

School College Partnership Courses



School/College Partnership

School College Partnership at Forth Valley College for S4-S6 students

Developing Young Workforce (DYW) priorities have resulted in many more vocational and industry recognised qualifications being offered in FV College. Many students decide to mix and match school and college learning.

Delivered in partnership with local secondary schools, Forth Valley College school-partnership 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. They are offered at many different academic levels of study, so these courses accommodate all students.

Courses available for S4 – S6 students will be delivered at many levels of study including Higher, Higher National Certificates (HNC), Skills for Work, City and Guilds, National Progression Award (NPA), HNC, Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) etc. Our 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 S4, S5 and S6 students who will be attending school from August 2024 and wish to mix and match their school timetable with vocational courses and or subjects/levels 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. **Mrs Pollock is the main link to complete college application forms. Our DHT contact is Miss Clare Marshall.**

Our Forth Valley School-College links is Kim Reid. If you want to ask questions or find out more about the courses on offer, the email address is: Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk

Support in completing application forms will be given – make sure you express a note of interest



Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)



See separate leaflet to find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships which are offered

In Business (level 6), Construction (level 5), Engineering (Level 6) and Media (Level 6)

Higher National Certificate (HNC) Courses



Pupils entering Fifth Year in August 2024 and planning to continue in school in S6 can sign up to study a Higher National Certificate (HNC) over 2 years as one of their course choices. **Generally, students must commit to study this course over the two years, however,** Forth Valley College introduced a few one year HNCs last year for S6 students only, which St Mungo's students can apply.

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. The courses might run until 4:30pm on Tuesday and Thursdays.

HNCs are for pupils who are **aiming to achieve at least 2 Highers** by the end of S6. Click on the hyperlink below to find out specific entry qualifications.

Four HNC courses (*Computing, Police Studies, Applied Biological Sciences and Sports Coaching*) 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 Police Studies (2 years – S5 only) - Level 7	X		
HNC Applied Sciences (1 year – S6 only) Level 7	X		
HNC Sports Coaching & Development (1 year – S6 only) Level 7	X		

National Progression Award (NPA)



Pupils can sign up to study a National Progression Award (NPA) as one of their course choices. NPA study is at the same level of study as a National 5 (SCQF level 5) or Higher (SCQF level 6).

Click on the course name to find out more.

National Progression Award (NPA)	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
NPA: Events (Level 6)		X	
NPA: Sound Production (Level 6)		X	
NPA Business Skills with Information Technology (Lv 6)	X		
NPA: Film & Media (Level 6)- all day Friday		X	
NPA Social Services & Healthcare (Level 6)	X		
NPA: Social Services, Children & Young People (Level 6)	X		
NPA: Construction (Level 4) – S4 & S5 students only (level 4)			X
NPA: Administration & Information Technology (Level 5)			X
NPA: Professional Cookery (Level 5) – all day Friday		X	



Skills for Work Courses

Students in Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year can sign up to study a ‘Skills for Work’ Course which will be studied over one year and will count as one subject choice. These courses are studied at a National 5 Level and will be offered 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 Miss Marshall. 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 Courses (SfW)	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
Early Education & Childcare (Level 5)	X	X	X
Creative Industries (Level 5) - <i>tbc</i>	X	X	
City & Guilds: Intro to Hair & Beauty (Level 4) Friday	X		
Health Sector (Level 5) – link not available	X		
Hospitality (Level 5)	X		
Uniformed & Emergency Services (Level 4)			X

Other Courses

Students entering S6 in August can sign up to study additional courses. [Click on the course name to find out more](#)

Level 3, 4 or 5	Falkirk	Stirling	Alloa
Introduction to Computing (Level 5)	X		
ESOL (English for Speakers of other languages) (Level 3)	X		
Mental Health (Level 5)			X
NC Professional Cookery (Level 5)			X
Supported Transition Programme (Level 3) S4 students with an Additional Support Need	X		
Skills for Airline & Airport Operations (Level 5) – link N?A		X	
Forensic Science (Level 5) – 6 months 1 full day		X	

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 BUSINESS SKILLS FAST TRACK 1 YEAR (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days Placement	Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons 1:30 – 4:30pm Placement	2 Nat 5 C passes in Business, English & Maths. Working towards/achieved 2 Highers Confident in word processing and spreadsheets and use of IT Application Form, school reference and task
Foundation Apprenticeship in CONSTRUCTION 1 year option (SCQF Level 5)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Construction	FALKIRK (1 year – S5 or S6 only)	Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 4:30pm	Working towards Level 5 (Nat 5) in English and Maths or Application of Maths. Able to work as part of a team There will be a Task at a selection event
Foundation Apprenticeship in ENGINEERING 2 year option (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering	FALKIRK (2 year course, so S5 students only)	Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 1:30 – 4:30pm	Working on Nat 5 at C in Maths and Physics, Engineering Science of Technical subject. Apps of Maths will be considered Working towards 1 or 2 Highers by end S6 There will be a planned Selection Event (tbc)
Foundation Apprenticeship in CREATIVE & DIGITAL MEDIA 1 year option (SCQF Level 6)	Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative & Digital Media	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days Placement	Mon – 9:30-11:30 Tues 10:30 – 12:30 Tue & Thursday 1:40 – 4:25	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 Group session and task booklet
HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE in POLICE STUDIES SCQF Level 7	HNC Police Studies	FALKIRK (2 year course) or continue from S5 – S6	Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 1:35 – 4:20pm	3 Nat 5 awards (or equivalent) preferably English, and 2 other relevant subjects at grade C. Likely to achieve a min of 2 Highers by the end of 6th Year. School will need to confirm that pupil is capable of studying academically at SCQF level 7. Group Information Session
HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE in APPLIED SCIENCES SCQF Level 7	HNC APPLIED SCIENCES	FALKIRK 1 year course in S6 split over 2 full days	Tuesday all day Wed am/pm Friday am	A minimum of two Highers at grade C or above (to include Biology or Chemistry) Preference will be given to applicants with a strong science background Group Information session and then onto a 1:1 interview
HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE in SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT SCQF Level 7	HNC Sports Coaching & Developing	FALKIRK (1 year course) 2 days split over the week	Tues 8:45 – 3:30 Wed 1:50 – 3:40 Fri 9:30 – 12:55	Successful interview performance. PVG. Current active involvement in sport/coaching 2 Highers at grade C or above, incl PE & English and English and 3 Nat 5s preferably incl Maths or a Science at grade C or above. Group Information Session



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Skills for Work: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Creative Industries National 5	FALKIRK (1 year course)	Tues & Thur afternoon 1:40 – 4:25pm	There are no formal entry requirements. Applicants should be capable of working towards SCQF Level 5 study and should be able to demonstrate an interest in Creative Subjects areas and have a desire to continue studying within a Creative area. Application Form and school recommendation
Skills for Work EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE (SCQF Level 5)	Early Education & Childcare	FALKIRK 1 year course 2 half days	Tues & Thu afternoon 1:35 – 3:25	3 Nat 4s including English. Participation in group interview session Students will probably be able to enter S4 and working towards achieving at least 3 Nat 5 qualifications at C or above. Application Form and School Reference
Skills for Work UNIFORMED & EMERGENCY SERVICES (SCQF Level 5)	Uniformed and Emergency Services	ALLOA 1 Year 2 half days	Tues & Thursday 1:30 – 3:30pm	Working towards 3 Nat 5s, one of which is English or literacy based. Please advise on application if you have achieved any Nat 4 passes. Must have an interest in study or career in Health Social Care reflected in personal statement. 1:1 interview
Skills for Work ARRIVALS: Skills for Airport & Airlines (SCQF Level 5)	Arrivals: Skills for Airport & Airlines (link not available)	STIRLING 1 year 1 full day	All day Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm	Please note that only secondary school pupils staying on at school for the full year and who will be starting S4, S5 or S6 in August 2024 are eligible to apply for this course. Pupils will have achieved 4 x Nat 4 including English and Maths/Application of Maths and/or working towards Nat 5 preferably Information Sessions with Interview
Skills for Work HOSPITALITY (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Hospitality	FALKIRK 1 year 2 afternoons	Tues & Thu afternoon 1:40 – 4:25pm	Please note that only secondary school pupils staying on at school for the full year and who will be starting S4, S5 or S6 in August 2024 are eligible to apply for this course. Pupils will have achieved 4 x Nat 4 including English and Maths and/or be working towards Nat 5 preferably. An interest in Hospitality is essential, as well as an ability to work well on your own and as part of a team. Information Session with interviews
Skills for Work FORENSIC SCIENCE: Applications (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Forensic Science	STIRLING All day Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm for 6 months	9:30 am – 2:30pm Aug – Dec Level 5 with opportunity to progress to Level 6	Although there are no formal academic qualifications required, pupils should have a keen interest and background in science and be capable of studying at this level.
Skills for Work HEALTH SECTOR (SCQF Level 5)	Skills for Work Health Sector (link not available)	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days	Tues & Thur Afternoons 1:30 – 3:30pm	Pupils should be working towards 3 Nat 5s, one of which is English or literacy based. Please advise on application if you have achieved any Nat 4 passes. Pupils also must show an interest in further study or a career in Health & Social Care in their personal statement. Group Interview
City & Guilds in: INTRO TO HAIR & BEAUTY (SCQF Level 4)	Introduction to Hair & Beauty	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days	Tues & Thur afternoon 2:00 – 4:00pm	There are no mandatory Academic Entry Requirements for this course. Task Booklet is the selection process



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National Progression Award in: EVENTS (SCQF Level 6)	NPA Events	STIRLING 1 year 1 full day	All day Friday 9:30 am – 2:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National 5 awards in Maths (or Application of Maths) and English Two other National 5 Awards or working towards a pass Information Sessions with Interview
National Progression Award in: SOUND PRODUCTION (SCQF Level 6)	NPA Sound Production	STIRLING (1 year course) 1 full day	All day Friday 9:30 – 2:15pm	No formal entry requirements Ideally interest or experience in sound production
National Progression Award in: Social Services, Children & Young People SCQF Level 6	NPA Social Services, Children & Young People	FALKIRK 1 year course 2 half days	Tues & Thur afternoon 1:30 – 3:30pm	Three Nat 5 one of which is English or Literacy based. Must have an interest in study or career in Health Social Care reflected in personal statement. Group Interview
National Progression Award in: Business Skills with Information Technology SCQF Level 6	Business Skills with Information Technology	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days	Tues & Thur afternoon 1:45 – 4:30	Suitable for both S5 and S6 pupils who have achieved, or will have achieved at least 3 National 5 awards at grade C and above, preferably including English, by the end of S5. Not suitable for those who have already undertaken Higher Business Management, or are planning to do so in the same academic year. Application Form, school reference and task activity
National Progression Award in: FILM & MEDIA (SCQF Level 6)	NPA Film & Media	STIRLING 1 year 1 full day	All day Friday 9:30 – 2:15pm	Although there are no specific qualifications needed for entry to the NPAs in Film and Media, it would be beneficial if the learner had some previous experience of related subjects (for example, Media at SCQF level 4). Learners without prior qualifications may be able to demonstrate prior skills and knowledge they have developed as a result of relevant course work/work experience or voluntary activities. Or be able to demonstrate enthusiasm for and knowledge of the subject through relevant leisure activities. Group session and task booklet
Introduction to COMPUTING (SCQF Level 6)	Introduction to Computing	FALKIRK (1 year – 2 half days)	Tues & Thu afternoon 1:40 – 4:25pm	Applicants must have EITHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a minimum of four Nat 4s, including English & Maths (or Apps of Maths) and preferably Computing. OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be on track to pass four Nat 5s, including English & Maths (or Apps of Maths) and preferably Computing. Applicants must also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be IT literate as this course does not cover basic IT skills provide a reference or recommendation from a current teacher
National Progression Award in: Social Services & Healthcare SCQF Level 6	NPA Social Services & Healthcare	FALKIRK 1 year 2 half days	Tues & Thur afternoon 1:35 – 3:25pm	Achieved three Nat 5s (or equivalent) preferably including English. Good communication and ideally achieved Nat 5 in English (or equivalent) and have potential to achieve SCQF Level 6 in Communication Skills. must have a clear Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme record to complete this qualification. Group Information Session



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National Progression Award in: Professional Cookery SCQF Level 5	NPA Professional Cookery	STIRLING 1 full day	All day Friday 9:30 – 2:30pm	4 x Nat 4 including English and Match or working towards Nat 5's. A strong interest in Cookery is also essential. Information sessions with interviews
National Progression Award in: Construction SCQF Level 4 <i>S4 & S5 students only</i>	NPA Construction	FALKIRK 1 year – 2 half days	Tues & Thur afternoon 1:30 – 4:20pm	You should have achieved or be working towards Nat 4 English and Nat 4 Maths or working towards them at Nat 5 level. The motivation to work as part of a team. Applicants who meet the entry requirements will be invited to a selection event. Please note, this college course runs during exam leave periods and attendance at college is expected.

Key dates

Applications open	Thursday 8 February 2024
Applications close	Friday 19 April 2024
Selection Process	Friday 24 May 2024. All the main information sessions/interviews will be completed and students communicated on whether they have a place or not.
College Induction	Monday 10 – Friday 21 June 2024. Details tbc
New Term begins	Monday 19 August 2024

If you have any queries about college courses, contact the school liaison team on Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk



Key information about school-college courses

Things you might want/need to know about attending College while still at secondary school:

How to apply –

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

Students should speak to **Mrs Pollock** 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 –

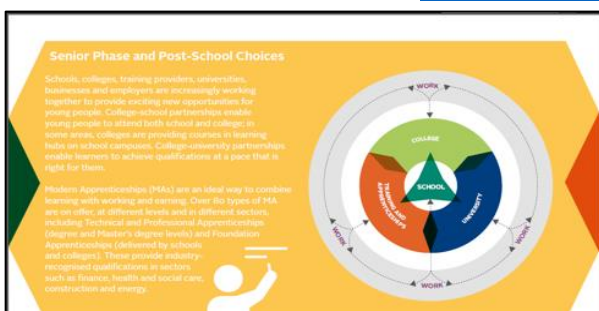
Forth Valley College Schools Team – Lorna or Lorna - Schools.Co-ordinator@forthvalley.ac.uk

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](#) w



"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

