

FOUNDATION APPRENTICE WINS **FOUNDATION APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AND SCOTTISH APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR**

Fraser Wallace was one of the first Foundation Apprentices at Ayrshire College, starting his qualification in 2016 alongside his other school subjects at Greenwood Academy.

Fraser was shortlisted as a Finalist back in September, along with 3 others from the whole of Scotland for Foundation Apprentice of the Year, and on the awards night was announced as the winner. He then went on to win the top award of Scottish Apprentice of the Year 2018.

The former Foundation Apprentice commented: "It feels amazing to have won these awards. Being nationally recognised for my achievements in the course and with GE Caledonian is incredible."

Achieving his Foundation Apprenticeship gained Fraser eligibility to start in second year in GE Caledonian's Modern Apprenticeship programme, after impressing Apprentice Leader, Stephen McNab.

Read more about Frasers Story [HERE](#)



We are launching two new Foundation Apprenticeships for the 2019/20 School-College Programme:

Foundation Apprenticeship - Scientific Technologies

Foundation Apprenticeship - Business Skills

Look out for the new Foundation Apprenticeship prospectus coming soon!

Other new School-College Courses for 2019/20 Programme:

NPA Acting and Performance • NPA Criminology
NPA Cyber Security • NPA Legal Studies • PDA Psychology
HNC Applied Science • HNC Computing with Cyber Security
HNC Construction Management

Look out for the new School-College prospectus available from January 2019

CLASS SPOTLIGHT



The Social Services Children and Young People Foundation Apprentices (FA, year 1) have been excelling at putting theory into practice with their involvement with a local nursery.

Lecturer Laura Niven arranged a talk from Cairns Early Years Centre, Practitioners Taylor Ferguson and Joanne Glover, both former students at Ayrshire College.

Taylor, who works in the 3-5 year old room, said "We're back at Ayrshire College to talk about the importance of play and getting down to the child's level. Everything should come from the child; their interests, their individual needs, what level are they at and how can we build on that.

It's looking deeper at play, yes they might be playing with playdough but they're actually developing language skills and using mathematical language. It's showing how play can help a child learn."

Following this talk, the FA's got the opportunity to visit the Early Years Centre. They toured the facilities, spoke to the Early Years Practitioners and interacted with the children.

As part of their class assessment, several play sessions took place at the simulated nursery in the College, whereby the pupils created activities for the visiting nursery children to participate in.

The students will be creating Christmas play activities for the final play session of this year.

Lecturer Laura Niven commented: "Making links with practitioners and local settings provides an invaluable experience for our students to understand the industry which they aspire to work in. The staff at Cairns Early Years Centre have been so supportive and I am grateful for their continued support and enthusiasm.

The students have been BRILLIANT with the children. The children are so comfortable with the surroundings and the students, which is a credit to the students as they make the environment welcoming, friendly and engaging."

For more information about the course -
CHECK THIS OUT:

We have a new video explaining what the Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services Children & Young People entails, and the benefits of the course.



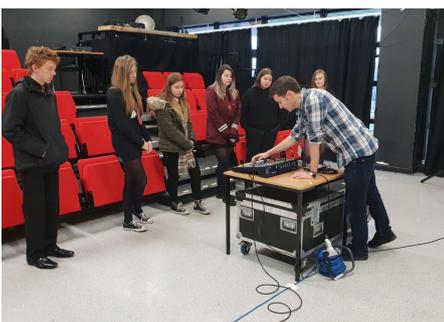
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Creative Industries Event



Following the success of the Create a Career event for schools in June, Arts & Fashion have again worked with DYW Ayrshire to offer schools taster sessions on 28 November. This time the event was aimed at S4, S5 and S6 pupils and their teachers and was timed to provide them with an opportunity to learn about the various creative courses available at Ayrshire College and the wonderful facilities we have to offer on the Ayr Campus. Over 60 pupils from Girvan, QMA, Ayr, St Joseph's

and Loudoun participated in two workshops from a choice of: Drama; Technical Theatre; Sound Production; Fashion; Photography; Media; Drawing; and Visual Communication. Whilst the pupils were enjoying the workshops, College staff met with their teachers to provide information on courses, progression routes, and careers and to discuss other possible collaborations. Although a few schools had to cancel the week before the event, overall it was a great success with some great connections made and potential projects planned on the day.



Construction Vocational Burst



Pupils from St. Matthew's Academy recently enjoyed a site visit to CCG's building site at Peebles Street, Ayr.

The trip was organised as part of the group's 'Vocational Burst' - an innovative approach to introduce hands-on college courses to S3 school pupils.

A number of curriculum areas at the College and schools across Ayrshire have embraced the short courses, which take place one afternoon per week over five or six weeks. The vocational bursts will help the pupils to make informed choices about potential careers.

This year the College has arranged vocational bursts in the areas of Construction Trades, Digital, and Hair and Beauty.

If you are interested in a Vocational Burst for your school, contact your School-College Partnership Officer.

Skills for Work Early Education and Childcare



The Greenwood Academy Skills for Work Early Education and Childcare class at the Kilwinning Campus, have been learning about the different types of play and how an Early Years Practitioner plans and sets up play activities for children.



After each play session the class discussed what the Early Years Practitioners role would be before, during and after the play experience, discussed what age group each play experience would be best suited for, and considered how taking part in the play experience supports children's care, learning, and development.



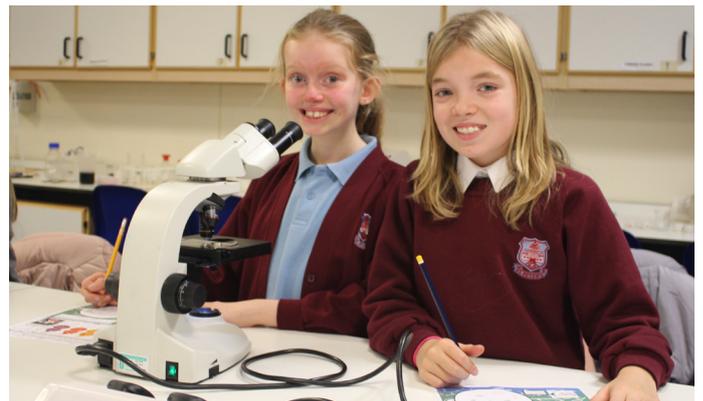
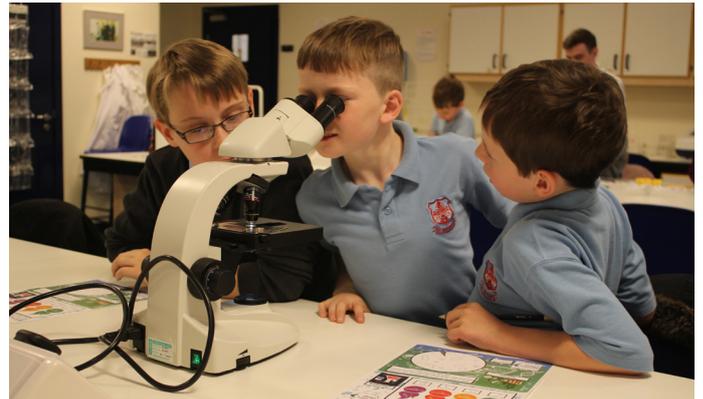
The pupils also had a visit from Largs Nursery children and their parents. The children participated in planned play activities while their parents went on a tour of the Kilwinning Campus and spoke with Student Services and Funding about enrolling at College themselves.





Primary School Science Visit

St Peter's Primary School visited the Kilwinning Campus for an afternoon of science experiments. It was great to see the Primary 6 class enjoy their trip and demonstrate their enthusiasm for science.



LAB TECHNICIAN FOR A WEEK

Daisy Dudgeon, a 4th year pupil at Marr College, decided to do her work experience at Ayrshire College. Daisy would like a career in science so spent the week working in the Science department at the Kilwinning Campus.

Daisy spoke about why she wants to work in Science in a blog article for the College: "I went along to a recent Girls into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event held at Ayrshire College, which inspired me to find out more about spending my work experience week at the College. I already know what I want to do career-wise, but it definitely gave me more of an idea of how coming to college can help you get this kind of career.

Eventually, I would like to work in forensic science. To be completely honest, the main reason I wanted to get into forensic science was a TV show, 'Hawaii 5 - 0!' It just caught my eye, and I thought, I want to do that with my life."

To read more about Daisy's story [CLICK HERE](#)

Visit from SSPCA

The Skills for Work Uniformed Services class had a visit from Sally, an Animal Rescue Officer, from the SSPCA. Each year the SSPCA visit the pupils on the course to give them an insight into an alternative service they could volunteer with or work for in the future.



ENGINEERING FOUNDATION APPRENTICES **SUMMER WORK PLACEMENTS**



Josh Rennie, Belmont Academy

"On the first couple of days I was working on a compressor, then I moved into the gearbox room, where I spent time working on gearbox techniques. The last few days I worked on the core unit which is part of the compressor.

The work experience was a lot of hands-on jobs, I got to develop skills that I will use when I go into the workplace. It was a really fun placement. I would like to get a Modern Apprenticeship there when I leave school."

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Issac Renucci, Prestwick Academy

"During the first week of my placement I was working on the LPT strip, on the new genx2b engine, and working on the module and parts. Then I moved onto the gearbox.

I wasn't trained to use all the machinery but I had the hand skills to complete the same tasks as everyone else there. I was treated as an actual member of the team for those two weeks."

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Matt Addison, Stewarton Academy

"The work placement was great. I got to see upfront how they worked with engines, inlets and thrust reversers for the V2500 and CFM engines. I got to help work on the machinery with hand tools, and learnt a lot from everyone I worked with.

The practical elements of the Foundation Apprenticeship meant I was already using most of the hand tools I was given at UTC. Having those basic practical skills meant I could complete the tasks I was asked to do."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17 January 2019: Girls into Construction

Following the success of our 'Girls into STEM' events, Ayrshire College is delighted to announce 'Girls into Construction and Civil Engineering'.

The event, which is part of the #ThisAyrshireGirlCan campaign, will take place in our Ayr Campus on Thursday 17 January from 9.30am - 2.45pm. It aims to inspire young females about careers in Construction and Civil Engineering.

Female S1/S2 pupils from East, North and South Ayrshire schools are invited to attend. They will hear from guest speakers, meet with exhibitors and take part in construction-based workshops.

11 - 25 January 2019: Safari Sessions

Calling all guidance teachers and DYW co-ordinators! Come along and speak to curriculum staff about the school-college and full-time courses on offer for 2019/20. Find out what's new and what's changing, so you can help your pupils make a more informed decision about their future.

South Ayrshire - Ayr Campus
Friday 11 January, 9.00am – 12.00pm

East Ayrshire - Kilmarnock Campus
Wednesday 16 January, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

North Ayrshire - Kilwinning Campus
Friday 25 January, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Contact: events@ayrshire.ac.uk to book a space.

15 February 2019: Girls into Technology

Ayrshire College is teaming up with SmartSTEMs for a 'girls into technology' day. Details of the event will be sent to school contacts soon. To register your interest early contact events@ayrshire.ac.uk

21 - 28 February 2019: College Information Evenings

21 February 2018 - Ayr Campus
26 February 2018 - Kilmarnock Campuses
28 February - Kilwinning campus

These events are for senior phase pupils looking to study a school-college course and for those thinking of enrolling in

College in August 2019.

We are also planning a Parent and Daughter event for those considering a career in science, technology, engineering or construction and trades. Full details will be announced soon on our social media and on our events page on



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