



SAAS

Applications for SAAS are now [open](#)! Students who are applying for HNC, HND or Degrees should apply to SAAS for their tuition fees and some students may want to consider applying for a student loan.

The deadline for SAAS applications is the 30th of June 2022 to ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course. SAAS are holding virtual workshops to help with applications and to answer any questions you may have. The next workshop with availability is the 26th of April but you can find all the dates [here](#).



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. However, please see below for some examples of current apprenticeships:

- [Building Surveyor Graduate Apprenticeship](#) with Ryden and in partnership with Edinburgh Napier University, the candidate will obtain an honours degree in Construction and the Built Environment (Building Surveying). You would be in full-time employment (35 hours) and have a starting salary of £18,200.
- [Office Administrator Modern Apprenticeship](#) with a leading Legal and Estate Agency in partnership with Rewards Training. You would be in full-time employment (40 hours) and have a starting salary of £19,760.
- [Accountant Graduate Apprenticeship](#) with Thomson Cooper Accountants and in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University, the candidate will obtain a Master of Accountancy. You would be in full-time employment (37.5 hours) and have a starting salary of £13,500 to £18,000 per year.
- [Engineering Waste Water Network Apprenticeship](#) with Scottish Water and in partnership with Scottish Water Skills Academy. This is a 5-year apprenticeship. You would be in full-time employment (37 hours) and have a starting salary of £18,772.
- [Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship](#) with Edinburgh Council and in partnership with EELCA, the candidate would work towards the SCQF Level 7 Social Services for Children and Young People. You would be in full-time employment (36 hours) and have a starting salary of £19,687.

These are just a handful of the opportunities available on apprenticeships.scot. There are approx. 100 vacancies currently being advertised in Edinburgh, but this will change as it is a live vacancy board. Please note, apprenticeships are competitive – unlike college or university who will have multiple places on their courses, employers will usually only recruit one apprentice at a time (however, some larger companies will take on a group of apprentices each year).

College

Edinburgh College has started to make offers to students who have applied to full-time courses. If you have already applied to a full-time course at Edinburgh College, make sure you check your emails and sign on to your college account to check the status of your application. However, not all courses have responded to applicants yet so don't worry if you have not heard back. For some courses you may need to attend an interview or audition, complete an assessment, or submit a portfolio of work before an offer is made. If this is a requirement for you, you will be emailed with more information.

You can use the [funding tool](#) on the Edinburgh College website to help you find out whether your course fees will be covered and what financial support you may be entitled to apply for.

If you are still considering doing a full-time course starting in August 2022, you should **apply as soon as possible** to ensure the course you are interested in doesn't fill up and you don't miss out! Some courses have already closed. If you would like help with completing an application, please get in touch: maya.stone@sds.co.uk

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). Check out the range of courses [here](#).

The initial deadline for part-time college courses has now passed (18th March). This means that the courses which received a high number of applications have now closed. However, other part-time courses will remain open until they are full.

UCAS

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. Most students are given a deadline of the **9th of June** to make their final decision(s). However, there may be some exceptions to this so make sure you check the date on your own UCAS application. ***REMEMBER: Your second choice should always have lower conditions than your first choice.**

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!

If you are unsure about the conditions you have received – make sure you submit a college application as a backup.

UCAS Extra – is open between 25th of February and 4th of July. If you have used all 5 choices and are not holding any offers, you can now add another choice using Extra. Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university. If you're eligible, you'll be able to apply to additional universities, one at a time. However, if you didn't use all 5 choices, you can just sign into your account and add another choice (before 30th of June as long as you have not accepted or declined any offers). Find out more about Extra and how to add more choices via Extra [here](#).

Clearing – is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. From 5th of July and 18th of October, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places. You can use Clearing if:

- You're applying after 30th June
- You didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- You didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- You've paid the multiple-choice application fee of £26.50
- You've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in your application

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, check out these vacancies which are recruiting now:

- [TGI Fridays](#) – part-time Kitchen Team Member
- [Primark](#) – part-time Retail Assistants
- [Poundland](#) – part-time Sales Assistant
- [McDonalds](#) – Seafeld various hours available
- [JD Sports](#) St James Quarter or [JD Sports](#) Fort Kinnaird – part time vacancies available at both

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. Check out the opportunities highlighted by Developing the Young Workforce this month below:

Springpod Easter Virtual Work Experiences are free online virtual work experiences that you can complete at your own pace across the Easter holidays. Taking place between the 4th-14th of April, there are loads of options to choose from. **Registrations for these VWE opens on 30 March 22.**

[Investment Banking Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

Investment banking is one of the most exciting fields to work in. By the end of this programme, you'll have the skills and experience needed in order to get started in the world of investments.

[Psychology Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

In this psychology virtual work experience programme, you'll hear about the grisly history of psychology as well as the fields of psychology we know, recognise and practice today.

[Software Development Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

From information systems to software architecture, you'll cover a whole range of crucial topics and skills that you'll need during your career as a developer.

[Law Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

During this free two-week virtual work experience programme, you will meet a range of industry professionals from various legal areas of law who will give you an overview of their experiences.

[Engineering Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

Love taking things apart and putting them back together again? Do you have an itch to know how things work? Engineering could be the career route for you! In this programme, we've looked at a whole load of career paths and specialisms within engineering from chemical to software- so you're bound to find something that interests you.

[Specsavers Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

Chances are, you've heard of high-street giant Specsavers. But are you aware of the range of careers on offer within the organisation? From optics and audiology to customer service and support roles, this programme will cover the vast range of roles available at Specsavers. What's more, you'll also meet a range of industry professionals from various areas, who'll give you an overview of their experiences and allow you to ask questions.

[Film and TV Work Experience](#) 04 – 14 April 22

Sounds pretty glitzy right? When you think of TV and film, what comes to mind - red carpets and awards? We're going to pull back the curtain and discover what a career in TV and film really looks like, from popular film theory to what happens in post-production, you'll get a backstage pass.

These are just some of the virtual work experiences on offer – head over to [Springpod's website](#) to see the full programme and apply for a place.

Other virtual opportunities this month include:

[Burness Paull Law Work Experience](#) 11 April 22

Burness Paull offers work experience to S4-S6 school pupils who are interested in a career in commercial law. **Registration opens 25 March 22**

[Siemens Energy Green Skills & Sustainability](#) 12 April 22

2-Day Interactive, Virtual Work Experience in the Energy Industry. Hear from an award-winning engineering Programmes Manager about becoming an engineer, and her journey to date.

[HSBC - Commercial Awareness](#) 13 April 22 1700-1800

A session that will help you understand what commercial awareness actually is, both on a small and large scale, alongside helping you to begin building this essential life skill for world of work.

[Earth Day - Green Careers Spotlight](#) 22 April 22 09:45-14:30

Hear from inspiring role models who have followed interesting career paths that contribute to protecting & preserving our planet.

[Green Skills Week 2022](#) 25 – 29 April 22 Various Times.

During this week, there are lots of different sessions and virtual work experiences to help you find out about careers using green skills across all sectors. Check out the SpeakersForSchools opportunities portal to find out more and apply for VWEs.

[Code Clan Youth Academy](#) 4 July – 26 August 22. (Apply ASAP)

Ready to take your first steps in an exciting and rewarding career? The tech industry needs more people and software development is right at the heart of it all. Over four weeks of training, we'll teach you the basics of programming and prepare you for a guaranteed paid internship with one of Scotland's exciting tech companies. ****For School Leavers aged 17+****

[EY Smart Futures Scotland Programme](#) 4 – 13 July 2022 (Summer Holidays)

EY Foundation are running their Smart Futures programme across the summer holiday. The programme provides 5 days of employability skills focus (including CV checks & mock interview), 3 days of work experience and a post-programme mentor who will provide mentoring support for the following 10 months.

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