



## Part-Time Jobs

Whether you are applying to college, university, apprenticeships or jobs when you leave school, having a part-time job can be a fantastic opportunity to develop skills and enhance your employability! However, it is important to consider how many hours you can realistically commit whilst working towards your senior phase qualifications. There are increased temporary opportunities around Christmas, particularly in hospitality and retail so why not check out:

- Edinburgh Guarantee - <https://www.thegarantee.org/>
- Edinburgh Fuse - <https://edinburghfuse.com/job-vacancies>
- SDS Edinburgh Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SDSEdinburgh>
- Indeed - <https://uk.indeed.com/>

## UCAS

The UCAS deadline is fast approaching! Remember to speak to your House Head to find out exactly when your deadline is as, although the official UCAS deadline is in January, your House Head will set their own deadline. This is because they have a part to play once you have finished your application, so they need time to be able to process all the applications under their name! Don't forget the UCAS application fee is £22 for a single choice, or £26.50 for more than one choice (up to 5 choices).

Once you have submitted your UCAS application you will start to receive offers from universities however, this could be a matter of days or even months! It all depends on when you applied and how that university (and) course chooses to make their offers. Last year, some students didn't hear back from all of their choices until May. Don't forget to keep track of your application.

### UCAS Offers

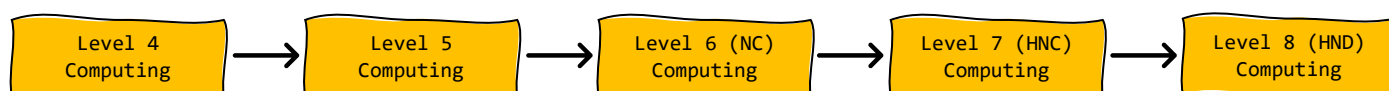
**Conditional** – the offer has conditions e.g., you must achieve certain results in the upcoming exams.

**Unconditional** – you have met the entry requirements and have been offered a place on the course.

**Unsuccessful** – you have not been offered a place on the course but don't worry, there are lots of options to consider including **UCAS Extra and UCAS Clearing**, **College**, **Apprenticeships**, and others!

## College

College applications go live in January/February 2022, and it is important you submit your application as soon as possible as some of these courses fill up VERY fast. You can apply for full-time courses from Level 4 to Level 8 – each level will have different entry requirements. If you don't quite have the entry requirements for the course you are interested in, you can apply for the level below and progress onto the next level the following year.



HNC and HND qualifications can allow entry to many university courses (however, not all). If you are applying to university, you may want to consider applying for a HNC/D at college as well. A HNC can sometimes actually allow you to apply for 2<sup>nd</sup> year entry whereas a HND can sometimes even allow you to apply for 3<sup>rd</sup> year entry. Maya will be running college support sessions throughout January/February in the Resource Centre to support with college course choice, personal statements, applications etc.

## College Drop-In Sessions:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January - IT 1 Period 5**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January - IT 1 Period 5**

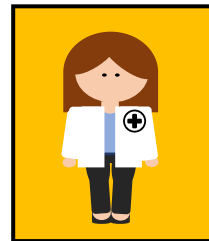
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January - IT 1 Period 5**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January - IT 1 Period 5**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February - IT 1 Period 5**

## Monthly Employer Insight Sessions

November saw us welcome 'You Can Be A Doctor' for another Employer Insight Session. We brought together pupils who are interested in Medicine or who have already applied to study it at university. We heard from a doctor about his journey and career path, as well as plenty of opportunity for discussion and to ask questions. You Can Be A Doctor offer lots of support for young people applying to Medicine, including mock interview practice with a senior doctor which can be booked [here](#). Due to prelims, there will be no Employer Insight Session in December.



## Virtual Opportunities

A variety of employers offer online sessions to allow you to learn about their industry - this could be anything from a one-off presentation to a week-long virtual work experience.

**[Virtual Meet the Expert - Construction](#) 25 January 2022 0940-1020** Construction is a global industry with a number of different job roles. The expert Anne Oafor of Cruden Group will give an insight into her role as a construction planner and talk about some of the highlights.

**[Virtual Meet the Expert - Technology and Audio](#) 2 February 2022 1410-1450** So many people aspire to work in the gaming industry, but don't know how to go about it. Alexander is an Audio Lead at Studio Gobo and has worked in many different organisations, on huge projects including Grand Theft Auto V. Find out how he has navigated his way to where he is today and learn about the different projects he has worked on!

**[The Ivy House Award](#) get in touch with [rachael@ivyhouse.co.uk](mailto:rachael@ivyhouse.co.uk) for dates and further info.** The Award develops leadership and life skills, giving students aged 15-18 the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to step up and take ownership of their future. It distils the essence of all our experience and learning and adapts it to this unique stage of life. It enables you to gain clarity on who you are, what you want and equips you with the skills you need to make conscious informed choices about the direction you want your life to take.

## Spotlight on Green Jobs

In November, Glasgow hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties, otherwise known as **COP26**, where world leaders met to discuss the global response to climate change. There are lots of jobs that already exist and are emerging due to the climate emergency and to support the transition to net zero in Scotland. Any job can be 'green', but here are some of the key sectors you will find roles fighting climate change:

- Energy Transition - focus on renewable energy
- Construction- Scotland's biggest user of natural resources
- Manufacturing and Engineering - key to delivering the net zero target through technological innovations
- Agriculture and Land Use - can reduce emissions and increase carbon dioxide being absorbed
- Transport - decarbonisation relies on behaviour change and infrastructure investment

You can find out more information and job profiles about 'green careers' on the My World of Work website [here](#).

## Careers Appointments

If you would like to book a careers appointment, or if you just have a quick question, drop into the library or email Maya on [maya.stone@sds.co.uk](mailto:maya.stone@sds.co.uk)