

# Supported Learning Programmes

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**Our Supported Learning Programmes provide education and training for people with additional support needs.**

Our courses are designed to develop and enhance academic, social, practical and vocational skills. In addition to full-time programmes, a range of part-time introductory courses are available. These courses may lead to further study, prepare students for employment and/or enhance social and practical skills, build confidence and self-reliance.

Our programmes are continually reviewed and developed to meet the ever-changing needs and demands of our student groups. We work closely with many external agencies and community partners to plan and develop our provision. We encourage individuals, external organisations and agencies to contact us directly regarding any specific enquiries or information about our courses.

## Did you know?

**Our well established extended supported learning system ensures that any student with additional support needs is given advice and support in relation to their specific needs. This may include:**

- Assessments
- Counselling
- Facilitators
- Guidance
- Scribing
- Special Equipment



## Sharon Gibb Expressions 1 and 2

Coming to James Watt College has proven to be a life changing experience for Sharon Gibb. Sharon has Down's syndrome and was educated at home by her parents. She first came to the College in 2007 on a part-time basis, after the death of her Mother. Initially she was given a lot of one-to-one support as she wasn't used to being in an educational establishment or mixing with large groups of people. However, she adapted very well to this new experience and support was soon no longer required.

Sharon completed the Expressions 1 course making really good progress in all subjects and achieving three access one cookery units.

She progressed onto the Expressions 2 course consisting of music, drama, arts and crafts, ICT and basic literacy skills, hairdressing and beauty, and SQA cookery units. As a result of Sharon's effort in this course she participated in the class production of "Tam O'Shanter" in May 2009.

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Sharon has also undertaken an independent travel programme run by the college, which she completed June 2009, enabling her to move on in September 2009 to the Lifestyles course which is employment focused, and hopefully this will lead to part-time employment in the future.

Lecturer Ellen West said “Sharon's confidence has increased tremendously since she started attending college, although her social skills were of a high standard when she began the course, she wasn't used to interacting with young people, but now she mixes really well with her fellow students and is probably the most popular member of the class.”

“Sharon has been a delight for all of us to teach, all staff and fellow students are impressed by her unfailing cheerfulness, her generosity of spirit and by the progress she has made in such a short time.”

**Duration**

Full-time, one year.

**Entry Requirements**

There are no formal entry qualifications. Entry is decided after an interview following the taster course. Referrals can be made via special schools, adult resource centres, parents, carers or individuals. Bursary funding covers fees and travel arrangements. Students on this course retain their benefits.

**Available**

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock and North  
Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**BETA (Beginning Education & Training Activities)**

**This course is designed to meet the needs of those who have moderate to severe learning difficulties. For most students the course provides a first experience of college and full-time study. The course aims to develop each person's life and social skills to their fullest potential, enabling them to contribute to the college and the community.**

**Course Content**

- **Projects Integrating Core Components of Communication, Numeracy, ICT and Personal and Social Development.**
- **Shopping & Cooking Skills**
- **Personal Presentation**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Options include: Drama Music, Art, Science, and Leisure & Recreation**

**Assessment**

The course is mainly practically-based and will be assessed via observation, personal interview and simple assignments or projects.

**Progression**

Students who successfully complete this course will progress onto Connections or other appropriate college programmes.

**Careers**

If appropriate, students can be referred onto supported employment opportunities.

## Connections

This course helps develop and improve communication, numeracy, ICT, personal and social skills. The course focuses on preparing students for supported living and/or supported employment.

### Course Content

- Community Projects
- Communication
- Numeracy
- ICT
- First Aid
- The World of Work
- Residential Experience
- Working with Others
- Workshop Projects

### Assessment

Assessment is in line with SQA requirements or by observation, interviews and project work.

### Progression

Students may progress to the Lifestyles course.

### Careers

Students may progress onto open or supported employment where applicable.

### Duration

Full-time, one – two years.

### Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements but applicants must be independent travellers and genuinely interested in progressing onto a more independent lifestyle which includes independent or supported living opportunities and/or supported employment.

### Available

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Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**Duration**

Full-time, one year.

**Entry Requirements**

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**Lifestyles**

This course will help you learn about how to have a healthy and fulfilling life. You will learn about employment (this includes a half-day work placement) and develop your ability to use your leisure time in an enjoyable and useful way. This will include learning to live a healthy lifestyle through following a sensible diet and taking regular exercise.

**Course Content**

- Communication in a Work Related Environment
- Healthy Cookery
- Sampling Work
- Drama
- Work Placements
- ICT
- Leisure Options
- Communication
- Numeracy
- First Aid

**Assessment**

Much of the course is practically based. Assessment is in line with SQA requirements or by observation, interviews and project work.

**Progression**

Students may progress to appropriate courses.

**Careers**

Students may progress onto open or supported employment where applicable.

## Introduction to Craft Skills

This introductory craft skills course aims to help learners develop practical skills through engaging in project work. The focus of the course is to build self-confidence and enhance life and social skills.

### Course Content

- An Introduction to Card Making
- Developing Communication, Numeracy, Money and Computing Skills
- An Introduction to Workshop Skills
- Introductory Cooking Skills

### Assessment

The assessment is practically based and students will be assessed on work produced.

### Progression

Students may progress to Come Dine With Us, Enterprising Cards or other programmes.

### Careers

Students may progress to vocational or supported employment.

### Duration

Full time, three days per week.

### Entry Requirements

Entry to the programme is decided after an interview before the class starts. If support is required, this will be discussed at the interview. Individuals, key housing, day centres and social work departments may make referrals/applications.

### Available

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### Duration

Full-time, one year.

### Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements. Entry follows successful completion of Step Link course or an informal interview.

### Available

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock and North  
Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

## Step 1

This course assists students to be as independent as possible by developing and enhancing core, social, practical and vocational skills.

### Course Content

- Communication
- Numeracy
- Computing
- Personal & Social Development
- Workshop Skills
- Acting & Performance
- Working with Others
- Craft
- Cookery
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Sports
- Residential Experience
- Youth Achievement Awards

### Assessment

As per SQA requirements and as determined by individual student targets/goals.

### Progression

Successful students may progress onto further study in the Step 2 course, mainstream provision or vocational training.

### Careers

Employment options are individually determined.

## Step 2

Assists students to be as independent as possible by developing and enhancing core, social, practical and vocational skills.

### Course Content

- Communication
- Numeracy
- Computing
- Mechanics
- Retail Skills
- Office Skills
- Construction
- Hospitality
- Child Care - Parenting Skills
- Health & Technology
- Hairdressing
- Work Experience
- Residential Experience
- Acting & Performance
- Sports
- Spanish
- An Introduction to Health and Social Care (psychology and sociology, health and safety, care)

### Assessment

Assessment is as per SQA requirements or as determined by individual goals/targets.

### Progression

Successful students may progress onto further study in our Transitions or Commercial Ventures courses, in addition to mainstream courses and vocational training.

### Careers

Career prospects are individually determined.

### Duration

Full-time, one year.

### Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements.  
Entry is by interview.

### Available

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock and North  
Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**Duration**

Full-time, one year.

**Entry Requirements**

There are no formal entry requirements. Entry follows a successful interview.

**Available**

Finnart Campus,  
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Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**Transitions**

This course encourages students to develop social, core, and vocational skills in order that they may be better equipped to access pre-vocational/vocational training opportunities.

**Course Content**

- Communication
- Numeracy
- Personal Development
- Photography
- Information Technology
- Hairdressing
- Child Care
- First Aid
- Construction
- Home Economics
- Craft & Design
- Science
- Environmental Awareness
- Spanish
- Holistic Therapies
- An Introduction to Health and Social Care (psychology and sociology, health and safety, care)

**Assessment**

Assessment is in line with SQA requirements or determined by individual goals/targets.

**Progression**

Successful candidates may progress onto further study in the Careerwise or Commercial Ventures courses, mainstream provision, employment or training opportunities.

**Careers**

Career prospects will be individually determined.

## Commercial Ventures

This course aims to develop the practical, team working, citizenship and employability skills of adults with additional support needs. It will centre around the production and marketing of goods which can be sold as part of a commercial enterprise.

### Course Content

- Core Skills
- Workshop Enterprises
- Craft Enterprises
- Office Enterprises
- Jewellery Enterprises
- Scrapbooking

### Assessment

This is a largely practically based programme and will be assessed via observation, personal interview and assignments or projects. SQA certification may be available and is dependent on the abilities/needs of the student group.

### Progression

Students may progress into mainstream courses, employment or specific vocational training opportunities.

### Careers

Career prospects are individually determined.

### Duration

Full-time, one – two years.

### Entry Requirements

Successful applicants should have completed the Step or Transitions programme or have some experience of employment.

### Available

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock and North  
Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**Duration**

Full-time, one year.  
Part-time, two years  
(eight hours per week).

**Entry Requirements**

There are no formal qualifications required.  
Entry is subject to interview.

**Available**

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock and North  
Ayrshire Campus,  
Kilwinning.

**Careerwise**

The course assists students in successfully making the transition from college to the workplace by encouraging the development of core, vocational and employability skills. Learners undertake work placements as part of the programme.

**Course Content**

- Communication
- Numeracy
- Vocational Tasters (linked to individual student need)
- Employability Skills
- Work Placements
- ASDAN

**Assessment**

Assessment is in line with requirements or by observation, interviews and project work.

**Progression**

Students may progress into employment or specific vocational training opportunities.

**Careers**

Career opportunities are determined by the vocational areas identified by the student groups.

## Come Dine With Us!

The course aims to develop the practical and vocational skills of learners with additional support needs by supporting them to manage an enterprise cafe. The focus of the course is to build self-confidence and further enhance practical skills which can be transferred to everyday life, supported employment or voluntary work.

### Course Content

- College Food Hygiene Certificate
- Food Production
- Running a Café
- Developing Communication, Numeracy, Money and Computing Skills
- Personal and Social Development Programme

### Assessment

The assessment is practically based and students will be assessed on work produced.

### Progression

Students may be introduced to full-time courses.

### Careers

Students may progress to vocational courses or supported employment.

### Duration

Full time, three days per week.

### Entry Requirements

Entry to the programme is decided after an interview before the class starts. If support is required, this will be discussed at the interview. Individuals, key housing, day centres and social work departments may make referrals/applications.

### Available

Finnart Campus,  
Greenock.



We recognise the need for flexible study methods and as such our wide range of programmes reflect this. The following Supported Learning programmes can be studied on a part-time basis:

- **Act on Art** (North Ayrshire only)
- **Armchair Mobility**
- **Assistive Technology**
- **Being Crafty with Art** (Greenock only)
- **Citizenship** (Greenock only)
- **Computing for Fun**
- **Daily Living Skills** (North Ayrshire only)
- **Dance**
- **Drama** (Greenock only)
- **Enrichment – Quarriers, Bridge of Weir** (Greenock only)
- **Focus** (Greenock only)
- **Get Ready For Work (GRFW)**
- **Healthy Cookery** (Greenock only)
- **Homestyle Baking** (Greenock only)
- **Lunch, Body & Soul** (North Ayrshire only)
- **Model Tricks** (Greenock only)
- **Music & Singing** (North Ayrshire only)
- **Pacific Institute – Breakthrough To Excellence** (Greenock only)
- **Retro Music & Movies** (Greenock only)
- **Scotland Past & Present** (Greenock only)
- **Scrapbooking** (Greenock only)
- **See the Bigger Picture** (Greenock only)
- **Staying Healthy** (Greenock only)
- **The Publishing House** (Greenock only)
- **TOP – Thinking Only Positively** (Greenock only)
- **Workshop DIY** (Greenock only)

## Find out more

### Course Information

If you have questions about any of the courses listed, we're happy to help.

Contact:

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or call

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