



Dumfries
and Galloway
College

YOUR AMBITION, OUR MISSION

A place to start, a path to succeed

**COLLEGE
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Welcome to Dumfries and Galloway College, where dreams take shape, skills are forged, and futures are built.

Whether you are taking your first steps into education, advancing your career prospects, or paving a pathway to university, our college is the place to begin. Here, ambition meets opportunity, and every student is empowered to thrive.

With a wealth of courses, flexible study options, and an unwavering commitment to your success, we are ready to support you in every stage of your journey.

Let's turn your aspirations into achievements together and help you reach new heights.





Study Options to suit everyone



At Dumfries and Galloway College, we offer flexible ways to study, so you can choose a path that works for you:

- **Full-time Courses:** Immerse yourself in your chosen subject and complete your qualifications quickly.
- **Part-time Courses:** Perfect for balancing study with work or family commitments.
- **Short Courses:** Build your skills over just a few days.
- **Study Locally:** Save on travel and accommodation costs by studying close to home.



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Your Pathways to Success

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Every journey begins with a single step, and at Dumfries and Galloway College, we offer clear pathways to help you succeed at every stage of your education:



College Academy: Start your journey while still at school, gain valuable qualifications, and potentially shorten your education journey.



Access Routes to University: Progress seamlessly into higher education with our HNC and HND programs, which are highly regarded by universities and employers alike.



Employment Opportunities: Gain practical, career-ready skills that employers in the region value, enabling you to start full-time employment sooner.



Study locally

Helping you save on associated study costs such as travel, accommodation and more.

Subject areas we offer



Our wide range of subject areas ensures there is something for everyone.

Explore our courses in:



Business & Management



Hair & Beauty



Computing & E-Sports



Health & Social Care



Creative Industries



Hospitality



Early Education & Childcare



Sustainable Construction



Engineering & Automotive



Sport & Fitness



ESOL



**Life Skills, Employability
& Pathways (L.E.A.P)**



With options from entry-level courses to HNCs and HNDs, you can find the perfect course to achieve your goals.

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What you can become Your Path

At DGC, your education is a pathway to endless possibilities. Whether entering the workforce, upskilling, or progressing to university, we'll help you achieve your career goals.

Career-Focused Paths:

Explore opportunities across various sectors. Whatever your passion, we have a course to match your ambitions.

University Progression:

Our HNC and HND programs provide seamless entry to degree-level study.

Real-World Skills:

Gain practical experience and industry-relevant expertise through work placements and hands-on learning.





Student Support

We understand that support is key to your success, and we're here to help every step of the way.

Our dedicated Student Support Team provides:

Advice and Guidance: Assistance with everything from course information to making your application.

Wellbeing Support: Access to confidential counselling, mental health resources, and wellbeing initiatives.

Learning Support: Tailored support for students with additional learning needs, including one-on-one help and assistive technologies.

Financial Support: Guidance on bursaries, funding options, and managing study costs.

Care-Experienced and Young Carers Support: Specialist help to ensure care-experienced students and young carers thrive at college.



Student Funding



Dumfries and Galloway College offers a range of funding options to support students:

Student Funding Team: Help with applications, payment schedules, and eligibility for bursaries, childcare, and discretionary funds.

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance): Full-Time Further Education Courses up to SCQF Level 6

SAAS (Student Awards Agency Scotland): Higher Education students can apply for tuition fee payments, loans, and grants directly via **SAAS**. Apply early.

Childcare Funds: All students may apply for assistance with registered childcare costs regardless of whether they are studying on a full-time or part-time basis.

Discretionary Funds: Support for housing and other costs for students from households earning under £40,000.

For details, visit the Student Funding section on the DGC Student Portal.

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Practical Learning Real Results

We emphasise hands-on, real-world learning, allowing you to positively impact your community while boosting your skills.

As a student, you'll benefit from:

- Authentic assessments and real-world experiences.
- Industry-aligned training to ensure career readiness.
- Opportunities to develop digital literacy, critical thinking, and environmental responsibility.





Our Campuses

Our college is home to two modern campuses in Dumfries and Stranraer, each designed to provide students with state-of-the-art learning environments and excellent facilities:

- **Dumfries Campus:** Located in the picturesque Crichton estate, this campus offers a vibrant, collaborative atmosphere and cutting-edge facilities, including advanced workshops, IT labs, and inspiring learning spaces.
- **Stranraer Campus:** A community-focused campus equipped with specialised facilities and training areas tailored to meet the needs of students and the local economy.

Both campuses provide welcoming spaces that encourage learning, creativity, and connection, ensuring you have everything you need to thrive.



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Student life

Your Community

At Dumfries and Galloway College, student life is more than just studying – it's about being part of a vibrant, supportive community. The Student Association plays a central role in enhancing your experience, providing a platform for your voice to be heard and organising activities to keep college life engaging and rewarding.

Get involved in Active Campus clubs and other activities, including the popular FREE gym classes and sports sessions. From creative clubs, like the Grimdark Gamers of Galloway to sports groups, there's something for everyone to enjoy and connect with other like-minded students.



Graduation:

Celebrating Your Achievements

Graduation is the pinnacle of your journey at Dumfries and Galloway College. It's a time to celebrate your hard work, dedication, and achievements with friends, family, and tutors who have supported you along the way. As a graduate, you join a proud community of alumni who are making their mark in various fields, from local industries to international ventures.

Our graduation ceremonies are held annually, providing a memorable occasion to reflect on your success and look ahead to a bright future. You'll leave not only with a qualification but also with the confidence, skills, and connections to excel in your chosen path.





Mission 2030

Shaping the Future Together

Our Mission 2030 strategy focuses on four pillars, driving our commitment to transforming education and empowering our students and community:

Our Students: Future Skills

- Equipping students with digital literacy, career readiness, and sustainability skills.
- Cultivating creativity, resilience, and critical thinking for the future.

Our People: Future Workforce

- Promoting lifelong learning, diversity, and inclusion.
- Supporting professional development to meet society's evolving needs.

Our Learning: Future Education

- Delivering innovative, inclusive, and technology-enhanced learning.
- Providing equitable education for all.

Our Partners: Future Growth

- Collaborating with local industries and community organisations.
- Supporting regional economic growth and sustainability goals, including our commitment to net zero by 2030.

Success:

Kelvin Thompson

HND Business

I started my journey at Dumfries and Galloway College in 2015, completing an HNC in Business as part of a modern apprenticeship with Dumfries and Galloway Council. The education and support I received helped me secure a full-time position at the Council. Although I couldn't immediately pursue further studies, I returned in 2020 to complete an HND in Business, which enabled me to earn a first-class honours degree in Rural Business Management at SRUC Barony in 2023, along with multiple awards. The HNC and HND courses equipped me with essential business skills, from finance to marketing, and boosted my confidence through practical experiences like presentations. This education not only enhanced my work at the Council, leading to promotions and leadership roles, but also prepared me for my current position as Corporate Systems Development Coordinator. The support and expertise of the College staff played a key role in my success, enabling me to advance my career and open new opportunities for growth.

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The supportive and accessible lecturing staff made a significant difference in my learning experience, easing the academic pressures and ensuring I could thrive.

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Success:

Natalya Gibson

HND Coaching & Developing Sport

College has been a breath of fresh air and I have been supported by all my lecturers. At the start of the year, I struggled and found the work significantly different to high school.

Thanks to my lecturers being so supportive, helpful and friendly I began to get engrossed in my studies, this led to me getting an A in my HNC.

In addition to an award as 'Lecturers' Learner of the Year'. I am now doing my HND in sports coaching and my plan next year is to apply to university. My dreams of becoming a PE teacher are becoming closer to reality. College has also allowed me to make new friends who have also had a huge impact on my college experience and have made college a lovely place to be.

The experience gained at college has helped me become a skating coach at Dumfries Ice Bowl and gain a job with Active Schools.

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Ready to Take the First Step?

Dumfries and Galloway College is here to help you build your future, from starting your journey to achieving your ultimate goals. Explore our courses, discover your potential, and join us in shaping a brighter tomorrow.

Visit us at dumgal.ac.uk to find out more and start your journey today!

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