

What courses are on offer for students in Broad General Education (S1-S3)?

Our Childcare National 4 course is delivered at an East Lothian venue to be determined from 4pm-6pm. This is a two year course and pupils can then progress onto the National 5 in Childcare if they so wish.

We also offer Health and Beauty, which is delivered by Edinburgh College on a Friday from 9am-12pm.

Finally, we are offering a Construction course for S3 students. This is delivered by The Ridge in Dunbar within the school day.

My child is currently doing one of the East Lothian Works Construction courses; what can they move on to next?

There are many options for this student. In S3, they could work at SCQF Level 4. Once they reach the Senior Phase they can progress onto the Level 5 course on a Tuesday and a Thursday afternoon. Once they have left school, they have options to progress onto an Edinburgh College course or onto employment.

Are these the only subjects on offer?

The courses discussed during our presentation are the subjects that we are offering to students for the coming academic year (2022-2023). We select these courses based on factors such as availability of teaching staff and location of the course. We also seriously consider growth sectors in the local area and where future job demand will be when we select the subjects on offer.

If you have a keen interest in a specific subject that is not on offer, we recommend speaking to your Guidance Teacher to discuss further.

Are East Lothian Works courses one year long?

All of the East Lothian Works courses last for one year; typically from June 2022 to May 2023.

Do all Edinburgh College courses take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons?

All Edinburgh College courses take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, typically from around 1.30pm-4pm. Please note that this does not include travel time.

Your school's timetable has been designed to include subjects that require an element of travel, so you should not have to miss other subjects in order to take part, or take fewer subjects.

Is transport arranged for College courses?

We will arrange transport for any student choosing one of the Edinburgh College courses detailed in our presentation. Transport is also fully-funded so there is no payment necessary. Transport will most likely be a bus or a taxi.

Can you do more than one Edinburgh College course?

As all Edinburgh College courses are on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, it is typically not possible to do more than one course as they run at the same time.

Some Edinburgh College courses are available online as open learning, so if there is more than one subject that interests you we recommend you speak to your Guidance Teacher to discuss further.

Are all Edinburgh College courses Foundation Apprenticeships?

Edinburgh College are offering four Foundation Apprenticeship frameworks for the coming year: Creative and Digital Media, Creative and Digital Media (with Graphic Design), Engineering, and Financial Services. Any other Edinburgh College course is not a Foundation Apprenticeship.

Can Foundation Apprenticeship information be found on the website?

Information on Foundation Apprenticeships can be found in many places. Firstly, you can visit the East Lothian Works website for information on East Lothian Council Foundation Apprenticeships. You can also visit Edinburgh College's website to find out more about their frameworks. Your school will likely also have information on Foundation Apprenticeships on their website.

If you'd like more information about Foundation Apprenticeships in general, we recommend visiting apprenticeships.scot to find out more. You're also welcome to get in touch with us at elworks@eastlothian.gov.uk if you have any questions.

What are the entry requirements for Foundation Apprenticeships?

We have detailed the entry requirements for each of our Foundation Apprenticeship frameworks below. Please note that these entry requirements should be seen as guidelines of the difficulty level of the work, and the type of knowledge you may need to know in order to undertake the course. If you are interested in a course and don't quite meet the entry requirements, speak to your Guidance Teacher. You are more than welcome to take part in the Foundation Apprenticeship, and we would be happy to support you through the course.

Accountancy

- Achieved/on track to achieve a National 5 in a Business related subject (e.g. Business, IT, Admin).
- Achieved/on track to achieve Higher Maths.
- Achieved/on track to achieve a Higher in one other subject.

Business Skills

- Achieved/on track to achieve a National 5 in a Business related subject (e.g. Business, IT, Admin).
- Achieved/on track to achieve National 5 Maths.
- Achieved/on track to achieve a Higher in one other subject.

Scientific Technologies

- Achieved/on track to achieve a National 5 in a Science subject.
- Achieved/on track to achieve National 5 Maths.

Scientific Technologies Direct Entry (S6 Only)

- Achieved/on track to achieve Higher Chemistry.
- Achieved/on track to achieve Higher Maths.

Social Services Children and Young People

- Achieved/on track to achieve National 5 English.
- Committed to progressing onto Higher English.

Are Foundation Apprenticeships available to S3 students?

East Lothian Council are currently the only location in Scotland that offer Foundation Apprenticeships to S4 students. We are unable to offer these subjects to S3 students due to timetabling constraints. The Senior Phase (S4-S6) timetable has been designed to accommodate courses that involve travel and transportation, whereas the Broad General (S1-S3) timetable does not provide time for this. Furthermore, Foundation Apprenticeships are equivalent to a Higher, so we recommend that it is Senior Phase students that engage in this level of work.

If an S3 student is interested in undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship, we recommend that they speak to their Guidance Teacher, and they can work together to prepare the student to choose the Foundation Apprenticeship as one of their S4 or S5 subject choices.