



August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COLLEGE ACADEMY COURSES FROM AUGUST 2025**

Your child has elected to study a course delivered by Dumfries and Galloway College during session 2025/26. Courses run at different times and details are in the table on the next page.

Transport will be provided on both afternoons however, if a student is attending college for a full day, they will require to ensure that they have applied for a free bus pass (young Scot card) with the Scottish Government for morning trips.

Students studying on either afternoon, will go to the social space to eat lunch during period 5. Students must bring either a packed lunch or pre-order lunch from the canteen. They will not have time to go down the street to purchase anything. They will be registered on the buses in the bus park at 12.40pm. Day 1, they will be met by their lecturers and escorted to their classes before returning to the buses for 4.30pm at the college bus park. Students studying Automotive skills at the bridge, will be taken to the bridge after students are dropped off at the college (around 1.40pm) and will be collected around 4.45pm at the bridge. All students will return to Lockerbie Academy for around 5.15-5.30pm. Students can be dropped off in Lochmaben High Street. Any student requiring further bus travel once having returned to school, should ensure they have their Young Scot card for free bus travel.

- If your child only attends college on a Tuesday afternoon, you can choose to allow your child to study offsite on a Thursday afternoon (child signs out at 12.20pm).
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All S5/6 students require to be on school grounds during their college study periods Monday period 1 & 2, study classes have been allocated. Please complete link at end of letter if you have not already completed before the summer holidays.

Please be aware that if your child has attendance issues or appears to be underperforming in school (which we will share in Tracker reports), then offsite study will be revoked, and they will be allocated to study classes to support their attainment.

### **Funding transport**

Last year the college buses cost the school in excess of £12,000, and this must be paid from the whole school budget. This would work out as approximately £116 per child this year without inflation. As a school we want to support students accessing these courses and we are asking parents/carers to support our transport costs from one of the following options:



- I am able to contribute £55 towards the cost of transport for my child
- I am able and willing to contribute more than £55 towards the cost of transport for my child
- I would need support with the cost of transport

Further details and contact would be next week about payment. Please **complete the link at end of letter if you have not already completed before the summer holidays** with your choice.

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| <b>Courses running @ D&amp;G College</b><br><b>Tues 1.30pm – 4.30pm</b>                          | Social Science Pathway - Criminology NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Automotive Skills SFW @ SCQF Level 4<br>Construction Crafts @ SCQF Level 4<br>Sport and Recreation SFW @ SCQF Level 5<br>Art and Design NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Cyber Security NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Digital Media Animation NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Legal Studies NPA @ SCQF Level 6 ( <b>ONLINE</b> )<br>Photography NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Early Learning and Childcare @ SCQF Level 5<br>Introduction to e-Sports NPA @ SCQF Level 5<br>Make-up, Hair and Beauty Skills @ SCQF Level 5<br>Professional Cookery @ SCQF Level 4 |
| <b>Course running @ the bridge</b><br><b>Tues 1.30pm – 4.30pm</b>                                | Automotive Skills SFW @ SCQF Level 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Course running @ D&amp;G College</b><br><b>Thurs 1.30pm – 4.30pm</b>                          | Renewable Energy Practical Skills SFW @ SCQF Level 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Courses running both</b><br><b>Tues 1.30pm – 4.30pm &amp;</b><br><b>Thurs 1.30pm – 4.30pm</b> | Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services Children and Young People @ SCQF Level 6<br>UWS Healthcare Foundation Academy SFW @ SCQF Level 6<br>Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering @ SCQF Level 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Course running <u>all day</u></b><br><b>Tues &amp; Thurs @ D&amp;G College</b>                | FA Engineering (year 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

I appreciate this is a lot of information to digest, so if you have any questions or would like to discuss the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please can everyone complete the following link for offsite study permission from August, and transport payment options by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vAd802sr4P>

Yours sincerely,



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