



College

College applications opened on **Tuesday 1st of February**. For support with your application, come along to the Resource Centre Period 5 on:

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

Edinburgh College are also hosting **open days** in February for prospectus students to find out more about courses and college life. **You need to register to attend** – bookings will also open on the 1st of February. Click [here](#) to find out more and see dates below:

- Milton Road – Thursday 24th February 2022 (5pm – 7pm)
- Midlothian Campus – Thursday 24th February 2022 (5pm – 7pm)
- Granton Campus – Saturday 26th February 2022 (10am – 2pm)
- Sighthill Campus – Saturday 5th of March 2022 (10am – 2pm)

School College Partnership (SCP) Courses

If you are moving into S4, S5 or S6 you can apply for a part-time college course as part of your school timetable. This means you would be in school Monday to Friday but would attend college on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (5th and 6th period). You can take a range of subjects including:

Engineering; Criminology; Electrical Skills; Hair & Beauty; Intro to Motor Vehicles (Mechanics); Intro to Social Science; Legal Services; Police Studies; Make Up Artistry; Sound Production; Photography; and many others.

Applications opened on the 31st of January and will remain open for 6 weeks. You must write a personal statement as part of your application as there are limited places. Two examples of this include:

- Engineering Academy: Engineering Systems Energy & New Technology.** A Higher National Certificate (HNC) taken over S5 and S6. Applicants should be expecting to work towards at least Higher Maths and a Science.
- Police Studies.** A HNC, again taken over 2 years, for pupils who are interested in developing a career where knowledge of the Police Service and Policing is important, such as the Prison Service, Private Security Firms, Social Services, Youth or Community Work and other uniformed services.

UCAS

The 'equal consideration' for UCAS applications has now passed (26th of January). If you have submitted an application, you will now start to receive offers from universities:

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!

Once you have received decisions from all your choices, you are able to make your decision(s). If you have received an unconditional offer from your first choice you can accept this which confirms your place on the course. If you have received a conditional offer from your first choice (or firm choice) you will be able to select a second choice (or insurance choice) as well*. You will then need to wait until your exam results in August to know if you have met the conditions for your first or second choice.

***REMEMBER: Your second choice should always have lower conditions than your first choice.**

Apprenticeships

If you in S6 or are considering leaving school at the end of this school year, you may also want to consider either a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship. Apprenticeships can be a fantastic opportunity to:

- work full time – gaining real life work experience whilst gaining key skills and expanding your networks
- gain a qualification (even up to a university degree for some types of apprenticeships)
- and earn a salary.

To find out more visit [apprenticeships.scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot). Check out an example below of a Graduate Apprentice vacancy:

Graduate Apprentice: Quantity Surveyor with Summers-Inman Construction & Property Consultants

£18,000 – Edinburgh – Full-time (37.5) – You will study towards a BSc (Hons) Construction and the Built Environment at Edinburgh Napier University whilst also working as an Apprentice Quantity Surveyor. 80% of your time will be in the workplace and 20% will be at university.

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 - 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!

[Virtual Meet the Expert - Glacier Energy Services](#) **7 February 2022 0940-1020** David will tell us about Energy, Innovation, & Technology, including 3D printing and laser scanning Ships, Submarines & Fighter Jets, and much more.

[Apprenticeships in the Spotlight](#) **8 February 2022 0945-1430** Gain insight into how an apprenticeship can provide an excellent start to a career in various industries.

[NextGen Nurse NHS Virtual Day](#) **9 February 2022 1000-1430** Virtual Insight Day to hear from nurses working across a range of nursing fields, find out more about the profession, the key skills needed and how you can start to develop them. **Closing date for applications is 3 February 2022.**

[Languages in the Spotlight](#) **21 February 2022 0945-1430** This event provides real examples of how knowing a language can help you in the world of work.

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