

UHI | ARGYLL

We're preparing to welcome our new and existing students back to the centre with the start of the new academic year: w/c 26th August for FE course and w/c 2nd September for HE and UG courses with all students apart from those on a degree course expected to attend their local learning centre for all lectures.

The usual broad range of courses in FE and HE are on offer this year with the main change being in our offering in the childhood and social care sphere. Our previous CSI Childhood Studies has been replaced by **Access to Care (Health & Early Years)** for 24/25. The course is now a combination of Health & Social Care and Early Education & Childcare at **Level 5**. The aim is to fill a gap as we did not have a Level 5 Health & Social Care course previously.

This new course is a suitable alternative to students who are not quite ready to study Access to Nursing (SWAP)/NQ Health & Social Care Level 6 or NC Childhood Practice Level 6.

Our horticulture offering in Helensburgh continues to prove popular and we have had several new courses introduced including some shorter courses:

Drystone Walling – 3 week course (2 days a week)

Introduction to Garden Design – 8 weeks part-time

Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture – part-time 2 hours/week, semester long

Autumn Gardening – 1 day a week, semester long

Our Multiply funded courses this year will be numeracy based with a focus on supporting parents and families:

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They are being offered both during the daytime and in the evening.

Our lecturers will also recommence teaching at Hermitage Academy w/c 14th August and courses delivered this year will include:

In School

NPA Make-up Skills

Higher Beauty

Nat 4 Hairdressing

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Networked

Higher Sociology

Higher Psychology

NPA Creative Digital Media Level 6

FA Social Services & Healthcare

We also continue to work closely with the school supporting those students on Flexible Learning plans.

The building work on the building was completed earlier this year and the new spaces are all now in full use. The addition of 2 new classrooms and a dedicated student hub/lounge area has vastly improved the student experience and the centre is vastly improved in appearance from the outside.

This has been helped as well by a significant amount of work having been done on the garden areas surrounding the centre by the 23/24 horticulture students; including the creation of two large flower beds at the front of the centre.