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HIVE Courses

Hope, Inspiration and Vision in Education



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The HIVE (Hope, Inspiration and Vision in Education) is a bespoke learning space which focuses on preparing young people for their next steps. The programme aims to develop essential skills, motivation and self-confidence in an innovative and engaging way.

Our courses will develop skills in a number of areas including team work, enterprise, leadership and employability, whilst you can look forward to taking part in community projects.

With an emphasis on student-led learning, you will work through a number of themes covering everything from **social media, sports, music and digital media** which will help you to build the skills needed to progress in both education and the world of work.

Former students of the HIVE have successfully applied to full-time courses at college whilst some are now going on to university or directly into work.

With exciting programmes in retail, enterprise, personal empowerment and our partnership with the **Prince's Trust**, it's always a hive of activity. So... why not come and join us!





Phase 1 SCQF Level 3

This phase is aimed at young people aged 15 or 16, who are eligible to leave school at Christmas and would benefit from a change of environment and approach. In order to further develop their personal skills and to positively progress attendance on this course will require release from the Educational Authority.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

24/7 is a bespoke course, tailor-made to fit the needs of the young people accessing it. It uses the themes of:

- **Learner Journey:** Settling in, accessing services and next steps/ positive progression.
- **Citizenship:** What makes a good citizen? How can we make a difference to our community?
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Alcohol, drug awareness and other health and wellbeing aspects.
- **Personal Creativity:** An expressive journal allowing the young person to express themselves via various media.
- **Relationships:** Looking at healthy relationships, how to form and maintain them.
- **Outdoor Learning:** This could involve projects that would improve our local environment.

These themes are used to help the student develop skills and attributes that will allow them to achieve and progress in college and through life.

This course is full-time and runs for 16 weeks starting in January and September. It is available at our Ayr, Kilmarnock and Kilwinning campuses.

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If you successfully complete this course, there are some courses you can move on to for example: 24/7 Plus, PEZ or PEZ Plus.



Phase 2 SCQF Level 3



This second phase course is designed for young people aged 16 to 24, who would benefit from a change of environment and teaching approach. In order to further develop personal skills students will build on recent learning experiences.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

24/7 Plus is a bespoke course, tailor-made to fit the needs of the young people accessing it. It uses the themes of:

- **Next Stage Learner Journey:** Settling in, accessing services and next steps/positive progression.
- **Develop Citizenship:** Looks at different cultures and beliefs and the barriers that can be faced.
- **Personal Health and Wellbeing:** What is the importance of a healthy lifestyle and how do you get it?
- **The Media:** What is mass media? What is social media? How can they both be used positively and safely?
- **Creative:** How do you become creative? What do you need to do to get there?
- **Scottish History:** Looking at early Scotland, its key figures and its landscapes. This unit involves a project.

These themes are used to help the student develop skills and attributes that will allow them to achieve and progress in college and throughout life.

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If you successfully complete this course, there are some courses you can move on to for example: PEZ, PEZ Plus, Prince's Trust, Step into Youth Work, Step into Employment and a range of College courses.

Successful completion has also lead to employment or places with other training providers.

Phase 3 SCQF Level 4



PEZ or Personal Empowerment Zone is for learners who may not yet have formal qualifications but have the drive and determination to succeed. To secure a place on this PEZ course is subject to an interview process.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

This course aims to develop essential skills, motivation and self-confidence in an innovative and engaging way. It gives a valuable grounding and a college qualification to students who develop an interest in a range of issues and aim to take an active role in society.

Course content includes a range of themes to assist in the development of varied skill sets such as working with others. Themes include:

- World of Work
- Our Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Working with Others
- Basic IT and Communication skills
- Life Skills
- Individual Creative Project
- Mapping the Student Learning Journey

Learning activities include:

- Communication: written, speaking and listening, and visual presentation utilising visual media
- Developing case studies
- Building a portfolio

A significant practical element takes place at external venues where the learner's knowledge is reinforced by visiting curriculum relevant places of interest that have a direct link to the curriculum themes.

This is a full-time programme for 18 weeks starting in January and September. Available at our Ayr, Kilmarnock and Kilwinning campuses.

If you successfully complete this course, there are some courses you can move on to for example: PEZ Plus, Prince's Trust, Step into Youth Work, Step into Employment, and a range of College courses.

Successful completion has also lead to employment or places with other training providers.

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Students on this course will normally have progressed from PEZ, however, there is scope for students to come straight in at this level. A place on the course is subject to an interview with HIVE staff.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

This course is the next step for students having completed the PEZ programme. It aims to develop essential skills, motivation and self-confidence in an innovative and engaging way.

This course involves looking at skills required for the workplace. Different areas of employment are considered and students are given an overview of these areas. The course supports research into jobs that are linked to several locations such as hospitals, schools, nurseries, gyms, hotels and care homes.

Course content includes a range of themes to assist in the development of varied skill sets such as:

- Health, Social Care and Early Years
- Sports and Social Science
- Hair, Beauty, Make-Up Artistry and Complementary Therapies
- Art, Fashion, Music and Sound Production, Media, Photography and Performance Arts
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Business and Computing
- STEM - Construction, Technology, Trades, Motor Vehicle and Horticulture
- STEM - Engineering and Science

The course is full-time and runs for 18 weeks starting in January and September. The programme is available at our Ayr, Kilmarnock and Kilwinning campuses.

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If you successfully complete this course, there are some courses you can move on to for example: Prince's Trust, Step into Youth Work, Step into Employment, and a range of College courses.

Successful completion has also lead to employment or places with other training providers.

Phase 5 SCQF Level 4

Step into Youth Work

Students on this course will have had a varied background and aspirations of working with young people. A place on the course is subject to an interview process.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

Step into Youth Work is designed to introduce young people to the various aspects of youth work and what is required to make the first steps into a career in this field. The course aims to develop skills such as, motivation, self-confidence, team building, as well as an understanding of basic Youth Work legislation, boundaries, safeguarding and challenging behaviour.

You will look at the historical aspects of youth work and where we are today. You will explore the current issues facing young people today including the various legislation and the different approaches needed, such as engagement, confidence-building and teamwork.

The course is 3 days per week and students are expected to find a voluntary position outwith college time. This course includes:

- What is Youth Work?
- Young People Today and Challenging Behaviour
- Youth Work and Ethics
- Boundaries and Safeguarding
- Creative Digital Media Project
- Employability within Youth Work
- Youth Work with Assessments

This course is full-time and runs for 18 weeks starting in January and September. It is available at our Kilmarnock Campus.

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Having completed this course you will be ready for the next step in your journey, either into further education or a career with a youth organisation. Courses you can move on to are NC Health and Social Care, HNC Health and Social Care, NC Working with Communities, HNC Working with Communities. **Successful completion has also lead to employment.**

Phase 5 SCQF Level 4

Step into Employment

Whilst no formal qualifications are required, candidates will be subject to an interview process to establish capability. The programme aims to develop employability through a variety of methods both in and out of the classroom.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

This course aims to develop the skills which are essential for the workplace and prepares the student for transition to employment. There is also scope to progress to level 5 and above within mainstream courses after completion. This may suit students who seek part-time work to help progress their career.

This course will offer a variety of different methods to enhance the student experience from group projects to fundraising events, as well as traditional employability content. This course includes:

- Industry Awareness
- CVs and Written Communication
- Interview Skills
- Enterprise Activity
- Community Project
- Volunteering Options
- Networking
- Increasing Potential

The course is full-time and runs for 18 weeks starting in January and September. It is available at our Kilwinning Campus.

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Having completed this course, there are some courses you can move on to which are pitched at different levels that you can accomplish while working at your own pace. These include Prince's Trust, Step into Youth Work and other College courses.

Successful completion has also lead to employment or places with other training providers.

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Prince's Trust

SCQF Level 4

Applicants should be able to work safely in a group situation. A place on the course is subject to an interview process. Students without any formal qualifications, but with life experience and a demonstrable interest in the subject area will also be considered for entry.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

Subjects may include:

- **Team Building Activity**
- **Residential**
- **Community Project**
- **Team Challenge**
- **Work Placement**

The course is full-time and runs for 12 weeks starting in February and June. It is available at our Ayr, Kilmarnock and Kilwinning campuses.

Progression to a wide range of relevant vocational courses at SCQF Level 4/5 or employment as appropriate.

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