



Edinburgh College

**SCHOOLS COLLEGE
PARTNERSHIP**

Senior Phase Guide 2024/25

For the future you want



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Edinburgh College is one of the largest colleges in Scotland, providing high quality education and training to around 27,000 students and businesses in the region and beyond.

Over 700 courses are delivered across our four campuses based at Sighthill, Granton, Milton Road and Midlothian.

The College offers a wide range of qualifications from entry to degree level as well as professional accredited training programmes with flexible pathways to enable students to achieve their study goals.

Schools College Partnership (SCP)

Our Schools College Partnership (SCP) offers a wide range of part-time college courses for S4-S6 pupils whilst still at school and provides greater choice in a variety of subjects which may not be available at school. SCP courses count as one of the column choices, which can be added into an existing timetable. Pupils come to college to study their SCP course two afternoons per week.

Doing a college course while at school will provide you with additional skills and qualifications to boost your employment prospects and enhance your CV, college or university application.

We work closely with universities and industry partners to inform and develop our curriculum to provide students with the best opportunities for employment or further study.

All SCP courses offer progression to full-time college courses. Our students study in industry approved facilities supported by industry experienced lecturers to ensure we also deliver the skills and knowledge employers expect from the future workforce.

College offers a different learning environment which will enable you to develop skills and knowledge and build your confidence to support transition to employment or university.

We are committed to ensuring all students are prepared for a successful future and you will find all you need at college to help you get good results and achieve your learning goals.

Most Schools College Partnership Courses are studied at College on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm – 4pm

*exceptions apply

How to apply

Talk to your Guidance Teacher or SDS Careers Advisor



Visit

edinburghcollege.ac.uk

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FUTURE PROOF YOUR CAREER

The world of work is changing. 72% of Scottish employers think job applicants lack technical, practical or job specific skills.

The good news is that there are multiple work based learning options* that provide flexible pathways to employment or further study. These include qualifications such as National Progression Awards and Skills for Work Awards which are assessment based with no final exam.

These are industry recognised qualifications which provide the skills employers need and are offered at equivalent levels to Nationals and Highers.

*see page 10 for more information on work-based qualifications

Why Choose College?

Colleges work in partnership with schools, universities, and employers to ensure the delivery of inclusive, high-quality and innovative learning and teaching meets the needs of industry and enables individuals to thrive.

Edinburgh College is the **BIGGEST SINGLE PROVIDER** of HE students to each of Edinburgh's universities

1 in 3 Scottish Undergraduates enters university via college

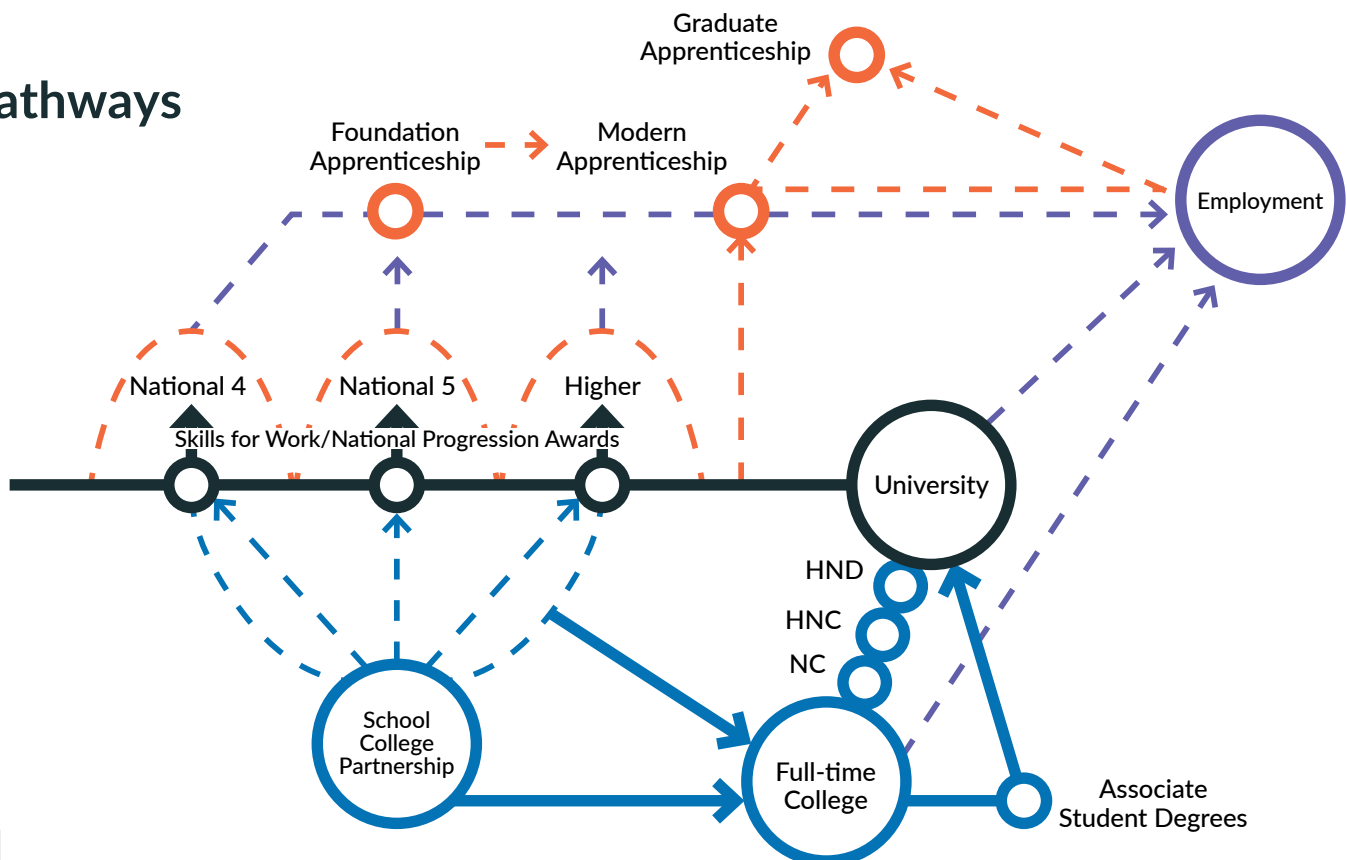
78% OF EMPLOYERS said college leavers are well prepared for the workplace

96% of students who successfully complete their course progress to employment or further study within 6 months

Source Colleges Scotland key facts 2019

Scottish employers Perspective Survey 2021

Pathways





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COLLEGE PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Higher Education (HE) courses don't always have to be studied at a university. You can start your degree pathway at college, or in some cases while you are still at school. College offers many of the subject areas you would expect from a university, and also delivers full honours degrees in a number of areas.

University Access with an HNC or HND Qualification

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are work related or vocational Higher Education qualifications delivered at college. These qualifications are highly valued by employers and are accepted for advanced entry to many university degrees. University entry requirements vary so it is important that you check in advance.

HNCs and HNDs can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations. You can apply for an HNC with 2 highers in a relevant subject and in some cases you can start your degree whilst you are still at school.

There are many benefits to studying your course at college, including:

- smaller class sizes
- flexible study options, including part-time
- more class contact hours and individual study support
- progression pathways to degree courses

If you are planning to study at university, it is a good idea to consider college as a pathway. One or two years studying at college can prepare you to succeed at university and you will also learn the practical hands-on skills employers are looking for.

For more information about full time college pathways contact Course Information on 0131 297 8300 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm), or drop into one of our Open Days. Visit our website to stay up-to-date with information about Open Days throughout the year:
www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/news-and-events/events

Useful links

Pathways

The Pathways website can help you research the best pathway to university using a college Higher National Certificate (HNC) or Higher National Diploma (HND) qualification.

www.pathways.ac.uk

Edinburgh College Career Coach

Online career and course matching portal that enables you to make informed course and career choices.

www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/information-and-advice/career-planning/career-coach

Apprenticeships

Information on Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and current vacancies.

www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice

My World of Work

Career information and advice.

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

The Guarantee

Job and apprenticeship vacancies for young people.

www.thegarantee.org

Developing the Young Workforce

Support and resources to assist you in all aspects of the Developing the Young Workforce programme.

www.dyw.scot/edyw



APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

Are you ready to apply?

For many young people this will be your first application to college so we would like to make sure you have enough information to feel confident about taking that step. Details of the courses available and full course information can be found on the following pages.

Before you apply

When choosing a course, you should always discuss this with your Guidance Teacher or SDS Careers Advisor. This is so they can:

- Advise you whether it is the right course and level for you
- Discuss how it will fit in with your plans and other studies
- Help with the online application process and personal statement

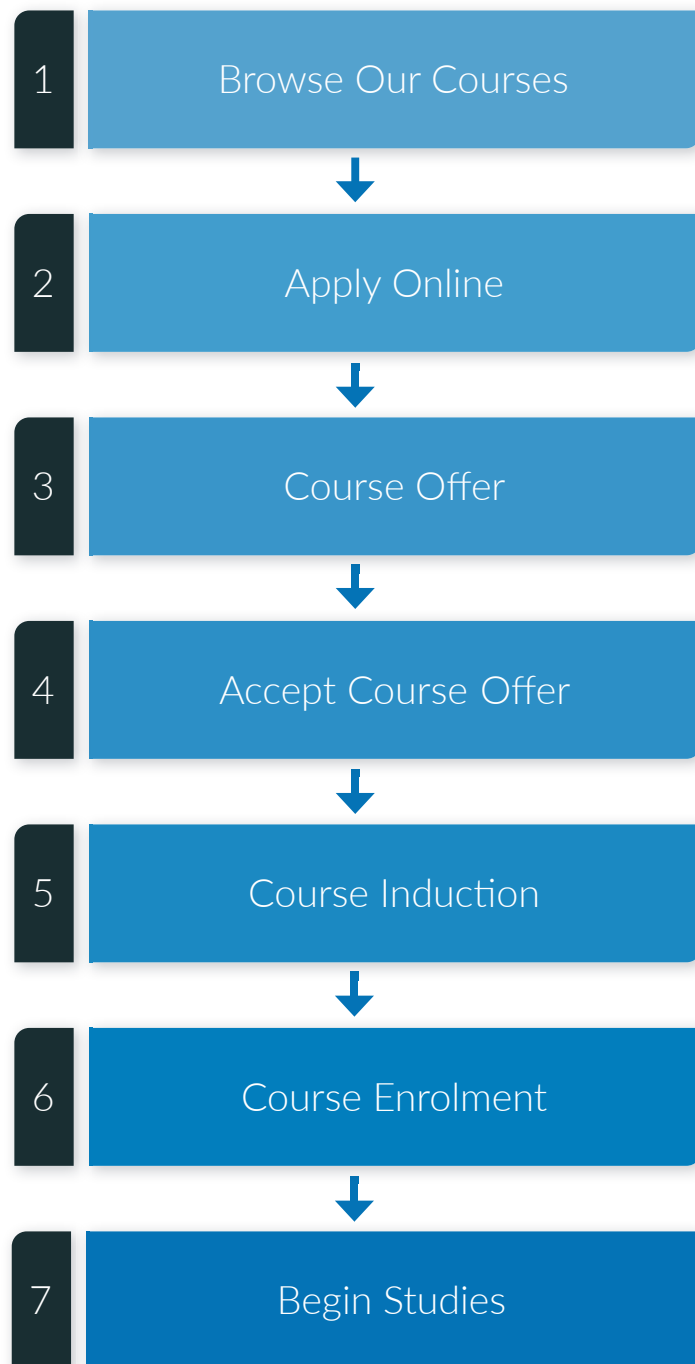
Some courses may require you to participate in an assessment or complete a task as part of the application process and this will be notified in advance so you have time to prepare. If you receive any support for learning at school your Guidance Teacher will complete a transition form which will support your application and inform college of any additional support needs.

What happens next?

If you receive a conditional or unconditional offer you will be invited to attend college for a mandatory course information and induction session. Arrangements for you to attend will be made by your school.



The Application Process









LEARNING SUPPORT

At Edinburgh College we welcome students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We understand that some students may require additional support with their learning to get the best out of their time at college.

Learning Support Process

1		<p>Your school Guidance (or other) Teacher will include details of any disability or additional support needs on the College Tracker. This information will be shared with your college lecturer(s). Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dyslexia■ Mental ill health■ Physical impairment■ Visual or hearing impairment
2		<p>Where required for external exams, your school Guidance (or other) Teacher will provide recommendations of adjustments that reflect the adjustments you access at school and provide evidence that is held such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Letters■ Certificates■ Dyslexia screening report■ Educational psychologist report
3		<p>A member of Edinburgh College's Learning Support Team, along with the campus School College Partnership (SCP) Coordinator, will collate the information provided by your school to create a personal learning support plan (PLSP) for use by external examination boards. Once you have signed this and any relevant paperwork, the information will be shared with your college teaching team.</p>
4		<p>Our Schools Team will support you to achieve your learning goals and a dedicated Schools Co-ordinator will be available on the campus you are studying to assist with anything you need.</p>

Call our Learning Support team on

0131 669 4400

Email our Learning Support team at

student.support@edinburghcollege.ac.uk





UNDERSTANDING SENIOR PHASE QUALIFICATIONS

Edinburgh College offers a range of industry accredited work-based learning qualifications across a wide variety of subjects which provide the skills employers are looking for. These qualifications are delivered at equivalent levels to Nationals and Highers and are recognised by employers. Work-based learning courses are assessment based and can be studied alongside other school subjects to develop a pathway to employment or further study.

Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)

Foundation Apprenticeships are work-based qualifications lasting two years (or in some cases, one year). Pupils begin their Foundation Apprenticeship in S5 (and for some in S6). They will spend time out of school attending college and completing a work placement with a local employer. Foundation Apprenticeships are completed alongside other school subjects like National 5s and Highers. Completion of an FA leads to a qualification at SCQF level 6 (the same level as a traditional Higher) and allows progression to employment or training programs such as a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship.

Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised as entry qualifications by all Scottish colleges and universities.

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs)

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are work related or vocational Higher Education qualifications. They are highly valued by employers and are accepted for entry to many university degrees.

Many universities will allow progression directly into year two or year three of a degree course on successful completion. This is known as 'progression with advanced standing'. HNCs and HNDs can also count towards membership of professional bodies and other employer organisations and can be used for entry to Graduate Apprenticeships.

National Progression Awards (NPAs)

National Progression Awards are industry approved work-based learning qualifications at National and Higher equivalent levels. They provide skills and knowledge in specialist vocational areas and are highly valued by employers. NPAs are assessment based and students are not required to sit a final exam.

Personal Development Awards (PDAs)

Personal Development Awards (PDAs) aim to help learners become more independent and to develop their potential as contributing members of their societies. Learners will develop self-reliance, self-esteem and confidence through supported and independent learning.

Skills for Work Awards (SFW)

Skills for Work courses focus on generic employability skills needed for success in the workplace. The courses offer learners opportunities to learn these skills through a variety of practical experiences that are linked to vocational areas. Skills for Work courses help young people to develop their self-confidence. They also aim to provide a very positive learning experience. A chance to work on practical skills that relate to the world of work provides real benefits to learners.

Vocational Training and Charitable Trust (VTCT)

The Vocational Training and Charitable Trust is the leading specialist awarding organisation in the UK for qualifications in Hairdressing and Beauty both within the UK and Internationally. All VTCT qualifications are mapped to UK regulatory frameworks and are recognised by international employers, governments and professional associations.



SCQF QUALIFICATIONS TABLE

The Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is a way of comparing Scottish qualifications. It covers achievements such as those from school, college, university, and many work-based qualifications. It does this by giving each qualification a level and a number of credit points. The level of a qualification shows how difficult the learning is. The credit points show how much learning is involved in achieving that qualification.

The SCQF helps you make sense of qualifications and plan the next stage of your learning journey. You can also compare vocational and more traditional qualifications and see that, although they are very different types of learning, in many cases they sit at the same SCQF Level.

Scottish qualifications are delivered at SCQF level 1-12. Course awards include National Progression Awards (NPAs),

Skills for Work Awards (SfW) as well as National Certificates, (NCs) Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs).

Parents and Carers can access further information on the SCQF here: scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Professional Development Award	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Professional Development Award	Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ
10			Professional Development Award	Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ
9			Professional Development Awards	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma, Advanced Diploma	Professional Development Award	Diploma of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate, Advanced Certificate	Professional Development Award	Certificate of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	National Certificate	Professional Development Award		Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship, SVQ
			National Progression Award		
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5	National Certificate	National Progression Award		Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
2	National 2, Awards	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
1	National 1, Awards				



FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

A Foundation Apprenticeship prepares you for the world of work and gives you more choices when you leave school:



Go straight into a Career

You will get real-life work experience with top employers

Gain the skills employers want



Fast track onto a Modern Apprenticeship

Learn on the job
Get valuable industry experience

You will complete units from a Modern Apprenticeship which will give you a head start
Fast track on to a Modern Apprenticeship by completing parts of the qualification during your Foundation Apprenticeship studies



College or University

Gain an industry accredited qualification alongside your school studies to enhance your college or UCAS application

Progress to college to study a HNC or to university to study a degree in a related subject.

Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised by all Scottish universities as an equivalent to a SQA Higher and can often offer direct entry into an HNC in a related subject.



A Graduate Apprenticeship

Take your studies to a higher level. You will already have experience learning through work

Earn while you learn



FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS AT COLLEGE - FAQs

What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs) are work-based qualifications for senior-phase secondary school pupils in industry sectors of key growth. It's a qualification that takes you out of the classroom and gets your foot in the door with an employer. You can choose a Foundation Apprenticeship as one of your subjects in S5 or S6, it's the same level of learning as a Higher (SCQF Level 6).

How does it work?

A Foundation Apprenticeship takes one or two years to complete (depending on your timetable). Pupils typically attend college two afternoons per week in year one and undertake an extended work placement with a local employer in year two. It is the responsibility of the College to organise work placements. You will be also involved in employability activities such as talks from employers, industry challenges, site visits, mock interviews and CV workshops! One year delivery option might be available for selected courses.

Who is the FA for?

Foundation Apprenticeships are designed for Senior Phase pupils who are capable of learning at Higher level, enjoy learning in a practical way and want to develop their skills, experience, and knowledge in a real work environment.

Is there an exam at the end of it?

No, there is no final exam at the end of the course. You are assessed on a unit by unit basis and will achieve the qualification by obtaining a pass in each unit assessment. You will complete a portfolio of work during your placement and you will have a workplace mentor to guide you. The portfolio will be marked by a workplace assessor provided by the college.

Why should I study an FA?

- Try out a career path while you are still at school
- Boost your CV or UCAS application with real industry experiences
- Develop transferable skills like leadership, teamwork, communication to enable you to better meet the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work
- Get a foot in the door with some of Scotland's biggest employers
- Make industry contacts and receive career guidance from an industry mentor
- Step into an exciting and growing industry that needs skilled people

Where could it take me?

- University - all Scottish Universities recognise FAs as equivalent to SQA Higher.
- College - FAs give you direct entry or count as entry criteria to HNC courses at all Scottish Colleges.
- Modern Apprenticeship (MA) – you could progress on to a MA where you will be employed and paid to complete a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ). As the FA includes SVQ units from the MA syllabus you will already have a head start.
- Graduate Apprenticeship (GA) – you could progress on to a GA where your employer will pay for you to study for a degree.
- Direct Employment – with your FA qualification and work experience you are more attractive to employers.

How do I apply?

If you're interested, talk to your Guidance Teacher or Career Adviser at school to discuss if this is the right route for you.

To find out more information about each course or to submit an application, please visit the Edinburgh College website:

edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships

Contact Details

The Foundation Apprenticeship Team are happy to help and answer any specific questions you may have about the programme.

Email:

foundation.apprenticeships@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

Phone: **0131 297 9695**

To find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships please visit [Apprenticeships.Scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot.nhs.uk)



SCHOOLS COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP (SCP) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for these courses?

SCP courses are open to S4-S6 pupils. Places are limited and some courses will require you to participate in a selection process that includes an assessment or task to support your applications. You will also be required to attend a mandatory induction information session or transition event before your course starts. Your Guidance Teacher will be able to assist you with the application process.

You should:

- Be interested in the course and have the appropriate entry requirements
- Be prepared to participate fully in the course
- Adhere to the College Student Agreement

When will I attend College?

You will attend College alongside, and as an equally important part of, your school studies. Most of the courses run on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm till 4pm. Please check the college website for confirmation of days and times.

Regular attendance at College is vital to ensure you successfully complete your course and achieve your qualification. This information is shared with your School. You will be required to catch up with any work missed to due to absence.

What kind of support will I get when I'm at College?

The Schools Team is here to help and support you during your time at college to make sure that you are happy with your chosen course choice and on track to achieve your study goals. There is a Schools Co-ordinator on each campus and this person is your main point of contact when you are at college. It's important to attend your classes regularly and keep in touch to let us know if you have any problems or concerns during your time in college as we are here to help and support you to succeed.

If you receive support at school your Guidance Teacher will provide us with information to help with your transition to college.

How do I travel to College?

You will agree travel arrangements with your school, ensuring that you arrive on time for your College class. Please speak to your Guidance Teacher to discuss transport options.

How will I be assessed at College?

Assessments vary depending on the type of course you are studying. Most vocational training programmes are monitored by ongoing assessment of the subject areas covered by your course. Your Lecturer will identify key points throughout the year when assessment will take place.

Subjects which have SQA final exams will follow the normal SQA exam timetable. Dates and arrangements will be notified by your course lecturer.

How will I know how I am doing on the course?

Your lecturer will provide your school with regular reports on your progress throughout the year. You will also be able to get and update on your progress by speaking with your lecturer.

How will the course be certificated?

Qualifications gained through the Schools College Partnership Programme are structured and assessed in the same way as school qualifications and in most cases will appear on your SQA certificate in August, alongside your school subjects. Some courses are industry specific qualifications and will be certificated separately.

Where can I find out more information?

For further information speak to your Guidance Teacher or Skills Development Scotland (SDS) advisor. Alternatively you can email the Schools Team:

schools@edinburghcollege.ac.uk



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Edinburgh College is committed to equality of opportunity and to a culture that respects difference. We are committed to providing an inclusive ethos and environment, where everyone feels welcome, supported and respected.

We believe that, as an employer and public body, we can play a leading part in the promotion of equality and diversity more

widely. We recognise that equality of access to education is crucial in unlocking many significant opportunities in life. We aim to help remove barriers and advance equality for groups who experience disadvantage in our society.

For more information visit edinburghcollege.ac.uk

CONTACTS

Our Schools Co-ordinators are based on all four of our campuses and provide support for college staff, secondary schools, and pupils. They are your first point of contact for any queries regarding our

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CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The Creative Industries faculty offers a variety of courses which help prepare students to stand out from the crowd in their chosen field, be it art and design, broadcast media and photography, music and sound production, performing arts or computing. From budding artists and filmmakers to up-and-coming performers and software engineers,

we have a range of pathways to further study or employment. Classes are taught in purpose built facilities by industry experienced lecturers who have established relationships with employers to ensure our students are equipped with the skills employers need.

Facilities

- Drive-in Photography Studios with infinity coving
- Music recording studios
- 96 seat auditorium at Milton Road
- 120 seat auditorium at Sighthill
- 110 seat studio theatre at Granton
- Music rehearsal rooms
- Practice booths
- AVID editing suits for TV production
- Dance studios
- Digital audio suite
- Make-Up Studio
- The Faculty also has its own TV Channel, Radio Station and Record Label



EC Student Stories



Cormac - Software Development NPA (SCP)

“ My lecturer was great at explaining problems and taught the course well. He was approachable and friendly, put me at ease and helped to build up my confidence. With regards to the course, I enjoyed the course content which we worked on throughout the year. I certainly developed my skills in Python and web HTML. He simplified concepts in a way in which I hadn't been taught at school. The facilities were great, and the equipment was all new and helped me work more efficiently. I would recommend this course to anyone who has an interest in this field. ”



Ben - Sound Production (SCP)

“ I have really enjoyed my time at Edinburgh College. I have learned a huge amount of very useful and helpful skills for a future career in the music industry. The staff were great and really knowledgeable. I know this will help me as I move on to the next stage of my career to undertake a 4-year music degree at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. ”

Adam - NPA Practical Theatre

“ I have progressed onto the FT HND Technical Theatre & Production Arts Course at Granton Campus.

I enjoyed my SCP Experience, gaining the knowledge & skills to progress onto the FT HND Course and eventually into paid employment within the Theatre Industry. I enjoyed my time on the SCP Programme & would highly recommend this course. It was fun, hands on, support when required and experienced staff.

Proud moment remembered by me - building a lighting rig, connecting it up, program light sequence, press a button and watch it all work to my instructions. ”

To read more student stories visit

edinburghcollege.ac.uk



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Art & Design

The School of Art and Design is one of the largest of its kind in the UK with over 700 students. It has a strong reputation for progressing students into both degree-level study and employment in the creative industries.

Our students regularly present their art and design work in exhibitions at industry nights in venues across Edinburgh. Our Graduate Diploma shows in 2019 were held at The City Art Centre, The Fruitmarket Gallery and Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Art Director
- Art Educator
- Painter
- Printmaker
- Sculptor
- Animator
- Illustrator
- Fashion / Textile Designer
- Product Designer
- Interior Designer
- Games Artist
- Graphic Designer
- UX Designer

Does it suit me?

- Creative collaborator
- Practical maker
- Conceptual thinker
- Curious and playful
- Change embracing
- Creative communicator
- Innovator
- Visual thinker
- Imaginative
- Experimental
- Creative problem solver

What will I study?

- Understanding and responding to a Creative Brief
- Investigating Specialist Technologies, Media, Process & Practices
- Development of Contextual research, reflection, critical analysis & Evaluation skills
- Development and communication of Creative Practice
- Portfolio Building and Presentation for progression

What skills will I develop?

- Innovative & Entrepreneurial
- Conceptual & Visual Thinker
- Creative problem solver
- Experimental & Imaginative
- Curious and playful
- Creative communicator & Collaborator

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Computing

Whether you have got what it takes to code the next big app, or you are a future innovator of computer science, there is a Computing course here at Edinburgh College to suit you. You can study everything from web design to desktop support, networking and games development. Our courses are taught by experienced and certified lecturers. You will be able to master the skills required for careers in digital media, 3D printing, programming, networking, robotics and games development. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Network Engineer
- Software Engineer
- Data Analyst
- Web and Multimedia Developer
- Games Developer

Does it suit me?

- Logical thinker
- Problem solver
- Good at maths
- Team worker
- Creative

What will I study?

- Coding & Programming
- Applications Development
- Group & Industry projects
- Website design, software design & App development
- Computer networking
- Ethical hacking
- Social engineering
- Cyber safety

What skills will I develop?

- Organisation & Time Management
- Good communicator & Collaborative
- Motivated
- Flexible
- Problem solver & Critical thinker
- Quick learner & digitally skilled
- Independent

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Music, Media & Sound Production

Edinburgh College offers full-time, comprehensive courses in music, music business and sound production, from entry level to degree level. Our lecturers and instrumental/vocal tutors are experts in their fields, providing you with excellent teaching in a broad range of subjects. We welcome students from all kinds of musical backgrounds, and give you exposure to a rich variety of experiences and possibilities within our courses. Our students perform in some of the city's top venues, including the Usher Hall, Queen's Hall, Voodoo Rooms, Festival Theatre, Liquid Rooms, St Andrew's and St George's West, Old St Paul's, and the City of Edinburgh Methodist Churches. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Performing Musician
- Instrumental/Vocal Teacher
- Sound Engineer/Music Producer
- Music Business Professional
- Music Teacher
- Sound Designer

Does it suit me?

- Good communicator
- Independent worker
- Team worker
- Confident
- Adaptable
- Creative

What will I study?

- Music Performance
- Music Technology Skills
- Music Business
- Promotion in the Music Industry

What skills will I develop?

- Confidence
- Adaptability
- Good Communicator
- Resilient



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Performing Arts & Photography

We are home to Performing Arts Studio Scotland (PASS), one of the largest training centres for the performing arts, recognised for excellence across the sector.

Within PASS you will find a purpose-built theatre and dedicated rehearsal and dance studios. These professional facilities make PASS the perfect place to showcase your talents.

Our Photography programmes cover digital capture, retouching, studio portraiture, fashion, food, landscape, advertising, corporate, photojournalism and social. Exhibitions of work are held across the year to showcase the work of students and on campus. There is a new centre for students to print their work providing additional workspaces and meeting points.

Possible occupations

- Performer
- Director/Choreographer
- Make-Up Artist
- Production Designer
- Theatre Technician
- Theatre/Dance Education
- Costume Maker



Does it suit me?

- Resilient
- Empathetic
- Adaptable
- Resourceful
- Collaborative
- Highly committed
- Philanthropic
- Professional

What will I study?

- Make up & Costume Design
- Technical Theatre
- Dance & Musical theatre
- Digital Media Editing
- Audio & Moving Screen
- Photograph Editing
- Visual awareness
- Cultural & Ethical awareness
- Technical proficiency
- Networking

What skills will I develop?

- Creative & Entrepreneurial
- Confident & Adaptable
- Collaborative
- Problem solver
- Good communicator
- Critical thinker
- Time management
- Research skills
- Patience
- Emotional intelligence

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ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Engineering, Construction & Built Environment faculty provides students with an opportunity to learn and develop their craft in a realistic working environment, under the guidance of industry experienced lecturers.

We work closely with employers to ensure our courses provide students with the relevant skills they need to progress to further study or employment.

Facilities

- Automotive training workshops including a dedicated paint and body teaching space
- Electric Car Fleet
- Engineering, Welding and Fabrication workshops
- Pneumatics Laboratory
- Centre for Renewable Energy
- Simulated Oil Rig Platform
- Solar meadow training centre
- Specialist multi-trade teaching facilities



Amin – National 5 Engineering

“ I love the freedom of college over school. I feel like I get treated more like an adult because all of the lecturers are friendly and more laid back than teachers. My lecturer, Gordon is very helpful and I like how you refer to lecturers by their first name. I have enjoyed learning how to use the design software, 'SolidWorks' on the computer because it is new and something I wouldn't get to do at school. This course has made me want to come back to college next year to do engineering at a higher level. ”

EC Student Stories

Caitlin – NPA Construction Crafts

“ I enjoy the hands-on practical stuff like plastering and brickwork. However, after just starting the plumbing element of this course, I really enjoyed learning some basic skills in this trade as well.

I have also done some work experience with a local Construction firm, Tilbury Douglas, at a new build at Kirkliston. Who have carried on my training & working towards my CSCS card. I was also offered onto Tilbury Douglas Apprentice scheme; however, I would like to finish off schooling and the SCP Course first. ”



Paul, Molly & Jay – Automotive (SCP)

“ The course has been really interesting, fun and it has been a good opportunity for us to meet new people. It is also really good to see what college is like while still being at school. The lecturers are lovely and super ‘sound’. ”

Charlie – National 5 Engineering

“ College has been really different to high school. Although the jump from school to college has been difficult, I have really enjoyed the new challenges that SCP has offered me. I have enjoyed electrical engineering the most because it is something new, exciting, challenging and something that I have never had the chance to do before. This course has made me realise that I am good at electrical engineering and has made me consider coming to college full time after school. ”



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ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION & BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Construction

Our course offering includes all elements of brickwork, plastering, roofing, stonemasonry, carpentry and joinery, and painting and decorating to prepare you for working in the construction industry. While studying at Edinburgh College you will benefit from realistic working environments. All of our courses provide a qualification designed to prepare you for employment, career development or progression to further study. You may also have the opportunity to work on real projects which relate to the tasks you could expect to find in the industry.

We work with training providers including the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) on our apprenticeship courses as well as supporting pre-apprentices into employment. We also support students through regional and national competitions. Past students have won several World Skills and UK Skills Awards and our qualified teaching staff have developed regional, national, and international skills champions across several disciplines, including stonemasonry and brickwork.

Does it suit me?

- Good with hands
- Team worker
- Logical thinker
- Enjoy practical work
- Good communicator

Possible occupations

- Bricklayer
- Carpenter or Joiner
- Plasterer
- Painter & Decorator
- Roofer
- Stonemason
- Highway Maintenance professional

What will I study?

- Brickwork
- Painting & Decorating
- Plasterwork
- Wall and Floor Tiling
- Project management

What skills will I develop?

- Customer care
- Good communicator
- Problem solver & Decision maker
- Time management
- Teamwork
- Organisation
- Resilience
- Creative & Attention to detail.
- Self-awareness

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Automotive Engineering

Edinburgh College is a leading provider of automotive and mechanical engineering. Automotive programmes offer a range from classic vehicle restoration, vehicle accident repair, transport maintenance and advanced vehicle diagnostics. Our students learn about the design, manufacture, operation and repair of a wide range of vehicles.

The purpose-built Automotive workshops and training facilities at Sighthill and Midlothian campuses provide students with all the necessary resources to engage fully in their chosen programmes of study. As well as our full-time courses we offer Modern Apprenticeship programmes

in light vehicle, heavy vehicle, paint and body repair and parts. Apprentice training programmes enable individuals, already employed within the motor industry, to engage in knowledge and competence based learning which builds towards an SVQ3 Modern Apprenticeship qualification. Many of our former students have progressed into senior roles as Master Technicians and Service Managers. We provide bespoke training to the automotive industry on subjects as varied as hybrid/electric vehicle maintenance, air conditioning (F-Gas) and electrical diagnostics. So, whatever pathway you choose our courses will give you the innovative skills to place you ahead of the competition. All SCP courses offer progression pathways to full time courses.

Does it suit me?

- Automotive enthusiast
- Problem solver
- Environmentally conscious
- Critical thinker
- Ability to analyse data
- Team player

What will I study?

- Automotive Paint & Refinishing
- Health & Safety
- Mechanics
- Electric & hybrid Vehicle Technology

What skills will I develop?

- Customer care
- Multi-tasker
- Hard worker
- Organised

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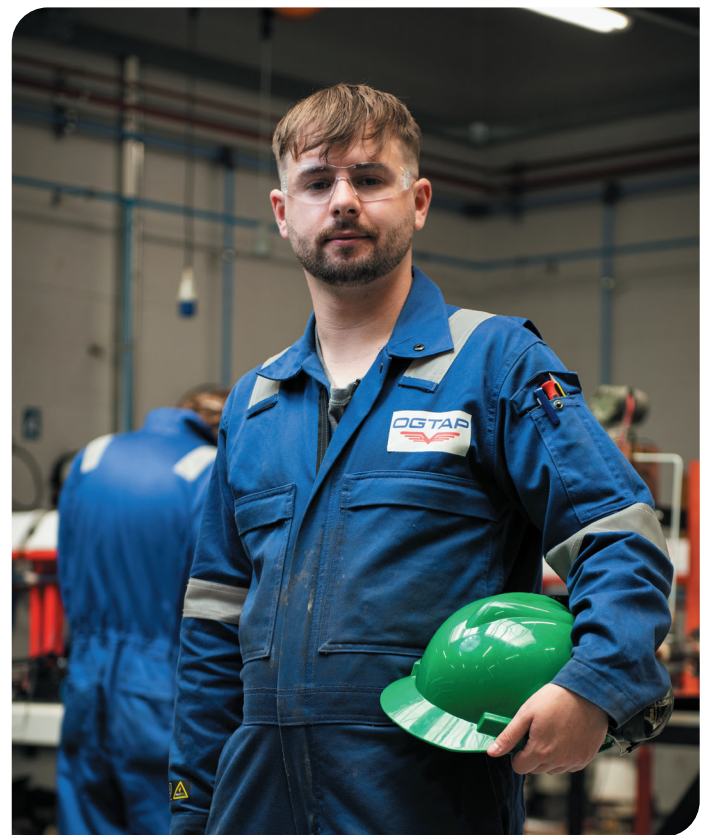


ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Engineering

The School of Engineering has a range of courses available to senior phase pupils and students looking to study Engineering starting from SCQF level 4 progressing to level 6 with opportunities to progress to HNC and HND study. Students can focus on a specific Engineering discipline such as Electrical Engineering or a multidiscipline course that includes mechanical, electrical and engineering systems. Each course is designed to deliver the practical and theoretical skills needed to progress in their chosen field whether into employment or further study. Embedded in all our programmes are the skills required for new and future industry, including renewable energy, robotics and automated systems and smart manufacturing.

Our Renewables and Energy Efficiency Training Centre contains: ground source heat pumps, air source pumps, solar thermal systems, rainwater and greywater harvesting, SIPS eco panels, underfloor heating systems, and latest gas appliance condensing boiler technology.



Does it suit me?

- Problem solver
- Logical thinker
- Technical thinker
- Team player
- Practical skills

What will I study?

- Electrical & Electronic
- Engineering Maintenance
- Design & Manufacture
- Mechanical & Fabrication

What skills will I develop?

- Good communicator
- Objective
- Hard working & Focussed
- Resilient
- Adaptable
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Curious
- Critical thinker & Problem solver

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Our Health Professions & Social Science faculty provides students with an opportunity to learn and develop their craft in a realistic working environment, under the guidance of industry experienced lecturers.

We work closely with employers to ensure our courses provide students with the relevant skills they need to progress to further study or employment.



Facilities

- Purpose-built Oral Healthcare Facility with Decontamination Room
- Replica Hospital Ward classroom with Transition to Home Room.
- Digital Skills Hub
- Infection Prevention & Control Room
- Virtual Reality which simulates the experience of a dementia patient
- Fitness/dance studio
- Fixed and free weight gym
- Sports therapy room
- Sports hall (Sighthill & Granton)



EC Student Stories



Wiki, Callie, Hollie & Libby – Childcare (SCP)

“ We come from different schools and SCP has brought us together and we have formed friendships with one another which has helped with our studies. We support one another in class. We really enjoy the interaction and delivery in our classes by our lecturer. We enjoy the practical side like modelling clay and pumpkin carving at Halloween. We have various pathways we want to progress on to such as FT course in childcare at Edinburgh college or an apprenticeship in childcare with day release training. ”

Ellie – Higher Psychology

“ I've really enjoyed this course and my time at college. I have enjoyed learning about different theories, in particular Conformity and Obedience, and how these relate to everyday life. ”

If you want to do Social Science or Psychology at University this is a really good course and it will help if you have good writing skills and enjoy Human Biology and/or Modern Studies at school.

The lecturer has been very supportive and friendly. It's easy to find your way around college and it is more relaxed than school. It is really important to attend every class in order to keep up with the work but I like that it is on-line one day as this doesn't make the travelling as bad. ”

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Childhood Practice

Childhood Practice is one of the largest departments at Edinburgh College. Our courses can lead to very rewarding and satisfying careers, with a job in early learning and childcare giving you the opportunity to teach children skills for life. With the expansion of early learning and childcare as part of the Scottish Government's agenda, there are increasing career opportunities in this field. If you enjoy spending time with children, and want to make a difference, then you could have what it takes to study Childhood Practice at Edinburgh College. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Support Worker
- Practitioner
- Childminder
- Manager or Lead Practitioner
- Education Support Assistant



Does it suit me?

- Creative
- Confident
- Resilient
- Caring
- Motivated

What will I study?

- Early Learning & Play
- Child Development
- Inclusion, Diversity & Wellbeing
- Outdoor experiences
- Children's Rights
- STEM
- Safeguarding & Trauma informed practice
- Connection & Nurture

What skills will I develop?

- Adaptability & Initiative
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Creative & Curious
- Communication & Collaboration
- Reflection & Problem Solving
- Resilience
- Social awareness

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Health Professions & Social Services

If you are looking to develop your knowledge in the areas of Health, Social Care, Dental Nursing or Pharmacy then we have a range of courses to support your ambitions. Courses range from entry level to HNC, with progression to employment or university for further study. The School of Health Professions and Social Services works closely with industry partners such as City of Edinburgh Council, Midlothian Council, Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), General Dental Council (GDC), General Pharmaceutical Council (GPHC), NHS Lothian, Queen Margaret University and Edinburgh Napier University. These partnerships provide you with the opportunity to expand your skills and get a real insight into the sector. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Pharmacy Technician
- Clinical Support Worker
- Dental Nurse
- Pharmacy Assistant
- Dental Health Support Worker

Does it suit me?

- Good interpersonal skills
- Honesty
- Determination
- Sociability
- Adaptability

What will I study?

- Understanding & Supporting people
- Working in Health Settings
- Care Principles & Practice
- First Aid
- Health, Safety and Protection Issues in Care Setting
- Preparation for Work in Health and Social Care

What skills will I develop?

- Social awareness
- Resilient
- Hard working
- Objective
- Empathetic

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Social Science

From Psychology, Sociology and History to Politics and Criminology, we have a huge selection of Social Science courses at Edinburgh College. You can choose from introductory courses, Higher, NC or HNC.

Whichever course you choose, we will encourage you to ask questions and challenge assumptions about society. This will help you to understand the impact of policies and politics on everyday life.

Possible occupations

- Teaching
- Support Worker
- Community Worker
- Police



Does it suit me?

- Enjoy reading
- Enjoy writing
- Comfortable with exams
- Good with numbers
- Enjoy group work and discussions

What will I study?

- Criminology
- Psychology
- Analysing Media Content
- Intro to Literature
- Sociology & Anthropology
- Philosophy
- Politics
- History

What skills will I develop?

- Adaptability
- Analytical Skills
- Focus & Leadership
- Integrity
- Communication
- Creativity & Curiosity

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TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & BUSINESS

The Tourism, Hospitality & Business faculty provides students with an opportunity to learn and develop their knowledge & practice in a realistic working environment, under the guidance of industry experienced lecturers. We work closely with employers to ensure our courses provide students with the relevant skills they need to

progress to further study or employment. The Faculty covers a wide range of subject areas including Professional Cookery and Hospitality, Travel and Tourism, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Hairdressing and Beauty, Business and Finance, and Modern Languages.



Facilities

- Two commercial training restaurants
- Wella approved centre of excellence for hairdressing and barbering and commercial training salons.
- Professional beauty training salons and spa facilities
- Simulated air craft training facility for cabin crew and purpose built check-in area
- Student-run retail enterprise
- Professional training kitchens



EC Student Stories



Rihanna & Martha – Hair & Beauty

“ I enjoy attending College as there are plenty of practical elements to this course. My favourite part of the Hair & Beauty Course is styling hair and I would like to progress on to either a hair course in the future at the college. – Rihanna

The College has a more relaxed learning environment, where you just get on with it. I have really enjoyed blow drying & styling. I applied to SCP because I wanted to learn some basic skills before applying for an apprenticeship in Hairdressing which this course has definitely given me. – Martha



Eve & Amy – Travel & Tourism

“ We have really enjoyed the course and through research it has given us a wider knowledge of other countries that we would like to visit in the future. College offers many subjects that school does not and the learning experience has been less stressful with less pressure to complete work. We feel like college has a more relaxed environment for learning and we intend to progress onto the full time Flight Attendant Course.



Jamie – NPA Professional Cookery

“ For me personally, choosing this SCP course was one of the best decisions I have made, as I have met new people and built many skills, including transferable skills such as teamwork. My SCP course has made me certain that I want to pursue a career in the hospitality industry - and as a result I have opted to do a full-time course at Edinburgh College. I feel I got more support at college than school as I felt more comfortable asking questions, and the lecturers were consistently helpful and understanding.





Enterprise & Commerce

Edinburgh College offers a range of SQA accredited courses to prepare you for the fast-paced and ever changing business industry including professional areas of Business: Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Legal Services, Human Resource Management, and Administration. You will explore key areas of business, including creating business plans, analysing industry sectors, financial and management accountancy, and strategy development – all skills that employers are looking for. Business courses will also develop your skills in digital marketing, public relations, administration, IT and legal services.

The demand for strong business minded graduates is high and we aim to give you the skills you need to thrive in your chosen career. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Accountant
- Human Resource Advisor
- Para Legal Secretary
- Business Advisor
- Digital Marketing Manager

Does it suit me?

- Good communication skills
- Good written skills
- Strong business acumen
- Motivated

What will I study?

- Business
- Finance
- IT & Admin Skills
- Legal Services

What skills will I develop?

- Good communicator
- Organised
- Critical thinker
- Motivated

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Modern Languages

Learning a modern language will prepare you for exciting opportunities in Tourism, International Business, Government, Teaching and further vocational study. Here at Edinburgh College, you can study French, Spanish, Italian and German. You will learn language skills that are valued by employers. What's more, you will build transferable skills you can apply to any career. Our SCP courses offer the possibility to gain a qualification in modern languages, ranging from National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher (in some languages).

Possible occupations

- Tourism
- Translating/interpreting
- International business
- Teaching
- International relations



Does it suit me?

- Good communicator
- Curious about other cultures
- Enthusiastic
- Curious about how other languages work
- Motivated

What will I study?

- Speaking
- Listening
- Writing
- Reading
- Grammar
- Intercultural awareness

What skills will I develop?

- Good Communicator
- Problem Solver
- Analytical
- Organised
- Digitally proficient

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Hair & Beauty

Edinburgh College offers a range of courses, working in a live, realistic environment in our professional training salons to get you ready for a career in Hairdressing, Beauty or Complementary Therapies. You will gain real work experience, learning on-the-job and developing your Hairdressing and Beauty skills at our state-of-the-art commercial salons on campus using top industry brands including Elemis, Dermalogica and Wella.

Hairdressing and beauty is one of the fastest growing industries in the UK. Whether you choose to work in a salon or start your own business, Edinburgh College's training salons are designed to give students the best experience to ensure they are fully competent for the industry. Students

participate in our evening employability salons performing the latest treatments and services using prestigious products that are well known in the industry. Our hairdressing, barbering and beauty students continually work closely with our local communities. We offer a variety of services in our salons to groups and individuals from a range of charities and care providers. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Barber
- Hairdresser
- Beauty Therapist
- Spa Therapist
- Complementary Therapist
- Freelance Hairdressing & Make-Up Consultant
- Salon Owner
- Sales Representative

Does it suit me?

- Good communicator
- Friendly and welcoming
- Effective listener
- Resilient
- Problem solver
- Tidy and organised

What will I study?

- Hair Care
- Hand & Nail Care
- Skin Care & Makeup
- Massage
- Shampoo, Condition & Blowdry
- Hair styles
- Creating a Hair & Beauty Image Using Colour

What skills will I develop?

- Good Communicator
- Works Collaboratively
- Adaptable
- Resilient

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Sport & Fitness

Whether you are looking to build a career in Fitness, Sports Coaching or Health and Exercise, our programmes will equip you with leadership, communication and teamwork skills to succeed in the multi-million pound Sport and Fitness Industry.

We offer courses from entry level to HND, including high performance programmes in sports such as rugby, football and basketball.

You will be taught by experienced Coaches, Personal Trainers, and Specialist Consultants. The combination of professional teaching support with our gyms, sport halls and outdoor facilities ensure you are prepared for progression to higher education, direct employment or to start your own business.

Possible occupations

- After Schools Club Coach
- Personal Trainer/Exercise Professional
- Sports Massage Therapist/Physiotherapy Assistant
- Sports Club Team Coach/Assistant Coach
- Leisure Club Assistant
- Sports Technician
- Sports Coordinator
- Gym Instructor/Group Exercise Instructor

Does it suit me?

- Good communicator
- Good with numbers
- Good planner/organiser
- Work well with others
- Problem solver
- IT skills
- Outgoing personality
- Energetic
- Good written skills
- Logical thinker

What will I study?

- Coaching Assistant & Coaching Development
- Exercise and Gym Instruction
- Exercise Referral
- Individual & Team Sports
- Nutrition & Promotion for Health & Exercise
- Pre and Post Natal Exercise
- Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation & Sports Massage
- Sports Performance & Development
- Wellbeing Activator

What skills will I develop?

- Communication
- Focus
- Creativity
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Collaboration

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Professional Cookery & Hospitality

If you are looking for a career within the Professional Cookery or Hospitality industry, then Edinburgh College has the course for you. Our Professional Cookery courses will give you the opportunity to train in professional industry-standard kitchens preparing food for staff, students and customers.

Students on our courses gain valuable work experience. Over the years we have gained excellent industry connections, from placements within Michelin-starred restaurants to new businesses.

Possible occupations

- Professional Chef
- Restaurant Manager
- Catering Manager
- Hotel Manager
- Teacher



Does it suit me?

- Practical
- Team player
- Good communicator
- Good memory
- Co-ordinated

What will I study?

- Cookery
- Food Hygiene
- Customer Care
- Hospitality
- Health & Safety
- Function Waiting

What skills will I develop?

- Team worker & Collaborative
- Confident
- Adaptable & Problem solver
- Creative
- Hard working & Motivated
- Resilient
- Organised
- Sensible

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Travel & Tourism

Edinburgh College offers full-time Travel and Tourism courses from National Certificate (NC) level 4 to Higher National Diploma (HND) level 8. Course units range across Tour Guiding, Resort Representation, Marketing, Air Travel, Senior Air Cabin Crew, Visitor Attraction Operations, Skills for Customer Care and many more. Some of our units are taught and assessed in our mock plane fuselage classroom based at our Granton Campus. All Schools College Partnership courses offer progression pathways to full time programmes.

Possible occupations

- Tour Guide
- Airline Cabin Crew
- Airport Ground Operations
- Travel Agent
- Tour Operator
- Visitor Attraction Guest Relations Role
- Visitor Information Centre Advisor

Does it suit me?

- Organised
- An active listener
- Great communication skills
- A sense of humour
- Good problem solving skills
- A team player

What will I study?

- Travel & Tourism
- Airport Staff & Cabin Crew
- Leisure & Business Travel
- Customer care & Customer service
- Health & Safety
- Laws & Travel Regulations
- Mapping Skills of tourist destinations
- Developing itineraries & programmes

What skills will I develop?

- Good time management & organised
- Logical, Initiative & Problem Solver
- Self-aware
- Team worker & Collaborative
- Communication
- Flexible
- Attention to detail
- Calm under pressure
- Friendly, Polite & Helpful

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OUR CAMPUSES

Edinburgh College has four campuses across the City which have areas of specialism and industry approved facilities to provide pupils with an enhanced learning experience. There are libraries and resource centres on all campuses which provide use of PCs and a place to study when at college.

Our Virtual Learning Environment 'Moodle' can be accessed from anywhere with internet access. Information on travel and transport to college campuses can be found here:

www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Student-Life/Travel-Information

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Granton Campus

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- Bus (Lothian) – 8, 14, 16, 24, 27, 29, X29, 38, 47 and 113

Edinburgh City C

Princes Street

Meadows



Sighthill Campus

- Bike – Storage available
- Bus (Lothian) – 2, 12,20,21,22, 35 and 300, 400
- Train – Edinburgh Park stop
- Tram – Bankhead Avenue stop

City Bypass

Firth of Forth

Leith



Milton Road Campus

- Bike – Storage available
- Bus (Lothian) – 5, 44, X44 and 113
- Train – Brunstane stop

Portobello

Centre

Southside





Midlothian Campus

- Bike – Storage available
- Bus (Lothian) – 29, 49 and 139
- Train – Eskbank stop





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