



Key Dates:

- **7th or 9th March** – Scottish Apprenticeships Webinar (info below)
- **9th March** – Apprenticeship Speed Networking Session @ Leith Academy
- **22nd March** – DYW Roadshow (info below)
- **3rd April** – SAAS applications open

College

Full-Time College Courses (for school leavers): Full-time college courses starting in August 2023 at Edinburgh College are now open! You should aim to get your application in as soon as possible as some courses operate on a 'first come first served basis'. If you would like help with your application, please email maya.stone@sds.co.uk

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 column B. This column equates to 5th & 6th period on a Tuesday & Thursday afternoon which means during this time, you will be at college. You can see the full range of SCP courses [here](#). **N.B some courses have already closed applications due to high demand.**

Apprenticeships

Skills Development Scotland are delivering a **webinar on Scottish Apprenticeships**. Join on either the 7th or 9th of March at 6.30pm. The session will cover:

- Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships
- A walk through of the apprenticeships.scot website including how to register for vacancy updates

There will also be a panel discussion with:

- SDS Careers adviser – talking about developing a CV and interview tips
- Apprentice employer – what they look for in applications/ interview process
- Apprentices – how they found out about their apprenticeships/ experience of applying and interview

You can sign up [here](#).

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, employers will usually only recruit one apprentice at a time (however, some larger companies will take on a group of apprentices each year).

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.



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. You will also need to keep an eye on SAAS for when the applications open for fees & funding (however, this usually isn't until March/April time).

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.

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:

9th March - Apprenticeship Speed Networking Event @ Resource Centre Period 5 & 6

The following employers will be taking part in our speed networking event for students to find out more about apprenticeships. For more information, speak to your House Head.

Genius People



Bell Group



QA



Edinburgh Napier



HMRC



Carousel Training



Chase Bank



Screen Education Edinburgh



Lloyds Banking Group



The Balmoral Hotel



Balfour Beatty



Energy Savings Trust



Wheatley Group



22nd March - DYW Roadshow @ O2 Academy 9.30am – 1.30pm

The DYW Roadshow will provide face to face interactions with employers and education/training providers offering jobs, apprenticeships, training, volunteering, college, and university courses to give you the full picture of your options when you leave school.

Parents and carers are encouraged to come along to gain an understanding of the current and future landscape and the options available to their young person.

If you are in S4-S6 and are interested in attending, please speak to your house head.



Part-Time Jobs

Some good websites to search for part-time jobs include:

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