

# AYRSHIRE COLLEGE SCHOOLS **NEWSLETTER**

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## FUTURE CIVIL ENGINEERS OFFERED WORK PLACEMENT



**Local construction company McTaggart Construction will be offering four Foundation Apprentices a two-week work placement in 2019. This is part of their developing the young workforce commitment, and on behalf of Irvine Housing Association.**

The Civil Engineering Foundation Apprentices visited the McTaggart Construction housing development site in Tarryholme, Irvine, last semester to provide them with an insight into how a civil engineer fits into the process of developing and building new houses in Scotland.

The visit was organised by Community Benefit Manager, Ross Hammell, who showed the students around the site explaining the different stages of building house foundations, and the importance of wildlife protection on site.

Ross said: "We are excited to support Foundation Apprenticeships as a route into future employment at McTaggart Construction. We recognise the benefits of this qualification in providing young people with the knowledge and skills desirable to our industry".

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Keep reading to find out what some of our Foundation Apprentices think of the courses inside...

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# PUPIL SPOTLIGHT



For Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2019 we focused on promoting the benefits of apprenticeships and the value they bring to business and the economy. We caught up with some of our Foundation Apprentices to find out what they think about the courses and what they are planning to do in the future.

## CODI MCNAMEE:

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services:  
Children and Young People

"I like studying the range of topics in the course and finding out how the theory ties into the practical activities. I really enjoy the practical application of the course. We actually get to do the activities we talk about. I get to see how I can adapt an activity to meet what I want the child to learn. **I would like to get into Social Work. I like the idea of being able to actively make a difference.**"

[READ MORE OF CODI'S STORY HERE](#)



## LEONIE DALZIEL:

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services:  
Children and Young People

"I like doing the practical aspect, like creating 'play' activities. I have also enjoyed interacting with the nursery children. The course is better than I expected. **I want to go to university. I plan to start at college and then progress there.**"

[READ MORE ABOUT CODI AND LEONIE'S STORY HERE, AS WELL AS RACHEL, BONNIE AND MEGAN:](#)



## NAOMI AND TEGAN:

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services:  
Children and Young People

"I find it really interesting studying how children learn and how their brain develops throughout the years, and this course covers all that."

- Naomi Myers

[READ ABOUT WHAT SISTERS NAOMI AND TEGAN THINK ABOUT THEIR COURSE HERE](#)



## KENZIE MCGUIRE:

### Foundation Apprenticeship Civil Engineering

"I enjoy the drawing aspect of the course, I am good at that. That's what I look forward to; 1 point and 2 point perspective drawing, as well as component drawing.

There is a lot of freedom at college. The learning environment is more relaxed, it feels different from school. You can have more of a laugh and joke at times.

I think I would like to do a Modern Apprenticeship or maybe come to college full-time to study Civil Engineering."



## KYLE ANDERSON:

### Foundation Apprenticeship Civil Engineering

"My favourite part of the course so far is the units involving maths and materials. I am not great at drawing so I found that section a bit more challenging. I would like to go to university and study Civil Engineering."

**READ KENZIE AND KYLE'S FULL STORIES [HERE](#), AS WELL AS KYLE HORN AND EUAN GEDDES.**



# NEWS

## Largs Academy Pupils Enjoy a Circuit Class



Senior pupils who were not sitting exams were offered the opportunity to join a circuit's class run by full-time Sport and Fitness Students.

The session was run on 1 May 2019 in the afternoon in the school's sports facilities. The College students practised their coaching and motivating skills with the pupils to help put theory into practice.

## NEW APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME WITH LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM

**Ayrshire College is working in partnership with Kilmarnock Football Club to offer a Modern Apprenticeship Programme for the current under 18 playing squad.**

The "Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance" course aims to empower the young players to help them develop their skills on and off the pitch. As well as helping them to achieve their career in football, the course will give them transferable skills that will help them in the future.

Kilmarnock FC Academy Director Paul McDonald said: "We have various members of our current full-time academy staff who have come through Ayrshire College Courses, it is great to be able to work further with the college providing additional learning opportunities as part of our Young Professional Players' Modern Apprenticeship programme."



## Pupils enjoyed a visit to Ayrshire College as part of their vocational burst in cookery



The visit was organised for the last day of the pupils cookery vocational burst with the College. The Greenwood Academy Cookery group have been preparing and cooking food in their school kitchens with lecturer Stephen Elby over the last 5 weeks. Dishes include pizza and macaroni, and desserts such as cookies and shortbread.

In the final week of the course, the pupils were invited to the Kilmarnock Campus for a tour of the facilities and an insight into the range of College courses available to them. These include School-College Partnership Professional Cookery course and Bakery course that both run two afternoons per week for S4 –S6 school pupils.



Queen Margaret Academy pupils at Ayrshire College

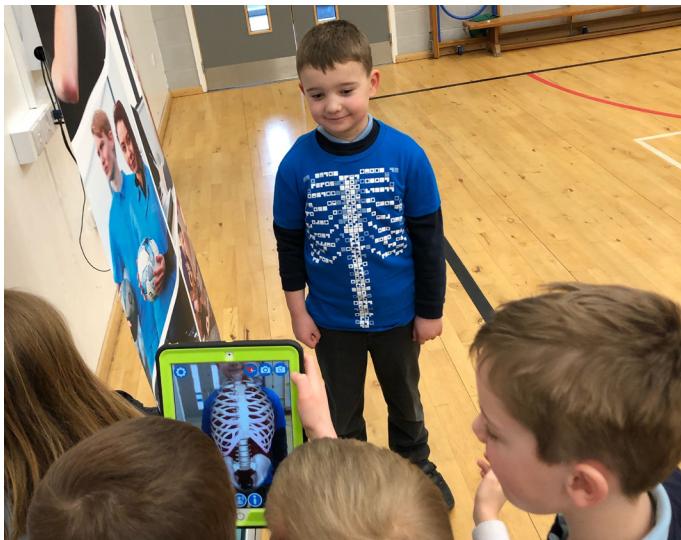
School pupil Cara Woodward said:

***“It was good fun, and the food we made tasted great”***

Pupils from S3 across Ayrshire are enjoying taking part in these innovative 5-6 week courses in a range of curriculum areas. The bursts are designed to help pupils make informed choices about their future careers.

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## School Pupils Go On Virtual Adventure



**Barassie Primary School pupils took part in a fun-filled day of virtual reality [VR] and augmented reality [AR] with Ayrshire College on 13 March 2019.**

Primary 1 to 7 pupils enjoyed being taken on a virtual journey starting in shark-infested waters, then travelling to the top of Mount Everest, followed by the inside of the Grand Canyon, and ending with a spacewalk on Mars.

Ged Freel, Head of Business and Computing said about the day "It was fantastic to see all of the pupils engaged with the sessions. The use of technology is changing the way we are teaching courses at college. Visiting schools with our technology resources enables us to demonstrate the new ways people are learning and discovering the world.

It is also part of our #ThisAyrshireGirlCan campaign to promote and encourage girls to study and work in the technology industry.

There is a high demand for digital and IT skilled employees, it is important for young people to use new technology and, themselves discover where it can be applied in society."

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## Ayrshire College Turns Up The H.E.A.T. On Tourism Trip

**Over 50 school pupils from across Ayrshire took part in an event organised as part a campaign to highlight careers in the ever-expanding Hospitality, Events and Tourism [H.E.A.T.] industry at the College's Ayr Campus recently.**

In partnership with the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, Secondary 4 and 5 pupils from Ardrossan Academy, Belmont Academy, Queen Margaret Academy and St Matthews Academy took part in a team challenge, with each team allocated a country to represent and promote. The teams focused on combining elements of hospitality, events and tourism finishing with a presentation.

The aim of the team challenge was to not only promote the popularity of each team's country as a holiday destination, but to promote that people who work in tourism also have a crucial part to play, ensuring that visitors have a fantastic experience and go home to spread the word.

One of the pupils who is studying tourism at school said "today has been really helpful. It's been good to work on a project where we looked at the way all the different ways to promote a tourist destination. It's made me want to travel even more now!"

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## LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE A COLOURFUL SCIENCE TRIP

Local schools Gargieston, New Cumnock, Hillhead, Fenwick, Annanhill, St Andrews, and Loanhead Primaries visited the Kilmarnock Campus Science department throughout March for a morning of 'colourful' experiments.

Lecturer Derek Walls and science technician Shona Boyd, put together a range of colour themed experiments for the pupils to enjoy.

Starting with the 'black snake' which seems to appear from nowhere and continuing with colour changing flames and magic liquids, then onto exploring white light and ending on the show stopper of methane bubbles erupting in flames on Shona's hands, the pupils were wowed from start to finish.

Lecturer Derek Walls commented "It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm the pupils have for science already. It's important that we encourage this interest and promote the idea of working in the science industries.

As a department we want to continue to support schools where possible and promote the College as an exciting future step for young people."



## CREATING CONNECTIONS



Young people, parents, carers and teachers from across Ayrshire headed to the Kilmarnock Campus of Ayrshire College to find out more about career and education options for young people with additional support needs.

Greg Cassidy, Head of Essential Skills at Ayrshire College said "Each young person has unique needs and we've found that no single organisation can provide the total solution to the challenges that young people meet as they move from school into the world of work.

**"This event emphasised that the more information the young person, teachers, and parents have on the range of options available in Ayrshire, the more they can make connections to appropriate organisations at each stage of the young person's journey towards employment."**

## Ayrshire Pupils Gain an Insight into Technology

Over 175 pupils took part in Ayrshire College's latest 'Girls into' event on Friday 15 February, organised as part of its award-winning #ThisAyrshireGirlCan campaign which seeks to get more females into Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Construction courses and careers.

The Girls into Technology event was held at the Kilwinning Campus in partnership with SmartSTEMs, a Scottish charitable organisation which seeks to encourage more diversity in STEM, and supported by SmartSTEMs' headline sponsor EDF Energy.

P7, S1 and S2 pupils from Ayr Academy, Carrick Academy, Garnock Community Campus, Greenwood Academy, Kilwinning Academy, Kyle Academy, Prestwick Academy, Queen Margaret Academy, St Peters Primary and Whitehurst Park Primary, all took part in three workshops each.

**[SEE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE EVENT HERE:](#)**



## February Information Evenings

**Pupils and parents/carers were invited from across Ayrshire to find out more about School-College courses and full-time courses at Ayrshire College throughout February.**

Each area of the College had their own stand where they spoke on a one to one basis with prospective students and their parents/carers.

The evenings were a success with a large volume of people attending and seeking a possible progression pathway through College.

**INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOLS COURSES IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

**INFORMATION ABOUT FULL-TIME COURSES IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

**If pupils are looking for one-one help they can contact Student Services to set up a meeting/ phone call or email:**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

# NEWS

## Ayrshire College Aims to get More Girls into Construction and Civil Engineering



Over 150 female pupils arrived at Ayrshire College on Thursday 17 January for a special 'Girls into Construction and Civil Engineering' day, as part of the College's award-winning #ThisAyrshireGirlCan campaign.

The event gave S1 and S2 pupils from Cumnock Academy, Girvan Academy, Grange Academy, Kilmarnock Academy, Kyle Academy, Largs Academy, Loudoun Academy and Stewarton Academy the chance to rotate around three different workshops each.

Cameron Bell, Head of Construction Technology and Trades at Ayrshire College, organised the event. He said "There are plenty of exciting learning and career opportunities available in the Construction and Civil Engineering areas, and it is especially important for us as a college to showcase these opportunities to female pupils who may not have considered entering this industry."

[SEE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE EVENT HERE:](#)

## The IET's First® Lego® League Takes Place at Ayrshire College



School pupils from across Ayrshire competed in the IET's FIRST® LEGO® League competition at Ayrshire College's Kilmarnock Campus on Friday 14 December.

Pupils from Alloway Primary, Braehead Primary, Holmston Primary, Kincaidston Primary, Tarbolton Primary, Greenwood Academy, and Stewarton Academy entered the finals at the Kilmarnock Campus. The pupils were assisted on the day by staff and student volunteers from Ayrshire College, as well as leading engineering employers GE Caledonian and MAHLE.

The awards of each individual challenge were:

**Robot Performance - Stewarton Academy**  
**Robot Design - Greenwood Academy**  
**Project - Tarbolton Primary**  
**Core Values - Kincaidston Primary**

The Champion Award on the day was Stewarton Academy.

Ged Freel, Head of Learning and Skills – Business and Computing at Ayrshire College, said "This event has been a fantastic showcase of how fun and exciting engineering and computing can be."

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Girls into Engineering Event**

12 June 2019 from 9:30am-2:30pm  
Kilmarnock Campus

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

- **Creating Industries Event**

12 June 2019 from 9:30am- 12:30pm for S1-S3 to raise awareness of careers in creative industries  
Ayr Campus

## VIDEOS

### Have you seen SCQF's video about the Learner Journey?

It features two of our Foundation Apprentices and a range of our other School-College classes:

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### Have you seen our range of videos about Project Search?

A programme for young people with learning difficulties and/or are on the autistic spectrum:

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### Watch our 4min video – a great overview!

“Celebrating 5 Years of Ayrshire College”

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## FULL-TIME NEW COURSES

### Health and Social Care

NC Oral Health Care  
Youth Work and Communities

### Hair and Beauty

HNC Make-up Artistry

### Creative

Social Media and Content Creation  
Introduction to Computer Games Design

### Business

Business with Law and Accounting  
Access to Business  
Access to Office Reception  
Access to Office Administration  
Administration with Digital Skills  
Business with Accounting  
HNC Business with Management  
HNC Business with Marketing

### Computing

HNC Computing with Cyber Security

### Sports

Introduction to Sports Coaching  
HNC Police Studies

### Essential Skills and Widening Access

Routes to Careers Health and Fitness

### Engineering

HNC Mechatronics  
NC CAD/CAM  
HNC Business with Management  
HNC Business with Marketing

### Computing

HNC Computing with Cyber Security

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