

# YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

**THE SKILLS  
ACADEMY  
PROSPECTUS**



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# WELCOME TO THE SKILLS ACADEMY

## DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR LEARNING, LIFE AND WORK

The Skills Academy is Kibble's unique education and training centre run in partnership with a Scottish Premiership Football Club. Through a varied curriculum with exciting work experience opportunities, you will gain valuable skills and qualifications that can help shape your future. Moving forward you can consider college and employment options. The supportive staff team at the academy equip you with the resources and tools needed to achieve and start a potential future career.



# OUR LOCATIONS



## THE SKILLS ACADEMY, HILLINGTON

The academy is walking distance from Hillington West Train Station and has workshop areas, classrooms, a commercial kitchen and more.





Paisley

### ST MIRREN'S SMISA STADIUM, PAISLEY

Welcoming over 7,000 fans on match days, the club has with a wide range of departments maintaining stadium operations. It's a short walk from Kibble's Paisley campus.



Ralston

### ST MIRREN'S TRAINING COMPLEX, RALSTON

A state-of-the-art sports venue with extensive football training and coaching facilities that The Skills Academy helps to maintain.

# THE WEEKLY TIMETABLE

While attending The Skills Academy or spending time learning at St Mirren, the timetable follows the same schedule. While at St Mirren, you will need to provide your own lunch.

|                | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| <b>9.00am</b>  | Start  | Start   | Start     | Start    | Start  |
| <b>10.30am</b> | Break  | Break   | Break     | Break    | Break  |
| <b>10.45am</b> | Learn  | Learn   | Learn     | Learn    | Learn  |
| <b>12.30pm</b> | Lunch  | Lunch   | Lunch     | Lunch    | Finish |
| <b>1pm</b>     | Learn  | Learn   | Learn     | Learn    |        |
| <b>2.30pm</b>  | Break  | Break   | Break     | Break    |        |
| <b>2.45pm</b>  | Learn  | Learn   | Learn     | Learn    |        |
| <b>3.30pm</b>  | Finish | Finish  | Finish    | Finish   |        |

# QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

## QUALIFICATIONS

As a registered City and Guilds, and Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) centre, we offer a range of qualifications.



Vehicle System Maintenance



Horticulture



Bike Maintenance



Hospitality



Painting & Decorating



Construction Skills



Graphics

## TRAINING

There are opportunities to gain work experience and full training across the thriving departments of a Scottish Premiership football club.



Reception and Administrator Services



Customer Service and Ticket Office



Facilities Management

# COURSE DETAILS

Let us help you find a course you will enjoy as The Skills Academy has a subject to suit your personality and interests. Your future starts here as each qualification brings exciting career opportunities.



# BIKE MAINTENANCE



**Location:** The Skills Academy

**Instructor:** Robert Ross

**Qualification:** SCQF Level 3 or 4 in Cycle Maintenance

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- An interest in bikes
- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Independent working
- Problem-solving
- Patient

## What Will I Learn?

Discover the different tools and parts of a bike and gain an understanding of how to strip a bike, service a bike and repair a puncture. You may also attend two local primary schools and help deliver short courses to primary 6 and 7 pupils in how to care for their bike. Bike maintenance students spend time travelling in the van collecting bikes from local recycling centres.

The aim is to enable you to develop the skills and knowledge to identify both routine and non-routine maintenance and repair the tasks required on a cycle.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to work within cycle shops such as Halfords.

# CATERING



**Location:** The Skills Academy

**Instructors:** Cath Bryson and Julie Hamill

**Qualification:** Skills for Work in Hospitality at National Level 4

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Work wells under pressure
- Ability to follow instructions
- Able to use own initiative
- Hard working

## What Will I Learn?

The academy has a large, industrial kitchen, which is used to prepare meals for the various departments across Kibble. You will learn how to prepare food, follow a recipe, use different tools and equipment, and gain an understanding of health and safety requirements.

There is an opportunity to progress and work at St Mirren Football Club during a match day, helping the kitchen staff prepare and serve meals for their events and hospitality.

This qualification has four units attached to it including: Working in the Hospitality Industry, Working in the Professional Kitchen, Working Front of House and Introduction to Events.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to further qualifications in Catering and Hospitality, employment or training.

# GRAPHICS



**Location:** The Skills Academy

**Instructor:** Margaret Davidson

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good computing skills
- An interest in graphic design
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Problem-solving
- Creative
- Patient

## What Will I Learn?

Through training within our graphic design studio, you will learn about design, different print materials and produce signage for Kibble and St Mirren. Most of the work is completed on computers using different software to produce what is required.

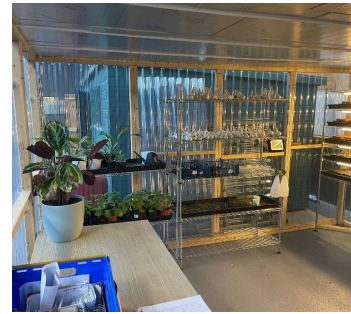
## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

This can lead to entry into college to complete a graphic design course or further employment within graphic, signage and branding companies.

# HORTICULTURE



**Location:** The Skills Academy

**Instructors:** Thomas McLauchlan

**Qualification:** SCQF Level 4 in Horticulture

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Willing to learn
- Problem-solving
- Neat and tidy

## What Will I Learn?

The horticulture team is based at the Skills Academy with a lot of time spent within the community gardens in Hillington and Paisley. You will learn about growing fruit and vegetables, how to look after plants and crops, allotment gardening and plant health.

Within this qualification, three units are completed to gain the full award and include: Allotment Gardening, Plant Health and Plant Propagation. The majority of the course is completed through practical work with little written coursework.

## Employability Units

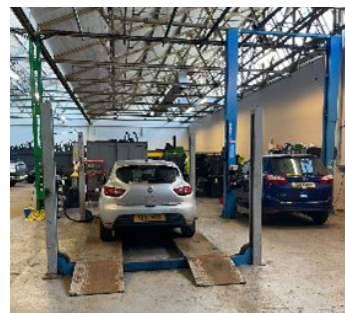
- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to an apprenticeship or entry into college.



# MECHANICS



**Location:** The Skills Academy

**Instructor:** Ross Fordham

**Qualification:** City and Guilds Vehicle System Maintenance

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent communication skills
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Problem-solving
- Hard-working
- Patient

## What Will I Learn?

The mechanics department at The Skills Academy oversees the school vehicles and customers cars. All type of mechanic work and vehicle maintenance is carried out from brakes, exhausts, bulb changes and tyres. You will be trained in using the equipment and tools necessary to complete maintenance checks and repairs. You will pick up parts, attend break downs and help keep the workshop clean and tidy.

Upon completing the introductory automotive qualification, you will have the understanding and knowledge necessary to advance on to a Level 2 or Level 3 apprenticeship.

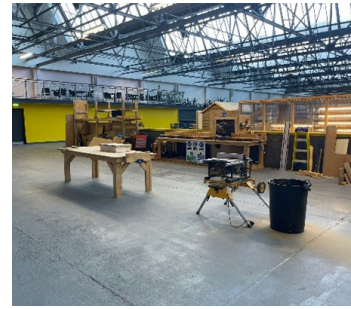
## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

Progress to an automotive apprenticeship and move towards employment as an automotive technician or vehicle paint technician.

# CONSTRUCTION / JOINERY



**Location:** The Skills Academy and St Mirren's SMISA Stadium

**Instructor:** Craig Dunn

**Qualification:** SCQF Level 4 in Construction Craft and Technician

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent communication skills
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Problem-solving
- Neat and tidy

## What Will I Learn?

Develop joinery and construction skills, gaining an understanding of the different tools and how to use them. You will complete joinery jobs including fitting doors and skirting boards, laminate flooring, building made to measure units and fitting cupboards.

The course includes: An Introduction to Joinery Skills and An Introduction to Bricklaying. You will learn techniques that are important in the construction sector.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- Understanding Industries

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to an apprenticeship or entry into college.

# PAINTING & DECORATING



**Location:** The Skills Academy and St Mirren's SMISA Stadium

**Instructor:** Paul Price

**Qualification:** SCQF Level 4 in Construction Craft and Technician

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent communication skills
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Neat and tidy
- Problem-solving

## What Will I Learn?

You will learn about types of paints, the range of brushes, how to prepare your working area and apply the different types of paint.

The course includes the units: An Introduction to Painting and An Introduction to Plastering Units, teaching you techniques that are important in the construction sector.

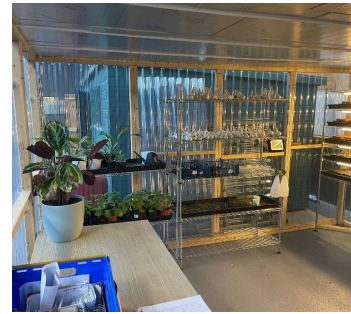
## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- Understanding Industries

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to an apprenticeship or entry into college.

# GARDENING



**Location:** St Mirren's SMISA Stadium or Training Complex

**Instructor:** Stephen McMurray

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Good practical skills including creativity and analytical thinking
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Enjoy working outdoors
- Able to use own initiative
- Neat and tidy

## What Will I Learn?

The main requirements include maintaining the grass, hedges and plants. You will learn how to use gardening machinery and discover different types of plants and how to look after them as well as gain skills in general garden maintenance.

The qualification offers variety of units, which are completed mainly through practical work with little written coursework.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

This can lead on to an apprenticeship, entry into college or you may open up your own gardening business.



# RECEPTION / ADMINISTRATION



**Location:** St Mirren's SMISA Stadium

**Instructor:** Vicki Gilzean

## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Excellent communication skills
- Good presentation skills
- Able to use own initiative
- Work wells under pressure
- Friendly and approachable

## What Will I Learn?

Gain work experience at reception, welcoming visitors, answering phone calls, filing paperwork, photocopying and completing all administrative tasks. Also, you may help set-up events that take place within the stadium.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

Develop clerical skills and progress towards a career as an administrator.

# TICKET OFFICE / CUSTOMER SERVICE



**Location:** St Mirren's SMISA Stadium

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**Instructor:** Deborah Soutar

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## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Excellent communication skills
- Able to use own initiative
- Good at handling money
- Friendly and helpful

## What Will I Learn?

Within the ticket office, you will develop customer service skills and help customer purchase tickets for matches, recording information and handling money from sales.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

Good customer service experience is applicable to various career opportunities.

# FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



**Location:** St Mirren's SMISA Stadium

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**Instructor:** Mark Gajic

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## Skills and Personality Requirements

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Work wells under pressure
- Good communication skills
- Able to use own initiative
- Problem-solving

## What Will I Learn?

Gain an understanding about the health and safety requirements followed within the stadium, assist in carrying out pre-match checks and the process completed before a match.

## Employability Units

- Personal Development Self and Work
- Work Placement
- Steps to Work
- SQA Employability

## Future Opportunities

Facility maintenance experience can lead to a career overseeing the operation and maintenance of building systems and services.



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