

Leith Academy Careers Bulletin

April 2023



Key Dates:

- **3rd April** – SAAS applications open.
- **26th April** – Start of SQA exam timetable.
- **19th May** – Deadline for universities to make decisions on applications (for those submitted before 25th January)
- **8th June** – If you receive your last UCAS decision on or before 18th May 2023, your reply date is 8th June (except if you're using Extra to find a place).
- **5th July** – UCAS Clearing Opens.
- **17th July** – If you receive your last UCAS decision on or before 12th July 2023, your reply date is 17th July 2023 (including Extra choices).

SAAS

Applications for SAAS open on the **3rd of April 2023**. Most 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. You should submit your SAAS application by the **30th of June 2023** to ensure your funding is in place by the start of your course.

SAAS are holding free online workshops to support with fees and funding applications. You need to book a place via eventbrite [here](#). Some dates are already full.

The image is a promotional graphic for a SAAS workshop. On the left, a young woman with long red hair, wearing a yellow top, is smiling and looking at a tablet. The background is a mix of purple and blue. Text on the right includes 'SAAS Funding your future' in white, 'SCOTTISH STUDENT Funding Application' in large white and pink letters, 'WORKSHOP' in white on a pink rounded rectangle, and 'Assistance from a SAAS expert to help complete your college or uni funding application!' in white.

College

Full-Time College Courses (for school leavers): Full-time college courses starting in August 2023 at Edinburgh College are open for applications but some have already closed due to the high number of applications they have received! If you are still thinking about going to college this year, you should aim to get your application in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you would like help with your application, please email maya.stone@sds.co.uk

University

Well done to everyone who has applied to university this year! You should keep track of your UCAS application to make sure you don't miss any offers from universities.

UCAS Extra - Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between 23 February and 4 July. If you used all five of your choices on your original application and you're not holding an offer, you'll be able to add another choice using Extra.

UCAS Clearing - Clearing is how universities fill any places they still have on their courses. From 5th of July to 17th October, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you are not already holding any offers.

Apprenticeships

If you are thinking about leaving school in summer, apprenticeships are a fantastic alternative to college and university. Apprenticeships give you the chance to 'earn whilst you learn'. Check out [apprenticeships.scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot) to find out more.

Please note, apprenticeships are competitive – unlike college or university who will have multiple places on their courses, most employers will usually only recruit one apprentice at a time (however, some larger companies will take on a group of apprentices each year). Some examples of apprenticeships currently recruiting are:

Business Administrator Modern Apprentice with a financial advisory business based in Leith

This is a full-time entry level position with opportunities to progress within the business. You will assist the Office Coordinator with running the company office where you will gain experience and exposure to various parts of the business e.g., client experience, communications, procurement, facilities, finance, health and safety, HR, and ad-hoc project work. You will also work towards a Level 6 Business Administration qualification.

Starting salary: £18,100

Closing date 30th April 2023 however may close at any time. You can find out more [here](#).

Marketing Executive Modern Apprentice with M&G

This is a full-time apprenticeship for someone looking to pursue a career in marketing. In this role you will work across several different areas within marketing, learning the principles of marketing, understanding the importance of compliance in a regulated industry, and how the digital and web development teams' work. The apprenticeship will be delivered through a blend of online and face to face learning. You will work towards a Level 6 Business Administration qualification.

Starting salary: £22,000

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Developing Young Workforce (DYW) Opportunities – Phil Dickson DYW School Coordinator

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:

The EY Foundations Smart Futures Banking Program (S5 Students Only), a paid employability skills and work experience programme for S5 students, is taking place during Summer 2023 and will run from 24th July – 3rd August 2023. The programme is aimed specifically at anyone who has an interest in developing a career in the banking sector or financial services sector for more information click [here](#).

Start Shaping Your Future with Lloyds Banking Group's 'Careers Live' Experience – find out more [here](#). Wondering what to do when you leave school? Lloyds Banking group's 'Careers Live' experience offers you an inspiring, engaging, and interactive opportunity to discover new, exciting careers that could start you on your journey into the world of work. The next session is on the 4th of April 6-7pm focusing on careers in Human Resources (HR).

Part-Time Jobs

If you are looking for part-time employment, check out the [Edinburgh Fuse](#), [Indeed](#), and [Fort Kinnaird](#) websites.