



## Key Dates:

- **1<sup>st</sup> of November 2022** – college courses starting in January open for applications.
- **January/February 2023** – college courses starting in August open for applications.
- **25th January 2023** – UCAS deadline (however, remember your House Head will set their own deadline to ensure your application is complete and sent in time).

## Christmas Part-Time Jobs

- 🎄 **TK Maxx Fort Kinnaird Seasonal Recruitment** – find out more [here](#).
- 🎄 **Boots are recruiting Christmas Customer Advisors** – find out more [here](#).
- 🎄 **HMV Seasonal Recruitment** – find out more [here](#).
- 🎄 **The Perfume shop Seasonal Recruitment** – find out more [here](#).

Don't forget to check out some of the usual websites for other part-time vacancies too:

- [Edinburgh Fuse](#)
- [Indeed](#)
- [Fort Kinnaird Recruitment Portal](#)

## Employer Insight

Last month some of our S4, S5, and S6 students attended the STEM employer insight session with Optos and Good Loop. Students heard from a Mathematician/Entrepreneur, a Software Engineer, and a Design Engineer. We heard about the steps they have taken to get to where they are now, what a typical day might look like, and some advice on getting a career in STEM. Students also had a chance to break out into smaller groups which led to some great conversations with these STEM professionals!

Keep an eye on your Teams pages to hear about other opportunities coming up in school.

## College

Edinburgh College has twice yearly start dates - in January and August. However, there are limited courses available in January, we usually see a much larger range in August. The January courses have now opened for applications. These are full-time courses and therefore would only be open to those who are old enough to leave school. You can explore the courses [here](#). If you are thinking about applying to a college course starting in January, please let Maya or your House Head know.

Check out some of the upcoming open days below. These are an excellent opportunity to look around their facilities, meet members of their team, and find out more about how to apply.

[Edinburgh College Media, Music, and Sound Production Open Day](#) – Milton Road Campus 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2-4pm

[Edinburgh College Media, Music, and Sound Production Open Day](#) – Sighthill Campus 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-4pm

If you are applying to university this year, you should consider applying to a relevant HNC/D course at college too. A HNC, for some courses at some universities, can allow you to progress to Year 1 and, sometimes, even Year 2. Whereas a HND again, for some courses at some universities, can allow you to progress to Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3.

## University

If you are applying to university this year, you should now be making a start on your application. You should also:

- Make sure you are part of the Teams Group – UCAS 2022 – 23 (speak to your House Head if you are not).
- Access 'A Beginners Guide to UCAS 2023' PDF from the Teams page to help get your application started.

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can be a fantastic opportunity when you leave school 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). But have a look at the opportunity below for an example:

### Design Engineer Graduate Apprentice with Leonardo

This is a 4-year programme where you will study an Engineering: Design & Manufacture BEng (Hons) degree through a mixture of work-based learning, distance learning and day release at the University of Strathclyde. At the end of the programme, you will work as a highly qualified member of our engineering community in a discipline such as electronics, mechanical, test, support and systems engineering.

Closing date March 2023 however may close at any time. You can find out more [here](#).

## Developing Young Workforce (DYW) Opportunities

A variety of employers offer sessions to allow you to learn about their industry - this could be anything from a one-off presentation to a week-long work experience. Check out the opportunities highlighted by **DYW** this month below:

### Anyone interested in an apprenticeship with BAE systems Naval Ships, see below:

**What:** BAE Systems Naval Ship Recruitment Open Evening

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Where:** West College Scotland, Clydebank Campus

**Time:** Drop in from 17.30 - 20.00

[Sign up here.](#)

### Interested in a career in finance? Then don't miss the below opportunities:

**What:** ACCA's UK Virtual Careers Fair

**When:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Where:** Online

**Time:** Drop in from 09:00 - 20.00

**Why attend:** As the world's most forward-thinking, professional accountancy body we'll be providing a range of valuable and informative content that you need to be successful in your career. Upload your CV in advance and get ready to connect on live video or chat with a range of employers and recruiters who are looking out for the brightest talent.

[Register here.](#)

**What:** AAB (Accountancy and Business Advisor) hear from previous trainees in how to start a career at AAB

**When:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Where:** Online

**Time:** 5.30-6.30pm

[Register here.](#)