



## Transforming Lives

Highlights from  
January - July 2019

# 2018/19 IN NUMBERS

## OUR STUDENTS

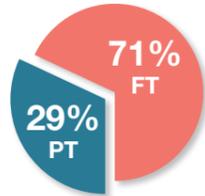
Our students are at the heart of everything we do.

We teach a huge range of subjects at our campuses in Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes, Levenmouth and Rosyth. In 2018-19 our performance indicators were the best the College has ever achieved.



**18,000**  
students

### MODE OF STUDY

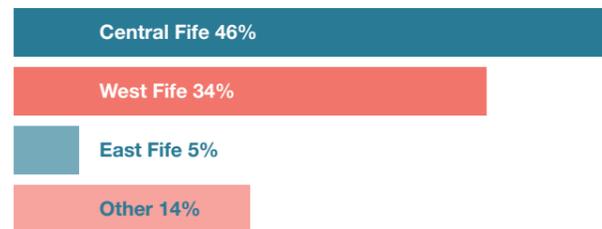


### STUDENT AGES



## WHERE OUR STUDENTS COME FROM

The vast majority of our students come from in and around Fife.



Almost **33%** of our students come from communities within the **20%** most deprived areas of Scotland. We strive to widen access to education, improve attainment and enhance social mobility across the Fife region.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK



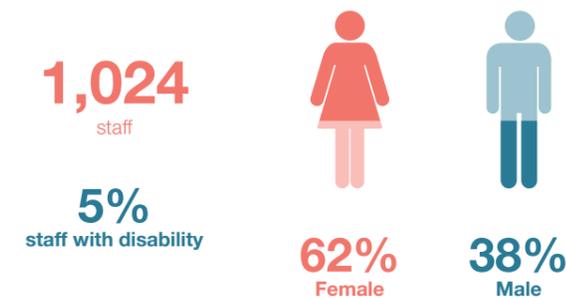
## WHERE OUR STUDENTS GO

Latest data shows **93%** of students go on to a positive destination.



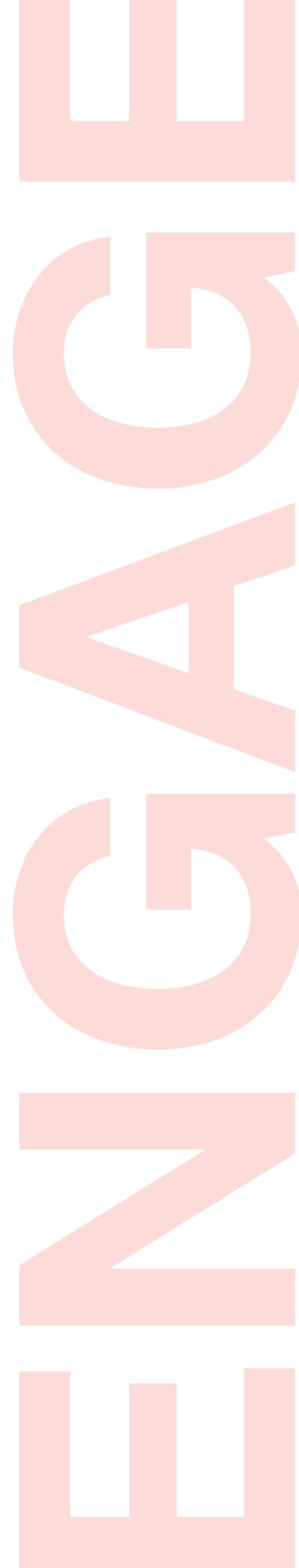
## OUR STAFF

Our staff are valued and enjoy a range of modern, flexible entitlements.



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## Charity Success for Retail Students

Fife College Levenmouth students from levels 4, 5 and 6 in Retail and Business raised an amazing £1398.42 after they helped organise a campus-wide Christmas Fayre in December.

The students produced and designed handmade original gift wrapped products and held fun festive games to raise the cash.

The money raised will be going towards the DC Retail Scholarship Fund which will help enhance the students learning journey. The fair was a campus-wide event with staff and students from other departments also helping ensure a fantastic day was had by all.

Duncan Campbell, Curriculum Manager, was overwhelmed with their efforts and said, "The students have worked very hard in planning and implementing this event which enabled them to have an outstanding business enterprise activity."

"The Business Enterprise project allows students to take part in a valuable real life business experience and gives them a good foundation to put the skills that they've learned into practice."



## New Chief Operating Officer Appointed

Fife College was delighted to welcome a new recruit to its Executive Team in January with the appointment of Sue Reekie.

Sue is playing a pivotal role in the delivery of the College's Strategy with leadership responsibility for a wide range of functions, including Estates, Marketing, Organisational Development and Human Resources, Digital Services, and the Scottish Prison Service contract. She is also continuing to drive forward the College's exciting new campus development planned for West Fife.

In her previous position as Partner and Global Client Director at Mercer, a global consulting firm, Sue advised FTSE clients on how to support the health, wealth, and careers of their workforce, as well as managing the commercial aspects of the relationship.

Sue is delighted to be part of the Fife College team and said: "It's great to be here at Fife College. This is an exciting time to join the College – student success, satisfaction and retention are all on the increase and there are some fantastic projects taking place in key areas including digital, STEM and commercial areas."

"As a keen ambassador of education I know how life changing it can be – my new role is the perfect next step allowing me to move from a consultancy position to one where you deliver the solution on the ground and really make a difference to people's lives – what a fantastic opportunity."

Sue has held a variety of roles over 17 years with Mercer, including Managing Director of their Hong Kong business.

**Exam success! Our pass rate this year for Maths (National 5) was 16.1% above the national average with 82% of students receiving an A-C pass**

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## New Appointment Made to Help Students Improve their Physical, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

An exciting partnership between Fife College and Fife Health & Social Care Partnership (FH&SCP) has resulted in the appointment of a Health and Wellbeing Advisor at Fife College.

The appointment aims to develop and deliver a wide range of Health and Wellbeing initiatives to meet the needs of the students while also contributing to the Fife College Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

This post underlines Fife College's commitment for additional on-site support while also allowing FH&SCP to ensure that students have easily accessible information, advice and support.

Mental health support was a key element of the Fife College Student Association's request to help create the post. High on the list of priorities is improving accessibility of support and information to enable individuals to gain control over and enhance their mental health and wellbeing.



John Blakey is now in post and will encourage an early intervention approach to wellbeing, identifying and delivering support to students early enough, enabling them to embrace the learning opportunity and enhance their student experience.

In addition, he will develop initiatives and provide training to ensure that staff and partners of the college can also identify individuals who may be at risk and encourage them towards the support they need.

John said: "I am really excited to take up this role and led on initiatives which will make a real difference to the lives of students and staff within Fife College."



## Project Management Training Fuels Success for Dundee Company

Employees from Dover Fuelling Solutions' ("DFS") Dundee manufacturing facility developed their project management and software skills, thanks to a partnership with The Andrew Carnegie Business School at Fife College.

Andrew Carnegie Business School has an excellent track record in providing commercial training to companies throughout the country. Dover Fuelling Solutions is one of the world's largest providers of fuel retailing solutions specialising in the production of both Tokheim and Wayne Fuelling Systems dispensers, which are renowned across the globe.

With project management being a key delivery tool within the business, Engineering Manager at DFS Mike Gilbert is keen to ensure that staff benefit from regular ongoing training. The Business School's PRINCE2® Training programme has been found to best suit their needs.

"Ensuring our staff have access to the latest project management and software training is extremely important to us and we are delighted to see the latest group of staff complete and update their PRINCE2® and Microsoft Project qualifications", Mike commented.

He continued: "We are delighted to have been working in partnership with The Business School for over 10 years and look forward to developing further project management training opportunities with them in the near future."

To find out more about Project Management Training with The Andrew Carnegie Business School, contact us on 0344 248 0128, or email [sales@fife.ac.uk](mailto:sales@fife.ac.uk)

**Students Step In and Step Up to Celebrate Their Achievements**

Students studying at Fife College celebrated their achievements at special events held at the College's Levenmouth Campus and at the Tyrst Centre in Dunfermline.

Students recognised included 33 who completed Step In and Step Up courses at the College's Levenmouth and Glenrothes Campuses.

David Torrance MSP for the Kirkcaldy constituency, which also covers the Levenmouth area, was guest speaker at the event and gave the students an inspirational talk on his experiences and journey to becoming an MSP.

David said: "If a few years ago you had told me that I would be standing here today, talking to you all as guest speaker and MSP I never would have believed it. After leaving school and working for a few years I decided I wanted to work in engineering. To achieve this, I needed to improve my qualifications and so went to Fife College when I was 22. Going back to learning was hard to do but once I settled in I really enjoyed it - gaining those qualifications helped me achieve my goals and led me on to a variety of positive pathways.

"I am delighted that you are all now on that positive pathway - I firmly believe that education is

the key to success and wish you all the very best for the future."

David was delighted to present the students with their certificates and congratulated them on their success.

Twelve students who completed the Step In course at the Tyrst Centre were also celebrating and presented with certificates by Chief Operating Officer, Sue Reekie.



**Energy Course Inspires Local School Pupils**

A unique one-year programme, which aims to provide young women with information and inspiration to pursue a career in the energy industry, passed its halfway mark in February. The Shell – Girls in Energy course has been working with 15 secondary school pupils from across Fife, including Auchmuty High School, St Andrews High School, Glenrothes High School and Levenmouth Academy

The course is designed to open young women's eyes to the energy industry's wealth of career opportunities.

The girls, aged 14 to 16, will shortly take up a work placement with Shell for two weeks before completing the programme with a Skills for Work in Energy National 5 Qualification.

Stewart McDonald, Curriculum Manager for Mathematics, Numeracy and STEM at Fife College, said:

"The Shell – Girls into Energy course is a wonderful opportunity for the learners to develop skills in the energy sector, gain vital industry experience and achieve a nationally recognised SQA qualification."

**Fife College and OU Partnership Welcome Minister**

Fife College and The Open University (OU) were delighted to welcome Richard Lochhead, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, to a special event held on Tuesday (19 February) to hear all about their successful partnership and how it is benefiting students.

The two organisations have had a formal partnership since 2014 which sees them work together to support learners

within the Fife Region. College students are able to access agreed pathways from Fife College HNC and HND pathways onto Open University degrees, and a range of other initiatives, such as Fife College Lecturers delivering OU courses and the availability of the college as a Learning Space for OU students, further enhances opportunities for students in the region.

At the event the Minister was welcomed by Hugh Hall, Principal of Fife College and Susan Stewart, Director of the OU in Scotland.



**Inspiring Design for Woodland Wins Through**

Students studying furniture at Fife College showcased their creativity in February by designing and building model benches as part of a design competition in partnership with the Woodland Trust Scotland.

Twelve HNC/HND Furniture students produced a design after visiting the Fortmonthills Woodland area in Glenrothes last September.

Tasked with producing a design that complements the woodland location, the students went on to plan and produce model designs which reflected their own interpretations of the brief.

The students then presented their designs to a judging panel which included staff from the College and the Woodland Trust Scotland.

After much deliberation, 18-year-old Sara Klodzinska's 'inspiring' design was chosen as the winner.

Sara said: "I set myself a goal in creating an organic design which connected all living things and would represent the passing time. From this it evolved into a bench idea which featured different kinds of woods, cut into discs as a seat. I am now excited to face the challenges in making my fantasy bench into a reality and to see it installed."



## Congratulations Lewis on Your Number One Hit!

Fife College were among some of the first fans of singer songwriter, Lewis Capaldi to congratulate him on his number one hit, Someone You Loved, in March.

The College's Creative department have been keen fans of the Scottish recording artist since he visited the College's Glenrothes Campus early last year to record a session in their industry standard recording studios.

The session proved the perfect opportunity for sound production and radio students to get real hands on experience with a recording artist.



## Welcome David - New Chair Appointed to Board

Fife College welcomed the appointment of David Watt as new Chair of Fife College's Board of Governors in March.

David is Executive Director of the Institute of Directors (IoD) in Scotland. His IoD experience brings knowledge of business and commerce as well as governance, while his prior working life was in education. Lifelong learning is a passion for David, a resident of Fife who also has extensive experience in both the public and voluntary sectors.

David took up the appointment immediately and has joined the Fife College Board for the next four years to drive forward their aim of transforming lives and offering a dynamic and relevant portfolio of courses.

Speaking about his new role David said: "I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Chair for Fife College. This is an exciting time to join the Fife College team as it works hard to provide inspirational learning and teaching to benefit the community of Fife and the wider Scottish economy.

Hugh Hall, Principal of Fife College, warmly welcomed David's appointment as Chair, saying: "This is excellent news for Fife College. David's significant experience, networks and extensive knowledge of the Scottish scene will be a great asset. On behalf of all staff and students, I am delighted to welcome David to the College."

## Business Enterprise Event is a Huge Success

Fife College students, keen to learn more about enterprise and setting up their own business, gained a wealth of information thanks to an exciting day of enterprise held at the Rothes Halls.

Over 140 people attended the Building Success in Business enterprise event, organised by Fife College in partnership with Fife Council Economic Development, which included presentations from a range of inspirational business speakers.

The informative fun day was a huge hit with students, guests and the general public.

## Creative Students Showcase Ideas to Mark No Smoking Day

Young people in Fife are being encouraged to quit smoking, or prevented from starting, thanks to a range of inspiring interactive ideas created by Fife College creative students which were showcased on No Smoking Day.

The event, held in March at the College's Kirkcaldy campus, was a partnership project between Fife College and Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (FH&SCP) who are keen to explore new ways of reaching 16-24 year olds to help spread the tobacco awareness message.

As part of their course the BA Visual Communication and Digital Publishing students at Fife College run their own agencies taking live briefs from clients - the student agency groups were thrilled to work on the tobacco message and explore ideas on how to best engage young people.

Each of the three student agencies involved took a different approach to the subject. Student agency MERGE created 'Myke' the interactive info graphic to promote health benefits of not smoking. Agency ERNEL used a Star Wars style video game which shoots cigarettes at a mouth which if it hits it decreases strength of heart and lungs. An environmental approach was developed by student agency HACK who designed a Breath Green campaign which includes a mannequin for social media campaigns and smoking shelter graphics with environmental messages of how tobacco destroys the environment and contributes to global warming.

Initially, staff from FH&SCP were looking for just one idea to take forward but were so impressed with what the students came up with have decided to use all the ideas across Fife in the near future.



## Students Take Centre Stage at Fantastic Food Festival

Fife College was delighted to welcome over 2,000 visitors to its Kirkcaldy Campus to attend the fifth annual Adam Smith Food Festival, part of the very successful Adam Smith Festival of Ideas.

The Food Festival showcased the very best of Fife food bringing together producers and food lovers all under one roof.

Students Eilidh Smith and Terri Scott enjoyed creating three dishes for the audience, sharing their food tips and stories with the crowd.

Fellow student, Andy McDonald, from Kirkcaldy, assisted Chef Tom Pratt from the Waterfront Restaurant in Kirkcaldy with his food demonstration on stage.

Bryan McCabe – Bell, Director of Business, Enterprise and Tourism was delighted with the event and said: "What a fantastic weekend – we were delighted to be partners in the Adam Smith Festival of Ideas for the fifth year running. The highlight for us was the Food Festival - what a turnout and what an event! Our student run bistro and home baking were particularly busy on the day as were our kids' pizza and cupcake workshops.

"We are especially proud of Professional Cookery students, Eilidh Smith and Terri Scott, who did a fantastic job on stage, producing three delicious dishes which the audience got the chance to sample.

"It was great to be part of such a successful event which showcases our students' talents and puts Kirkcaldy and Fife firmly on the food map."

### Carol Shares Her Story at Scottish Parliament

Fife College Students' Association (FCSA) President, Carol Hunter, shared her student journey at a Scottish Parliament reception to mark the 50th anniversary of The Open University (OU) in April.

Introduced by Susan Stewart, Director of The Open University in Scotland, Carol discussed her personal journey and the difference being able to articulate to an OU course from an HND at Fife College has made to her life, allowing her to complete an Honours degree as she had originally hoped to do many years earlier.

Carol's speech was very well received and, at the end of the event, she was personally congratulated by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP both for her speech and the efforts she has made to achieve so much.

Carol said: "It was a great experience to share my story at the reception. I believe it is important that college articulation routes are marketed to potential students in the same way that "traditional" university routes are as this route can often offer a better education transition for those who have different individual circumstances.

"It is also important that we celebrate the achievements of students and what The Open University represents as a whole. Without The OU, myself and many others would not be able to achieve what we have."



### Shoppers Enjoy Fashion Extravaganza

Shoppers visiting the Kingsgate Shopping Centre in April were treated to a fashion extravaganza as talented Fife College fashion students showcased their latest designs in a catwalk show, part of a series of events organised by the Centre in Dunfermline.

Six students modelled their amazing creations at the show compered by Fife College Performing Arts Lecturers, Katie Milne and Vikki Robertson. The students took to the catwalk, in a range of colourful futuristic outfits which they designed, produced and modelled themselves.

The students also exhibited their drawings and fashion designs, and staff spoke to shoppers and to those interested in studying fashion to provide more information about the College courses on offer.

Susan Finlay, Fashion Lecturer at Fife College, was delighted and proud of the work put in by the students and said: "What a fantastic show – the students did an amazing job and their outfits looked great on the catwalk. Real experiences such as this are extremely valuable to students and can help them secure a place at University or future employment. It's great for them to also get feedback from the public and to use this in their future designs."

94% of our students are satisfied with their college experience

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### New Link Allows Nurses to Qualify a Year Earlier

A new agreement between Fife College and the University of Stirling is allowing students to be fast-tracked onto a nursing degree programme.

Fife College students on the HNC Care & Administrative Practice course now have the opportunity to enter into year two of the University's nursing degree programmes in Adult or Mental Health Nursing.

It follows the signing of an overarching memorandum of understanding – a long-term partnership that will lead to further collaborations, across a range of subject areas, between the two institutions – with the aim of promoting excellence in higher education.

It is the first agreement to allow Fife College students, who are not currently working in the NHS, to advance into the second year of a



university nursing course. This approach prevents students from duplicating learning and allows nurses to qualify a year earlier.

Iain Hawker, Assistant Principal: Quality and Academic Partnerships at Fife College, said: "We are delighted to sign this memorandum of understanding with the University of Stirling. We very much value our partnership with the University and are pleased to formally recognise

our links with the signing of this memorandum.

Shona Barrie, Director of Admissions and Access, University of Stirling said: "We are delighted that students on the HNC in Care and Administrative Practice can now articulate directly into year two of our Nursing degrees. Students coming through this articulation route will be able to complete their nursing degree in two years, rather than three."

### Applications for Foundation Apprenticeships - Fife - Open Now!

Foundation Apprenticeships are work-based qualifications for secondary school pupils. They provide pupils starting in S5 in August with the opportunity to develop their skills, experience and knowledge in a live business environment and gain an industry-recognised qualification set at SCQF Level 6 (the same level of learning as a Higher).

**Students are Buzzing About Saving the Bees**

A new eco campaign to promote bees within the community has been helped to get off the ground by Fife College students.

The 'Just Bee Cause' campaign was launched by the Kingdom Shopping Centre in Glenrothes in May to highlight the importance of bees within the ecosystem.

Students from three course areas including, Access to Construction, Access to Further Education, and Jewellery Design were excited to get involved in 'Just Bee Cause' and take part in designing two unique beehives.

With help from lecturer Dudley Aitchison, the three groups of students worked together to transport, prepare and design the two beehives which are made from 100 per cent recycled materials and built locally in Fife.

Student Kayleigh Anderson, HND Jewellery Design and Manufacture, was delighted to help design and illustrate both beehives.

Kayleigh said: "I like bees and have always enjoyed drawing and painting insects and including them in my creative work and so when I heard Dudley was looking for someone to do some designs for the beehives I jumped at the chance."

Steven Bushnell, Access to Construction Skills, also enjoyed taking part in the project which has improved his skills.

Steven said: "It's great to be involved in a community project and to work with students from other areas of the College - the finished design looks really good. I didn't realise how important bees were before taking on this project."

Lecturer Dudley Aitchison said: "We have a wealth of very talented students at Fife College and it is great to see our students from different faculties work together to benefit the community and the environment."

"At Fife College we are committed to ensuring that our students gain as much real, practical experience as possible which mirrors what they are learning in College - this is a perfect example of this."



**New Course Helps Staff Respond to Mental Health Issues**

Recently introduced by Fife College, Scotland's Mental Health First Aid (SMHFA) course has been helping give staff the confidence to support students that may be experiencing a mental health problem.

Delivered by the College's Health and Wellbeing Adviser, John Blakey, the two-day training course has already proved popular with upcoming sessions booking up quickly.

Yvonne Davidson, Hair and Beauty Lecturer, based at the College's Dunfermline Campus, was one of the first to undertake the course, alongside Hair and Beauty colleagues.

Yvonne said: "Since the course, I've had a few situations which have arose with students and I've felt a lot more confident in tackling them having done the course."

"I really think everyone should do the course. Having completed the two days, it has definitely helped me professionally and personally."

**Therapets Lend a Paw to Students During Exam Period**

'Therapets' Ralph, Holly, Izzy and Jilli helped Fife College students calm any exam or assessment nerves.

Arranged by the Fife College Students' Association (FCSA), the pawesome pups visited the College's Glenrothes Campus on Thursday (2 May) for the first of three 'Paws for Stress' sessions.

The sessions, put on by Canine Concern Scotland Trust, aim to help reduce any worries students might have as the 2018/19 academic year draws to a close with exams, assessments and graded unit deadlines.

This is the second year that Canine Concern Scotland Trust have visited the College during exam period to provide some canine therapy.

HNC Broadcast Media student, Emily Hardie, was one of a number of students to drop into the 'therapets' session. Emily said: "I think it is a great idea to have them come into College. I have two dogs myself - they are great companions and really help lower your stress."

Carol Hunter, Fife College Students' Association President, said: "As the end of the academic year approaches, students are working hard to complete their graded units and exams and we want to encourage them to take some time out to relax. Studies show that animals, and especially dogs, have a remarkable calming effect, so the therapets sessions give students a chance to 'sit', 'paws' and 'fetch' their thoughts. We are looking forward to the other sessions arranged in addition to other well-being incentives that we have organised to help students."



**Fife College Hosts Children's Parliament**

Fife College was delighted to host an exciting creative and moving engagement exhibition organised by the Children's Parliament to highlight the rights of children.

The College welcomed children from the Seen + Heard In Fife, a group of 12 children aged 11-13 who put on the exhibition using creative approaches to explore messages that they want to share with adults who can make a difference for children with care experience.

The children, who all have different experiences of care, looked at the positive and challenging experiences they have had within the care system and what they need, to be healthy, happy and safe within care. The result was an explosion of creativity including a Viking longboat, sculptures and colourful lanterns which the children had added messages and feelings. A secret dark tent displayed the children's inner most feelings on its inside walls using ultra violet ink.

Invited guests included staff from Fife College, officials from across Fife Council, NHS Fife, representatives from the Care Review and third sector colleagues - all of whom can make a difference to children in their day to day work. They were invited along for 1 1/2 hour sessions where the children shared their artwork and talked about their experiences and views through song, poetry and tours of the event.

Fife College was delighted to assist the group over the months and on the run up to the exhibition by providing space for them to meet, alongside art and drama support from College lecturers.

Sarah Halliwell, Academic Head: Creative Industries, said: "What a fantastic event! The children have done an amazing job and on the day were so confident showing people around the exhibition and talking about their work. The College is a Corporate Parent and was therefore delighted to assist the group and to hold the event at our Dunfermline Campus. What made it even more special for me was that my Mum also attended - she has experience of being in care many years ago which has shaped her life."



**Artwork Created by HMP Inverness on Display**

A collection of artwork produced by prisoners in HMP Inverness went on display at Eden Court in June.

Between 10 and 30 June Eden Court Theatre hosted 'Art Behind Bars', an exhibition of prison artwork in the Blink Gallery.

All work was produced by learners attending art classes run by Fife College within the prison. The purpose of the exhibition is to allow prisoners to express their views and emotions through the medium of art and to allow the public an insight into the inside.

Students were keen to showcase their painting, drawing and print making skills and the intention is to give the public an insight into the inside through the medium of art.

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) chose Fife College to provide the first national Learning and Skills Contract from 2017. The contract is being delivered across all 13 SPS publicly owned prisons over a five year period allowing Fife College to provide learning and skills to prisoners throughout Scotland, giving them the opportunity to unlock their potential and transform their lives.



**What a choice! We've got over 400 courses in 40 subject areas**



**School Pupils Graduate Thanks to First Chances Fife**

School pupils from across Fife enjoyed a special graduation event at the Fife College University Hub in Dunfermline.

Iain Hawker, Assistant Principal at Fife College, welcomed the 99 pupils, their parents and guests to the 'First Chances Fife' Graduation, a joint partnership between Fife College, the University of St Andrews, The Robertson Trust, the Scottish Funding Council and Fife Schools.

The innovative programme aims to raise the aspirations and attainment of selected pupils from P7 to S6 throughout their school journey giving them continued support into further and higher education.

The pupils were from four Fife Secondary Schools: Auchmuty High in Glenrothes; Levenmouth Academy in Buckhaven; Viewforth High in Kirkcaldy and Woodmill High in Dunfermline.

During the programme pupils have benefitted from a range of science focussed workshops this year, covering subjects including psychology, sociology, criminology, chemistry and biological sciences.

Throughout the programme pupils also develop their skills in literacy, numeracy, science and technology as well spending time visiting the College and University to meet students and staff in a range of tailored activities organised just for them.

The First Chances Fife programme plays an important part in widening access as outlined in the recent 'Widening Access 2017-18 Report' by the Scottish Funding Council, published at the end of May. The report outlines the fundamental role colleges play in providing opportunities for people from lower socio-economic backgrounds through access to further and higher education.

**Football Stars Are Honoured**

Over 40 young football players were honoured at a Fife Elite Football Academy and Fife College partnership celebration event held in June.

The event celebrated the achievements of the first group of day release students who have now achieved their SQA awards. The awards were presented by Henry McLeish, Chair of the Fife Elite Football Academy and Hugh Hall, Fife College Principal.

Working in partnership with the academy, the College helps develop both the practical abilities as well as the academic portfolio of the players.



A unique programme in Scotland, course units undertaken include nutrition, personal development and strength and conditioning. The programme enables young people, from S2 to S6, future articulation opportunities at Fife College.

The innovative partnership also benefits current Fife College HN Sport and Fitness students who have the opportunity to work with the elite academy squads during the programme.



**Jade Shahfar** Studying for a career in Site Management

"Being a female working in a male-dominated environment hasn't negatively affected me at all. The guys all respect and treat me like everyone else – I think I may even get a little more respect than the guys do!"

"I think 100% that more women should look to work in construction. There are no barriers to it now, and there are so many different types of jobs you can do. You don't have to be a Site Manager, there are loads of different roles you could do. It's worth it."

"I would definitely recommend Fife College to anyone looking for a career in construction – or anything else!"

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**Fife College Festival is Amazing Success**

Thousands of shoppers and visitors to the Rothes Halls and Kingdom Centre in Glenrothes enjoyed a creative treat, thanks to the fabulous Fife College Festival show.

The Festival, the first of its kind to be organised by the College, showcased the amazing talents of its students studying a range of courses from Jewellery and Quantity Surveying to Interior Design and Art and Design.

### Fife College Sign the Leven Sustainable Growth Agreement

Fife College has backed a 'Sustainable Growth Agreement' with SEPA and other partners, focused on six strategic outcomes for a "living, breathing example of inclusive growth."

The agreement was signed by the College and Fife Council, Sustrans, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, Forth Rivers Trust, Diageo, Central Scotland Green Network Trust and Keep Scotland Beautiful at a launch event held in the former Tullis Russell Environment Education Centre, Glenrothes last Friday.

The ambitious first in Scotland partnership, signed at the launch event, has a vision to deliver a series of objectives by 2030:

- The area will support a network of paths and sustainable travel routes that will connect people, communities and business to each other and the environment.
- The area will become a 'go to' destination and sustainable

tourism will become one of the area's key economic attractions, whilst not increasing carbon emissions or negatively impacting on biodiversity of the area.

- The area will be a dynamic hub for social enterprise, youth and education.
- The area will be able to attract and support business and industry and become a hub between the cities of Dundee and Edinburgh.
- Registered vacant and derelict land, the equivalent of around 12 football pitches, in the Leven catchment, will be made productive for the benefit of communities in the region and in support of inclusive economic regeneration.
- The area will have a natural environment that will support a diverse ecology and celebrate its social history.

Hugh Hall, Fife College Principal, said: "Fife College is committed to working with its partners to deliver the ambitions set out in the Leven Sustainable Growth Agreement. The project has already enabled our talented students to make use of



their creative skills in designing a brand image and logo which will be used on everything associated with the Leven Catchment programme - from the website and publicity materials to t-shirts and recycled pencils.

"We aim to give many more Fife College students opportunities to get excited and educated about sustainability and to contribute to achieving successful outcomes for the River Leven catchment."

Creative students Lauren Tait, Ryan Ferguson and Ben Gillespie were delighted to have their design chosen as the final winning brand for The Leven.



### Prince's Trust Team 64 Celebrate Success

Prince's Trust students, Team 64, from Fife College marked the end of their 12 week course by holding a showcase event to celebrate their achievements.

Students were presented with certificates for the programme by Lindsey Robertson, Academic and Quality Manager: Supported Programmes and Culinary Arts.

Leigh Davidson (17), from Dunfermline, enjoyed the course which has helped open the door to further opportunities for her.

Leigh said: "The course has been really great - the residential was definitely my favourite part! I think the course is a really good stepping stone to other things too. My placement was with a jewellery course here at College and I was told I would be offered a place if I applied for the full course so that's a great option for me to have."

The programme currently runs three teams a year across the College's campuses - Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Levenmouth.

Each team average 12 students and collectively they support over 100 students in an academic year. Over the last year the students have organised 18 fundraisers to support nine community projects and completed 27 team challenges.

## Congratulations to the 89 students who completed Prince's Trust Programmes this year!



The Team Programme is run by Fife College in conjunction with the Prince's Trust for those aged 16-25

who are looking for a brighter future. It offers the opportunity to improve motivation, qualifications, confidence and existing talents while learning new skills.

### Niamh's Design is a Winner for Fife College's Kirkcaldy Campus

Fife College's Kirkcaldy Campus, is taking on a whole new look, thanks to the winning designs of 3D Design student, Niamh Hogwood.

When Niamh, 20 from Cardenden, took part in a student competition to come up with ideas to revamp the outside area to the front of the College she never imagined her ideas would win, never mind become a reality.

Fellow students, staff and visitors to the College will benefit from a range of new external features, thanks to Niamh's designs, including planting, social and seating areas which are also environmentally friendly and great to look at.

Other features of Niamh's design include a garden area, colourful seating in the College's corporate colours and areas where student artwork can be displayed.

Niamh, who has just completed HND 3D Design with Interiors course was thrilled to hear her designs had been chosen and said: "Knowing that what I have designed will remain part of the Campus for many years to come for people to enjoy is a great feeling."

"I have really enjoyed my course and my three years at Fife College. The course was excellent and I especially enjoyed learning about sustainability, architectural research and landscape drawing."

The revamp of the front of the Kirkcaldy Campus is part of a wider College Estates Strategy which aims to provide a first class learning environment for all students.



## Adam Smith Foundation Scholarship Awards

The Adam Smith Foundation awards scholarships throughout the year to Fife College students - a record number were awarded this year through over 40 scholarship programmes. Take a look at some of our key scholarships awarded between January and July this year!

Congratulations to all our scholarship award winners and a big THANK YOU to all our donors!

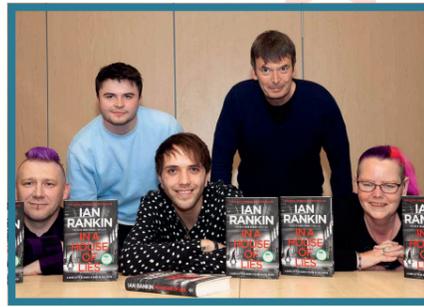


### Andy Dalziell

A scholarship fund, donated by Andy Dalziell was awarded to Childcare student Steph Rook.

Steph, from Glenrothes, said: "I was delighted to be awarded this scholarship from Andy. For me the most amazing part of the scholarship is the opportunity to be mentored and supported by someone like Andy. My hope is that the young people I work with in the future will get the benefit from the experiences I get through this scholarship."

Andy's scholarship, open to those studying HNCs in Childcare, Healthcare or Social Care, aims to help students progress their studies to HND level by offering funds for resources as well as the opportunity to undertake a work placement.



### Ian Rankin

Three students were the latest recipients the scholarship offered by one of the world's leading crime writers, Ian Rankin.

Ian, famous for his popular fictional character Rebus, took time out from writing and book tours to meet with the four students; award winners Catriona Ross, Scott Duncan, Joe Hunt and also runner up Malcolm Ross.

This year's scholarship was open to students studying a wide range of courses that include elements of creative writing including Journalism, TV, Radio, Acting and Performance and Higher English. To take part, students had to submit a piece of creative writing and their work was read and judged by Ian himself.



### Jack Vettriano

Three students became the latest recipients of prestigious Jack Vettriano scholarships which recognise creativity, innovation and passion for Art and Design studies.

This scholarship is a cash award which is used by the students for materials and equipment to enhance their studies and student experience.

Jack Vettriano, who was raised in Methil before becoming Britain's most popular artist, has supported the Foundation since 2000. So far his generosity has benefitted around 65 students, enabling them to progress their studies in art and design.



### Claremont Office Furniture

Students Susan Crombie and Ewa Wisthal were the first recipients of a new scholarship by Claremont Office Furniture.

Open to both Furniture and Interior Design students, the scholarship offers various amounts up to the value of £2,000 to provide direct assistance to support their studies.



### Foundation Apprenticeship Advancement Scholarship

The 'Foundation Apprenticeship Advancement Scholarship' was launched in March, aimed at pupils who are keen to secure a Modern Apprenticeship (MA) after leaving school.

The scholarships of £500 per person will be awarded to successful apprentices to support their expenditure whilst they study on items such as travel, equipment including tools, clothing or other items such as a laptop which will prove useful in supporting pupils to move on to a MA programme.



### MS Society

Daniel McLean was the first in the country to receive a scholarship, supported by the Fife Branch of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, which has been set up to support people with MS while they study.

Daniel, 17 from Dunfermline, was awarded £1,000 which he plans to put towards buying a car once he passes his driving test.



### George Lauder

Two students went on a trip of a lifetime after being awarded a George Lauder Bursary to study in the USA this summer.

James Hutt, from Kinnesswood and Craig Duncan from Kirkcaldy were delighted to have been picked from dozens of entries to benefit from the George Lauder Bursary which is certain to give them a head start in their future studies and career.

James and Craig had their scholarship award given the seal of approval from none other than Great-Great-Grandson of George Lauder, William Garner.



### Ede & Ravenscroft

Fashion student Kelly Braid was the latest recipient of the Ede & Ravenscroft scholarship which recognises creativity, innovation and passion.

The College's official robe supplier, Ede & Ravenscroft has been the tailor and robemaker of choice for twelve coronations and the firm continues to service royalty, the judiciary, civic authorities, academia, and business.



### Internet Creations

HND Web Development student Ross Kinninmont was awarded a scholarship fund by Roysth based Internet Creations. Ross, from Leven, was awarded £500 and a work placement opportunity at the creative digital agency.

Another new scholarship, the Internet Creations Scholarship is open to those who are studying: HND Web Development (incorporating Mobile Application Development) Year 1 & 2 and BSc Web Design and Development (incorporating Mobile Application Development) Level 9.



### Diageo

HND Electrical Engineering students, Graham Roberts and Maurice Uwayo were awarded engineering scholarships by Diageo, a global leader in beverage alcohol.

Graham and Maurice received their £1,000 scholarships at Diageo's Banbeath Bottling Plant in Leven where they were also given a tour by staff. This year is the ninth year which Diageo has offered scholarships through the Foundation.

# AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

## We are a Winning College!

We've enjoyed picking up a wide range of awards and competition wins over recent months. Check out our winning highlights.

### Double Award Win for College at Herald Higher Education Awards

It was a double celebration for Fife College as it picked up two awards at the prestigious Herald Higher Education Awards, held in June.

The awards recognise outstanding higher education institutions in Scotland with the majority of entries coming from universities. Fife College was thrilled to have been recognised by the judges in six categories and delighted to pick up two award wins on the night.

The first was for Outstanding Contribution from a College Student, won by Carol Hunter, Student President. The second was the Partnership Award for Team Sally, a unique health and wellbeing project led by staff working in Fife College's Learning Centre at HMP Cornton Vale for their joint work with the NHS and the Scottish Prison Service.



### World Class Scholarship for Holly

HNC Hospitality student Holly Wilkins benefitted from the trip of a lifetime and travelled to Lausanne in Switzerland, after winning a Hospitality Industry and Tourism (HIT) Scholarship award which the College applied to on her behalf.

Regarded as the best hospitality school in the world, Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne offers Hospitality Management programmes to students from across the globe.

HIT Scotland funds the all expenses trip for students to take part in a two-day programme at the school which covers all aspects of the Hospitality industry using a blend of business presentations and hands on practical experience.



### College Staff Celebrate Innovation

Staff were recognised for their innovative work at a special awards event held in June, the first of its kind to be held by the College to celebrate new ways of working, outstanding support and delivery and best practice across the College.

Over 100 staff members attended the awards ceremony which was held at the College's Carnegie Conference Centre.

Staff individuals and teams picked up nine awards in total over eight categories for projects and activities that are making a real difference to student experience and College performance.

# AWARD HIGHLIGHTS



### National Award Win for Craig

Fife College Students' Association Manager, Craig Walker was awarded the title of Staff Member of the Year at this year's National Union of Students (NUS) Scotland Awards. Craig was up against students' association staff and officers from colleges and universities throughout Scotland. His leadership and ground breaking new processes, which have seen a dramatic rise in student engagement, shone through and proved a winning hit with the judges.



### Students Shine at National Charity Awards

Five Community and Supported Learning students won a national award for their involvement in a local charity kitchen project.

Fiona Knowles, Chloe Hutchinson, Patrick Steffens, Laurie Doran and Julia Stadnik, who all attend The Sunshine Kitchen, were awarded the Community Enterprise Award at the prestigious Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) 2019 Awards.



### Students Race to First Place in Electric Car

Four engineering students have raced their way to first place in an electric powered car they built themselves, learning some great new skills along the way.

James Carroll, Jackie Chalmers, Nathan Wragg and Chris Cartmel all proved they've got what it takes to build and race a winning car, after taking part in the Greenpower Scottish Heats at East Lothian's East Fortune Raceway.



### Acting and Performance Student Robert Awarded Overcoming Adversity Award

Acting and Performance student Robert Litwin, was presented with the first ever Overcoming Adversity Award.

Awarded in memory of former student Lewis Cunningham, the award was created by his family to honour his love of drama. Following Lewis' untimely and unexpected death earlier this year, they have decided to present a monetary award (as well as a beautiful statue) to one of the College's Acting and Performance students every year.



### Leeanne in the Spotlight

Award winning student Leeanne Clarke found herself in the spotlight as she attended Scotland's Learning Disability Awards where she was invited to present an award.

Leeanne was delighted to present the Community Champion Award which she herself has previously won.

Leeanne attended in her capacity as a lifetime fellow of the RSA after receiving her lifetime fellowship for her creative ideas around writing an autobiography about her experiences, before and after being in care.



### National Award for College and NHS Partners

Fife College, in partnership with NHS Lothian, won a prestigious award for an innovative approach to training the life science workforce of the future.

The partnership scooped the top award in the 'Scottish Government Award for Driving Improvement, Delivering Results'. The award recognised the achievements of the School for Health, Science and Technology (SHST) which is enabling students to gain on-the-job experience while addressing current and future skills shortages in Scotland.

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# MAIN RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN 2019

## 'What If I Told You' Hits Top Gear

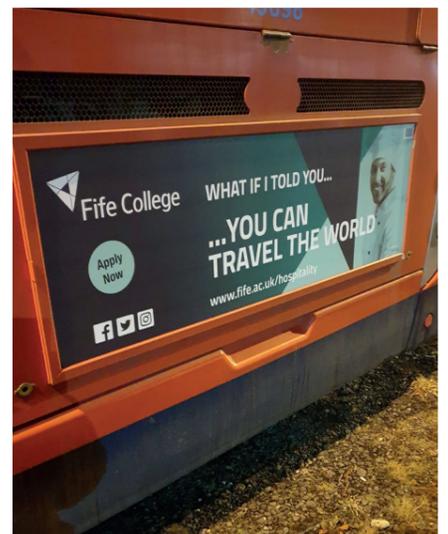
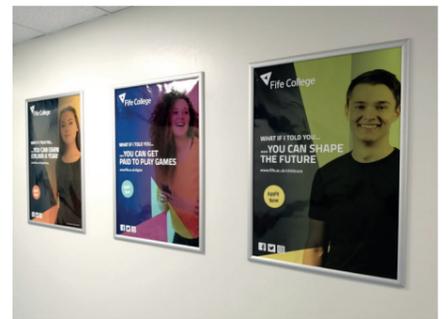
Many more people are much more aware about the benefits of coming to college thanks to Fife College's latest marketing campaign, What If I Told You.

The campaign is succeeding in its aim to engage people and get them thinking about where they want to be in the future, career choices and what salaries they may earn in the future and how Fife College can help them get there.

From social media posts and digital adverts to outdoor banners and billboards, there will be few people who have missed the colourful campaign being promoted across Fife in recent months with bold slogans and future career insights. Even the College's own cars and vans have not escaped the What If I Told You branding with two now on the road and plans to roll out more in the coming months.

Diane Ellis, Director of Marketing at Fife College said: "College's play a vital part in helping people achieve their goals and it is important that they are aware of all the choices available from part-time study and modern apprenticeships to flexible learning and degree programmes. We are delighted that our 'What If I Told You' campaign, created through in depth research and collaborative working with College colleagues, has been a great success, boosting the number of visits to our website and raising awareness of the college route.

"Our newly wrapped vehicles look amazing and have formed part of our offline approach – we are targeting a wide audience so it is important that we are seen in as many places as possible so that everyone can see the benefits of coming to Fife College."



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