



College

College applications are due to open soon (the date from the college is still to be confirmed but usually this is between mid-January and the beginning of February) so it is important you start to prepare now.

Top Tips for College Applications:

- **BE READY TO APPLY** - once each course has received a certain number of applications, many will operate a **waiting list** or, sometimes, will offer applicants an **alternative course if the course they have applied for is already full**. Similarly, **there isn't a closing date** so some courses may stay open longer than others if there has been less interest.
- **ONE FULL-TIME COURSE** – you can only submit **one application** to Edinburgh College for a full-time course. However, there are 24 departments and each department has a range of courses at different levels. It is important to **check the entry requirements** for the course you are interested in. Remember, you don't have to already have the entry requirements but should be on track to achieve these by the end of the school year.
- **CAMPUS** – which campus is your course is being delivered at: Granton, Milton Road, Sighthill or Midlothian? Make sure you know how to get there e.g., some courses are only delivered at Midlothian Campus which can be harder to reach from Leith.
- **PERSONAL STATEMENT** – the personal statement is a large part of the application process and shouldn't be underestimated. Imagine 10 students with similar grades apply for the same course which only has one space left – the personal statement gives you the chance to demonstrate your interest and suitability for the course. You will have developed so many fantastic skills throughout school (maybe without even realising) so make sure you shout about them in your personal statement!



Did you know... Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Higher National Diplomas (HND) 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 as well. A HNC can sometimes actually allow you to apply for 2nd year entry whereas a HND can sometimes even allow you to apply for 3rd year entry. Check out the drop-in sessions below for support with your college application.

College Drop-In Sessions:

Monday 17th January – Resource Centre, IT 1 Period 5

Monday 24th January – Resource Centre, IT 1 Period 5

Monday 31st January – Resource Centre, IT 1 Period 5

Monday 7th February – Resource Centre, IT 1 Period 5

UCAS

Most of those applying to university this year will have now submitted their application – well done! Once you have submitted your UCAS application you will start to receive offers from universities. 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.

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!

Virtual Opportunities

[Women in Music: Empowerment & Employability](#) **15th Jan 2022 10:00-12:00** Free online course for those identifying as female who are interested in a career in music.

[Subject Choice for Careers](#) **18th Jan 2022 09:45-14:30** Informative online session to help you make the best decisions around subject choice for your future personal and professional goals.

[Virtual Insight Day – Exploring roles behind the stage](#) **16th Feb 2022 10:00-15:00** Hear from professionals in the theatre industry about what they do and how they got there. Interested in live entertainment, theatre, or creative industries? This is for you! **Application deadline is 16th Jan 2022.**

[RAPP Virtual Design Insight Session](#) **15th Feb 2022 16:30-18:30** On this Insight Session, you will hear from some amazingly talented individuals from all areas of Design; from User Interface Design, Print Design, Branding, Typography, Illustration and Data Visualisation. You'll hear about what a typical day in the life of involves and some hints and tips about how you can kick start a career in advertising and marketing within a Design Team. **Application deadline is 8 Feb 2022.**

[Social Impact Market Research – Virtual Work Experience](#) **2nd Mar 2022** On this virtual work experience you will have an introduction to what market research is, understand how a typical project runs and what it involves, and explore some examples of how we approach research problems. You will even have an opportunity to try out some interview techniques to get to the heart of an issue and go beyond what people say to what they really mean.

Spotlight on the Health and Social Care Industry

In 2021, approximately 68,400 people were employed in the Health and Social Care sector in Edinburgh, East and Midlothian - accounting for 16% of employment. Continued growth is forecast for the industry, driven by Scotland's aging and growing population along with the aim to protect the provision of frontline services. Therefore, job opportunities are expected through both replacement and expansion demand (i.e., replacing employees who are leaving due to retirement etc. alongside creating new positions to meet the industries expansion).



Did you know, the [NHS](#) recruits 16-24 year olds for their Modern Apprenticeship scheme in a range of different areas including: [Business & Administration](#); [Creative & Digital Media](#); [Dental Nursing](#); [Electrical Engineering](#); [Electronic Engineering](#); [Healthcare support](#); [IT & Telecommunications](#); [Life Sciences](#); [Mechanical Engineering](#); and [Pharmacy](#). A Modern Apprenticeship could be a great way for you to get into an industry which is forecast to continue to grow!

Part-Time Jobs

Whether you are applying to college, university, apprenticeships, or full-time employment 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.

You usually need a CV to apply for part-time jobs and you can find out more about this on My World of Work alongside a CV builder to help get you started – [click here](#) to find out more. If you have a CV and are looking for opportunities to apply for, check out the links below:

- [Edinburgh Guarantee](#)
- [Edinburgh Fuse](#)
- [SDS Edinburgh Facebook](#)
- [Indeed](#)

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