

# Leith Academy Careers Bulletin

May 2023



## Key Dates:

- **19<sup>th</sup> May** – Deadline for universities to make decisions on applications (for those submitted before 25<sup>th</sup> January)
- **5<sup>th</sup> July** – UCAS Clearing Opens.
- **8<sup>th</sup> August** – SQA Results Day
- **August (date tbc)** – [SDS Exam Results Helpline](#) opens.

## Careers Support After Leaving Leith Academy

When you leave school there is a dedicated careers team who work with leavers from Leith Academy. We usually get in touch between May – October to make sure your plans are moving forward the way you hoped. However, if your plans have changed or you are unsure about your next steps – please feel free to get in touch with us - you can phone the careers centre on 0131 718 2040 or get in touch with our advisers directly:

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**Remember to drop into the library when completing your leavers form so we can update your contact details.**

## SAAS

Applications for SAAS opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**OPEN FOR 2023/24  
FUNDING  
APPLICATIONS!**

Apply Now!

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## College

Full-Time College Courses starting in August are filling up fast; some courses have already closed but there are still some places available on others. If you have a place at college, you should keep an eye on your emails as you will:

- Receive an email for fees & funding (you may need to complete an application which is linked in the email)
- Receive your course start date and timetable
- Receive a link to enrol for your course online (which you need to do before your course starts).

## University

You should keep track of your UCAS application to make sure you don't miss any offers from universities. Remember, your deadline to respond to universities depends on when you receive your last UCAS decision and whether you are using UCAS Extra. You can find out more [here](#).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> of July to 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:

**Modern Apprentice – Medical Receptionist/Administrator – find out more [here](#).**  
36 hours per week \* £17,428 \* 12 months fixed term contract \* Level 6 Business Admin Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Digital Business Administrator – The Yard Scotland – find out more [here](#).**  
35 hours per week \* £16,302 \* Level 6 Digital Applications \* Opportunity to rotate through departments

**Modern Apprentice – Business Operations Administrator – Scott & Co LTD – find out more [here](#).**  
37.5 hours per week \* £21,255 \* Level 5 Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Assistant Manager – Platform 5 – find out more [here](#).**  
48 hours per week \* £25,000 \* Hospitality Supervisor Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Trainee Dental Nurse – find out more [here](#).**  
Full-time \* £15,600 \* Level 7 Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Early Years Practitioner – Edinburgh Council – find out more [here](#).**  
36 hours per week \* £21,697 \* Level 7 Social Services (Children & Young People) Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Building Services Design Technician – find out more [here](#).**  
35 hours per week \* £15,000 \* Level 6 Engineering Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Business Administrator – Scotia Wealth Management LTD – find out more [here](#).**  
35 hours per week \* £17,000 \* Level 6 Business Administration Qualification

**Modern Apprentice – Horticulture – Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh – find out more [here](#).**  
37 hours per week \* £21,052 \* Horticultural Qualification with SRUC

**Modern Apprentice – Sales Support Executive – M&G – find out more [here](#).**  
35 hours per week \* £22,000 \* Level 6 Business Administration Qualification

## 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. Keep an eye out for updates from Phil!

## Part-Time Jobs

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