

What can I expect if I choose a NESCol course?

- Young people can study a range of both school and College qualifications at the same time
- Choosing a School Link course will require pupils to attend a College Campus involving independent travelling.
- When being taught by a College lecturer young people will be treated like a College student.
- College is an adult learning environment and we expect the same adult behaviour of school pupils as we do of our full time students.
- College courses can mean missing some school classes – so additional commitment to catching up on missed work is essential.
- When attending a College course we expect pupils to behave as though they are arriving at work – on time and well prepared.

Want more information?

Full details of all courses included in this booklet are available on the Portlethen Academy website. Additional copies of this booklet are also available online:

<http://www.portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

Please also visit the NESCol School Links webpage

<http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/school-links>



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Senior Phase Course Choice 2018 / 2019



College options for pupils moving into S4, S5 and S6

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What is NESCol?

North East Scotland College is the single largest provider of vocational education and training in the North East of Scotland. We have a course to suit everyone; whether you're fresh out of school, currently working, returning to education or simply want to try something new - whatever your educational or occupational background, an opportunity awaits at NESCol.

We aim to deliver inspirational teaching alongside flexible and accessible courses from each of our modern and well-equipped campuses. Coming to College is a big step and although you are responsible for your own learning, we have a number of expert teams in place to provide support and guidance to help you along the way. Small classes, regular tuition and a range of learning support options are all part of the experience.

*“As they move into the senior phase, young people of all abilities should **have the opportunity to follow industry relevant vocational pathways alongside academic studies.**”* Education Working For All – June 2014

Blend school and college with NESCol

By choosing one of the many courses available for Portlethen Academy students at NESCol you have the opportunity to develop new life skills, study a wider range of qualifications and find out what Further Education is really like. This gives **you** the chance to follow relevant vocational pathways alongside your academic studies in school. Whatever your career aspirations are, there is something for you in our Senior Phase at Portlethen Academy.

What is available to study?

City and Guilds Level 1 Beauty Therapy SCQF 4

Develop beauty therapy skills which will give you the opportunity to undertake further training and qualifications on leaving school, or an opportunity to enter suitable employment.

City and Guilds Level 1 Hairdressing SCQF 4

Develop specific hairdressing skills which will give you the opportunity to undertake further training and qualifications on leaving school, or an opportunity to enter suitable employment.

City and Guilds Introduction to Vehicle Technology SCQF 4

This course will give you an introduction to vehicle technology through a practical course which will offer you an industry recognised qualification

Preparation for Work Supported Learning School Link SCQF 3

This course allows you to try out different options at College, which will help you to plan your future and help you to decide whether or not you might like to attend College full-time after leaving school. It also helps you to build key transferrable skills that will prove extremely useful when you progress towards further study or employment.

What is available to study?

Skills for Work N5 Construction Crafts

This course is aimed at pupils who are interested in working in the construction industry, and recognises that many will not have the experience or the knowledge of the different trades to be able to make an informed choice for future studies or when considering Modern Apprenticeships. The course therefore involves a number of short units that allow pupils to try out and develop their skills across a range of trades. By completing this course at National 5 level, you will be developing important skills to prepare you for undertaking additional training and qualifications when you leave school, or for entering suitable employment via a Modern Apprenticeship programme.

Skills for Work N5 Early Education and Childcare

This course will introduce you to physical and emotional child development and the importance of the use of play in the early education of children. The course will allow you to develop fundamental good practice skills, and become well-equipped for going on to further study or employment.

Skills for Work N5 Health Sector

This course will introduce you to essential care values, human health and development. You will study a range of units and develop industry-related good practice - excellent preparation for your progression towards further study or employment.

PDA Politics SCQF 7

This one year programme will introduce you to political concepts and theories of the state. Being able to evaluate concepts and apply them to theories is central to an understanding of politics. The course comprises of two units at SCQF Level 7

One college, many locations

Aberdeen City Campus



The Aberdeen City Campus is situated in the heart of Aberdeen city centre, within walking distance of shops, restaurants and cafés. It also has excellent access to local and national transportation links such as rail and bus services. The building is modern and dynamic, with state-of-the-art learning facilities and a wide range of social areas available to all of our students. Recently the campus has undergone a change to its exterior, with a re-cladding project boosting the energy use efficiency of the campus - reducing carbon emissions, energy consumption and energy maintenance costs. The modern exterior now reflects the equally modern interior and state-of-the-art facilities inside the building, offering a welcoming learning environment for all.

Aberdeen City Campus boasts a range of exciting learning and teaching facilities including a TV studio, training salons, training restaurant, computing labs, science labs, a basement studio theatre, art workrooms and more!

Aberdeen Altens Campus



The Aberdeen Altens Campus houses many of the engineering, construction and automotive courses on offer, and is perfectly situated at the beginning of a main transport route to Stonehaven and the South. The building has been designed and landscaped to provide lots of social areas, which are vital to the life of any modern educational campus.

For information on other NESCol locations visit: www.nescol.ac.uk

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Foundation Apprenticeships

Foundation Apprenticeships are a new opportunity for Senior Phase pupils developed by Skills Development Scotland, in conjunction with Sector Skills Councils. They are offered by North East Scotland College in partnership with local industry partners. Combining contextualised work-based learning and classroom-based learning, these programmes have been designed to meet the needs of young people whilst being responsive to the needs of the regional labour market.

Starting in S5, this 2 year programme combines course work and extended work experience to lead to an exciting new industry recognised qualification at SCQF Level 6 (the same level as a Higher).

This new national qualification will support access to College, University or the workplace, depending on what suits each individual. By taking part in this blended experience, pupils will be well-equipped with industry standard skills and core knowledge, whilst becoming better prepared to make the transition from school into whatever their chosen next step might be.

Foundation apprenticeships are being offered in 2018 / 19 in

- Accountancy
- Business (Pupils must have passed Higher Business Management)
- Children and Young People
- Civil Engineering
- Creative and Digital Media
- Electrical Engineering
- Food and Drink Operations
- IT Hardware / Systems support
- Mechanical Engineering
- Scientific Technologies (Lab Skills)
- Social Care and Healthcare

S5 pupils who are interested in doing this must be committed to staying on into S6 and studying the course for two years.

What is available to study?

SQA Units Creative Textiles and Garment Manufacture

This SQA Units course in Creative Textiles and Garment Manufacture is designed to equip school pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success in current and future employment within the textiles sector, or for progression to further academic study.

NPA Exercise & Fitness Leadership

In this course you will be introduced to specific operational issues and rationale behind the use of circuit, cardiovascular and fixed weight training techniques and equipment, and will develop safe and effective practical skills in these areas.

NC Travel and Tourism

This two year programme is designed to introduce you to some of the key skills and concepts involved in working in the Travel and Tourism industry. This course provides an excellent preparation for progressing towards study at a higher level or employment.

STEM College Course Certificate

This course is aimed at pupils who are interested in working in the construction, automotive or engineering industries. The course will include taster sessions in seven to ten different disciplines. These may include: Automotive Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Construction (e.g. Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing).

Service Industries College Course Certificate

This course is aimed at pupils who are interested in working in the service industries sector. The course will include taster experiences (approximately 3 weeks in each area) in Child Care, Health and Social Care, Sport, Professional Cookery, Hospitality, Working in the Community, Retail and Personal Presentation.



North East Scotland College School Link Courses 2018 / 2019



For further information on the courses below, please visit the NEScol website <http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/school-links>

Course	SCQF level	Time	Location	Available for		
				S4	S5	S6
Professional Development Award SCQF Level 7 Politics	7	Thurs 9am – 12noon	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
FA Business (1 Year model)	6	Wed 2pm – 5pm and one full day	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
FA Accountancy	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Children and Young People	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Civil Engineering	6	Mon and Wed 1.30pm - 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Creative and Digital Media Year 1	6	Mon and Wed 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Electrical Engineering	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Altens		✓	
FA Food and Drink Operations	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA IT Hardware / Systems Support	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Mechanical Engineering	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus / Altens		✓	
FA Scientific Technologies (Lab skills)	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Social Care and Healthcare	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
Higher Psychology	6	Wed 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Portlethen Academy		✓	✓
NPA SCQF Level 6 Exercise and Fitness Leadership	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
NPA SCQF Level 6 Exercise and Fitness Leadership	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
NC SCQF Level 5 Travel and Tourism (2 Year programme)	5	Mon and Wed 2pm – 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	
SQA Units Creative Textiles and Garment Manufacture	5 / 6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 Construction Crafts	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 EE & Childcare	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SfW N5 Health Sector	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Beauty Therapy	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Hairdressing	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Intro to Vehicle Technology	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
STEM College Certificate Course	4	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
Service Industries College Certificate Course	4	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Altens	✓	✓	✓
Preparation for Work Supported Learning School Link	3	Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓

Key			
FA	Foundation Apprenticeship	SfW	Skills for Work
NPA	National Progression Award	C&G	City and Guilds
NC	National Course	SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework