

School College Partnership



School College Partnership at Forth Valley College for S5/S6 students

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.

Delivered in partnership with local secondary schools, Forth Valley College school-link courses will help St Mungo's students to learn more about the many different careers available to them and discover which one is right for them.

Courses available from S4 – S6 students will be delivered at many levels of study including Higher, Higher National Certificates (HNC), Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) and a wide range of vocational qualifications. S4 – S6 students 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 S5 and S6 students 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.

Assistance and support will be given to complete college application forms during Personal & Social Education (PSE) lessons; with further information given by Pastoral Heads.

Our Forth Valley School-College links are Ernie Romer and Iasha Craig. 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

Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)



See separate leaflet to find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships.

Higher National Certificate (HNC) Courses



Pupils entering Fifth Year in August 2019 and planning to continue in school in S6 can sign up to study a Higher National Certificate (HNC) as one of their course choices. **Students must commit to study this course over the two years.**

HNC study is at the same level of study as an Advanced Higher and on completion can lead directly to year two of a Higher National Diploma (HND) at Forth Valley College, or even directly into year two of some degree courses at university.

HNCs are for pupils who are **aiming to achieve at least 2 Highers** by the end of S6.

Three HNC courses (*Civil Engineering, Computing, Electrical Engineering and Police Studies*) are available at the Falkirk Campus on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. [Click on the course name to find out more.](#)

Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
HNC Computing	X		
HNC Electrical Engineering	X		
HNC Police Studies	X		

National Progression Award (NPA)



Pupils entering Fifth Year in August 2019 and planning to continue in school in S6 can sign up to study a National Progression Award (NPA) as one of their course choices.

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Three NPA courses, with two (*NPA Exercise & Fitness: Leadership and NPA Sports & Fitness: Individual Sports*) are available at Falkirk's Campus on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. [Click on the course name to find out more.](#)

National Progression Award (NPA)	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
NPA: Exercise & Fitness Leadership	X		
NPA: Sports & Fitness: Individual Sports	X		
NPA: Sound Production		X	



Skills for Work Courses

Students in Fifth or Sixth Year can sign up to study a Skills for Work Course which will be studied over one year and counts as one of your subject choices. These courses are studied at a National 5 Level and will be offered at Falkirk and Alloa campuses on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

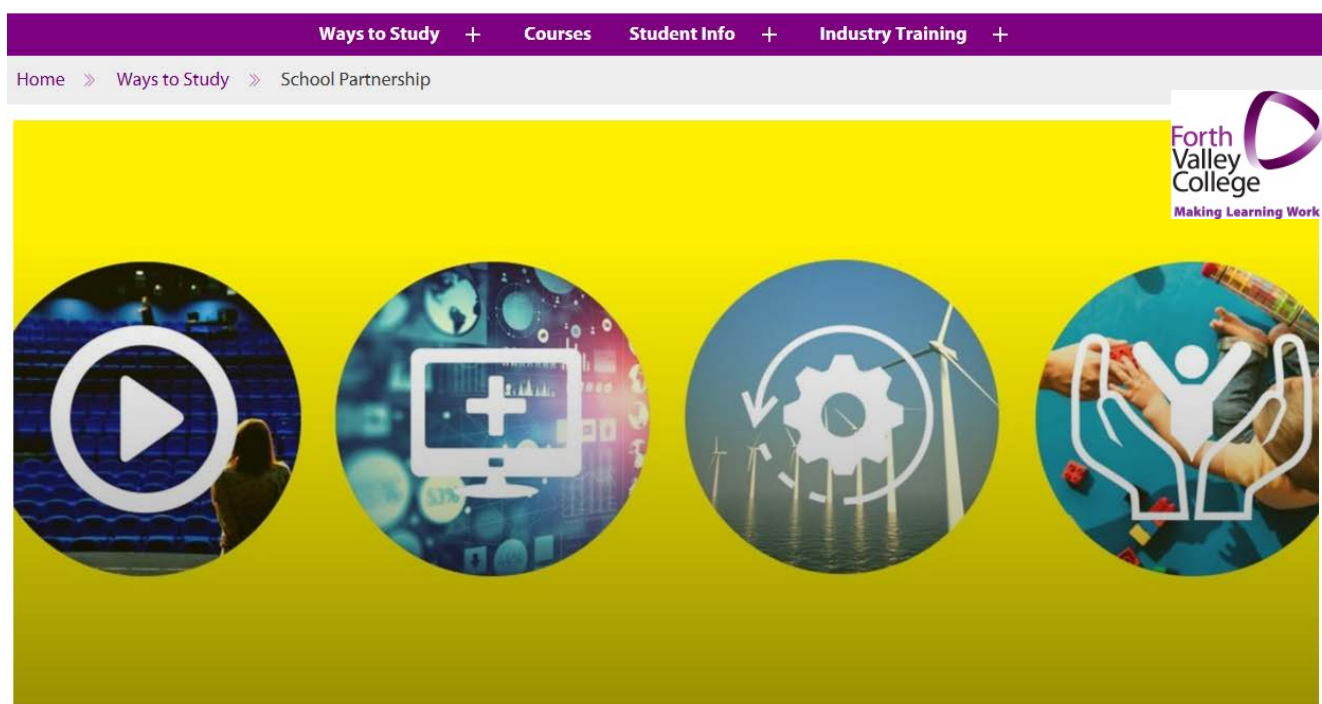
Skills for Work courses which run at Stirling will involve a full day's study on a Friday and requires further discussion re. timetabling with the Year Head. Skills for Work courses offer a fantastic opportunity for pupils to embark on their chosen career path early, enhance their application for College—as they will have a competitive edge over other candidates or enter employment in their chosen field directly after learning school. [Click on the course name to find out more.](#)

Skills for Work Course (SfW)	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
Construction Crafts	X	X	X
Early Education & Childcare	X	X	X
Engineering Skills	X	X	X
Creative Industries	X	X	

Higher Psychology

Students entering S5 in August can sign up to study Higher Psychology course over **one year**. A college Psychology course would count as **one of your five subject choices**. [Click on the course name to find out more](#)

SQA Higher	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
Psychology: Higher	X	X	X



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Making Learning Work

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Summary of School-College Courses

Click on the blue link to go direct to the relevant page on Forth Valley College website

Name of Course	Qualification	Campus	Time	Entry Requirements
Foundation Apprenticeship in ACCOUNTANCY (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Accountancy	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by end S6. C Pass in Nat 5 English & Maths while in S5. Studying Nat 5 Business Management
Foundation Apprenticeship in BUSINESS SKILLS (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by end S6. C Pass in Nat 5 English & Maths while in S5. Studying Nat 5 Business Management
PSYCHOLOGY HIGHER (SCQF Level 6)	Higher Psychology	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Higher English is essential. Short interview after a group presentation
Skills for Work: EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Early Education and Childcare - National 5	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	3 Nat 4s including English. Observed small group task then interview
Foundation Apprenticeship in SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Early Education and Childcare	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6. Working towards Nat 5 English in S5. PVG (no costs incurred)
Foundation Apprenticeship in SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTHCARE (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care	Venue t.b.c. (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6. Working towards Nat 5 English in S5. PVG (no costs incurred)
HNC in POLICE STUDIES	HNC Police Studies	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm 1:30 – 4:30pm	B pass in 2 Highers by end S6 in English and a Social Science. 4 N5s at A (incl. English, Maths & a Science) Interview (practical and verbal). PVG
National Progression Award: EXERCISE & FITNESS LEADERSHIP	National Progression Award (NPA) in Exercise and Fitness Leadership	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	1: 1 interview Group based practical activity Strong interest in fitness, health and exercise
Skills for Work: CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Construction Crafts - National 5	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	No specific entry requirements Individual interview Demonstrate a desire to learn new skills.
Foundation Apprenticeship in CIVIL ENGINEERING (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6. Working towards a C Pass in Nat 5 English, Maths and a technical subject while in S5.
National Progression Award: SPORTS AND FITNESS: INDIVIDUAL SPORTS (SCQF Level 5)	National Progression Award (NPA) in Sports and Fitness	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	1:1 interview and group based practical assessment • A strong interest in Sports. • 3 Nat 4 awards (or equivalent) including English and preferably PE & science based subjects at Grade C or above.

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Foundation Apprenticeship in IT: HARDWARE SYSTEM/ SUPPORT (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in IT: Hardware System/Support	Venue t.b.c. (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working on Nat 5 at Cs in English, Maths and Computing Science in S5. Achieve 1 or 2 Highers by end S6
HNC in COMPUTING	HNC Computing	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Achieve 2 Highers at Grade B including English or Maths
National Progression Award: SOUND ENGINEERING	NPA Sound Production	Stirling (1 year course)	Friday all day	No formal entry requirements Ideally interest or experience in sound production
Skills for Work: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Creative Industries National 5	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	No formal entry requirements Enthusiasm for creative industry
Foundation Apprenticeship in CREATIVE AND DIGITAL MEDIA (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6. C Pass in Nat 5 English & Maths while in S5. Ideal to have some experience of Art, Media, Drama or Music Tech
Skills for Work: ENGINEERING SKILLS (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Engineering Skills - National 5	Falkirk (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Basic skills in literacy & numeracy Short informal interview
Foundation Apprenticeship in ENGINEERING (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering	Venue t.b.c. (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working on Nat 5 at C in Maths and Physics, Engineering Science of Technical subject. Achieve 1 or 2 Highers by end S6
HNC in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	HNC Electrical Engineering	Falkirk (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	On track to achieve 2 B passes in Highers English and Maths or Physics
City & Guilds: MAKE UP ARTISTRY (SCQF Level 5)	Make Up Artistry	Alloa (1 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	No formal entry requirements Individual interview
Skills for Work: HOSPITALITY (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Hospitality	Stirling (1 year course)	Friday All day	No formal entry requirements Interest in hospitality Interview prior to selection
Foundation Apprenticeship in SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Scientific Technologies	Venue t.b.c. (1 year – S6) (2 years – S5)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6. Achieved or working towards a Nat 5 C pass in Science or
Foundation Apprenticeship in SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Software Development	Venue t.b.c. (2 year course)	Tues & Thurs pm	Working on Nat 5 at Cs in English, Maths. Should have achieved Computing Science at level C. Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by the end of S6.

"I really enjoyed the Childcare and Construction sections during the course when I did not think I would. It has certainly encouraged me to want to go to college once I leave school."

Zoe Docherty, Denny High School



Key information about school-college courses

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

How to apply –

All College courses require students to complete an online application form.

Students should speak to their 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 or Year Head.

Behaviour while at college –

Respect is a two-way street - Forth Valley College expect all 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 or Iasha Craig - Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk

Please Note:

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

Parent/Carer Support

You can also access helpful information to help you support your child in making their subject choices using the National Parent Forum for Scotland [Careers in a Nutshell](#) website

Senior Phase and Post-School Choices

Schools, colleges, training providers, universities, businesses and employers are increasingly working together to provide exciting new opportunities for young people. College-school partnerships enable young people to attend both school and college; in some areas, colleges are providing courses in learning hubs on school campuses. College-university partnerships enable learners to achieve qualifications at a pace that is right for them.

Modern Apprenticeships (MAs) are an ideal way to combine learning with working and earning. Over 80 types of MA are on offer, at different levels and in different sectors, including Technical and Professional Apprenticeships (degree and Master's degree levels) and Foundation Apprenticeships (delivered by schools and colleges). These provide industry-recognised qualifications in sectors such as finance, health and social care, construction and energy.
