

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Information on Foundation Apprenticeships will be provided via your Schools College Link / Guidance Tutor.

Interested Students can then apply to the College by completing a paper based application form.

For more information on FA's:  
[www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships/](http://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships/)

## GETTING TO AND FROM COLLEGE

The College may be able to help with your travel to and from campus by allowing you to travel on certain bus services without charge. Student Travel Guides showing bus times/routes are available from the College Reception.

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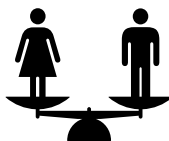
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## Equality & Diversity

All individuals within Dumfries and Galloway College have a responsibility for compliance with legislation and for positive attitudes towards equal opportunities. All external persons connected to Dumfries and Galloway College will be encouraged to hold the same responsibility and commitment.

We are committed to equal opportunities for all and encourage access to all courses by everyone.

*Did you know?...*



We are encouraging pupils to apply for subjects which are traditionally thought to be 'male' or 'female' orientated. Join the 'we can do it' spirit and apply for your place now. Don't let outdated gender stereotyping prevent you from pursuing your interests or education / career pathways.

**Your future should be shaped by YOU, we can help. Together 'we can do it'!**

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Dumfries & Galloway College, Bankend Rd, Dumfries, DG1 4FD

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## WHAT IS A FOUNDATION

## APPRENTICESHIP (FA)?

This is an exciting new course which will be delivered in partnership with your school, local companies, Dumfries & Galloway College, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) to ensure you have the best learning opportunity and job prospects.

A Foundation Apprenticeship is an industry recognised qualification that you can study whilst still attending school, starting in S5 and completing in S6, providing a “fast track” route to employment or higher level study (HNC Level). There are a number of regional companies directly involved as part of the partnership who are looking to recruit directly from the Foundation Apprenticeship intake.

## WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

This is a 2 year programme for someone who is interested in pursuing a career within Social Services, particularly in working with Children and Young People.

The Award supports individuals to develop a range of skills which employers value, together with knowledge and understanding which supports:

- Progression in employment
- Further or Higher education to continue to develop a career in the Social Services Sector and/or Childhood Practice and Education Sectors.

The programme provides an advantage to those undertaking it by either

demonstrating to employers that they have the skill set they require or by supporting opportunities to progress further at College or University.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to be on target to obtain a minimum of 4 National 5 courses at B or above including English. You will also need to attend an advice session where there will be a one to one interview to determine appropriate aptitude for the programme.

## TYPICAL CAREERS

A variety of careers in the fields of Social Services include: Social Worker, Supported Programme and Living Worker, Residential Childcare and Children’s Centre Worker, Youth Work.

A variety of careers in the fields of Childhood Practice and Education include, Support worker in children’s day care services, out of school care, nursery assistant, play leader or nursery officer. Progression pathways can lead to management roles in nurseries and day care centres.

## DELIVERY

### Year 1

August 2018 to June 2019

On Friday - 1 day per week at college.

The majority of study will centre around completion of the 5 mandatory NPA Units. You will also need to undertake workplace experience of between 100 – 140 hours

Links will be made with various sectors and employers will hold sessions with candidates thus beginning the process of making links with future placements.

### Year 2

August 2019 until June 2020

2 days per week commitment which comprises attendance at college to take part in SVQ 2 tutorials and take part in work place experience. You will complete 370 hours workplace experience as part of the SVQ 2 learning and assessment process.

## STUDYING A

## FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

You will be a fully enrolled student of Dumfries and Galloway College which gives you access to all of the same services and facilities as the rest of our students.

The Foundation Apprenticeship includes the National Progression Award in Social Services (Children and Young People) and part of the Scottish Vocational Qualification Level 2 Social Services (Children and Young People).

The NPA Social Services is made up of 5 units of study and will enable you to complete a qualification designed to provide the underpinning knowledge that will help you develop an understanding of how children develop and learn, the importance of play and child protection. It will also help you develop the practical skills that are needed to delivery early learning and childcare opportunities for children.

The NPA units include:

Safeguarding Children and Young People, Play for Children and Young People, Communication with Children and Young People, Development of Children and

Young People, Promoting Wellbeing of Children and Young People.

SVQ 2 Units:

You will have the opportunity to undertake the following 4 units:

Support Effective Communication, Support the Health and Safety of Yourself and Individuals, Develop your own Knowledge and Practice, Support the Safeguarding of Children.

You will also have assessed workplace experience to meet SVQ requirements.

This course will prepare you for entry into employment and develop the skills appropriate for working in childcare settings and provide opportunities for progression to NQ, HNC or degree level studies.

The course is a true foundation for you to embed key employability values and provides you with a practical skill set highly valued by employers.

