



Key Dates:

- **30th June** – submit SAAS application (you can still apply for SAAS after this date but, if you submit by this date, SAAS will aim to have funding in place by the start of your course).
- **5th July** – UCAS clearing opens (and will remain open until 17th October).
- **8th August** – SQA results day.
- **August (date tbc)** – [SDS Exam Results Helpline](#) opens.
- **16th October** – UCAS deadline for any courses at Oxford and Cambridge, and most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, and dentistry (2024 entry).

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

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** as, if you do, SAAS will aim to process your application before the start of your course. If you apply after this date, they cannot guarantee that they will process your application before the start of your course (however they will backdate any payments to when your course started).

SAAS are still holding free online workshops to support with fees and funding applications however, there are now limited dates left – check availability and book [here](#).

If you have already submitted your SAAS application, you can keep track of the processing times [here](#).

University

If you submitted your UCAS application on or before the 25th of January 2023, you should have received all your decisions from your UCAS choices. Therefore, for most of you, your **deadline to respond is 8th of June**. However, if you submitted your application after the 25th of you have used UCAS Extra, your deadline may be different. 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 5th of July to 17th October, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you are not already holding any offers.

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).

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 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 – Accounts Administrator – find out more [here](#).
37.5 hours per week * £18,000 * Level 6 Business Admin Qualification

Modern Apprentice – Electrical Maintenance Engineer – ADM Milling - find out more [here](#).
37.7 hours per week * £14,000 * Level 6 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

Retail

- [Retail Adviser](#) - Zara – St James Quarter – part-time hours available
- [Sales Assistant](#) – Monsoon – Princes Street – 8 & 12 hour contracts available
- [Sales Assistant](#) – JD Sports – Fort Kinnaird – Various hours available
- [Sales Adviser](#) – Schuh – Frederick Street – Part-time hours available
- [Sales Adviser](#) – Schuh Kids – Fort Kinnaird – Part-time hours available
- [Stockroom Assistant](#) – Schuh Kids – Fort Kinnaird – Part-time hours available
- [Sales Adviser](#) – Superdrug – Fort Kinnaird – Part-time summer contracts available
- [Sales Assistant](#) – Build a Bear – Ocean Terminal – Seasonal hours available
- [Sales Assistant](#) – Mountain Warehouse – Princes Street – Part-time hours
- Sales Assistant – Trespass – Ocean Terminal – Part-time – hand CV into store

Hospitality

- [Crew Member](#) – McDonald's – Meadowbank – Part time
- [Event Team Member](#) – Hickory – Various hours for events over summer
- [Waiting Staff](#) – Royal Yacht Britannia – Part-time hours available
- [Front of House Team Member](#) – Nandos – Chambers Street – Part time
- [Front of House Team Member](#) – Nandos – Omni Centre – Part time
- [Kitchen Porter](#) – Frankies & Benny's – Fort Kinnaird – Part time
- [Server](#) – Frankies & Benny's – Ocean Terminal – Part time hours available

Tourism & Leisure

- [Front of House Staff](#) – Underbelly (Festival) – minimum 20 hours
- [Street Team Staff](#) – Underbelly (Festival) – minimum 20 hours
- [Lifeguard & Leisure Attendants](#) – Edinburgh Leisure – Open Day 13th of June – guaranteed interview and water test on day (bring appropriate swimwear etc)