

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**MIDLOTHIAN SCHOOL LEAVERS, JUNE 2020**

For young people on the Autism spectrum, change can be particularly challenging. In Midlothian, a range of parents, people with Autism, staff of voluntary organisations, the Council and the NHS work together to offer support **and** information. This can be found at the following website[**www.autismideasinmidlothian.com**](http://www.autismideasinmidlothian.com)

**Foundation Apprenticeships – Midlothian**

There is an offer of Foundation Apprenticeships (equivalent to a Higher and currently offered over 2 years across S5 & S6) in the following subject areas – Childcare, Business Skills, Social Services & Healthcare and Information Technology Software Development which are organised through the Council’s Communities and Lifelong Learning service that is being delivered in Schools and Council buildings across Midlothian.

**Contact your Guidance Teacher/Pupil Support Leader at school for more information**

**Foundation Apprenticeships - Edinburgh College**

A further offer of Foundation Apprenticeships in a wider range of subjects is being delivered by Edinburgh College across its 4 campuses in Sighthill, Granton, Milton Road and Eskbank. These are available in the following subject areas – Accountancy, Civil Engineering, Creative and Digital Media (Broadcast Media) , Creative and Digital Media (Graphic Design), Engineering , Financial Services , Food & Drink Technologies, Scientific Technologies.

**Further information can be found** [**here**](http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/schools/foundation%20apprenticeships%20student%20guide.pdf)

**Edinburgh College Courses**

If your child is looking to leave school, then Edinburgh College has over 500 part time and full time courses at various SCQF levels, including many apprenticeships, and guarantees the offer of a place for all school leavers (n.b. this may not always be on their first choice course). The College can also arrange for funding to help study, travel, child care and other support needs. Courses are currently open for application.

**Course Information and our 20/21 prospectus can be accessed** [**here**](http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Welcome/Our-Prospectus)

**Click** [**here**](http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Courses/) **to apply or for more information you can call the course enquiry line between 10am - 4pm on 0131 297 8300.**

**School/College Partnerships**

An existing Schools/College partnership offer allows senior phase pupils to experience learning and gain additional skills and qualifications with Edinburgh College as part of their school curriculum and supports opportunities for progression to further study or employment. There are a wide variety of SCP courses offered in partnership with the College, at various SCQF levels and varying lengths to suit different pupils’ abilities and needs’.

**The general offer can be found online** [**here**](http://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/Schools)

**Contact your Guidance Teacher/Pupil Support Leader at school before applying**

**Wider Achievement Opportunities**

Wider achievements beyond academic qualifications are important to young people and are valued by Colleges, Universities, vocational training providers and employers. The Council’s CLL service and individual schools offer a range of opportunities to engage in awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, John Muir awards, Youth Achievement awards, as well as in volunteering programmes with local charities and community organisations. Pupils choosing to stay on in school may be able to take up these options to broaden their experience before starting to seek work, or to support applications to continue in learning.

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**Work Place Experience**

The school work experience programme has, for most pupils, been a one week opportunity in S4 as part of a ‘learning for work’ curriculum, but for some pupils a longer term option of partial school attendance and partial workplace learning has been established. Subject to the agreement of employers and appropriate matching of pupil aspirations with employer offers, it is planned to offer a part school/part work placement attendance model to pupils who choose to stay on in S5 or S6 and wish to gain work experience.

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**Skills Development Scotland** (SDS) have Careers Advisers in every school who are available to provide advice and guidance to pupils on their next steps. They can be contacted on 0131 6637287 or by e-mailing the adviser directly:

• **Beeslack High School** – [Stephen McBroom](mailto:Stephen.Mcbroom@sds.co.uk)

• **Dalkeith High School** – [Barbara Moir](mailto:Barbara.Moir@sds.co.uk)

• **Lasswade High School** – [Judy Tyler](mailto:Judy.Tyler@sds.co.uk) & [Nicola Powell](mailto:Nicola.Powell@sds.co.uk)

• **Newbattle High School** – [Alison McGeechan](mailto:Alison.Mcgeechan@sds.co.uk)

• **St David’s RC High School** – [Nicola Croft](mailto:Nicola.Croft@sds.co.uk)

* **Penicuik High School** - [Caroline Steele](mailto:Caroline.Steele@sds.co.uk)

The [**My World of Work Website**](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/) provides online career information and advice to young people and their parents/carers

We hope that this information is of assistance to you and your child. If your child does not yet have a destination, or the destination they planned for is now unlikely to be available, please ask them to contact their Guidance Teacher at school who will be able to support.