

Courses at Forth Valley College



Forth Valley College – introduction to school-college courses

Delivered in partnership with local secondary schools, Forth Valley school-link courses will help pupils to learn more about the many different careers available to them and discover which one is right for them. Courses available to school pupils include the SCOTS (School-College Opportunities to Succeed) programme, Higher National Certificates, Foundation Apprenticeships and a wide range of vocational qualifications. Pupils can look forward to lots of hands-on learning and get their first taste of life post-school.

The courses summarised on the next few pages will be offered to pupils who will be attending school next year and wish to mix and match their school timetable with vocational courses and or subjects which might not be delivered in school.

Help will be given to complete college application forms during health and wellbeing lessons; further information will be given by Pastoral Heads in future HWB lessons.

Closing date for school-college applications is Friday March 31 and the recruitment process (interviews, group tasks etc.) are scheduled to be completed by 31 May 2017.

The Forth Valley school-college link is Ernie Romer. If you wish to find out more about the courses on offer, the Forth Valley college email address is Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk

Levels of Study – Courses in 2017-2018

Developing Young Workforce (DYW) priorities have resulted in many more vocational and industry recognised qualifications becoming available. Many pupils decide to mix and match school learning with college learning.

Forth Valley College offer many different pathways and qualifications which add value to our school curriculum and better prepare some of our pupils for leaving school.

The 4 main levels of study/type of course on offer at Forth Valley College are:

1

HNC Courses

2

Foundation Apprenticeships

3

Vocational courses

4

SCOTS (S4 only)

HNC Courses for School Pupils

Our dedicated HNC Schools programme enables school pupils to gain an HNC qualification whilst in their senior phase at high school.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to embark on their chosen career path early, enhance their application for College or University - as they will have a competitive edge over other candidates or enter employment in their chosen field directly after leaving school.



HNC Civil Engineering



HNC Computing



HNC Electrical Engineering



HNC Police Studies



HNC Sports Coaching and Development of Sport

Foundation Apprenticeships

Foundation Apprenticeships have been developed by the national skills agency Skills Development Scotland (SDS). They combine academic learning with hands-on skills to develop the knowledge, skills and work experience that will help to broaden options for students, enabling them to go on to complete a Modern Apprenticeship, attend college or university or go directly into employment.

This innovative scheme links the college with local employers and aims to help senior school pupils to build their future careers.

The frameworks are based on the success of existing MA qualifications. Pupils will embark on the programmes in either S4 or S5 with the duration varying depending on the subject area. Pupils will spend time undertaking hands-on learning at college and with a training provider and also benefit from high quality work experience with local employers such as the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils, the Prudential and other local business partners.

To find further details of specific courses, log onto <https://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/ways-to-study/schoolcollege-partnership/>

School-College Vocational Courses

Forth Valley College deliver a range of vocational courses aimed at pupils in S4, S5 and S6. These courses provide an ideal platform for pupils to gain a recognised qualification in an area of interest.

Vocational courses on offer next year are:

- Creative Industries
- Construction Crafts
- Early Education and Childcare
- Engineering Skills
- Hair and Beauty
- Make-up Artistry
- Psychology
- Sport and Recreation
- Sound Production



Scots Programme

SCOTS Programme

Our innovative SCOTS programme provides an opportunity for pupils in S4 to attend College to experience eight different subjects from across the College curriculum:

Subjects:

- Business, Administration & Tourism**
- Care**
- Construction**

- Creative Industries**
- Engineering**
- Fitness, Health and Exercise**
- Hair and Beauty**
- Science**

**Courses offered next session are summarised below.
Click on the course name (below) to take you direct to the college website**

Department of Care, Health and Sport

- Higher Psychology
- Skills for Work Early Education and Childcare - National 5
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Early Education and Childcare
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care
- HNC Coaching with Development of Sport
- HNC Police Studies
- Skills for Work Sport and Recreation - National 5

Department of Construction

- Skills for Work Construction Crafts - National 5
- HNC Civil Engineering

Department of Creative Industries

- NPA Sound Production
- Skills for Work Creative Industries National 5
- HNC Computing

Department of Electrical, Instrumentation and Chemical Engineering

- Skills for Work Engineering Skills - National 5
- HNC Electrical Engineering

Department of Hospitality and Salon Services

- Make Up Artistry
- Skills for Work Hospitality
- HNC Hospitality Management
- Introduction to Hair and Beauty (City & Guilds)

School-College based courses 2017-2018

Name of Course	Qualification	Campus	Time	Eligibility
Psychology	SQA Higher	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	Higher English is essential Short interview
Early Education & Childcare	Skills for Work: National 5	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	3 National 4's including English Small group task then interview
Early Education & Childcare	Foundation Apprenticeship	Stirling	Friday All day	Achieve 2 Highers by end S6 PVG required
Health and Social Care	Foundation Apprenticeship	Stirling	Friday All day	B pass in 2 Highers by end S6 PVG required
Coaching with Development of Sport	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	B pass in 2 Highers by end S6 in English & Social Science (pref.) Interview (practical and verbal) PVG required
Police Studies	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	B pass in 2 Highers by end S6 in English and PE or a Science 4 Nat 5's at A grade (Eng, Maths and a Science) Interview (practical and verbal) PVG required
Sport and Recreation	Skills for Work: National 5	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No formal entry requirements Small group interview
Construction Crafts	Skills for Work: National 5	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No specific entry requirements Individual interview
Civil Engineering	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	Achieve 2 Highers by end S6 including English or Maths
Sound Engineering	National Progression Award (NPA)	Stirling	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No formal entry requirements Ideally interest or experience in sound production
Creative Industries	Skills for Work: National 5	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No formal entry requirements Enthusiasm for creative industry
Computing	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	Achieve 2 Highers by end S6 including English or Maths
Engineering Skills	Skills for Work: National 5	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	Basic skills in literacy & numeracy. Short informal interview
Electrical Engineering	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	B pass in 2 Highers by end S6 in English and Maths or Physics
Make Up Artistry	City & Guilds: SCQF Level 5	Alloa & Stirling	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No formal entry requirements Individual interview
Hospitality	Skills for Work: Level 5	Stirling	Friday All day	No formal entry requirements Interest in hospitality Interview prior to selection
Hospitality Management	Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Stirling	Friday All day	On track to achieve 2 Highers at B grade before the end of S6
Introduction to Hair and Beauty	City & Guilds: SCQF Level 4	Falkirk	Tuesday & Thurs. pm	No formal entry requirements Individual interview

Log onto <https://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/ways-to-study/schoolcollege-partnership/> to find out more information about the course.

Key information and college contacts



Key Information

Things you might want/need to know about coming to college while still at secondary school:

How to apply –

Please see your pastoral head who will be able to help you complete the school college application form. Please note, that Forth Valley College will not be able to accept any application form that has not been approved by the relevant pastoral teacher/year head.

Behaviour while at college –

Respect is a two-way street, Forth Valley College expect all our students to behave in a responsible, considerate way by respecting fellow students, staff and college property. In return, they will treat you with the respect you deserve...If not, you may be asked to return to school without completing your course.

Attendance –

The College will report your attendance back to your school, so it is important that you attend college and classes when you are expected to. Always remember to ask parents/carers to explain any absences either to school or college. Courses normally begin at the end of August.

Additional Support –

We will make sure that any additional support needed for attending college will be in place for you to start your course, please speak to your pastoral head about this when making your application.

Travel –

Pupils will be transported to college and arrangements will be made to get home.

School/College contact –

Forth Valley College Schools Team – Ernie Romer - Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk

Please Note

Courses are accurate at the time of print but might be subject to change

If you are interested in applying for a college course, complete an online application

Support completing the form will be given to pupils during Health and Wellbeing lessons

A school reference is required (usually from your Pastoral Head)

Application Forms need to be completed and submitted to the appropriate campus by the deadline which is **Friday 31 March 2017**. Groups tasks and interviews might be involved.