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Senior School Agreement

By coming back to school for S6 pupils are buying into the ethos of the school and are expected to:

- Continue to have positive relationships
- Attend school and ensure punctuality
- Adhere to the school dress code
- Model our school values of Respect, Inclusion and Resilience
- Meet deadlines





S6 Structure

PSE – Monday Period 4 or Tuesday Period 1

Assembly every Wednesday p4

College possible for some pupils Tuesday/Thursday afternoons

Neighbourhood schools used to deliver some subjects

Minimum of 3 subjects

School Support

Support for Pupils aka Guidance

Provide continued help and support. They work in close partnership with teachers, parents/carers and other specialist agencies.

- Deliver PSE
- Review Tracking and Reports
- Lead on pupils' pastoral needs
- Have an overview of educational needs
- Support attendance and behaviour monitoring
- Careers support
- Work Experience
- Post school planning



Pupil Support Leaders

Bruntsfield - Mrs Scherczer

Hartington - Miss Grant

Leamington - Miss Nisbet

Montpellier - Mr Mcllwaine

Viewforth - Mr Brandie

Westhall - Mrs Wallace

Further Support

Pupils can access support at all times through a number of ways for when they're feeling down or worried, or if they are concerned about someone else.

Talk Parents or Carers Guidance Teacher, Year Heads, Class Teachers, School Counsellors

Scan Links to the school's 'I Just Want To Say...'
reporting system

Call/Text 07874 202 344









I wanted to say...



If you have something that you want to report or would like someone to talk to you this QR code can help.

You can use the code to report the following issues:

Bullving

Worries about your Health and wellbeing Worries about your friends and classmates Discrimination



Mental Health Matters



Getting involved/making a difference...

- Helping to lead and run department extra-curricular activities
- Participating in the "In class support" programme to help younger years
- Baccalaureate
- Mentors in Violence Prevention peer education
- Committees
- Young Enterprise
- Prefects
- Head team/House Captains/Vice Captains
- Young STEM Leaders



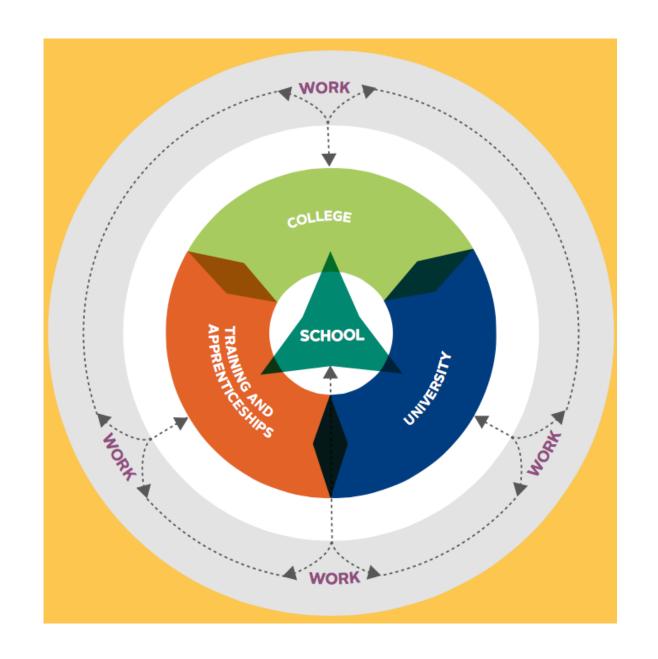




Important dates

- Whole year and individual photos Monday 1 September
- Tracking Reports issued end Sept/beginning of November
- Young Driver 1 October 2025
- Full Progress Report February 2026
- S6 Parents' Evening (in person):
 - Thursday 20 November
- Prelims 12-24 January 2026
- Proposed SQA Exam diet 22 April-1 June 2026
- S6 last day tbc 4 April
- S6 Leaver's Ball/Prom tbc June 2026

Positive & Sustainable Destinations



S6 Post school planning evening

Making decisions

Options that may be available to your young person:

- -College
- -University
- -Apprenticeships
- -Employment
- -Gap year

This evening I will mainly be focusing on apprenticeships & college



Deciding on courses

Choose a subject you enjoy!

Consider your learning type and what sort of subjects you are interested in , You can start by browsing the My Career options section of my world of work which has lots of different job profiles. Don't panic if your young person is undecided!

Don't make your decision solely based on the university ranking!

Your ideal uni won't necessarily be the one at the top of a table, with the highest rank. Instead, you might want to focus on how well a uni delivers your chosen subject area, using the graduate prospects or research measures, or discover how satisfied students are with the quality of teaching they receive. If you do want to have a look at rankings you can go to The Complete university guide

Consider entry requirements, Location, funding

Even if you decide to apply for university -consider college as a back up

Apprenticeships

There are two different types of apprenticeships:

A Modern Apprenticeship is way to learn whilst in a job.

- 1. You will be just like any other employee but you will also be working towards a qualification.
- 2. You will go to college on day release or complete the qualification in house
- 3. And you are getting paid whilst doing so.

A Graduate apprenticeship is again a way to learn whilst in a job

- 1. You will work towards a degree
- 2. You will go to university one day per week or in study blocks
- 3. You will get paid a salary

Where can I find an apprenticeship?

You could start having a look at these websites to help prepare Apprenticeships can be available all year round. However a lot of companies will start recruiting around spring —March, April, May

General apprenticeship sites:

- Apprenticeships.scot
- The Edinburgh Guarantee
- Indeed

Trades

- Search on the CITB website –this allows you to submit a CV and pick two trades
- Apply to do a SECCT test
- Network and make speculative applications
- Get your CSCS card (I can help with this)

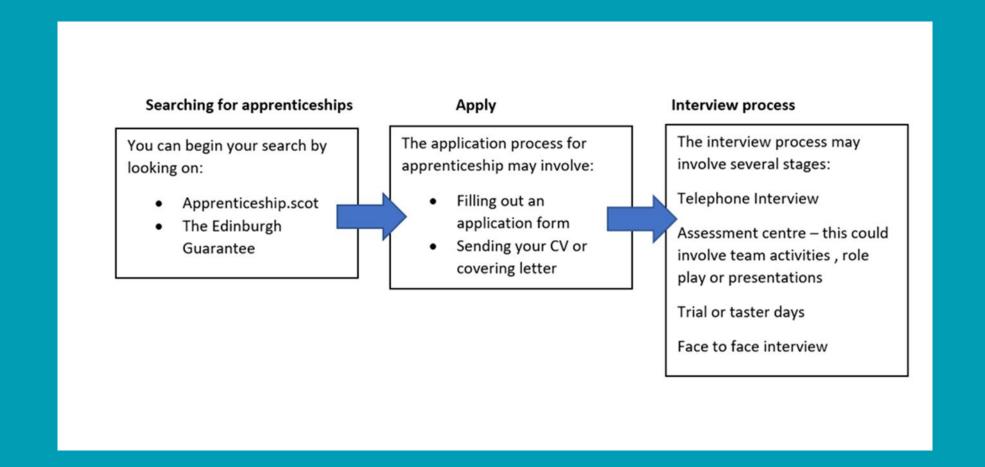
Childcare

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Apprenticeship recruiters

- Limelight
- QA apprenticeships

What does the recruitment process look like?



How can my young person get support?

If your young person would like to book a careers appointment they can email:

Cara.davidson@sds.co.uk

I also have a sign up sheet on my door They can ask their guidance teacher for an appointment

I can help with:

- The whole apprenticeship process from searching, applying, interviews
- Help with creating a CV
- Helping with university and college choices
- Giving advice on back up options
- And anything else careers related!
- This year I plan on offering CV sessions, apprenticeship info sessions and working with the school's DYW coordinator to allow young people to learn more about the world of work.
- Post school SDS work with young people up to the age of 25





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of students to Edinburgh universities

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Colleges are the biggest delivery agent of Modern Apprenticeships, supporting over 13,000 students



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vocational and academic courses from entry level to degree programmes



Our students come from





Curriculum Areas

Creative Industries

Broadcast Media & Film | Music & Sound Production | Art & Design | Computing | Performing Arts Studio Scotland (PASS)

Construction, Engineering, Built Environment & Science
Construction Trades | Electrical & Mechanical
Engineering | Civil Engineering | Automotive |
Renewables | Building Services | Plumbing | Electrical|
Fire & Security

Health Professions & Social Care

Health Care | Social Care | Dental | Pharmacy | Childcare | Sport & Fitness | Integrated Curriculum Studies

Tourism Hospitality & Business

Enterprise & Commerce | Professional Cookery | Hospitality Retail & Events | ESOL | Tourism & Modern Languages





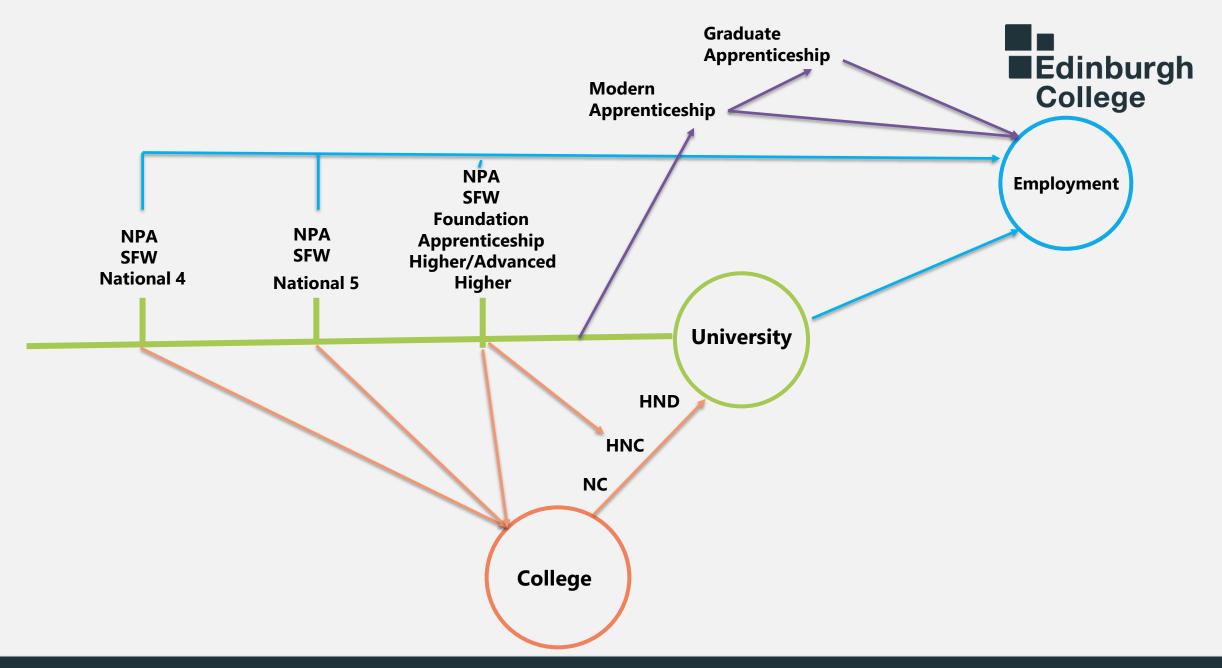






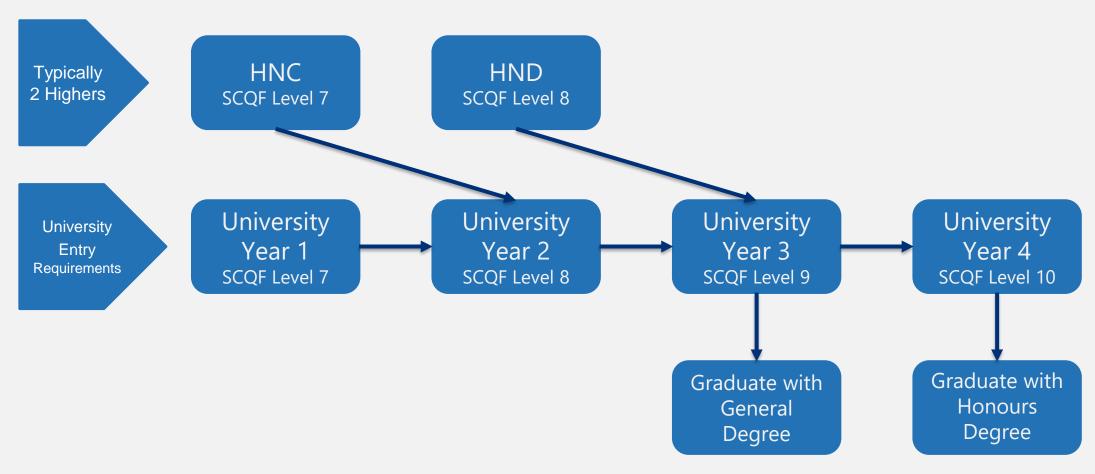


Pathways to University



For the future you want





Associate Student Degrees









Formal agreement between College & University

Students dual enrolled at both institutions

Complete HNC (year 1 at College)

Complete HND (year 2 at College)

Guaranteed University Progression to year 3 of degree course



For any Edinburgh College course-related info please visit edinburghcollege.ac.uk or email courseinfo@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

College applications open in January 2026 – personal statements work in PSE August-December 2025

Meeting with guidance:

Bruntsfield – Mrs Scherczer – Room 111

Hartington – Ms Grant – Room 114

Leamington – Ms Nisbet – Room 113

Montpelier – Mr McIlwaine – Room 112

Viewforth – Mr Brandie – Room 103

Westhall – Mrs Wallace Room 104

