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## ICHS Career Ready

The Career Ready programme gets you ready for the world of work through one-to-one mentoring, paid internships, skills masterclasses, and workplace visits. All provided by our network of employers including some of the largest companies in the UK.

Whether you want to go into work, study at university, apply for an apprenticeship, or are unsure about your next steps – the Career Ready programme can help you.

Our year 1 Career Ready students have now all been given paid internship placements for 4 weeks of the summer holidays. Students have met all their mentors and fellow students on the program at the launch event that took place in Winchburgh Academy.

Our students welcomed this year's mentors in for a visit to the school and for a mentor catch up session after the Christmas holidays. This was a great opportunity to reconnect and show the mentors what school life is like at ICHS.

In the upcoming months Year 1 pupils will be attending numerous workshops to equip them with skills needed for life, learning and work which will help to prepare them for their summer internships.

Year 2 students, who are now S6 pupils are preparing for the Career Ready graduation event that will take place this Spring to celebrate their success and dedication over the past 2 school years.

If any current S4 pupils would be keen to participate in the program in the next academic school year please come see Miss Macleod in Business who would be more than happy to share some additional information with you.





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## Apprenticeship Scotland

Looking for a practical alternative to uni? Apprenticeships Scotland has you covered. Their website is your one-stop shop for all things apprenticeships, from understanding the basics to finding the perfect programme for you. See the following link: <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>

### Why choose an apprenticeship?

- Earn while you learn: Get paid to gain valuable skills and qualifications, with no student debt to weigh you down.
- Get hands-on experience: Apprenticeships are all about learning by doing, so you'll be gaining practical skills from day one.
- Boost your employability: Employers love apprentices – their job-ready skills and real-world experience make them highly sought-after.

### Explore your options

With hundreds of apprenticeships available in a wide range of industries, there's something for everyone. Browse our website to find programmes in everything from engineering and healthcare to business and IT and search by location.

### Modern vs Graduate Apprenticeship

A Modern Apprentice is employed and works towards a qualification with a college or learning provider.

A Graduate Apprentice is employed and works full-time while gaining an Honours or Masters degree on a day release.

So, the main difference between a Modern Apprenticeship and a Graduate Apprenticeship is the level of qualification you achieve. A Modern Apprenticeship will typically lead to an SVQ or HNC qualification, while a Graduate Apprenticeship will lead to an Honours or Masters degree.



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AND SHAPE **SUCCESSFUL FUTURES.**

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## Woodland Trust Initiative and MiniCop 2024

ICHS has partnered with the Woodland Trust on three impactful initiatives so far this session: exploring forestry careers, hosting a MiniCop event focused on environmental sustainability, and most recently participating in a tree planting program as part of the regeneration of Ladywell Woods. These experiences aimed to inspire students into these careers, foster environmental awareness, and contribute to local conservation efforts.

Students planted 154 native trees, including elder, oak, holly, and rowan, contributing directly to the revitalization of Ladywell Woods. This experience fostered a sense of community responsibility and ownership towards the local environment.

We are in the planning stages for MiniCop 2024, after a successful one in 2023. The aim of this is to raise awareness about environmental issues like sustainability, litter, and forest fires within the school and broader community, aiming to increase engagement with local community and organisations.

If you would like to be involved in MiniCop 2024, please see or email Mr Higgins ([sandy.higgins@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:sandy.higgins@westlothian.org.uk)).





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## The i-confidential Cyber Security Scholarship

Are you in, or entering, the senior phase of secondary school in Edinburgh or the East of Scotland?

Are you considering, or would you consider, a career in cyber security?

Would you like:

- fully funded educational support in National 5 Maths
- support and coaching from inspirational leaders in the cyber security field
- fast-track entry to a range of digital courses at Edinburgh College or West Lothian College
- subsequent advanced entry into Napier University's B(Eng) Hons Cyber Security degree course.

With the incredible generosity and support of i-confidential, we are providing enhanced educational support for six young people in National 5 Maths, with a series of engagements with inspirational role models in the cyber security industry. Scholars who complete the programme (gaining a D or above) in their N5 Maths exam will automatically be offered a place on a relevant course at Edinburgh College or West Lothian College, creating the opportunity for advanced entry onto associated degree courses at Edinburgh Napier University.

Please see the following website for more information:

<https://www.saturdayschoolglasgow.com/i-confidential-scholarship>



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