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West College Scotland

Schools Vocational Programmes

Would you love to try something new at college? Ready to get hands-on with your learning? Welcome to our Senior Phase Programme - unlocking a world of possibilities at West College Scotland!

Explore a range of exciting subjects with endless possible routes to further study and career choices which you may not have had the opportunity to study at school. From vocational subjects to Foundation Apprenticeships, our courses are designed to give you a whole new learning experience outside of the school classroom, giving you a taste of college life while gaining a new, industry recognised qualification.

You will learn in our modern college campuses where we have award-winning salons, state-of-the-art workshop facilities, sector leading laboratories and more!

Our highly experienced teaching staff will help you to not only master the skills relevant to the course area you choose but also to develop transferrable skills to help you in the future as you enter the world of work and give you the opportunity to progress to further or higher education, so that you can achieve your ambitions, whatever your goals.

What are you waiting for?
Start your future at West!

Check out
our Socials:



IMI AWARD INTRODUCTION TO MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGIES

Course Outline

Passionate about cars and the motor industry, this course is for you! Drive your ambition and get your hands dirty, with a practical approach to learning and assessment, including visual questioning techniques to stimulate your learning experience.

Learn in our state-of-the-art motor vehicle workshops and gain an industry recognised qualification which will allow you to progress to the IMI Diploma for the Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry and Technologies or to full time college course with our award-winning Motor Vehicle department.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification. However, selection will consider each applicant's existing qualifications, experience, and interest in working in the sector.

Course Content

Get set to master a diverse range of fundamental skills to progress in the thriving motor industry. From essential units in Health and Safety to covering the range of careers in transportation, you'll gain the basic knowledge to kick start your automotive career. You'll also cover engaging topics in the workshop such as maintenance and repair, use of hand tools, workshop cleaning and maintenance and communication in the motor vehicle environment.

The assessment of this qualification is made up of 2 components: IMI Combined written and practical assessment IMI Online test.

Progression

This course is an excellent starting point if you are considering full time college, including a progression route with West to study the IMI Certificate in Transport Maintenance.

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Location

Clydebank Campus

Level

SCQF Level 3

Day

Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday

Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

At West we are proud to have strong links with industry and have consistently linked many of our students to roles with local employers. Past students of the department have progressed to roles within Arnold Clark, Audi, Gormac UK, L&A Motors as well as many local garages.

HNC ACCOUNTING

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Course Outline

Take your first step towards becoming a sought-after professional in the world of finance. You will learn all about the basics of financial reporting, tax, and management accounting.

The HNC Accounting award is designed to offer those who have completed their Highers and have a general interest in Accountancy or Financial Services, the opportunity to progress to the next academic level.

Whether you would love to work in an accounting firm, business department or progress to higher levels of study, our HNC Accountancy course will get you started with the skills you need!

Entry Level Recommended

Achieved 1 Higher at grade C or above
Achieved 5 National 5s (3 grade A's & 2 grade B's) which must include Maths & English.

Course Content

The completion of an HNC requires a total of 12 SQA credits. The mandatory units (9 credits), include these essential subjects:

- ▶ **Recording Financial Information**
- ▶ **Preparing Financial Statements**
- ▶ **Costing**
- ▶ **Management Accounting Using Information Technologies (Excel)**
- ▶ **Using Financial Accounting Software (SAGE Line 50)**
- ▶ **Graded Unit**

As for the optional 2 additional credits, depending on numbers in class, a variety of engaging subject options may be offered including Economics, Business Plans, Personal Financial Services, Spreadsheets, Business Law or Payroll.

Progression

After successfully completing this course, you'll have the skills needed to get an entry level role as an accounts assistant, trainee accountant, accounts technician or a payroll assistant.

Key Facts



Location

Clydebank Campus

Level

SCQF Level 7

Day

TBC

Time

TBC

This course has an individual timetable, please discuss with your pastoral care if wishing to do this course.

Or you could develop your skills further by studying an HND Accounting or progressing to a range of advanced university courses.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

HNC BUSINESS

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Course Outline

This award is designed to offer pupils who have completed their Higher in Business (or related subject) or who have a general interest in Business, the opportunity to progress to the next academic level. You'll gain not just knowledge, but real-world digital skills and qualities that employers look for.

From marketing to management, finance to entrepreneurship, the HNC opens a spectrum of exciting career paths. Plus, with our strong industry links, you're not just studying; you'll be networking with potential future employers!

Doing HNC Business in my 6th year of school has opened up many opportunities. I have been able to broaden my business knowledge and prepare myself for the challenges of university.

Lucy McDonald,
Clydebank High School

Entry Level Recommended

Achieved 1 Higher at grade C or above or Achieved 5 National 5s (3 grade A's & 2 grade B's) which must include Maths & English.

Course Content

The completion of an HNC requires a total of 12 SQA credits. The mandatory units (9 credits), include these essential subjects:

Mandatory Units

- Managing People & Organisations
- Marketing: An Introduction
- Economic Issues: An Introduction
- Business Accounting
- Business Communication
- IT in Business Spreadsheets
- IT Applicants Software
- Graded Unit

Optional Credits (2 further credits)

Depending on numbers in class, a variety of options may be offered including Law, Marketing or Human Resources.

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This course has an individual timetable, please discuss with your pastoral care if wishing to do this course.

Progression

HNC Business allows you to develop a broad range of skills required for jobs in a variety of industries including accounting, economics, marketing and entrepreneurship. You could develop your skills further by studying on HND Business or progressing to a range of advanced university courses.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

NPA CYBER SECURITY WITH GAMES

Course Outline

Scotland is a major tech and financial hub with many opportunities to upskill for future developments in areas like data security, digital forensics, and ethical hacking. The cyber security industry continues to boom in Scotland. From 2017 to 2021, cyber security companies increased from 50 to 330 showing it will be an in-demand skill in the future. Cyber security is at the heart of every business!

The NPA provides essential knowledge and skills to address the current skills gap in the cyber security industry where you could end up working in a range of exciting roles from a Forensic Analyst to an Ethical Hacker with leading organisations across a range of sectors from banking to business.

The course will encourage you to improve your cyber hygiene and enable you to identify security weakness safely, legally, and ethically.

Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 4 ICT and have a keen interest in Cyber Security.

Course Content

- ▶ **Data Security**
- ▶ **Digital Forensics**
- ▶ **Ethical Hacking**
- ▶ **College devised Games Development unit**

Progression

You may progress to further study on NQ Computing with Cyber Security or Games Development, or HNC in Cyber Security or Computer Games Development. Today, cyber security is at the heart of every successful business, you could work in a growing number of sectors including incident response, identification, authentication and access control, risk analysis, digital forensics, fraud security, and more.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

Key Facts



Location

Clydebank Campus

Level

SCQF Level 5

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.30pm – 4.00pm

SKILLS FOR WORK EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (SCQF LEVEL 4)

Course Outline

Get started in the wonderful world of early education and childcare with our Skills for Work programme! At National 4 Level, this course will equip you with the knowledge and experience needed to thrive in various childcare settings.

Picture yourself creating magical moments for children and young people—providing engaging play activities while ensuring their health, safety, and wellbeing are always top priority. From interactive playtime to nurturing their individual needs, this course will empower you to become a caring and competent childcare practitioner.

Get ready to learn about child development, discover how to tailor your approach to meet each child's unique requirements, and delve into the essential roles and responsibilities of childcare professionals.

So, if you're passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of children and want to explore the exciting world of early education and childcare, this course is for you!

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards National 4s, including English at Nat 4. An informal interview with college staff will be required before a place is offered on the course.

Course Content

Covering mandatory units of Child Development Play in Early Learning; Childcare Working in Early Learning and Childcare with an optional unit covering Care of Children, dive into the world of play-based learning where every moment is an opportunity for growth and discovery.

Learn the basics of creating safe, nurturing environments where children can thrive ensuring their health and wellbeing are always at the forefront.

Please note no placements are offered on this course and all demonstrations and interactions are simulated to create a realistic environment. However, there will be visits to local nurseries as part of your course.

Key Facts



Location

Clydebank Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Tuesday/Thursday OR Wednesday/Friday

Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm

Progression

You can continue your learning with Skills for Work National 5 Early Education and Childcare. In the future you can work in a range of roles including Early Years Practitioner in a nursery or childcare setting.

SKILLS FOR WORK EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (SCQF LEVEL 5)

Course Outline

Delve into the fascinating world of child development and children's health! Learn how to nurture young minds, mastering the art of caring for and feeding children, and discovering the power of play in their development.

As part of this programme, you'll have the fantastic opportunity to visit a real nursery setting and get some hands-on experience working with children. This practical experience is fully supervised, so no need to worry about getting PVG checks.

So, if you're ready to start a journey filled with learning and laughter, choose childcare!

Entry Level Recommended

Achieved National 4s Working towards National 5s, including English at National 5. An informal interview with college staff will be required before a place is offered on the course.

Course Content

Covering the essential units of Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People; Play in Early Learning and Childcare and Working in Early Learning and Childcare, the level 5 will give you all the important skills and knowledge to get started on your childcare journey. There is also an additional optional unit of Care and Feeding of Children and Young People.

Please note no placements are offered on this course and all demonstrations and interactions are simulated to create a realistic environment. However, there will be visits to local nurseries as part of your course.

Progression

You can progress to a range of exciting college courses such as NC Childhood Practice, NC Child Health and Social Care or NC Social Care. In the future you could be working in a childcare or social care setting on a variety of exciting career paths include as an Early Years Practitioner or Social Worker. A Personal statement and informal interview are required, and entry levels require to be met.

Key Facts



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SCQF Level 5

Day

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Time

1:30pm - 4:00pm



INTRODUCTION TO MIDWIFERY AND CHILDREN'S NURSING

Course Outline

Would you love to work in the midwifery and children's nursing profession? This introductory course will allow you to explore a career in this rewarding industry. The course consists of theory and practical sessions within the college, carrying out basic nursing skills such as bathing and feeding babies, care planning and communication skills.

You will also explore how to care for infants and children and the responsibilities and values of a health care professional will be addressed.

Entry Level Recommended

Working towards National 5 units.

Course Content

In this course, you'll delve deep into the art of caring for both mothers and babies, learning the essential skills needed to provide compassionate support throughout childbirth. From mastering the intricacies of child development to gaining expertise in the care and feeding of little ones. You'll be equipped with the knowledge and confidence to make a real difference in the lives of families. But it's not just about techniques - we'll also explore the values and principles that underpin the bond between caregiver and child. So, if you're ready to embark on a rewarding adventure filled with love, learning and life this course is for you!

Progression

You can progress at college on to Level 5 Child, Health and Social Care or Entry to Early Education and Childcare or pursue further study into Nursing and Midwifery at university. In the future you could pursue a range of exciting careers in the health profession from midwife to health visitor or paediatric nursing.

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Day

Wednesday and Friday

Time

1.30pm - 4pm

INTRODUCTION TO NURSING

Course Outline

The Introduction to Nursing programme offers an exciting opportunity to explore the world of nursing and healthcare, giving you a taste of what it's like to work in this rewarding field. Through hands-on practical sessions in our college skills lab, you'll learn foundation nursing techniques and infection prevention, along with an introduction to mental health and first aid. You'll also gain insights into professional standards, accountability in care practice, and essential academic skills to prepare you for further study. This is your chance to take the first step towards a meaningful and impactful career!

Additionally, by completing this course there is the possibility of progressing to Glasgow Caledonian University adult or learning disability BSc Nursing studies degrees.

* see Progression for more details

Entry Level Recommended

You must be an S5/6 and have National 5 Maths or Application of Maths.

Course Content

Introduction to Nursing SCQF Level 5/6.

Units you will study are:

- Academic Skills for Higher Education
- Introduction to Mental Health
- Foundations of Care Practice
- First Aid

Progression

On successful completion of this course, you will have the opportunity to apply for further study as an internal applicant in the College or progress to Glasgow Caledonian University directly. This will be dependent on your attendance and commitment to this course.

To progress to Glasgow Caledonian University BSc Nursing studies degrees, you must have the entry requirements of two Highers at a B Grade (one Higher must be an essay/written subject). You must also pass this Introduction to Nursing Programme and be highly recommended by the college.

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If you do not qualify for the Glasgow Caledonian progression, you might go on to do:

- National Certificate Level 6 Health Care (Pre-Nursing course with clinical placement on average one day per week).**
- Higher National Certificate Healthcare Practice (Equivalent to First Year Nursing). You will be required to have successfully completed the Intro to Nursing plus have one additional Highers, one of which must be essay/written subject.**

NPA CRIMINOLOGY

Course Outline

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by the criminal justice system, and methods of prevention. It is one of the fastest growing academic subjects in Scotland and the UK.

This National Progression Award (NPA) is designed to introduce you - at SCQF Level 5 - to a selection of topics and areas of debates that inform contemporary ideas of crime and justice.

Entry Level Recommended

You should have Nat 5 English and have a keen interest in the subject.

Course Content

Let's dive into some captivating subjects that unravel the mysteries of crime and society! Explore our essential unit of crime in the community, where we delve into real-life scenarios and discuss their impact. Investigate the fascinating world of criminology as we learn how to dissect crime scenes and piece together clues. Get

involved in thought-provoking discussions about social issues in modern studies, shedding light on current challenges and debates. You'll also cover an introductory unit to Forensic Science, where you'll uncover the secrets of scientific crime-solving methods! Get ready for an eye-opening journey into the heart of criminal justice and societal issues!

Progression

Advance to higher levels of education including an NPA at Level 6, PDAs at SCQF levels 7 and 8 or further study at college or university. Plus, gain practical skills sought after by employers. You could progress to roles in business, finance, public services, or law. Gain essential skills like communication and teamwork that will pave the way for diverse career paths in social work, teaching, policing, and more. Your future starts here—explore the endless possibilities with Social Sciences!

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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Time

1.30pm - 4pm

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

Course Outline

Scotland's construction sector is so important to the nation's economy with jobs in the industry ever in demand, employing nearly a quarter of a million people in Scotland and contributing billions to its economy. The construction industry also plays a key role in achieving the Scottish Government's ambitious housing, energy, and climate change targets.

If you are interested in pursuing a trade as a career but not sure where to start, this is an ideal course for you! Allowing you to explore each of the main trade areas and get hands-on with your learning, this is a very practical course where you could work in variety of workshops producing products and models that are completed to industry standards.

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements for this course.

Course Content

The course allows students to learn the basics at SQA Level 5 in brickwork with an introduction to block walling, carpentry and joinery as well as the chance to get creative with decorative painting. You will also gain personal development skills and employability and behavioural skills which are necessary for the world of work.

Progression

Following successful completion of the course you will be eligible to apply for a range of full-time college courses such as Pre-Apprenticeships and NC courses such as NC Built Environment or pursue an apprenticeship in the Construction industry. Graduates from West have gone on to a range of trade roles including plumbers, electricians, joiners, painting and decorators and more.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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INTRODUCTION TO PLUMBING

Course Outline

Working in the plumbing industry offers a wide range of roles from fitting and repairing water and heating systems to air conditioning, gas, and renewable energies.

This course gets you started with the basics based around the practical activities in the plumbing industry. You will be learning about key plumbing tools and hand skills necessary for any plumber or plumbing apprentice. You will have the opportunity to work with a variety of materials used within the industry including copper, plastic pipework, and the chance to install sanitary ware.

A perfect introduction to the industry aimed at individuals wishing to progress into further training or employment.

Entry Level Recommended

No formal entry requirements but a keen interest in learning this trade.

Course Content

Get hands-on with practical copper pipework and learn the basics of plumbing sanitary appliances. You'll get to grips with the use of plumbing tools needed to excel on site and get your hands dirty with a live college project, providing practical experience for the world of work. Great for your CV!

Progression

You can progress at college to the NPA Plumbing full time course or pursue an apprenticeship within the industry.

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Location

Clydebank Campus

Level

SCQF Level 4

Day

Wednesday/Friday

Time

1.30pm – 4pm

NPA ENGINEERING

(In partnership with Babcock International)



Course Outline

This Pre-Apprenticeship programme in mechanical & electrical engineering will provide you with the opportunity to engage directly with aerospace, defence and nuclear engineering services giant, Babcock International throughout the programme. There will be a particular focus on the Babcock International business at Faslane and Coulport including the various Modern Apprenticeship opportunities available.

Entry Level Recommended

You must be in S5 or S6 in August 2025 and planning to leave in May 2026. You should have a keen interest in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering. You must have achieved National 4 Maths and able to achieve Maths Craft 1 during this course.

Course Content

As part of the programme, you will complete mandatory units in Mathematics: Craft 1 as well as covering the basics of understanding

industry engineering. There will also be a Work-based Challenge.

Additional optional units are available in: Mechanical Engineering Principles; Electrical Engineering Principles; Mechanical Workshop Skills; Electrical Wiring Skills; Engineering Project and Health & Safety; Engineering.

Progression

On successful completion, you will have the opportunity to be fast tracked through the application process for the Babcock International Modern Apprenticeship at Faslane and Coulport. Last year over 90% of the cohort were successful in securing Modern Apprenticeships with Babcock.

Join Babcock as an apprentice and you'll have the chance to work on truly inspiring projects. You'll get all the training and support you need to progress in your career while gaining hands on experience of the workplace.

Babcock International have over 26,000 employees delivering critical services to defence and civil customers all over the world, including engineering support to

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naval, land, air and nuclear operations, front line support, specialist training and asset management.

A Personal statement is required. You will also be required to make an application to Babcock International.



NPA ENGINEERING

(In partnership with BAE Systems)

BAE SYSTEMS

Course Outline

This Pre-Apprenticeship programme in fabrication & welding will provide you with the opportunity to engage directly with BAE Systems who provide some of the world's most advanced, technology-led defence, aerospace and security solutions. There will be a particular focus on the BAE Systems Naval Ships business at the Scotstoun and Govan yards including the various Modern Apprenticeship opportunities available.

PLEASE NOTE - An interview with BAE Systems and college staff will be required for entry onto this course.

Entry Level Recommended

You must be in S5 or S6 in August 2025 and planning to leave in May 2026. You should have a keen interest in Fabrication & Welding. You must have achieved National 4 Maths and able to achieve Maths Craft 1 during this course.

Course Content

The programme will cover mandatory Units in Mathematics: Craft 1; Understanding Industry Engineering and a Work-based Challenge.

Optional Units of Metal Inert Gas/Metal Active Gas; Welding Skills; Fabrication Processes; Ship Construction Skills; Engineering Project and Health & Safety; Engineering will also be available.

Progression

On successful completion, you will have the opportunity to apply to the BAE Systems Naval Ships Modern Apprenticeship programmes. Join an inclusive team in a business that's ever evolving. Play your part in creating pioneering security products and services that can change the world we live in. With a workforce of over 93,000 people in over 40 countries around the world this is an exciting opportunity to start your career in Engineering with one of the industry's leading names. A number of pupils who have completed the course have secured places on BAE Systems highly competitive Modern Apprenticeship programme.

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A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.



ENGINEERING SKILLS

Course Outline

Scotland's engineering and advanced manufacturing sector contributes £9 billion a year to the nation's economy. Careers in Engineering are on the rise and these jobs represent an exciting opportunity for young people in Scotland.

Unlock your potential with our Engineering Skills course which covers the fundamentals, common to all engineering and manufacturing practices. From mechanical to maintenance and electrical to fabrication, this dynamic programme will give you all the basics to get started in the ever-growing engineering sector.

Entry Level Recommended

No formal entry requirements required but must have a keen interest in engineering, an ability to work in numeracy and literacy at SCQF level 5; must be a good communicator and team player and be prepared to commit to the course.

Course Content

The course is comprised of 4 Mandatory units, and they are designed to substantially improve your practical skills by manufacturing a number of different items from a series of engineering drawings to within a given tolerance.

- Engineering Skills: Mechanical and Fabrication
- Engineering Skills: Electrical and Electronic
- Engineering Skills: Maintenance
- Engineering Skills: Design and Manufacture

Progression

You can move on to a full-time pre-apprentice programme at college on successful completion. Longer term you could be working in a diverse range of sectors in the engineering industry including design, mechanical, maintenance, electrical, electronics, fabrication and manufacture.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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The College

support has always been exceptional with what I needed whether it is support with my courses or assistance with references and applications for jobs or further apprenticeships.



St Peter the Apostle
High School pupil, Joanne Durnan

SCHOOLS LEVEL 5 JOINERY

Course Outline

Build an exciting future at West! Construction workers are particularly in demand in Scotland at present, with this trend predicted to continue into the foreseeable future. With the development of the new build housing process today, there is a heavy emphasis on carpentry & joinery. From building the frames for new homes, fitting interior work or being employed on larger projects like shops and offices, there are a range of exciting working environments you could progress to in the future.

Get hands-on with this predominantly practical course supported with some classroom elements. You will be working within the college environment in a carpentry & joinery workshop where you will be using a range of relevant tools and equipment. As you work through this course you will also develop your employability skills and your practical and written work. The completed portfolio is a useful resource to use when seeking a job.

Entry Level Recommended

A keen interest in learning this trade.

Course Content

Develop basic bench joinery skills, mastering the art of woodwork. Get invaluable insights into health and safety in the workplace with a focus on Contact Dermatitis in construction. Aside from practical skills and knowledge you will also gain employability and behavioural skills to help you excel in the world of work with a focus on personal development to help you thrive in any site setting.

Progression

You could move on to a full time Pre-Apprentice college course or pursue an apprenticeship in this exciting industry. Ultimately you could be working as a Carpenter or Joiner in a wide variety of work environments.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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SKILLS FOR WORK CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Course Outline

Get creative and explore a range of exciting sectors and career paths before choosing your focus. With the chance to get hands-on with a live project, you'll develop the skills and attitudes you need to excel in the creative industries sector.

No prior experience needed—just bring your passion and enthusiasm! There are lots of ways to contribute to projects that are not obviously 'creative' and you'll practise a wide range of skills to produce a portfolio and gain great experience taking part in practical activities. With a blend of technical skills and creativity, you'll discover endless possibilities and pave the way for a dynamic career in the arts.

Entry Level Recommended

A Personal statement is required. Entry is at the discretion of the College.

Course Content

You'll learn through experiences in creative contexts both in and out of college. You could be involved in various roles in productions from product/drama photography and videography to podcasts or

promotional websites. You could be providing scripting and/or illustration for a graphic novel, completing product design for a client or getting creative at an end of year showcase.

Alongside an introduction to the creative industries in Scotland, we will cover key topics including skills development and the creative process. You will work on a creative project as part of a team – planning, implementing and evaluating to reach a shared goal.

Progression

You could progress to further study at college within one of our many Creative Industries or Media courses. Future career opportunities are endless, you could become a graphic designer, a content creator, a digital marketer, a film director, event planner, web designer, social media manager, podcaster, music producer, or a visual effects artist to name just a few... let your imagination run wild and unleash your potential in this dynamic and ever-evolving field!

Check out our Instagram:



@wcs_media
@westcollegephoto



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// I feel College helps prepare you for your future. I would recommend the programme to anyone.



Sophie, Creative Industries Senior Phase Schools Programme //



NPA BEAUTY AND HAIRSTYLING

Course Outline

Get ready to get glam at West! Our exciting curriculum offers the perfect introduction to this fast-paced creative industry with a blend of practical hands-on experience and in-depth theory, ensuring you develop both the skills, and the understanding needed to excel in the beauty world.

From mastering the art of skin cleansing to creating stunning every day and fantasy make up looks, you'll learn a wide range of techniques to unleash your creativity. Plus, get ready to showcase your talents through written projects, portfolio production, and home study, all geared towards preparing you for success in the workplace.

We are a Dermalogica Centre of Excellence, and you will be learning in sector leading facilities from our highly experience lecturing team. So, whether you're dreaming of becoming the next big makeup artist or a beauty consultant at a leading salon or brand, we'll give you the tools and confidence to shine bright in the beauty industry!

Entry Level Recommended

Have a keen interest in beauty therapy and

make-up artistry. Enjoy working as part of a team and have a creative flair. In line with the guidelines for successful completion - you must adhere to all requirements which includes working on each other and being prepared to participate in skin care, remove make up to have make up reapplied.

Course Content

This exciting course covers a wide range of skills including skin cleansing routines, make-up application, manicure skills, including polish application and creative nail finishes as well as hairstyling using thermal styling equipment, plaiting, braiding and twisting.

To achieve the NPA Group Award you must successfully complete the three mandatory units.

Progression

After you can stay on at college to complete your NC L5 Beauty Therapy or NC L5 Fast Track Fashion Make Up and Hairstyling.

In the future you could work in a range of exciting careers from being on-set at film and television productions to working with leading makeup brands and salons. Our past

Check out our Instagram:



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alumni have gone on to work for a wide range of famous brands, in bridal hair and makeup, as fashion influencers and working on commercial productions across the world with Netflix, BBC, Sky and more.

Interview

A successful interview with college staff will be required before a place is offered on the course.

For more on what our alumni have achieved: <https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/business/creative-connection/>

MAKE UP ARTISTRY WITH MEDIA MAKE UP LEVEL 4



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Course Outline

Get started in the wonderful world of makeup artistry! You'll cover an exciting range of units from practical make-up skills to product awareness and career pathways. Learn essential health and safety practices and grow your customer service skills in our state-of-the-art salons.

This course includes two SQA units in Makeup Artistry: one focused on contemporary styles and the other on media-inspired looks. You will learn to research and design specific make up looks for TV and Film and be able to plan, design and carry out your looks on your peers during the practical class. Along with Makeup skills you will learn basic hair styling to enhance your overall completed look. Prior to any application, you will also learn to prepare the skin and hair for the desired finished look.

Take the first step towards an exciting future in the makeup artistry industry!

Entry Level Recommended

There are no formal entry requirements; entry is at the discretion of the college, and a keen interest in film and Television is beneficial for this course to understand characters within a production

Course Content

This course includes two SQA units: Contemporary Makeup and Makeup Artistry Practical Skills, along with three college-devised credits to further develop your expertise. You'll gain skills in preparing skin and hair, hairstyling, and planning and designing complete looks, equipping you for success in the makeup industry.

Progression

The next step at college would be progression to NC Make-up but the career possibilities are endless.

Our past students in the department have gone on to work across the world with leading TV & film production companies from Netflix to the BBC. Alumni have also gone on to have amazing careers in theatre working on productions in the West End.

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HAIRDRESSING

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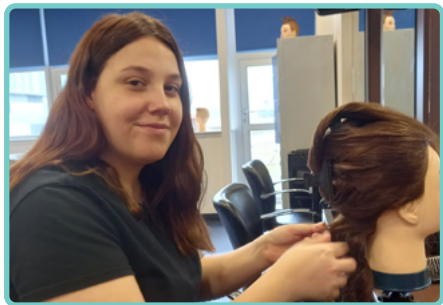


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“ Doing the National 5 Hairdressing course has allowed me to do a subject I normally wouldn't have been offered at school. I have really enjoyed learning new skills and the course and college experience have helped me build up my confidence. I am moving on to a full time course, Begin Hairdressing with Barbering - something that I never felt I could do without doing this course. ”

Paige Halifax, Kilpatrick School



Course Outline

Prepare for the professional world of hairdressing by growing your skills in our cutting-edge salon facilities. Our expert lecturers collaborate with industry leaders, including Wella and other top brands, ensuring we always staying up to date with the latest industry trends and techniques. We have been recognised as a Wella Centre of Excellence and you will be learning in state-of-the-art salons.

The main aim of the course is to provide you with the opportunity to gain the theoretical and practical skills to excel in a career in hairdressing. All units contain written work in the form of a portfolio of evidence.

Entry Level Recommended

Entry is at the discretion of the college. You must show a keen interest and be willing to commit to the course.

Course Content

Get started with the skills essential for excelling in a salon environment! From mastering the basics of hair to staying up to date with the latest trends and getting creative, we've got you covered.

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The perfect pathway to an awesome career in hairdressing!

Progression

We have a range of fantastic hairdressing courses available at West to help you take the next step on your learning journey. Graduates from the department have successfully entered roles in leading salons and with renowned industry names as well as starting their own businesses.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

NPA PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Course Outline

Mix up your catering career in the kitchen with our NPA. If you've got a passion for food, then this introductory course is perfect for you! Develop your cookery skills in our professional hospitality kitchens. From mastering essential cooking techniques to plating up delicious dishes like a pro, you'll be immersed in a realistic working environment throughout the academic year. Get ready to unleash your inner chef and embark on a deliciously rewarding journey!

Entry Level Recommended

You should ideally have Core Skills at SCQF Level 3 but is at the discretion of the College.

Course Content

Get started with the basics of food preparation techniques and ensure your dishes are not only delicious but also safely prepared with a unit covering food hygiene for the hospitality industry, where you'll learn the ins and outs of maintaining impeccable cleanliness in the kitchen. Our unit on cookery processes will uncover the secrets behind cooking techniques that elevate your dishes to gourmet status!

Progression

Choose from college courses like NPA Bakery or NC Professional Cookery to further your studies. Ultimately you could pursue a fast-paced career in the culinary world, becoming a chef! Many of our graduates have gone on to work for leading restaurants and hotels around the world with one of our past students even becoming a MasterChef: The Professionals finalist!

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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NPA BAKERY

Course Outline

If you dream of producing perfect pastries and getting creative with cakes, then our NPA Bakery is for you! The ideal introduction to the catering industry, with no prior experience needed. You'll learn the basics of bakery, whilst working in the professional training kitchens within the college's hospitality department. Bring your bakery creations to life throughout the academic year in a realistic working environment - turning your passion for baking into a sweet success story!

Entry Level Recommended

You should ideally have Core Skills at SCQF Level 3, but entry is at the discretion of the College.

Course Content

Get hands-on in the kitchen covering engaging units with introductions to craft baking and cake decorating. Discover the basics to bread making and get a perfect introduction to pastry! Elevate your baking skills with this exciting course and create some delicious delights at West!

Progression

At college you can progress to an NC Professional Cookery or start on your employment journey in the culinary world, such as becoming a pastry chef, baker or cake decorator!

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INTRODUCTION TO TRAVEL & TOURISM INCLUDING AIRPORT OPERATIONS & CABIN CREW

Course Outline

The tourism sector is one of the most important for the Scottish economy with around 14 million people visiting the country each year. There are currently around 40 airlines flying from Scotland to over 100 destinations worldwide.

Take your learning to new heights with our perfect introduction to this ever-growing sector! Whether you're dreaming of jet-setting around the globe or shaping the future of the industry at home, this course is your ticket to a career in Travel and Tourism.

Get real industry insights as you experience a range of work-related activities including safety demonstrations, announcements, trolley service, mock airport operations dealing with a variety of customer scenarios to build your confidence and develop skills for learning, life and work.

Entry Level Recommended

Entry to this course is at the discretion of the College.

Course Content

Our Working as Cabin Crew unit provides an ideal intro to what it takes to deliver top-notch service at 30,000 feet! Step behind the scenes with our unit on airport operations, as we unveil the inner workings of bustling airports and what keeps the travel industry moving. Master the art of customer care where you'll grow your communication and hospitality skills to create unforgettable experiences for travellers worldwide. Plus, get ready to embark on exciting adventures with the Introduction to Travel & Tourism and Holiday Planning unit, where you'll unlock the secrets to crafting dream vacations and creating memories that last a lifetime!

Progression

Stay on at college with our NC Travel & Tourism. Future career paths are endless from travel agent to tour guide, or work for leading hotels, event venues and airlines. Graduates from the department have gone on to work for major airlines and travel providers all over the world.

A Personal statement is required, and entry levels require to be met.

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// I really enjoyed the course and have learned so much. The lecturers are absolutely brilliant and I've really grown in confidence. My plan is to attend college full-time to study Cabin Crew. //



Amy from Vale of Leven Academy

NPA SPORT

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Course Outline

Kickstart an exciting career in the sport & fitness industry at West! Our highly qualified lecturing team possess a wide range of extensive industry experience working with a broad and varied range of athletes, sporting activities and client groups.

Although our NPA offers you an alternative to conventional classroom learning, we don't just cover the physical side of things. You will also enhance your personal skills such as planning, organisation, and communication.

Entry Level Recommended

These programmes are suitable for S4-S6 pupils who have a real love of sport and fitness and plenty of energy and enthusiasm!

Course Content

As part of the course, you will achieve a range of sports and fitness units, offering a quality educational experience in physical well-being and personal development. Through practical sessions, you will enhance your skills and reflect on your progress.

Take part in a range of individual and team sports including tennis, netball, basketball, football, badminton, and skiing and many more and grow your leadership skills in sport and physical activities.

Participate in personal fitness programmes and gain knowledge in topics such as anatomy, psychology and wellbeing and gain practical experience being a personal trainer for others.

Progression

Satisfactory completion of these programmes will give you an automatic offer onto one of the following programmes at West: Entry to Sport and Fitness; Advanced Sport and Fitness; HNC Coaching; HNC Fitness

Graduates from our department have gone on to work in a range of exciting roles in the sport and fitness industries from personal trainers to sports analysts, working with leading organisations across the West of Scotland and beyond.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get there?

If transport is required this is organised through your school and will take you back to the nearest point to your home at the end of the day.

For Foundation Apprenticeships travel expenses will be provided for work placements located more than 2 miles from your home.

How are these programmes different from the subjects I take at school?

The main difference is that you will spend time at college while working towards qualifications at SCQF Level 4, 5, 6 or 7.

How will the courses be certified?

You will receive a certificate from the relevant awarding body (SQA, IMI etc.).

So what are the benefits?

Whether your next step is into the workplace, starting on your apprenticeship journey, or progressing to further study at college or university, this qualification will help you make that next big move. As well as your qualification, you'll gain essential skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving—tools that will set you apart and help you excel in the dynamic world of work. You'll also get the chance to experience learning outside the school classroom, getting a taste for college life and a different style of learning from our award-winning lecturing team.

Who do I contact if I have a problem while at College?

The Schools Team can be found on the ground floor in room O11(A) at Clydebank Campus

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It sounds great - how do I apply?

Places are limited, you should speak to your pastoral/guidance teacher as soon as possible. You should also read the option details for your choice of course and discuss this with your parent or guardian. Your school will instruct you on the relevant online application process.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/schools-vocational-programme/>






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