

Full-Time, Training for Success and ApprenticeshipsNI Guide 2011-12

where is life taking you?



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directors welcome



It is my pleasure, on behalf of all Governors and staff of the South West College, to introduce the 2011/12 full-time, Training for Success and ApprenticeshipNI Guide.

This guide gives an overview of the range of full-time and training programmes which are available across the campuses in Cookstown, Dungannon, Enniskillen and Omagh. The range of courses provides opportunities for a diversity of interests. Post-GCSE students preparing for university; post A Level students studying for degree level qualifications; employment focused apprenticeships and adults seeking to modernise their skills are all catered for.

The College provides an excellent working environment for students who will benefit from advanced technical equipment, opportunities for international links, the use of Information Learning

Technology and the availability of many student support services.

The professionalism of staff and the quality of the courses has been assured by many positive reports prepared by independent assessors external to the College. Students and their guardians can be confident of a professional service both inside and outside the classroom.

I urge you to visit our new updated website at www.swc.ac.uk or call into any of the information days/evenings outlined below and take the first step to joining a College Course.

Sincerely

Malachy McAleer | Director

general information

Please Note:

This brochure will be made available, on request, in alternative formats for those unable to access information in the standard format.

Equality Statement

South West College is committed to ensuring that everyone who comes in contact with the College is treated fairly and should not experience inequality, prejudice or discrimination on the grounds of age;

gender; disability; marital status; family or dependant responsibility; nationality; race or ethnic group; religious belief; political opinion; or sexual orientation.

Declaration

South West College has made every effort to ensure that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate. However, the College cannot accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or omissions. South West College reserves the right to review, change or cancel any of the courses outlined subject to applications.

campus opening hours & contact details

Cookstown/Dungannon:

Monday – Wednesday: 8.30am – 10.00pm
Thursday: 8.30am – 6.00pm
Friday: 8.30am – 3.45pm

Enniskillen Campus:

Monday – Wednesday: 8.30am – 10.00pm
Thursday: 8.30am – 5.00pm
Friday: 8.30am – 3.45pm

Omagh Campus:

Monday – Thursday: 8.30am – 10.00pm
Friday: 8.30am – 3.45pm

College central telephone number:

For all enquires at all Campuses:
Tel: 0845 603 1881

www.swc.ac.uk



South West College operates a no smoking policy in all its campus facilities.

Just received
your GCSE or
A-Level results?

Unsure about what
to do next?

Where is life
taking you?

South West College information and advice sessions:

Full-time Course Registration Day:
Thursday 25th August
9.30am - 4.30pm

Student Information Day:
Tuesday 30th August
9.00am – 9.00pm

Open Evening:
Tuesday 6th September
All courses 6.00pm – 9.00pm

we are the champions!



South West College takes home the Skillbuild NI DEL Cup for outstanding achievement.

The Skillbuild competition is the largest annual multi-trade skills competition for construction apprentices from all over Northern Ireland providing a unique stage to showcase excellence and talent. The College students achieved 6 Gold Medals, 3 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals and their combined efforts saw South West College take home the Skillbuild NI DEL Cup for Outstanding College Contribution to the Competition - a trophy the College only narrowly missed out on at last year's competition.

To further add to the College achievements, Mark Woods from Lack, a Floor and Wall Tiling student at the Technology and Skills Centre in Enniskillen won the Haldane Fisher Cup for the Best Overall Skillbuild NI Young Apprentice of the Year.

David Cooper, Chairman of Skillbuild NI said: "Skills competitions are an excellent way to showcase the high level of technical ability and occupational competence of young people within the construction industry. "Competitions such as these have a major role to play in stimulating interest by showing the public just how exciting, challenging and rewarding a career in construction can be. Recruiting the talent of the future is a challenge our industry must

meet if we are to avoid the skills gaps of the past. "We are hopeful that Northern Ireland can once again produce medal winning members of Team UK such as Fermanagh apprentice Trevor Woods, brother of Mark Woods who won a Bronze Medal in Joinery at the last WorldSkills competition held in Calgary in Canada in 2009."

Skillbuild NI competition test pieces are designed to challenge the ability of apprentices to follow detailed instructions, produce accurate and neat work and be economical with materials while working to strict timescales – all essential requirements for today's construction industry. The competition not only encourages trainees to improve their own skills but provides an example of the high quality work being produced in training organisations across NI to meet local industry skill needs.

A number of these trainees will now be going forward to the UK finals. Mark Woods and Philip Glasgow have been selected for the UK team for the WorldSkills competition in London 2012.

The College medal roll of honour:

Gold Medal Winners

Ciaran Connolly, Brickwork
Tutored by: J McAlinden
Philip Glasgow, Carpentry

Tutored by: T McGartland
Shane Conway, Industrial Heating
Tutored by: C Robinson
Ryan Slevin, Plastering
Tutored by: N McIntyre
Ross Temple, Plumbing
Tutored by: C Robinson
Mark Woods, Tiling
Tutored by: G Mullan

Silver Medals

Bryan McGurk, Carpentry
Tutored by: T McGartland
David Beattie, Joinery
Tutored by: J Martin
Daniel Breen, Plumbing
Tutored by: C Robinson

Bronze Medals

Glen Torrens, Brickwork
Tutored by: A Devlin
Noel Coyle, Cabinet Making
Tutored by: P Duffy
John Mulligan, Tiling
Tutored by: G Mullan

1. Training students from South West College attended a special lunch at the Omagh Campus Gallery Restaurant in recognition of their spectacular achievements at the recent Skillbuild NI competition. Overall the College won 12 medals as well as being awarded the Skillbuild NI DEL Cup for Outstanding Contribution to the competition.

2. Mark Woods – Best overall Skillbuild NI Young Apprentice of the Year.

vocational training

Where do you fit?

Something for everyone at SWC!

Training Programmes

Training at South West College is provided through a comprehensive vocational training programme which meets the needs of participants and employers. Training is divided into Training for Success and Apprentice NI.

Training for Success

Training for Success – is delivered through three components and is available to young people aged between 16 – 18 (up to 22 for a young person with a disability). Training for Success is all about giving young people the tools and the confidence to find work. It focuses on the extra learning that you may need. Once you gain recognised basic skills and qualifications, you are ready to move into the next level of Training for Success, or if you want, into an apprenticeship.

Earn while you learn....

All Training for Success Students will automatically qualify for a non means tested Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) of £40 per week.

If your parent(s)/guardian(s) receive Income Support, means tested Job Seeker's Allowance or Housing Benefit, that benefit will not be affected by the EMA.

If you are entitled to one of these benefits in your own right, that benefit will not be affected either. Your parent(s)/guardian(s) will also be entitled to receive Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit provided all other conditions for receipt of the benefits are met.

In addition, travel, lodging and childcare allowances may be paid depending on individual circumstances.

Course	Apprenticeship Level	Dungannon	Enniskillen	Omagh
Business				
Retail	2	√	√	
Business and Administration	2 & 3	√	√	√
Financial Services	2 & 3	√	√	√
Caring				
Health & Social Care	2 & 3		√	√
Children's Care, Learning & Development	2 & 3	√	√	√
Catering				
Professional Cookery	2	√	√	√
Multi-skilled Hospitality Services	2	√		
Hospitality (Professional Cookery)	3	√	√	√
Construction Trades				
Brickwork (Trowel Occupations)	2 & 3	√	√	√
Carpentry & Joinery (Wood Occupations)	2 & 3	√	√	√
Electrical Installation	2 & 3	√	√	√
Floor & Wall Tiling	2 & 3		√	√
Painting & Decorating	2 & 3		√	
Plastering	2 & 3		√	√
Plumbing	2 & 3		√	√
Stonemasonry	2		√	√
Extractive Industries	2 & 3	√	√	√
Hair & Beauty				
Beauty Therapy	2	√	√	√
Hairdressing	2	√	√	√
Barbering	2 & 3		√	√
Mechanical & Electrical Engineering				
Aeronautical Engineering			√	
Performing Engineering Operations	2	√	√	√
Fabrication & Welding Engineering	3	√	√	√
Engineering Maintenance	3		√	
Engineering Production	3		√	
Welding	2	√	√	√
Security Systems	2	√		
NEW: Refrigeration & Air-conditioning				
NEW: Certificate/Diploma in Access to Building Services (Refrigeration & Air-conditioning)	2/3		√	
Sport				
Instruction, Exercise & Fitness	2		√	√
Vehicle Engineering				
Agricultural Machinery Repair	2 & 3			√
Garden Machinery Repair	2 & 3			√
Light Vehicle Repair	2 & 3		√	√
Heavy Vehicle Repair	2 & 3			√

apprenticeshipsNI

ApprenticeshipsNI is a Northern Ireland Government funded, work-based training programme, designed by Sector Skills Councils (SSCs)/Standard Setting Bodies (SSBs) to meet the needs of you as an employer. Business representatives from the relevant industry sector work with the SSCs/SSBs to develop the training content within each occupational area.

- ApprenticeshipsNI Frameworks
- Information on Apprentice Training
- Benefits of Employing an Apprentice
- Recruitment

An Apprentice working for an employer will earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain their Apprenticeship, while attending South West College on a day-release system.

Training can take between two and four years to complete depending on the level,

your apprentice's ability and the industry sector. The benefits are significant not just for your apprentice but also for you and they are not just in the expected areas of e.g. production. Employer incentives are available from £500 to £1,500 - the level depending on the occupational area and once the apprentice has achieved the full framework.

Apprentices

As an employee you earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain your apprenticeship. South West College will work in partnership with the employer to provide the off-the-job training through a day-release system.

Do you meet the criteria?

- Are you employed in Northern Ireland?
- Have you attained the minimum school leaving age?

- Are you about to take up or be in paid employment?
- Will you be working a minimum of 21 hours per week?
- Do you meet all the entry requirements of your chosen occupational area?

Employers

If you're an employer...
Your business could be:

More Productive
More Effective
More Competitive

You will know apprenticeships are by no means a new concept. They have been around for many years and have proven to be a preferred and most beneficial method for employers to train their workforce. You can now train both new and existing employees who meet the entry criteria and there is no upper age limit.

Training progression - Entry criteria for all programmes:

ApprenticeshipNI Level 3

- Must be 16 years or over
- Be in a position to take up permanent remunerative employment with a Northern Ireland based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release/off-the-job training) with one employer
- Have the potential to successfully complete all the requirements of the appropriate Level 3 Apprenticeships NI Framework

ApprenticeshipNI Level 2

- Must be 16 years or over
- Be in a position to take up permanent remunerative employment with a Northern Ireland based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release/off-the-job training) with one employer
- Have the potential to successfully complete all the requirements of the appropriate Level 2 Apprenticeships NI Framework

Training for Success Level 2

This programme is designed for 16 and 17 year olds (up to 24 for those who require additional support) and offers training for those who have not secured employment as an apprentice and have been deemed capable of undertaking a Level 2 programme.

Skills for Work Level 1

This programme is designed for 16 and 17 year olds (up to 24 for those who require additional support) and offers training for those who have not secured employment as an apprentice and have been deemed capable of undertaking a Level 1 programme.

Skills for Your Life

This is a prevocational programme designed for 16 and 17 year olds (up to 24 for those who require additional support) who want to prepare to become a trainee and acts as a stepping stone to Skills for Work Level 1.

ApprenticeshipNI

APPRENTICESHIPS
WHICH ONE WORKS FOR YOU?



Training for Success

TRAINING FOR SUCCESS



prince's trust



The Prince's Trust Programme is a full time, 12 week course that is free for unemployed young people aged 16-25 years. The course will not affect participants' benefits and childcare allowances are available.

The Course Outline

Week 1

Meet the gang – 12 other members of your team

Week 2

Go on a residential for 5 days, canoeing, climbing, team building, and much, much more

Week 3 to 5

Community project – Get out and meet the community, help with a project that you get to choose, painting & decorating, landscape gardening and make a difference

Week 6/7 + 8

Work Placements – What do you want to do, try a new skill, sample a new opportunity, look for a career

Week 9

Next Steps-Let us help you to put together a C.V. on our job search week. If you want to work and are not sure what to do then you should join our Team

Week 10 + 11

Team Challenge – Get to know who is around you, speak to local groups, organise days away, ten-pin bowling, sports and fun

Week 12

Put it all together – Finish off your qualifications, present yourself to your family and friends at an end of Team Programme get together

Qualifications – your work will achieve results City & Guilds - Certificate in Personal Development and Contributing to your Community
Also – First Aid Certificate, Basic Food Hygiene, OCN in Job Skills

For further information contact:

South West College Prince's Trust Team:
Tel: 0845 603 1881

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Catherine Donaghy: E-mail:
catherine.donaghy@swc.ac.uk

Are you aged 16 - 25? Unemployed?

Would you like the chance to:-

- Meet new people?
- Go on an action-packed week residential?
- Gain new qualifications?
- Get the opportunity to complete a work placement of your choice?
- Go on fun outdoor activities such as go-karting or canoeing?
- Get help with your CV and future career options?
- And have fun?

If so...

The Prince's Trust 12 Week Team Programme could be for you!



This project is part financed by the European Social Fund and the Department for Employment and Learning

full time courses

South West College curriculum provides a framework that allows students to choose a variety of qualifications suited to their individual needs. The National Qualifications Framework for Post-16 education includes the following:

Further Education

BTEC First Diploma / Diploma
(Level 2 Qualification – Equivalent to 4 GCSEs Grades A-C)

A BTEC First Diploma provides good preparation both for employment and more advanced courses such as a BTEC National Award, Certificate or Diploma. First Diplomas are practical, work-related courses where you learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. They are one-year full-time programmes of study.

BTEC National Diplomas / Extended Diplomas
(Level 3 Qualification – Equivalent to 3 GCE A Levels)

This is a route to both Higher Education and Employment and provides both a broad foundation and a firm basis for specialism in a selected route. They are normally offered in specific vocational areas. BTEC National Diplomas are two-year full-time programmes of study. They are accredited through the National Award/Certificate which are 6 and 12 unit qualifications respectively, and the National Diploma which is an 18 unit qualification.

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs)
(Level 2 and 3 Qualifications available)

These qualifications are industry and employment based and involve trainees undertaking a programme of study that will have a work placement component.

Essential Skills

(Entry Level 1, 2, 3 and Level 1 and 2 available)
Essential Skills are intended to provide people with a set of core skills desired by employers, the three Essential Skills areas are:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Information Communication Technology
- Essential Skills therefore assist personal and social development and improve opportunities for employment. All students who enrol in the College who do not have GCSE English and/or Maths at Grade A-C or equivalent must complete Essential Skills qualifications.

Entry Requirements

What qualifications do I need to gain entry to my chosen course?

	Standard Requirements	Duration
Level 1	0-5 points	1 Year full-time
Level 2	6 points	1 Year full-time (Check individual courses for any specific entry requirements)
Level 3	Minimum 4 GCSEs Grade A*-C Or First Diploma or equivalent The points system may be used for enhancement	2 Year full-time (Check individual courses for any specific entry requirements)

Points System for Entry to Level 1 & Level 2 Courses

GCSE Grade	Points
A*	6
A	5
B	4
C	3
D	2
E-G	1

Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy & ICT at Level 1 and 2 are considered by the College for entry purposes.

Enhanced Criteria

Where courses are oversubscribed, the College reserves the right to enhance the criteria for entry.

Mature Students

South West College particularly welcomes applications from mature students. Standard admission requirements may not be applicable to applicants with alternative qualifications or experience. Further information is available from the Careers and Information Officers at each campus.

English Language Requirements

The language of instruction for College courses is English and it is strongly advisable that students who wish to benefit fully from a College course should be suitably proficient in

English (ESOL Level 1). South West College aims to fully support students who require additional help with their English and courses in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are provided by the College. For further information about ESOL courses, Contact Student Services/Admissions.

Financial Information

Amenities Fee

Full-time Further Education students at the South West College will be charged a fee of £15 upon enrolment onto their full-time course. This fee applies to all students and is a specific fund to help pay for class trips/donations etc.

Further Education Full-Time Fees

There are no course fees for full-time further education courses. Students resident in the UK may be entitled to a bus pass if they meet Education and Library Board (ELB) criteria and may also be entitled to free school meals and other allowances, so it is important to contact your ELB as soon as possible.

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMAs)

Educational Maintenance Allowance is a payment of up to £30 per week with a bonus payment of £100 payable up to three times per year.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a full-time student
- Celebrate your 16th or 17th or 18th or 19th birthday between 2 July 2009 and 1 July 2010
- Live in a household that has an annual income of £33,951.00 or less per year (2011/12 figures)
- Be ordinarily resident in the UK

Further information can be found at:

www.emani.gov.uk or telephone 0845 601 7646.

Care to Learn

Childcare support is available for 16/17/18/19/20 year old parents to help pay for registered childcare. To be eligible, a student must during their course of study be, or become:

- A parent; and
- At least 16 years old; and
- Under 20 years of age at the start of their course of study
- Living in Northern Ireland
- A student should also meet residency requirements in accordance with the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland).

student ambassadors 2011



sarah murray

Age: 18
Course: National Diploma in Business
Year: 2
Where do you live? Killyclogher

What school did you come from before joining the College? Loreto Convent Grammar School, Omagh.

What are your hobbies/interests? Socialising, going out, facebook, bb chat, going to the gym and my part-time job.

Why did you choose your course at South

West College? I am really interested in business, so this was a perfect choice.

Tell us a bit more about your course? I definitely have great teachers on this course and that makes it much more enjoyable.

What do you want to do after completing your course? I want to do some travelling

before I head to University to further my studies in Business. I think Australia or New Zealand.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? I think the College is brilliant, so I would definitely recommend it. There is a lot more freedom and you are treated more like an adult.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? DO!!! It is a brilliant place, you will love it!

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Brilliant, enjoyable, fun, useful and laid back.



patrick ramsey

Age: 17
Course: NVQ Hospitality and Catering
Year: 1
Where do you live? Castleterg

What school did you from before joining the College? St. Eugene's High School, Castleterg.

What are your hobbies/interests? Cooking, computers, karate and going out with my mates.

Why did you choose your course at South West College? I have always wanted to be a chef.

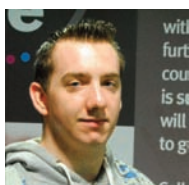
Tell us a bit more about your course? The biggest challenge is on Friday when we have to cook food for paying customers, it's nerveracking, but great experience. But the good thing about the catering environment is that your friends in the class and the tutors keep you motivated and help out when you are under pressure. The class works well as a team and I really enjoy that.

What do you want to do after completing your course? I want to join the Irish Army and after that I would like to open my own restaurant and be my own boss one day.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? I would recommend it because it is a great place and I think it really gives you a head start in life.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? You should sign up; it really is a great place.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Hard to beat, a great place.



paul o'hagan

Age: 18
Course: National Diploma in Travel & Tourism
Year: 1
Where do you live? Clonoe

What school did you come from before joining the College? St Joseph's College, Coalisland.

What are your hobbies/interests? Gym, football, snooker, pool, going out with friends and going to night clubs.

Why did you choose your course at South

West College? I would like to work in the marketing end of the night club where I work part-time. I would like to do that full-time after this course.

Can you tell a bit more about your course? Getting good grades and knowing what I am aiming for after South West College helps to motivate me.

What do you want to do after completing your course? I would love to gain employment in a local hotel e.g. the Glenavon Hotel in Cookstown.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? It is fun, supportive, friendly and a good place to learn.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Go for it. Put the hard work in and you will get the best out of it.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College? Great place, good fun – excellent!



natasha mclaughlin

Age: 17
Course: Diploma in Digital Applications (Level 2)
Year: 1
Where do you live? Clady

What school did you come from before joining the College? Holy Cross College, Strabane.

What are your hobbies/interests? I am really into music, going out and socialising.

Why did you choose your course at South

West College? I like doing stuff with computers, it really interests me, and so this was the best course option for me.

Tell us a bit more about your course? You get to use different types of software, at the minute I am making web pages. It is really interesting.

What do you want to do after completing your course? I want to go on and do the National Diploma in Computing next year.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? The College is good fun and it is not as strict as school. Yeah I would recommend it.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Do a course that you like and have an interest in and definitely do your coursework when you get it, don't let it build up.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Enjoyable, lively, fun and a worthwhile experience.



ruth duddy

Age: 18
Course: NVQ Level 2 Children's Care Learning and Development
Year: 1
Where do you live? Strabane

What school did you come from before joining the College? Holy Cross College, Strabane.

What are your hobbies/interests? Gaelic football – I play with Tyrone, boxing, walking, going out, and facebook.

Why did you choose your course at South West College? I want to work with children.

Tell us a bit more about your course? My lecturer and assessors help me throughout the course modules. They challenge and motivate me!!

What do you want to do after completing your course? I would like to get a permanent job working with children and I would also like to do a part-time course in Beauty Therapy at the College. It is great like that because you can

do courses in the evening as well.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? I would recommend the College. It is a good place where you can make more friends and you won't get treated like a child. The lecturers are really friendly too.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Take a look at all your options. Fill in a few on your form, just in case you don't get in to your first choice course. There is a lot to choose from.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Friendship, fun, change, interesting and challenging.



claire o'donnell

Age: 19
Course: National Diploma in Media – TV&FILM
Year: 2
Where do you live? Donaghmore

What school did you come from before joining the College? St Patrick's College, Dungannon.

What are your hobbies/interests? I play piano and have achieved six grades. Currently doing grade seven.

Why did you choose your course at South West College? I chose media because I love learning about the various aspects of the media industry – software, animation, genre, editing,

production etc and I have a keen interest in film.

Can you tell a bit more about your course? Media is a very interesting and challenging course – covers filming, editing, cutting, research, creating animation, learning new software. My main motivation when it comes to media is learning about behind the scenes work!

What do you want to do after completing your course? I want to go to university in Liverpool and study creative writing and drama.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? It's a very enjoyable experience. There are many different topics to study so you never get bored. The teachers are reliable and they are there to help with any problems.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Pick a subject you are genuinely interested in and don't pick something just for the sake of it – pick wisely and carefully. If there is a particular subject you are interested in, contact the tutor and they will be more than happy to chat to you about it, organise a meeting etc.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College? Best decision I have ever made!



maria mccarron

Age: 21
Course: HND Health & Social Care
Year: 2
Where do you live: Tempo

What school did you come from before joining the College? St Franchea's College.

What are your hobbies/interests? Socialising and shopping

Why did you choose your course at South West College? When leaving school I did not feel ready to go out and work full-time. I joined SWC to do the First Diploma in Business and

then I progressed to the National Diploma in Business before doing the HND H&S Care.

Can you tell a bit more about your course? There have been a few challenges along the way – my background had been in business and once I moved to health and social care I had to get to grips with lots of new materials etc. The highlight of the course was doing a student exchange thanks to SWC.

What do you want to do after completing your course? I have received a conditional offer for the second year of a degree in early years and disabilities at a uni in Newcastle.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? Yes I definitely would – don't rush away to uni to a degree just for the sake of it. There are great courses offered on your doorstep!

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Go for it – great opportunities to travel and tutors are very helpful.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Best 5 years of my life! I will miss it.



william stafford

Age: 17
Course: First Diploma in Sport
Year: 1
Where do you live: Fivemiletown

What school did you come from before joining the College? Fivemiletown College.

What are your hobbies/interests? I'm mad about sports and normally I am up for playing or at least trying any kind of sport. I also enjoy movies with friends and spending time with family.

Why did you choose your course at South West College? It's more hands on than school

and gives a broader knowledge of all the different aspects relating to sport – coaching, fitness... Also treated like an adult.

Can you tell a bit more about your course? I really enjoy it and if I stick at it I can progress to university – that's the motivation. In the process I am also acquiring new coaching skills and qualifications such as Gaelic Football and grass roots.

What do you want to do after completing

your course? I want to come back to SWC next year and complete the Extended Diploma in Sport and hopefully after that I will go to university to a degree in a sport related area.

Why would you recommend SWC to other students? It's better than school and more relaxed. I am also studying a subject that I really enjoy and that makes things a lot easier.

What advice would you give to students thinking about signing up to SWC next year? Do your research – you will be pleasantly surprised to find out what the College can offer you in terms of the variety of courses and career progression.

In 5 words sum up your student experience at South West College: Coming to SWC was one of the best decisions I have ever made!

full time courses

award winners 2011



Course	Qualification Level	Dungannon	Enniskillen	Omagh
Art & Design				
BTEC Extended Diploma in Art & Design	3		√	√
BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design	3		√	
Beauty Therapy				
City & Guilds Diploma (NVQ) IN Beauty Therapy	2 & 3	√	√	√
Business & Management				
OCR Diploma in Administration (Business & Professional)	2	√	√	√
OCR Diploma in Administration (Business & Professional)	3	√	√	√
BTEC Diploma in Business	2	√	√	
BTEC Extended Diploma in Business	3	√	√	√
Childcare				
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Children's Care Learning & Development (CCLD)	2		√	
NVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development	2	√		√
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care Learning & Development (CCLD)	3	√	√	
NVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development	3			√
Computing & IT				
BTEC Diploma for ICT Practitioners	2	√	√	
BTEC Diploma in Digital Applications for IT Users with Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Business	2		√	
BTEC Extended Diploma for IT Practitioners (IT & Business)	3	√	√	
BTEC Extended Diploma for IT Practitioners (Software Development)	3	√	√	√
Construction				
BTEC Diploma in Construction	2	√	√	√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Construction & Built Environment	3	√	√	√
Engineering				
BTEC Diploma in Motorsport Technology (Vehicle)	2			√
BTEC Diploma in Engineering	2	√	√	√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering	3	√	√	√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Electrical/Electronic Engineering	3	√	√	√
BTEC National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering with National Award in Motorsport	3			√
BTEC Certificate in Motorsport Technology (Vehicle) & National Award in Engineering	3			√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Civil Engineering with Extractives Industry Specialism	3	√	√	√
Finance, Business & Management				
BTEC National Award in Personal & Business Finance	3			√
Furniture Design & Manufacturing				
BTEC National Certificate in Furniture Design, Production & Enterprise with NVQ in Wood Machining (unique to SWC)	3			√
Hairdressing				
City & Guilds Diploma (NVQ) in Hairdressing	2 & 3	√	√	√
City & Guilds Diploma (NVQ) in Barbering	2	√	√	

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Health & Social Care				
BTEC Diploma in Health & Social Care	2	√		√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care	3	√	√	√
Hospitality & Catering				
NVQ in Multi-skilled Hospitality Services (Food Preparation & Cooking and Food & Drink Services combined)	2	√	√	√
City & Guilds Diploma in Professional Cookery (With Level 2 Food & Drink Services)	2	√	√	√
City & Guilds NVQ in Professional Cookery	3	√	√	√
City & Guilds Diploma in Hospitality Supervision & Leadership	3	√	√	√
Life Skills				
Entry Level Certificate in Personal and Social Development (Preparation for Work)	Entry Level – STEP Programme	Cookstown Campus (P/T basis)	√	√
Media				
BTEC Diploma in Media	2	√	√	
BTEC Diploma in Creative Media Production	2			√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Media Production	3		√	
BTEC Extended Diploma in Media Production (Sound Recording) with Film Production	3			√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Media Production (TV & Film)	3	√		
BTEC Extended Diploma in Media (Computing Games Development)	3			√
OCN Award for Progression - Music Performance and Technology (In partnership with the Nerve Centre)	3			√
Performing Arts				
BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts	2	Cookstown Campus		
BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts	3	Cookstown Campus		
Science				
BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science (with Bio/Forensic Options)	3	√	√	√
Sport & Leisure				
BTEC Diploma in Sport	2	√	√	√
BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport (Development, Coaching & Fitness)	3	√	√	√
Travel & Tourism				
BTEC Diploma in Travel & Tourism	2	√	√	
BTEC Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism with Hospitality Option	3	√	√	

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higher education access programmes

(One year full-time, equivalent to 3 A-Levels)

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Higher Education Access Programmes				
Access Diploma in Computing and Multimedia Accredited by the University of Ulster (subject to approval)	equivalent of 3 A-Levels	√	√	√
Access Diploma in Social Science Accredited by University of Ulster	equivalent of 3 A-Levels	√	√	
Access Diploma in Science and Technology Accredited by the University of Ulster (subject to approval)	equivalent of 3 A-Levels	√	√	√

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