

# Applying to Edinburgh College

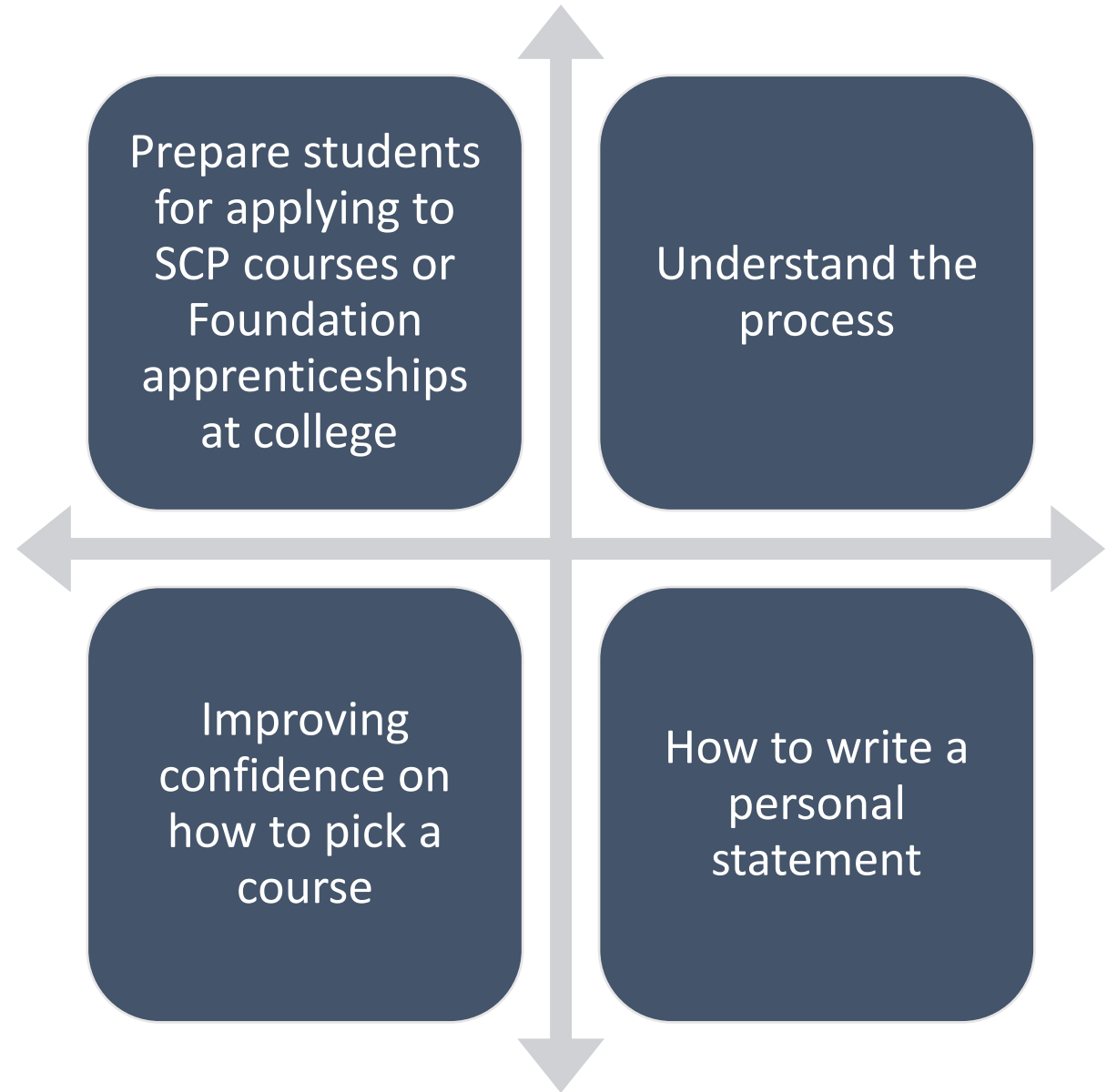
SCP and Foundation apprenticeships

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# Aim of this session:



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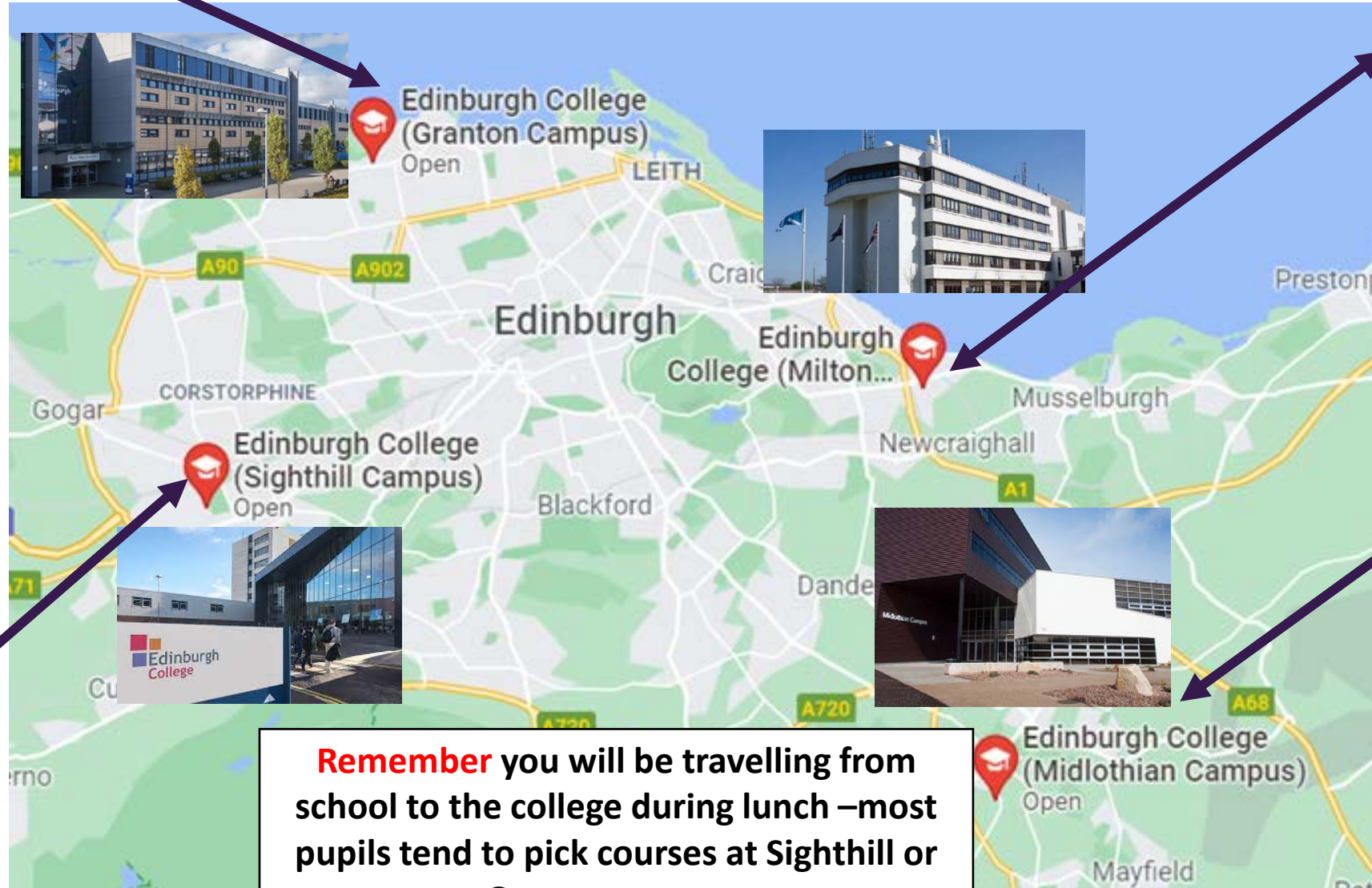
The Apprentice Restaurant,  
Art and Design studios  
Construction Centre  
Dental Nursing facilities  
Hair, Barbering, Beauty and  
Complementary Therapies  
salons  
Performing Arts Studio  
Scotland (PASS)



# Edinburgh College

## MILTON RD CAMPUS

Broadcast Media facilities  
The Club  
CRE:8  
Eh15 Restaurant  
Hair, Barbering, Beauty and  
Complementary Therapies  
salons  
Music and Sound  
Production studios  
The Club Gym and Spa



## SIGHTHILL CAMPUS

Broadcast Media and  
Photography studios  
Centre for Sport and Exercise  
Community Garden  
Science laboratories  
The Music Box



## MIDLOTHIAN CAMPUS

Automotive Engineering  
workshops  
Childhood Practice and SVQ  
Provision  
MacTaggart Scott Hydraulics,  
Pneumatics and PLC  
Laboratory  
Oil Production Platform  
Simulator  
Solar Meadow  
Specialist Instrumentation and  
Control engineering  
workshops



**Remember** you will be travelling from  
school to the college during lunch –most  
pupils tend to pick courses at Sighthill or  
Granton campus

# Application Process

## Course Selection

- Courses will open at the beginning of February. Remember you need to apply to the college for your chosen course (not just put it in your school choice)
- Speak to your Careers adviser if you are unsure what you would like to study or want more info on what SCP or foundation apprenticeship courses there are

## Application

- Once submitted you will receive an email confirmation
- Some courses require a written task or assignment before an offer can be made. Look out for an email with further instructions as this could hold back your application if you miss it

## Offer

- Unconditional – means you have been accepted and have a guaranteed place on your course
- Conditional – means you must achieve further qualifications to meet certain criteria before you are accepted on the course, or need to complete a task. The conditions you will need to be will be listed in your conditional offer email
- Unsuccessful – Unfortunately you have not been accepted on to the course

# Key points

- Applications open at the start of February (February 1<sup>st</sup> ) and applications will be open for around 6 weeks
- You can apply for more one than one course but you will eventually have to choose as they all run at the same time
- Note that some courses are just open for S6 pupils and foundation apprenticeships are for those going into S5
- SCP or foundation apprenticeship courses count as one of your school subjects
- You will go to college two afternoons per week –normally on a Tuesday and Thursday
- Remember to check your emails and **CONFIRM** your acceptance of the course.
- Normally the Construction SCP course is the most competitive – apply for this as soon as you can
- Applications will stay open for 6 weeks

# What is a Foundation apprenticeship and what type of courses are offered as part of the school college partnership?

**Schools College Partnership (SCP)** offers a wide range of part-time college courses for S4-S6 pupils and provides greater choice in a variety of subjects which may not be available at school e.g. criminology or costume design. SCP courses count as one of your column choices which can be added into your existing timetable. Pupils study their college course on two afternoons per week.

**Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs)** are work-based qualifications for S5 secondary school pupils in industry sectors of key growth. It's a qualification that takes you out of the classroom and gives you a chance to try out a career while you are still at school. You can choose a Foundation Apprenticeship as one of your subjects in S5 and takes two years to complete, it's the same level of learning as a Higher (SCQF Level 6) and is accepted by college and all Scottish Universities as Higher equivalent. This is a will put you at an advantage if you plan on applying to do a Graduate Apprenticeship when you leave.

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More information can be found at <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships/> & <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/graduate-apprenticeships/>

# Check qualification level

- Not all college courses are 'Highers', some are units or NPA's.
- This is important to know, as it can affect your university entry requirements
- Foundation Apprenticeship (level 6) is a equivalent to a Higher, but it takes two years to complete. You must be going into S5 to be eligible.

# Foundation Apprenticeships – where can they take me?

## List of Foundation Apprenticeships

Accountancy  
Business Skills  
Creative and Digital Media (with or without Graphic Design)  
Engineering  
Financial Services  
IT: Software Development  
Scientific Technologies (Laboratory Skills)  
Social Services and Healthcare  
do a work placement.

*The first year of a foundation apprenticeship normally involves learning the theory behind the subject and the second year involves getting to work in the industry*

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Doing a foundation apprenticeship can lead to direct access to a range of full time college courses

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It is also useful if you plan to do a modern or graduate apprenticeship after leaving school

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It can help with university applications as it counts as a higher and gives you skills and experience you can talk about in your personal statement



# How to apply

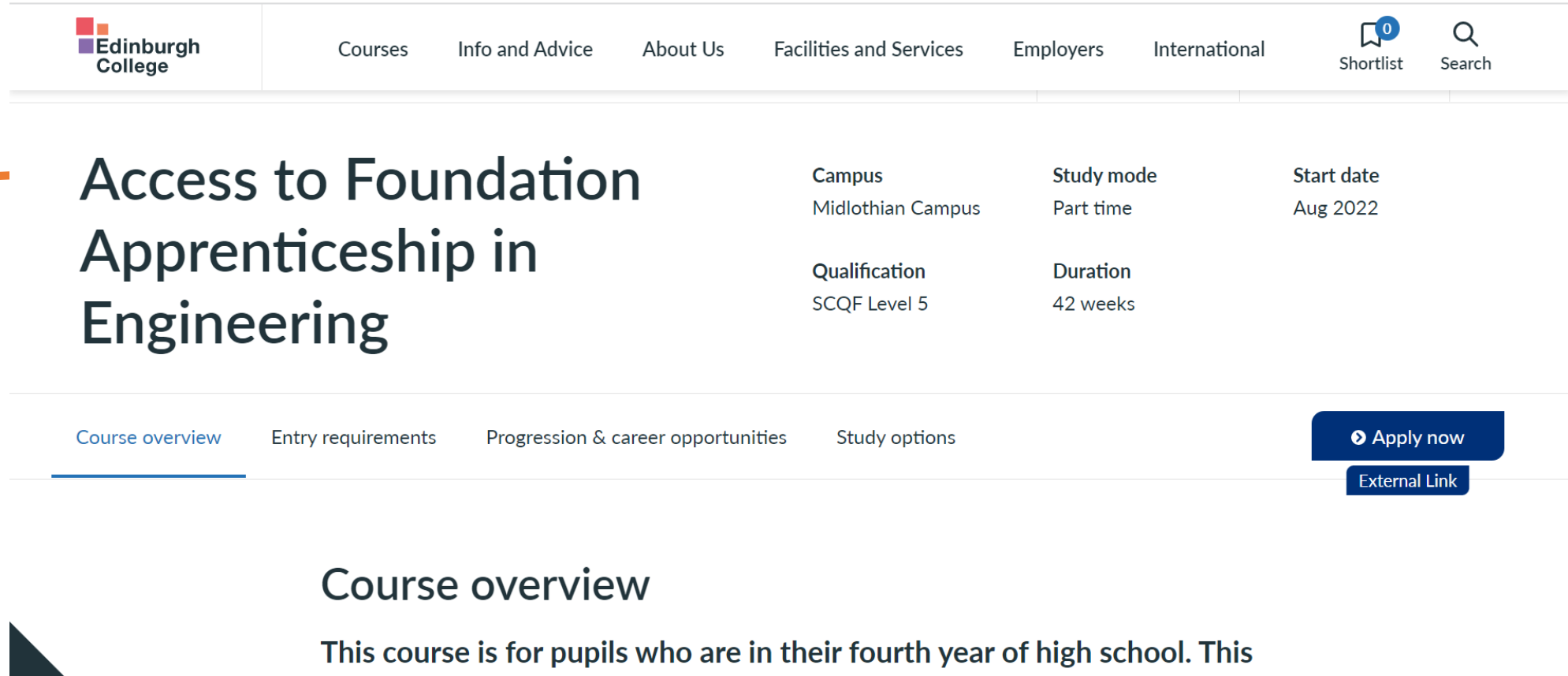
1. Follow this [link](#) to browse the courses on offer

(make sure the date is August 2023 as the college still have some courses with last year's date on the website!)

\*also note you may have to present /click from the beginning on the slide show to get the link to work

# How to apply

Click  
apply  
now  
button



The screenshot shows the Edinburgh College website. The top navigation bar includes the college logo, 'Courses', 'Info and Advice', 'About Us', 'Facilities and Services', 'Employers', 'International', 'Shortlist', and 'Search'. The main content area features the course title 'Access to Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering' and a table of details:

Campus	Midlothian Campus	Study mode	Part time	Start date	Aug 2022
Qualification	SCQF Level 5	Duration	42 weeks		

Below the table is a navigation bar with links: 'Course overview' (underlined), 'Entry requirements', 'Progression & career opportunities', and 'Study options'. On the right side, there are two buttons: 'Apply now' and 'External Link'. The 'Course overview' section is partially visible at the bottom, starting with the text: 'This course is for pupils who are in their fourth year of high school. This'.

## Course overview

This course is for pupils who are in their fourth year of high school. This

# Application Step by Step

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

REPORT A BUG

LOGIN

REGISTER

Your application for the course "HNC Business" (TH2HCF1A21-S1S) will be added on next login. If you have any queries about your application, please contact [courseapps@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:courseapps@edinburghcollege.ac.uk).

Welcome to Edinburgh College's Application System

New User


Existing User

If this is your first time on this page, please click "New User"

Click new user

# Application Step by Step

Register

New Visitor 

First name\*

*This is your official name and will be used on your qualification certificate*

Joe

Surname\*


*This is your official name and will be used on your qualification certificate*

Bloggs

Have you been a UK / EU resident for the last 3 years and hold either:

- UK/Irish nationality,
- EU Settlement Scheme ('Settled/'Pre-settled') status,
- Indefinite Leave to Remain/Settlement, or
- Refugee / Asylum-seeker status

Fill in all the registration questions and click register at the bottom of the page



# Application Step by Step

Click the edit button and this will take you to your application

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Please confirm if the email "cara.dav@outlook.com" is the email you would like to be contacted with in regards to your applications. [Confirm](#) [It is not correct \(update email/username\)](#)

## Applications

Course Title	Status	Edit	Delete
PDA Criminology (SCP)	Unsubmitted	<a href="#">Edit</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a>

[Edit Application](#)

# Next Steps

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You can watch this [video](#) from the college

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Contact your school careers adviser if you would like your personal statement checked or need further help

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**Make sure to get your application within 6 weeks of the application open date!**

# Application Step by Step

WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY REPORT A BUG COURSES MAILBOX TEXTS APPOINTMENTS CURRENT APPLICATION MANAGE ACCOUNT LOGOUT

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## PDA Criminology (SCP) (Flexible)

Personal Information Residency Qualifications Address Details Supporting Your Needs Care Equal Opportunities Personal Statement

Confirm And Apply

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name\* ?

*This is your official name and will be used on your qualification certificate*

**You are now ready to start your application**

**Fill out all the sections**

**In the qualifications section remember to add in the qualifications you are studying this year! You click pending for the ones you are sitting this year**

**See the following slides for advice on the personal statement**

**When you are ready click submit!**

## Personal Statement

Why this course?

Anything in particular you are excited to study (check modules)

Any key skills and strengths you have that would make you a suitable candidate

What skills do you have that relates to the course



## Career Aspirations

What are your goals

How can this course help you achieve this



## Relevant Experience

Do you have any work experience,volunteering part time jobs?

How do your school subjects relate? What skills have they given you?



## looking to the future

Where do you hope to go following this course? Don't worry if you are not sure yet –you can just talk about looking forward to learning in a new environment etc

How will this FA or SCP course be useful to you?



# Example Personal Statement

- My passion for studying history has developed from my interest in exploring how the past can allow for greater understanding of society in the present. Many of the subjects I studied in school, as well as my current college course within social science have allowed me to look at past historical events and think about how these relate to modern societal issues. I have always had an interest in my own family's past. My grandad fought in the Second World War and I found it fascinating to learn about his role and what life was like back then. This is what started my enthusiasm for studying World War Two and this interest has stayed with me throughout my life. I am passionate about Scottish history but would also value the chance to study history and explore its relation to politics and culture around the world.
- My school studies have also helped prepare me for further study. Studying Higher history, RMPS and modern studies has allowed me to develop skills in essay writing, working within a group and improved my skills in delivering presentations. Additionally, these subjects have given me skills in exploring different societal issues through research and critical analysis.
- My work experience through school allowed me to improve upon my general employability skills and has given me an insight into the world of work. I received an excellent report as the teacher felt I had good communication skills and was a good role model.
- In my spare time I enjoy continuously learning and have taken part in school trips outside of school, including with my RMPS class to a Buddhist monastery. This gave me insight into the life of a Buddhist monk and how they eat, practice their religion and live daily. I feel that I am an inquisitive person and therefore enjoy finding out about different religions and ways of living.
- My previous studies within both school and college have allowed me to explore various social subjects and led me to focus on history. I feel that studying history would allow me to challenge myself in new ways and I would value the opportunity to see where studying history could take me in the future.

# College open days 2023

## CAMPUS

## DATE & TIME

Mid Lothian

21<sup>st</sup> Feb 4pm – 7pm

Milton Road

9<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm – 7pm

Sighthill

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 4pm – 7pm

Granton

25<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am – 1pm

# FAQS

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**When will I hear back?** Applications stay open for approx 6 weeks , after this you may receive an offer or a task to complete straight away or again it may take a few weeks. Keep an eye on your emails!

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## **General help:**

Please e-mail [schools@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:schools@edinburghcollege.ac.uk) with your request.

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## **Access & Continuing Education (ACE)**

Steven Craig [steven.craig@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:steven.craig@edinburghcollege.ac.uk)

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## **SCP Helpline number :**

0131 297 8649

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**What happens if I do not meet my conditions:** If you do not meet your conditions it may be worth calling the helpline as sometimes you can still get a place or may be offered a place on another course

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**What happens if I change my mind and don't want to go to college:** its ok to change your mind! You can just contact the college using the number or email above and let them know

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## **SCP Further Information**

<https://padlet.com/deborahrobertson3/w3dj1552efpzd97c>

# College Application Support

A member of staff from the college is coming into the school to speak with pupils about SCP courses

Date :24<sup>th</sup> January

Location and Time :Lunchtime at room 2:10

You can bring your lunch!

I will also be offering SCP application support sessions

Date TBC but please email me to be added to the list :

[cara.davidson@sds.co.uk](mailto:cara.davidson@sds.co.uk)