



Key Dates:

- **19th January 2023** – online information session on Scottish Apprenticeships for parents & carers (info below).
- **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).
- **1st February 2023** – College applications open for courses starting in August 2023.

College

Full-Time College Courses (for school leavers): Full-time college courses starting in August 2023 at Edinburgh College are expected to open for applications on **Wednesday 1st February**. Some helpful points to remember:

- You can only apply to 1 full-time college course at a time.
- All courses require you to write a personal statement (up to 4,000 characters).
- Some of the more practical courses may ask for evidence of your work e.g., a portfolio, an audition, etc. (if so, this will show on the course page under 'Information on Tests/Auditions/Interview Requirements').
- Different departments process their applications at different times (so don't worry if you hear people starting to receive offers before you do).
- You may receive a 'unconditional offer', a 'conditional offer', or a 'no offer possible'.

Unconditional – you meet the requirements and have secured a place on the course.

Conditional – they are holding a place for you which you can take if you meet the grades they have specified as part of the conditional offer (this is usually dependent on your SQA results received in August).

No Offer Possible – unfortunately, they could not offer you a place on the course (this could be for a variety of reasons) however, the college have a [schools guarantee](#) which means they will guarantee the offer of a college place to all eligible schools leavers in Edinburgh, East Lothian, and Midlothian (unfortunately, this may not always be your 1st choice due to limited spaces or not meeting the entry requirements).

Edinburgh College will be holding Open Days on the following days at the respective campus:

- Mid Lothian Campus – 7th Feb (4pm – 7pm)
- Sighthill Campus – 21st Feb (4pm – 7pm)
- Milton Road Campus – 9th Feb (4pm – 7pm)
- Granton Campus – 25th Feb (10am – 1pm)

School College Partnership (SCP) Courses (part-time courses for school pupils): SCP courses give students the chance to study a part-time course at Edinburgh College whilst still being at school for the remainder of your timetable. When choosing your subjects for the following year, you will see 'College' as an option in one of the columns. This column equates to 5th & 6th period on a Tuesday & Thursday afternoon which means during this time, you will be at college.

Like the full-time courses, you still need to apply and submit a personal statement. Each SCP course also has its own entry requirements which may require you to already have studied a particular subject or studied at a particular level. These are also expected to open for applications on **Wednesday 1st February**.

Some courses on offer this year include:

Data Science
Radio Broadcasting
Health & Social Care

Criminology
Software Development
Electrical Skills

Legal Services
Theatre Costume
Engineering

Construction
Hair & Beauty
Photography

University

If you are applying to university this year, you should be almost finished your application. Remember, you should discuss the UCAS deadline with your House Head as they will set their own deadline to ensure they have enough time to complete their sections (e.g., your reference and predicted grades).

Apprenticeships

How much do you know about Scottish Apprenticeships? Sign up to the national webinar to hear about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and how work-based learning can open the door to a wide range of careers.

[Overview of Scottish Apprenticeships for Parents and Carers](#) - **Thursday, 19 January, 6.30pm – 7.15pm** In order to access this session, you will require to have downloaded the Microsoft Teams app on your device - we would advise that if you are using a mobile or tablet, you download this prior to the session.



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:

- Friday 13th January – Business Brunch (S5/S6) - 9.30 - 10.30am - Clubhouse

The event is designed for pupils to learn more about these developing industries, making connections between what they are doing now and how this might be transferrable in these areas of employment. If you are interested, please speak to your House Head to sign up.



Name of Employer	Sector - Renewable/Circular Economy/Climate
NWH	Circular commercial Waste management
Architype	Architects aiming for carbon neutral builds
Changeworks	Environmental charity delivering solutions for low carbon living
EDF Renewables	Wind turbines/battery storage
Vattenfall	European energy company, wanting to make fossil-free living possible within one generation.
Global Canopy	Not-for profit providing data, clear metrics, and actionable insights to leading companies, financial institutions, governments to help them make better climate-impact decisions

- Thursday 26th January - Industry Insight Session – Cyber Security - P6 - IT 2 Resource Centre

David Ferbrache, Managing Director

David is an award-winning UK national cyber security expert and the Managing Director of Beyond Blue with over 25 years of cyber and information security expertise.



Part-Time Jobs

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

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