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School Partnership Courses at Forth Valley College are for pupils moving into S4, S5 and S6 in June 2024.

We offer a wide range of vocational courses to study alongside school-based National and Higher qualifications. Our extensive range of school partnership courses are offered across a range of SCQF levels and pupils will study at either our Alloa Campus, Falkirk Campus or Stirling Campus.

Pupils will attend classes for the equivalent of one day per week, usually one or two afternoons per week allowing pupils to get a real taste of what to expect in Further or Higher Education. Courses may also involve a work placement over and above your time at college.



Our courses provide pupils with a unique opportunity to experience college life and gain additional qualifications, whilst still attending school and adding to their CVs.

These qualifications will help them progress into employment or the next stage of study at Forth Valley College or university.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

At school, pupils will be studying for Nat 4s, Nat 5s and Highers. Our School College Partnership programme offers additional qualifications including:

- Foundation Apprenticeship (FA)**
- National Progression Award (NPA)**
- Skills for Work (SfW)**
- National Certificate (NC)**
- Higher National Certificate (HNC)**

SCQF LEVELS EXPLAINED – SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE

SCQF LEVEL	SCHOOL	SQA QUALIFICATION		APPRENTICESHIPS
7	Advanced Higher	Higher National Certificate (HNC)		-
6	Higher	National Certificate (NC)	National Progression Award (NPA)	Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5			-
4	National 4			-

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

Foundation Apprenticeships are normally open to pupils working towards one or two Highers but are also a good option for pupils in S6 who have achieved all their Higher qualifications and are looking for an extra qualification.

They combine an industry recognised qualification with hands-on practical tasks and work-based learning with a local employer. The knowledge, skills and work experience gained will help to broaden options for pupils, enabling them to go on to complete a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship, attend college/ university or go directly into employment.

SCOTS PROGRAMME

Our Schools College Opportunities to Succeed (SCOTS) programme may be of interest to school pupils who know they would like to attend college but are undecided on which subject they would like to study. It provides pupils from S4 and above with a fantastic opportunity to explore different progression pathways at college.

On completion of the SCOTS programme, we are confident pupils will have a better idea of which career path they would like to follow.

To find out more about the SCOTS programme, pupils should speak to a member of staff at their school.

Please note this programme is only available for pupils from Stirling or Falkirk schools.

UCAS TARIFF POINTS

Universities use UCAS Tariff Points to compare between the range of qualifications which candidates use to apply for a place on a course e.g. National 4/5, Highers, Advanced Highers. Many universities and colleges will also specify grade and qualification entry requirements, rather than rely on UCAS Tariff Points alone. Calculating the number of points pupils have accumulated from their school qualifications helps to give an idea of whether they would meet the minimum entry requirements for certain courses. However, pupils may also need to comply with specific entry requirements in addition to points e.g., a specified subject such as Maths.

Visit this UCAS webpage to access the Tariff Points calculator:

www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator

If undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship, the following table displays how many UCAS Tariff Points could be gained:

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP	UCAS TARIFF POINTS
Engineering	56
Business	42
Creative & Digital Media	42
Hardware & System Report	42
Children & Young People	42

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Pastoral Support from the School Partnership Team

The School Partnership Team is the link between college and school.

Over the course of their studies, pupils will meet their School Partnership Officer who will help manage their time at the college and support them with any issues they may have including travel, attendance, or any personal issue that may be affecting their studies.

Support & Guidance Advisors

At each campus, pupils will find a member of the Support & Guidance team who are there to offer information on future studies. They also offer a safe space to go if pupils want to speak to someone about any challenges they may be facing, and they work closely with the School Partnership Team to provide support.

ATTENDANCE

College courses will begin in June and run straight through to the following May/June and classes continue throughout prelim and exam times. It is important that pupils still attend unless they have an exam at the time of their college class.



Additional Support Needs

The School Partnership Team are here to provide support while pupils are studying at college. In partnership with the schools, we will ensure all pupils have the support required to make their learning a success. To do this, it is important that pupils tell us about any additional support they require and that they may already be getting at school. This may include alternative assessment arrangements.



“All my lecturers were so kind and understanding and being at college has really helped me to come out of my shell and has boosted my confidence. I could not be more grateful.”

Emma Dawson

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES

Our Learning Resource Centres offer quiet places to go and study before or after classes. The staff are on hand to help guide pupils to any resources that may be needed to help with course work.

Digital Learning and Support

At school, pupils may be used to using Google Classroom. At Forth Valley College, we work primarily with Microsoft Teams. Through Teams, pupils will be able to keep in regular contact with Lecturers who will post class notes and course information. Once enrolled on their course, pupils will be given log-in details to access college systems. There is a lot of support available at the college.

Campus Life

We have invested over £128million in our modern, state-of-the-art campuses in recent years. We offer a range of impressive learning and teaching facilities, equipped with innovative technology and resources.

Pupils will also find first class learning resource centres, food outlets, hair and beauty salons, sport facilities, and events and conference space.

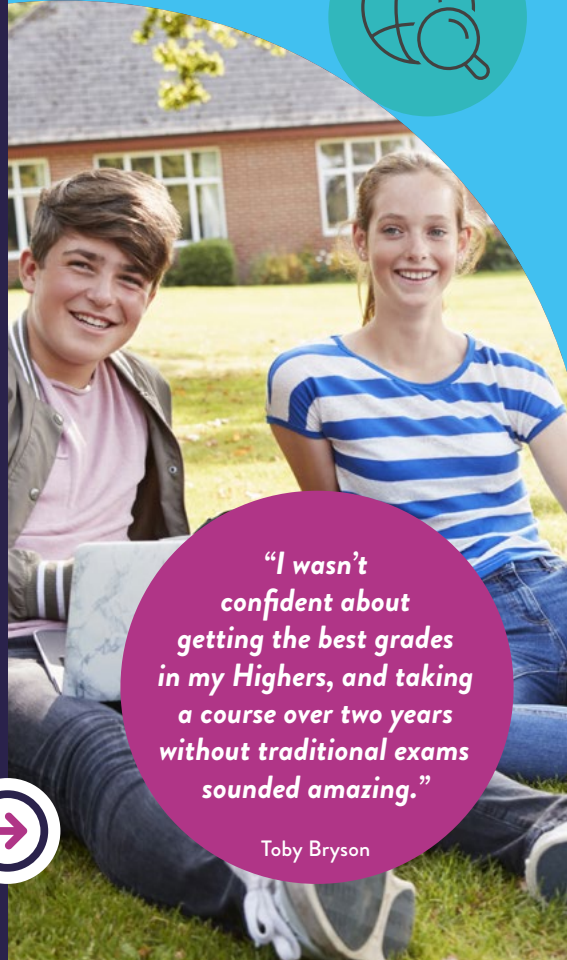
Our campuses have also won a range of architectural awards for their striking design and inspirational learning environments.



HOW TO APPLY

Pupils can apply to our School Partnership Courses when making their course choices at school. It is important to discuss any courses they want to apply for with a guidance teacher who will tell them more about the course and advise if it is the right one for them.

Pupils can then complete and submit their application online through our website at www.forthvalley.ac.uk/schools



“I wasn’t confident about getting the best grades in my Highers, and taking a course over two years without traditional exams sounded amazing.”

Toby Bryson

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HOSPITALITY, EVENTS & TOURISM

If your career goal is to become a chef, an event organiser or see the world, then check out our range of courses to help you take a step in that direction. We offer courses within these subjects at SQA qualification Level 5 or 6. From Professional Cookery to Airline and Airport Operations, we have a course for you.



STEM & CONSTRUCTION

STEM & Construction are huge career growth areas and we offer qualifications in Construction, Renewable Energy, Engineering and Science. We have a wide range of courses from Level 4 to HNC that you can study with us whilst still at school. All our courses lead to further study building towards careers including: Civil Engineering, Architecture, Trade Apprenticeships, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Forensics and Lab Technicians to name only a few.



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Printing, Art, Sculpture and Fashion are just some of the areas that make up the Creative Industries. At Forth Valley College, we offer Level 4 to Level 6 courses to suit the stage you are at. From building your portfolio to undertaking independent projects, we have a course for you that can help build your career leading you straight into employment or on to further studies at college or university.



FILM & MEDIA

In recent years, there has been growth in Film and High End Television production in Scotland, supported by an increased demand for high quality productions across streaming services. This has led to new screen studio developments and expansion of existing facilities in Scotland and a recognised shortage of workers with the necessary craft skills. Through our courses, you will gain an understanding of jobs in the sector while also gaining an awareness of industry practice through a series of practical film projects.



SOUND PRODUCTION

If you are interested in breaking into the world of music production, audio engineering or sound design, our courses can take you in that direction. You will learn how to use multi-track recording equipment to record and mix and have the opportunity to find out how sound travels from performer to listener.



SALON SERVICES

Salon Services covers a wide range of subjects, from hair-cutting and styling, barbering, nail care through to make-up including creative artistry. Alongside your school curriculum, you can study with us to get you set on the path, trying different areas to help you decide on the one that you want to focus on as a career.



SOCIAL SERVICES: EARLY EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

A career in Early Learning, Childcare or Playwork can make a real difference to the quality of children's lives and to their families. There has never been a better time to begin a career in early learning and childcare. The Scottish Government is expanding the provision of funded early learning and childcare places, so the demand for early learning and childcare staff has increased in recent years and will continue to increase significantly in the next few years.



SOCIAL SERVICES: HEALTHCARE

From nursing to social work to paramedic science, many careers start with a qualification in Healthcare. Like Early Education & Childcare, it is a massive area in Scotland, and one that many families rely on. Our courses offer introductions to the Healthcare sector leading to our full-time HNC courses in the related sectors.



SPORT & FITNESS

At Forth Valley College, we are keen to produce a new generation of sports personnel who are better equipped to engage people and help individuals change their behaviours. Our courses will allow pupils to develop applied skills in relation to knowing yourself, others and coaching. These skills are very transferrable as they are rooted in leadership. So if you want a career in coaching, personal training or teaching, then consider boosting your school achievements with a Level 6 or 7 sports qualification with us.



BUSINESS

Administration, Business Management and Accounts are just some of the areas you could study at Forth Valley College. These courses lead to careers in almost every sector and discipline and can take you directly into employment or on to university.



POLICE STUDIES & UNIFORMED SERVICES

Our HNC Police Studies course is one of our most popular and can only be found on the School Partnership Programme. It provides pupils with an understanding of the current sociological perspectives and legal systems which underpin society today. The programme has been developed through ongoing partnership with Police Scotland.

If a 2 year HNC is not suitable for you, then the Uniformed Services course may be a better option for you. The sector includes the emergency services, armed forces and commercial uniformed organisations such as the Merchant Navy. The course will allow pupils to start to develop the general and practical skills, knowledge and understanding of skills needed to work in the sector.



COMPUTING & IT

With an ever-increasing demand for digital skills in all areas of industry, these subjects are a hugely important step in achieving a highly valued qualification, whether it is through programming, hardware, data security, ethical hacking, the career directions are vast. This is a massive career area, with lots of opportunities that could take you all over the world.



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