like Scratch and App Inventor would be good though not essential.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress to:

- NC Computing at Level 5
- NC Games and Software Development
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Information Technology: Software Development

NPA Computer Games Development

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The NPA in Computer Games Development (SCQF Level 5) is intended to prepare you for progression to further study in Computer Games Development, Digital Media Studies, Computing Science and IT subjects. You will:

- Design your own narrative for a computer game
- Design and create your own characters, objects and levels
- Create and capture sounds and graphics
- Design how the user interacts with your game
- Undertake an activity to promote your game
- Improve your core skills

What do I need?

You need to have a basic level of skills in Microsoft Word and understand the general operation/navigation of a Windows-based PC. Some previous experience of coding using platforms like Scratch and App Inventor would be advantageous, though not essential.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress to:

- National Certificate (Level 6) in a range of computing and digital skills
- A Foundation Apprenticeship in Software Development or Hardware and Systems Support

NPA Cyber Security

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Years

What is the course about?

Cyber security is the technologies, processes and controls that are designed to protect systems, networks and data from cyber-attacks. It is one of the fastest evolving areas within business and government today, as online systems and networks are the foundations of the digitally-enabled economy.

The Units within the National Progression Award are designed to incorporate the three main areas of cyber security. These are:

Data Security

- Describing the legal and ethical obligations around storing and sharing personal and business data
- Explaining the causes and effects of data security breaches
- Protecting data against security breaches

Digital Forensics

- Explaining the digital forensics process
- Applying relevant techniques in acquiring data
- Examining digital evidence

Ethical Hacking

- Describing current tools and techniques used by ethical and malicious hackers to compromise computer systems
- Explaining current legislation relating to computer crime and hacking
- Performing a routine penetration test on a computer system within a controlled environment

What do I need?

- A keen interest in Computing in general and the cyber world in particular
- To have, or be working towards, National 4 or 5 qualifications, including Maths and English

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- Full-time at college: NC Computing/NC Games and Software Development
- University*

*Partly depending on your other qualifications

FA Business Skills

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Years - For S5/S6 pupils only

What is the course about?

Every type of business and organisation needs people with business administration and IT skills to help it run efficiently. This ranges from small specialist firms to large national companies and government organisations like local councils. If you invest in some good business and IT skills now, you could have a great future ahead!

This course lets you find out what a career in business would really be like - and if it's right for you.

It includes:

An NPA in Business Skills which will cover the following topics:

- Understanding Business
- Management of People and Finance
- PC Passport: Working with IT Software - Word Processing and Presenting Information
- PC Passport: Working with IT Software - Spreadsheet and Database
- Contemporary Business Issues
- Work Placement

You'll complete the units of your SVQ in Business and Administration mainly in the workplace, as part of your placement. You'll learn how to:

- Plan, manage and improve your own performance in a business environment
- Communicate in a business environment
- Support other people to work in a business environment
- Design and produce documents in a business environment

What do I need?

- A keen interest in working in the Business Skills sector
- National 5 Maths and English

Next Steps

- HNC at College
- University
- Modern Apprenticeship

HNC Computing with Cyber Security

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

We live in a digital age where the demand for ICT and digital technology is growing at an incredible pace. With good computing and IT systems now central to every business, organisations are set to become even more driven by technology and data. In addition, modern organisations hold large amounts of data – about their customers and about themselves. But they face many threats to the security of this information, and they have many legal obligations to take care of it. This course will give you many perspectives about data breaches and how to protect against them.

This award covers both the technical and professional skills required for working within the computing industry.

A computing professional has to be aware of contemporary legislation, ethical considerations, codes of conduct and professional bodies which would provide opportunities for personal development

and support in their career. This qualification covers these topics.

What do I need?

For entry to this course you'll need:

- A real interest in Computing Science
- A minimum of 1 Higher, but preferably two
- Higher Maths, although we'll consider a relevant group of National Units in Maths at SCQF Level 6

Next Steps

You may progress to:

- HND Computer Science or HND Technical Support (SCQF Level 8)
- Relevant degree course at university
- Employment in the computing industry

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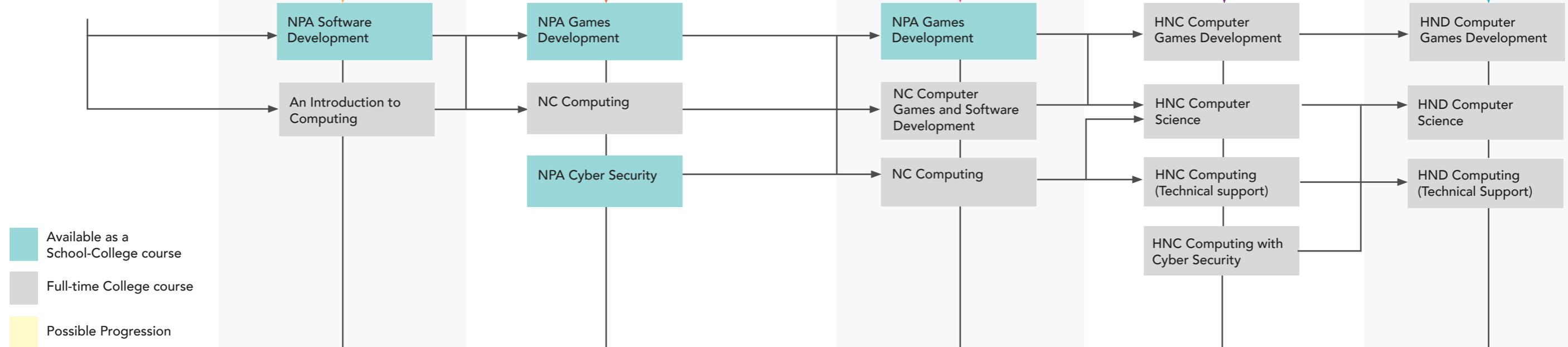
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COMPUTING PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Modern Apprenticeship in Software Development and Technical Support
- Further College course
- Foundation Apprenticeship
- Modern Apprenticeship in Software Development and Technical support
- HNC Qualification
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Examples of employment: Programmer, Analyst, Technical Support
- HND Qualification
- University
- Examples of employment: Programmer, Analyst, Technical support, Information Systems Manager
- University
- Examples of employment: Programmer, Analyst, Technical support, Information Systems Manager



CREATIVE

Film-Making (Including NPA Digital Media Editing)

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

Anyone with a view to making a career in the media, with the primary focus on film, TV and radio. This course is a great mix of theory to focus your knowledge and practical projects to improve your technical and team working skills.

Building media knowledge and your ability to critically analyse media. You'll look at video and audio production, and challenging your technical and critical ability through practical projects. Developing skills and knowledge that can be built upon to drive you on through further work, study and practice, building your confidence, potential and desire to work in the highly competitive world of media production.

What do I need?

Life, energy, creativity and 4 National 4s or equivalent. English is a desirable qualification, particularly if you are looking to progress onto one of our other full-time media courses.

A place on the course is subject to an interview process where you'll get the opportunity to show us exactly why you should be on the course and learning all about media production. You will be working primarily in groups and so a strong commitment and excellent attendance is essential.

Next Steps

This course would be a perfect lead into our Level 6 Film and Broadcasting course that further develops your creative skills and practice. From there you can potentially move onto our HNC Media Analysis and Production course, and into employment or Higher Education.

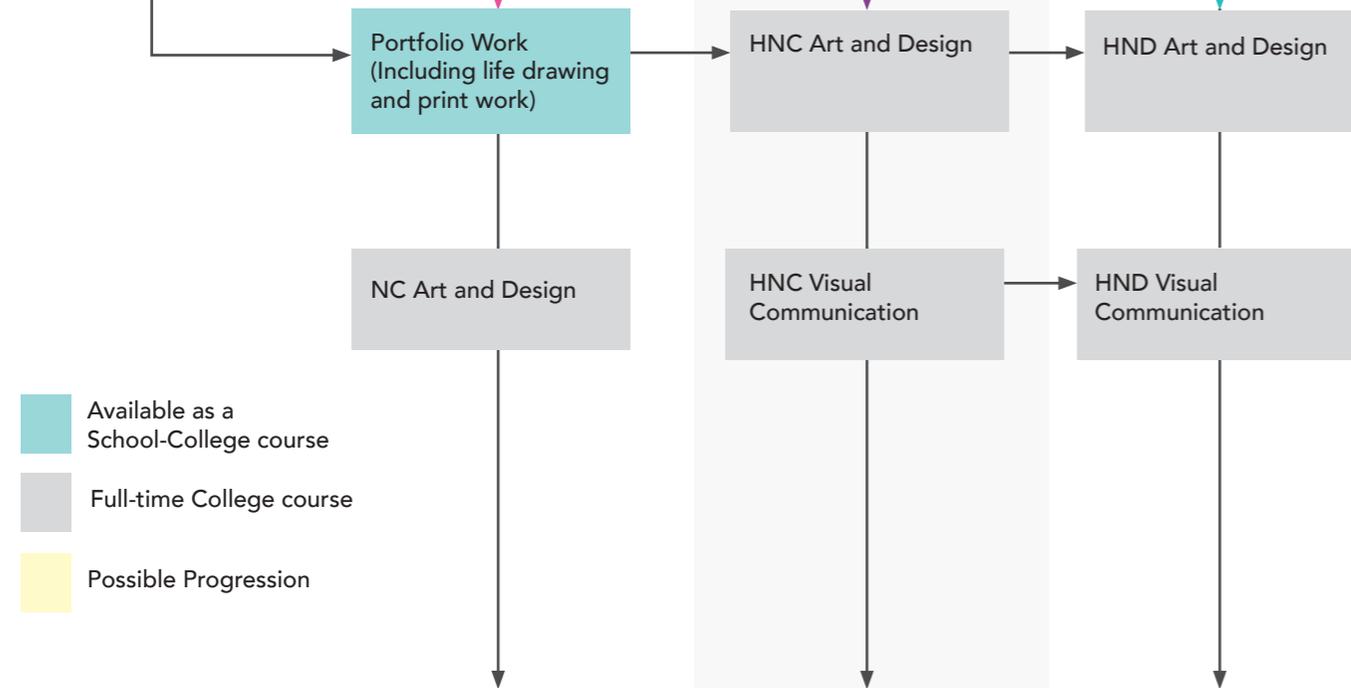
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ART AND DESIGN PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- HNC Qualification
- Examples of employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher

- HND Qualification
- University
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Examples of Employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher, Animator, Illustrator, Printmaker

- University
- Examples of Employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher, Animator, Illustrator, Printmaker

Portfolio Work (Including Life Drawing and Printmaking)

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course is about broadening your artistic skills by providing you with an opportunity to develop key life drawing skills, and also to experiment with printing in a range of media including textiles.

The Printmaking unit will introduce you to printmaking skills by allowing you to experiment with different methods. You will produce a portfolio of experimental prints, and plan, produce and present finished prints. This unit will be delivered along with an Applied Techniques unit, where you will research, develop, produce and present a design for print to a given brief.

The Personal Project unit will focus on drawing the human form and take you from the fundamentals of drawing through a variety of linear and tonal exercises, through to producing a plan for a personal project, which you will then develop, produce and evaluate.

What do I need?

You should already have achieved a Higher in Art and should be intending to apply to art school or to study art in College.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress on to our Level 6 or HNC Art & Design full-time course, as well as supporting any application you make to Art School.

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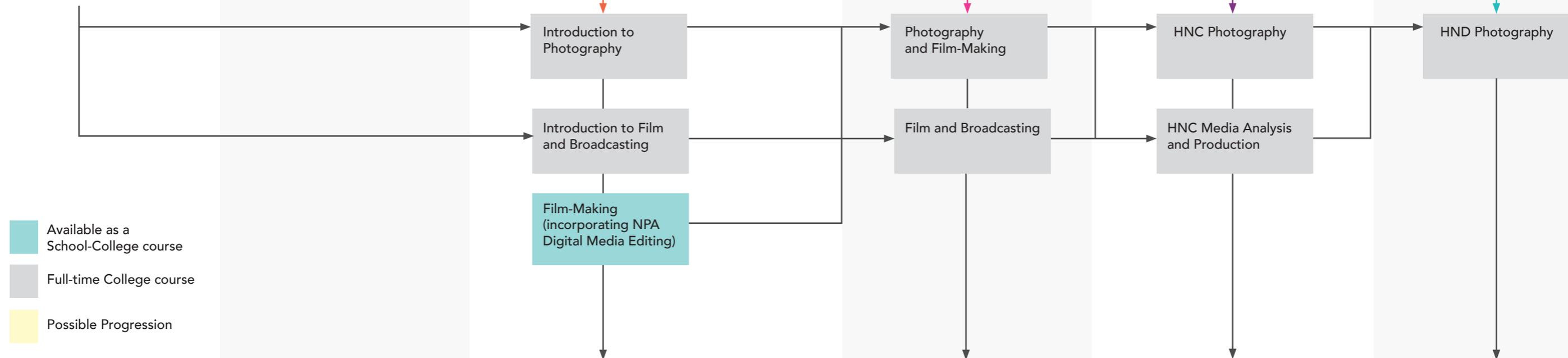
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MEDIA PRODUCTIONS PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Examples of Employment: Runner, Broadcast Journalist, Editorial Assistant, TV/Radio/Film Producer, Video Content Producer, Public Relations Officer, Advertising Account Executive, Photographer

- HNC Qualification
- Examples of Employment: Runner, Broadcast Journalist, Editorial Assistant, TV/Radio/Film Producer, Video Content Producer, Public Relations Officer, Advertising Account Executive, Photographer

- HND Qualification
- University - any relevant media or film degree programme
- Examples of Employment: Runner, Broadcast Journalist, Editorial Assistant, TV/Radio/Film Producer, Video Content Producer, Public Relations Officer, Advertising Account Executive, Photographer

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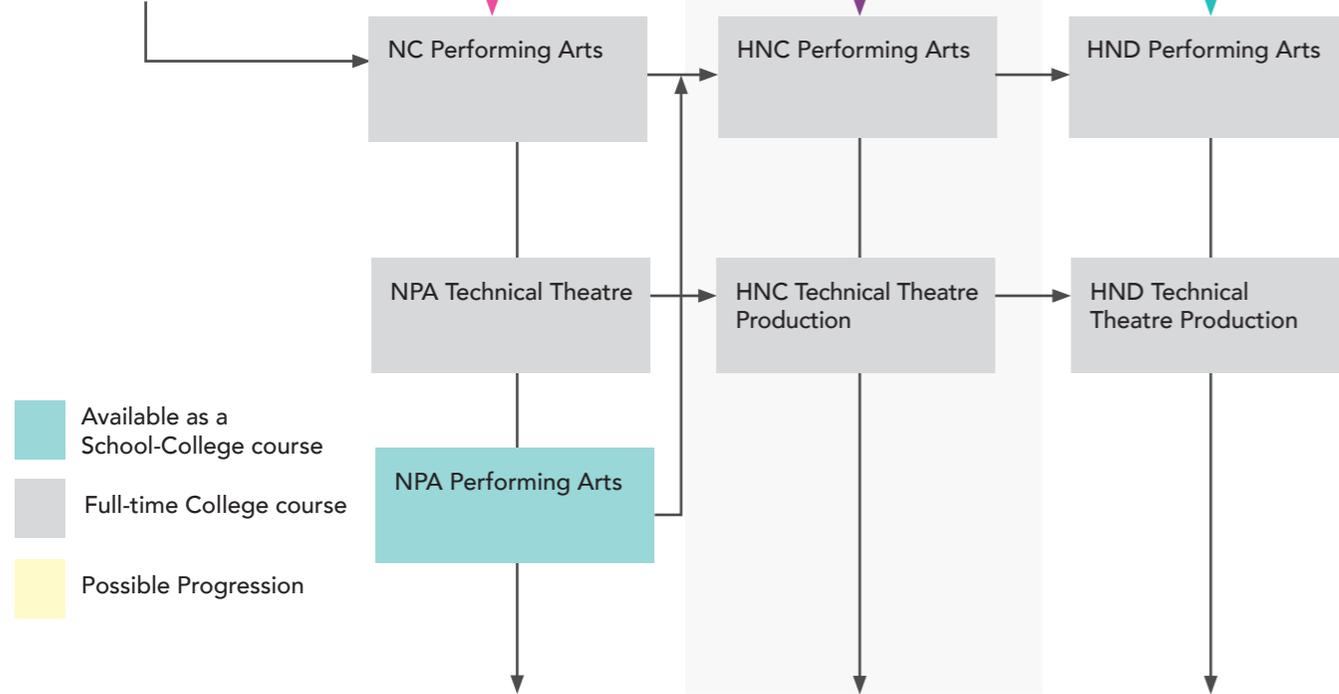
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PERFORMING ARTS PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- HNC Qualification
- Examples of employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher

- HND Qualification
- University
- Modern Apprenticeship
- Examples of Employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher, Animator, Illustrator, Printmaker

- University
- Examples of Employment: Practising Artist, Community Arts, Youth Arts Worker, Jewellery Designer, Art Therapist, Fine Art Photographer, Teacher, Animator, Illustrator, Printmaker

NPA Acting and Performance

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course offers different things to different people. It is the course for you if you are either already involved in youth theatre or always wanted the opportunity to perform. It is the course for you if you are interested in a career in the performing arts and want to get started on the progression pathway. It is also the course for you if you are keen to build your confidence and communication skills to prepare you for your next steps after leaving school.

You will spend most of your time on this course preparing for and working towards a performance in front of a live audience. This means working creatively with text and developing skills in voice, movement, acting and stagecraft. You will learn to work cooperatively in teams, to respond to direction and, in so doing, also develop self-awareness and a professional attitude.

What do I need?

An interest in the performing arts and a willingness to commit to rehearsals and final performance is crucial. A National 5 in English is a desirable qualification.

A place on the course is subject to an interview and audition – you will be given a short piece of approximately two/three minutes to prepare in advance.

Next Steps

You may progress to

- HNC Acting and Performance



NPA Sound Production

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This NPA is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills you will need to succeed within the creative industries sector or to progress to further study. It is designed to bridge the gap between entry level education and professional career development. The NPA will allow you to develop a skillset, linked to National Occupational Standards for Sound, which has a thorough grounding in audio recording practice and also allows individual and personalised skills development through the optional units.

Course Units:

- Sound Engineering and Production
- Sound: Understanding the Signal Path

What do I need?

You don't need passes in specific subjects to join this course, but you need a positive attitude and you should be willing to learn new skills.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this NPA may provide opportunities for you to progress to:

- National Certificate Sound Production (SCQF Level 6)
- Or other relevant full-time College courses

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MUSIC AND SOUND PRODUCTION PATHWAYS

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- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

Introduction to Sound Production

NC Sound Production

HNC Sound Production

HND Sound Production
Specialising in:
Game Audio
Live Sound

Access to HNC Music

HNC Music Performance

HND Music

NPA Sound Production

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College Course NC

- HNC Qualification Music or Sound Production
- University to study: Music Performance, Sound Production, Music Technology, Music Education, Music for Games
- Examples of Employment Area: Performance, Music Production, Broadcast, Event Organiser, Education, Gaming Audio

- HND Qualification
- University to study: Music Performance, Sound Production, Music Technology, Music Education, Music Therapy, Music for Games
- Examples of Employment: Performance, Music Production, Broadcast, Event Organiser, Education, Gaming Audio

- University to study: Music Performance, Sound Production, Music Technology, Music Education, Music Therapy, Music for Games
- Examples of Employment: Performance, Music Production, Broadcast, Event Organiser, Education, Gaming Audio

NPA Beauty Skills with Hairdressing

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The aim of this course is to give you the experience of a salon environment and the opportunity to learn about the different roles and responsibilities in beauty therapy and hairdressing. You will gain practical experience of general salon duties including assisting with customer care and beauty specific skills including facials, make-up, nail finishes. Hairdressing specific skills include shampooing, conditioning and drying hair.

Throughout the course emphasis is on the development of employability skills and attitudes valued by employers.

Course Units:

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

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements; however you will be interviewed to determine whether this is the right course for you. To get the best out of this course you should enjoy working in a creative environment and have a real interest in these industries. You should also relish the challenge of getting to know new people and you must be able to commit to consistent, full attendance throughout the course.

Next Steps

This course may provide you with opportunities to progress to:

- A Level 4 or 5 Beauty or Hairdressing course
- An SVQ 2 course in Nails

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HAIR, BEAUTY, COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES & MAKE-UP ARTISTRY PATHWAYS

- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

NPA Beauty Skills with Hairdressing

Personal and Vocational Skills (Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-Up)

NC Hairdressing

SVQ 2 Barbering

Creative Stylist (at SCQF Level 5)

NC Beauty Care and Make-Up

SVQ Nail Services (at SCQF Level 5)

Creative Beauty Stylist (at SCQF Level 5)

NC Hairdressing

SVQ 3 Barbering

NC Beauty Care

SVQ 3 Nail Services (at SCQF Level 6)

Wellness Therapies

NC Make-Up Artistry

SVQ Hairdressing (at SCQF Level 6/7)

SVQ Beauty Therapy (at SCQF Level 6/7)

HNC Beauty

HNC Complementary Therapies

HNC Fashion Make-Up

HND Beauty

HND Complementary Therapies

HND Make-Up Artistry

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course at SCQF Level 5
- Modern Apprenticeship

- Further College Course at SCQF Level 6
- Examples of Employment: Self-Employed, Stylist, Cruise Ship Employment, Film/TV/Theatre Stylist, Manicurist/Pedicurist, Trainee Nail Technician

- Further College Course at SCQF Level 7
- Examples of Employment: Self Employed, Stylist, Cruise Ship Employment, Trainer/Educator Manicurist/Pedicurist

- Further College Course at SCQF Level 8
- Examples of Employment: Self Employed, Stylist, Beauty/Salon Therapist, Trainer/Education Holistic Therapist, Freelance/Specialist

- Progression onto a relevant degree programme at university
- Examples of Employment: Self Employed, Stylist, Beauty/Salon Therapist, Trainer/Education Holistic Therapist Freelance/Specialist Make-Up Artist



NPA Bakery

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

You will be equipped with a uniform which we expect you to bring to class

What is the course about?

During this course you will be working in either a professional kitchen using industry standard equipment, a restaurant or in a classroom (if required).

Course Units include:

- Craft Baking: An Introduction
- Bread Making: An Introduction
- Cake Decoration: An Introduction
- Pastry

You are required to wear appropriate clothing to meet current food safety law when in the kitchen. You will need to bring this with you for every class or you will not be allowed to participate in the class. These will be provided to you but you will need to wash these ready for the next class.

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements but to get the best out of this course you should have literacy and numeracy skills at Level 4, enjoy working in a practical environment and have a real interest in the hospitality industry. You should also enjoy the challenge of getting to know new people. You need to be committed to attending all the classes.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course will prepare you for progression to a full-time course or for beginning a career in the hospitality industry.

NPA Professional Cookery

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

If you are interested in cookery (or think you might be) and want to learn from the professionals, then this is the course for you.

In this hands-on course, you will learn a variety of food preparation techniques and cookery processes ranging from home baking to preparing healthy dishes. This course also includes cake decoration where you will learn, for example, coating, piping, and modelling.

The majority of the assessment will be practical and some will take place in the classroom.

What do I need?

You need to have an interest in cooking and not be afraid to stand for periods of time! You also need to wear a protective uniform in the kitchen and bring something to take the food you make home.

Next Steps

You may progress to:

- Introduction to Hospitality
- Introduction to Professional Cookery
- NPA Professional Cookery 5



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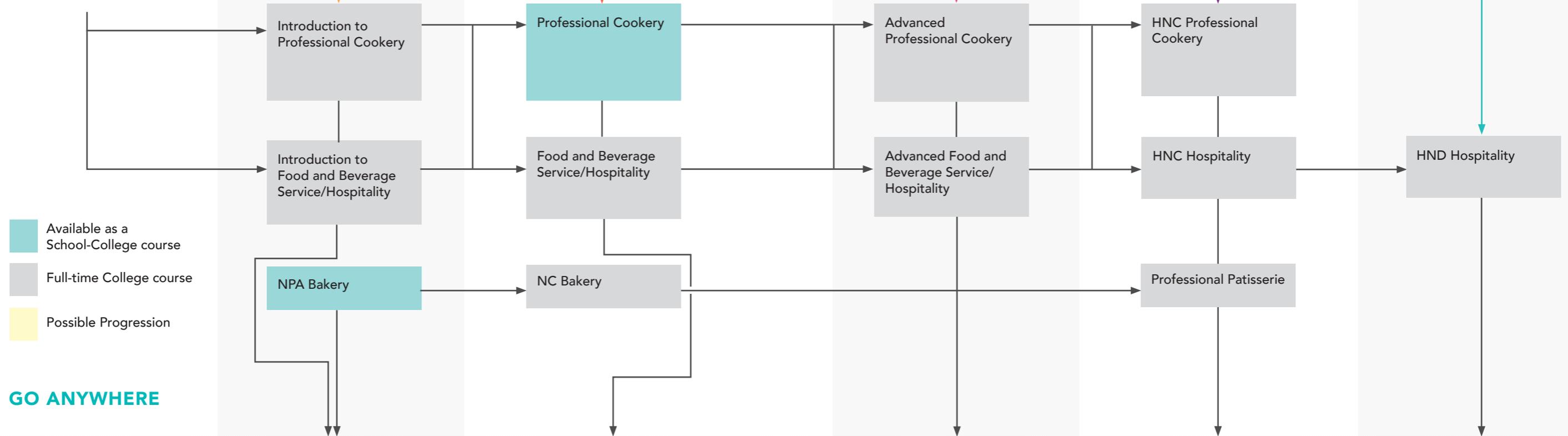
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HOSPITALITY PATHWAYS



GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Employment in a wide range of food preparation, cookery, or food and beverage service

- Further College course
- Employment in a wide range of food preparation and cooking, or food and beverage service roles
- Possible route to Modern Apprenticeship

- HNC Qualification
- Possible route to Modern Apprenticeship
- Employment in a wide range of food preparation and cooking roles, or food and beverage service where there is a need to work in a more autonomous role

- HND Qualification
- University
- Employment in a wide range of roles with potential for promotion and progression to supervisory or management roles

- University
- Employment in a wide range of roles with potential for promotion and progression to supervisory or management roles



EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

At National 4 Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare, you will cover basic issues in each area and begin to develop relevant skills such as team working skills, helping to plan play experiences and develop transferable employability skills.

Course Units:

- Child Development
- Working in Early Education and Childcare
- Play in Early Education and Childcare
- Care of Children

What do I need?

There are no formal entrance requirements but you need to be able to work at Level 4. You will be interviewed and you need to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.

Next Steps

Successful completion of this course will provide a good foundation for progression into NC Level programmes in Early Education & Childcare, Health Care and Social Care.

Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

National 5 Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare is an introductory qualification that develops the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for working within the sector.

Course Units:

- Child Development
- Working in Early Education and Childcare
- Play in Early Education and Childcare
- Care of Children

What do I need?

Ideally you should be working towards National 5. There will be an interview and you need, to show that you want to learn new skills, have a real interest in the area and that you are committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.

Next Steps

This course may provide you with opportunities to progress to a National Certificate Group Award in Early Education and Childcare (Higher).

Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services (Children and Young People)

SCQF Level 6 - Duration: 2 Years - For S5 Pupils only
(One year programme available to South Ayrshire S5/S6 pupils only)

What is the course about?

You can work with children and young people in a range of careers from Early Years Practitioner to a Social Worker.

Early year's provision has changed significantly over the years. Today effective early learning and childcare experiences are recognised as playing a key role in future life chances and achievement for children and young people.

Social Service workers provide support and help to people who need it, helping them to live full and valued lives in the community. In particular, they help make sure children have the best start in life, so they grow up to be happy, healthy and secure.

This course includes a NPA in Social Services Children and Young People and an SVQ in Social Services Children and Young People.

Work Experience

The two year programme includes one day per week at a work placement in the 2nd year of the course. The one year programme includes one day per week at a work placement.

What do I need?

- To have, or be working towards, at least 4 National 5 qualifications including English or Literacy
- To be capable of working at SCQF Level 6 (Higher level)
- A Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme record
- To be able to complete all the necessary hours in a work placement

Next Steps

Successful completion of this Foundation Apprenticeship includes Scottish Social Services Council registration eligibility for support worker in day care of children services.

You may progress to:

- Modern Apprenticeship
- HNC at college
- University
- Employment

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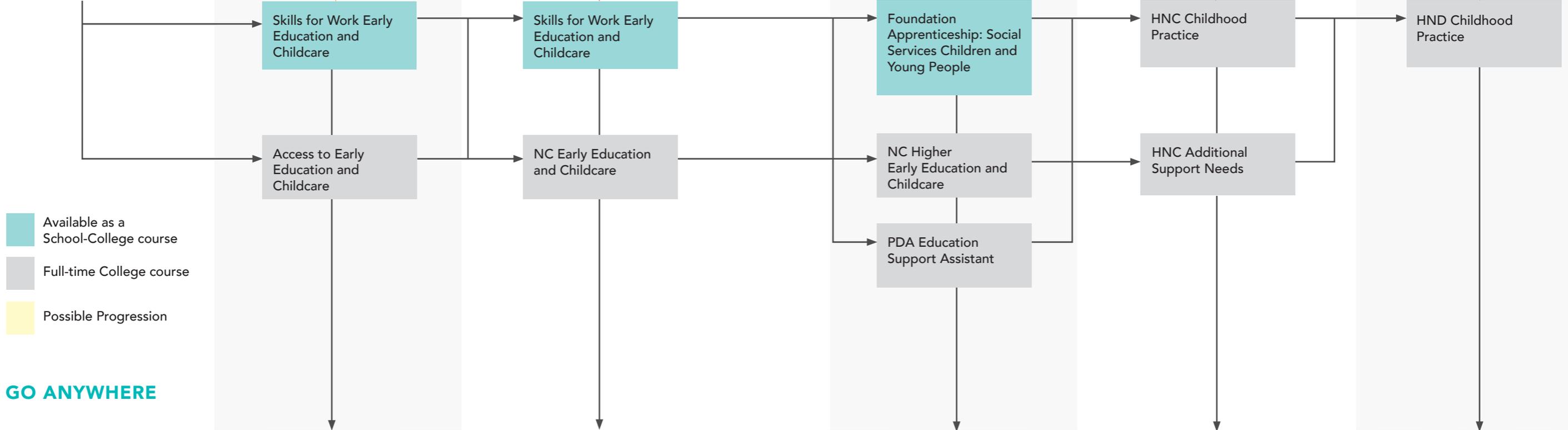
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EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE PATHWAYS



- Available as a School-College course
- Full-time College course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

- Further College course
- Examples of employment: Support Assistant roles within a range of Early Learning & Childcare and Health & Social Care settings

- Further College course
- Examples of employment: Support Assistant roles within a range of Early Learning & Childcare and Health & Social Care settings

- Modern Apprenticeship
- Examples of employment: Education Support Assistant, Early Years Support Worker

- University
- Examples of employment: Learning Support Assistant, Early Years Practitioner, Youth Worker, Senior Early Years Practitioner, Childminder

- University
- Examples of employment: Early Years Practitioner, Senior Early Years Practitioner, Early Years Manager, Depute Head of Centre, Head of Centre, Youth Worker



SPORT AND FITNESS

Skills for Work: Uniformed and Emergency Services

SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course is designed to introduce and develop the key skills needed to work with the Army, Merchant Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marines and the Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Fire and Rescue and Police. You will develop a high level of physical fitness through various activities which is a really important part of this course. The course will have a lot of practical activities and will develop physical health, teamwork, sports coaching and community development.

Course Units:

- Uniformed and Emergency Services: An Introduction
- Uniformed and Emergency Services: Health, Safety, Fitness and Wellbeing
- Uniformed and Emergency Services: Engaging with the Community
- Uniformed and Emergency Services: Working in Teams

What do I need?

No formal entry requirements. You will be interviewed and will need to demonstrate a commitment to team working and willingness to engage in physical activity/sport, ability to work in the community, have a real interest in the area and be committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.

Next Steps

There are a variety of possible progression routes at the end of this course:

- Full-time College courses in health, sport and fitness and social science.
- A career in the uniformed or emergency services.

NPA Sport and Fitness (Team Sport - Football)

SCQF Level 5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The NPA in Sport and Fitness provides you with the basic knowledge and skills in the theoretical and practical elements of football.

As the course is focused on football there will be a high level of practical both playing and coaching. The sessions will be led by fully qualified football coaches and delivered in partnership with Ayr United Football Academy and Kilmarnock Football Club.

Course Units:

- Sport and Fitness: Coaching Development
- Sports Officiating and Organising – Recreational: Association Football
- Sports Activity Participation and performance: Association Football

What do I need?

A place on the course will be subject to a practical interview where you will need to demonstrate aptitude in football, a desire to learn new skills and show a commitment to consistent attendance.

Next Steps

This course may provide you with an opportunity for progression to a range of relevant NC courses at College.



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SPORT AND FITNESS PATHWAYS

- Available as a School-College course
- Full-Time College Course
- Possible Progression

GO ANYWHERE

Skills for Work
Uniformed and
Emergency Services

Uniformed Services

NPA Sports and
Fitness

NC Sports and
Fitness, Health and
Exercise

Advanced Sports and
Fitness

HNC Coaching and
Developing Sport

HNC Fitness, Health
and Exercise

HND Applied Sports
and Exercise Science
(Year 1)

HND Coaching and
Developing Sport

HND Fitness, Health
and Exercise

HND Applied Sports
and Exercise Science
(Year 2)

- Further College course
- The Armed Services

- Further College course
- Examples of Employment: Leisure Assistants, Sports Coaches, Pool Lifeguard, Community Coaches

- HNC Qualification
- Examples of Employment: Leisure Assistants, Sports Co-ordinators, Sports Coaches, Pool Lifeguard, Community Coaches, Fitness/Gym Instructor

- HND Qualification
- University to study Sports Coaching, Health Promotion, PE Teaching, Sports Science
- Examples of Employment: Fitness/Gym Managers, Sports Managers/Co-ordinators, Health Development

- Advanced entry to University to study Sports Coaching, Health Promotion, PE Teaching, Sports Science, Health and Fitness
- Examples of Employment: Sports Management, Gym Manager, Health Promotion, Sports Manager



WIDENING ACCESS

Transition to College

Supported Learning course - SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

This course is suitable for pupils attending special schools or supported learning centres.

The units delivered are at SCQF Level 4; however the units have been selected to allow the lecturer to assess the correct level for you and can be adjusted to suit you.

The main aim of this course is to introduce you to college life, attending and studying in preparation for transition to full-time education within the college.

There are 2 classes available, you can do either one or both classes. Each class will work on an interesting project underpinned by an SQA unit.

Morning Project: Digital Awareness

You will look at a range of different Digital Issues over the course of the year, e.g. Impact of Social Media, Cyber Bullying, and Internet Safety. Evidence gathered undertaking these projects will allow you to be assessed for the unit: F3GC 10 – Core Skills ICT.

Outcomes for this unit include:

- ICT Operations (using the Computer Interface & Tools)
- Processing Information using ICT (working with Applications Software)
- Accessing Information (Searching/ Researching via online or off line data sources)
- Keeping Information Safe (Internet Safety Issues)

Transition to College (Cont.)

Supported Learning course - SCQF Level 4 - Duration: 1 Year

Afternoon Project: Scottish Studies

You will undertake a project with a focus on Scotland. An area of Scottish Culture will be chosen which will be used to spark of a range of different activities allowing you to investigate and understand the history, geography and people around you. This project will be assessed via the unit H3YP44 Scotland in Focus.

Outcomes for this unit include:

- Planning & Completing an activity with a Scottish Focus
- Reflecting on what they have learned undertaking the activity

What do I need?

You should be working at National 3 or 4 Level.

Next Steps

You may progress to:

- Connect to Careers (SCQF Level 3)
- Routes to Careers (SCQF Level 4)
- Introductory Vocational College Courses at SCQF Levels 3 or 4 as appropriate

ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages

SCQF Level 4/5 - Duration: 1 Year

What is the course about?

The main purpose of the course is to develop the skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking, to understand and use English where English is not your first language.

The course offers you the opportunity to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, it aims to enable you to:

- Develop reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in English
- Understand detailed written and spoken texts in English in the context of everyday life and familiar contexts of work and study
- Produce detailed written English in the context of everyday life and familiar contexts of work or study
- Interact with others showing understanding of and using detailed spoken English in the context of everyday life and familiar contexts of work or study
- Apply knowledge and understanding of language in spoken and written English

What do I need?

You will sit an ESOL Initial Assessment to establish which level you should study.

Next Steps

You may progress to:

- ESOL Higher (if you studied National 5)
- Further study, employment or training

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The College's School-College Partnership Team is dedicated to ensure that school pupils develop the relevant skills they need for the world of work. We aim to inform them as early as possible about the choices available to them to prepare themselves for the next stage of their life.

Although pupils study a specific qualification, they will also be developing essential skills such as confidence, communication, teamwork, and problem solving. These skills are essential to the jobs they are interested in and the wider world of work.

Lecturers will follow a planned teaching schedule, which you will be kept informed of through regular communication between the lecturer, School-College Partnership Team and the young person's school. You will also receive regular progress reports throughout the year.

Attendance at College is vital to ensure the pupil can successfully complete the course and is taken during every College class. Weekly attendance reports are sent to schools, and monthly attendance meetings take place between the College and each school.

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