



College Academy

Your guide to starting your further education journey at school.

YOUR AMBITION, OUR MISSION

A place to start, a path to succeed



Start your journey at college and get one step ahead...

Did you know that at College Academy there are a number of qualifications that you can study while you are at school?

Schools and colleges are dedicated to working together to ensure young people are given the opportunity to gain vocational experience and to study a subject that might not be available to them at school. Planning for the future is essential in a world of new technologies and changing employment opportunities.

Our offers are based on the growing skills, requirements, and employment needs for Dumfries and Galloway's regional economy.

By starting your college journey in your senior phase at school you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.



What College Academy can offer you...



Inclusive Learning Environment:

At College Academy, we prioritise inclusivity, ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and diverse learning community.



Hands-On Learning:

Immerse yourself in practical, hands-on experiences that go beyond traditional classroom settings. Our curriculum is crafted to provide real-world skills essential for future success.



Skills Growth:

"Your Mission, Our Ambition." College Academy is committed to nurturing and developing a wide range of skills, empowering students to navigate their unique pathways to success.



Personalised Support:

As a college student, we will treat you as an individual and with respect. We will offer you a safe, supportive environment to allow you to prosper and benefit from your studies.

You will be provided with ongoing feedback on how you are progressing with your coursework. Our staff are professional, dedicated, and approachable if you need additional support.

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STEM and Technical Skills



- Construction
- Renewable Energy
- Motor Vehicle
- Cyber Security

Education, Health and Society



- NHS Healthcare
- Social Science
- Early Years
- Education
- Legal Studies

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Service Industries & Tourism



- Hospitality
- Events & Tourism
- Make Up, Beauty & Hair
- Sport

Creative Industries



- Art & Design
- Photography
- Digital Animation
- E-Sports

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[**➤ Academy Portal Page**](#)



Subject Areas

Explore a wide range of subject areas



Business & Management



Hair & Beauty



Computing & E-Sports



Health & Social Care



Creative Industries



Hospitality



Early Education & Childcare



Sustainable Construction



Engineering & Automotive



Remote Learning

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Click on a subject area tile then choose a course that interests you



[Sustainable Construction ↓](#)

Construction Crafts @ SCQF Level 4 (Stranraer)

If you are interested in a career in the construction industry then this is the course for you, this is an exciting opportunity to take that first step to a career that is both satisfying and rewarding.

[Find out more - Stranraer](#)



Click find out more to go to the course listing where you will find everything you need to know and where it could take you.

Entry Requirements

For full course entry requirements, please visit our online portal.

For entry on courses*, the following will apply:

- Recommendation from school
- Parent or guardian approval
- A genuine interest in the subject
- Students should be self-motivated
- Students should be able to work independently
- Full attendance



** Select courses may require an additional interview and advice session.*

Confirmation of offers will be emailed in April 2026

Your school will also be notified if your application has been successful.

We have a dedicated day for all College Academy level 6 Interviews.

This will be on:
Tuesday 14th April 2026
4 pm - 6 pm

Attendance Expectations



- Be prepared to participate fully in the course
- Be prepared to abide by College Academy policies and code of conduct
- Be interested in the course and have the entry requirements stated



Personal Protective Equipment:

Some of the vocational options will require young people to operate equipment under supervision and use tools in certain specialist areas.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be issued to qualifying groups. Students must bring the PPE on each college day and wear as instructed.



Attendance

Full attendance is expected for all College Academy students. A poor attendance record may result in students being unable to complete their qualifications. Above all, we expect you to have the desire to learn and benefit from your studies.

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We want you to enjoy your time at college, setting you on a path to success.



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Attending college while still at school has set Joe up on a path for academic and personal success. Studying at college has enhanced Joes academic profile making him a more competitive applicant for future courses while boosting his overall confidence, motivation, and readiness for future challenges in higher education and beyond.

On reflection attending college is something I wish Joe had enrolled in prior to sixth year as this was available from 4th year and would have allowed him the ability to try various courses alongside studying for his higher exams. The course Joe chose to complete has confirmed his desire to work within a certain industry and allowed him to focus on the qualification/subjects he needs to gain entry following on from High School.

An all-round positive experience which I would highly recommend to others.

Lynsey – Parent

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**Dumfries
and Galloway
College**

**Speak to your pupil
support teacher or SDS
Careers Adviser for more
information on College
Academy.**

If you have any further enquires

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