



WICK HIGH SCHOOL
LEARNING - AMBITION - RESPECT



Please ask for: C Bennett
Direct Dial: 01955 603333
E-mail: wick.high@highland.gov.uk
Date: 5th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

North Highland College School Link Course Information: 2025-26 Academic Session

Your daughter/son has chosen a College School Link course for the upcoming academic year, 2025-26. Further information on arrangements for college link classes has been provided below.

All face to face courses take place every Friday from 9.45am to 2.15pm on the UHI North Campus Thurso, with the exception of virtual courses which have been integrated into the school timetable throughout the week. Details of the rooms and teaching staff for these classes will be provided on pupils' timetables.

All pupils attending Friday College Link classes should please attend Wick High School for registration and will then be transported to the college via a private hire bus. Arrangements will be made by Highland Council for those pupils who require bus transport home at 2.15pm on Fridays after College Link classes, and pupils will be informed of these by email as soon as they are finalised.

Attendance for College Link courses is recorded and Wick High School receives weekly updates on this. Parents/Carers are required to phone in before 8:35am to Wick High School in the same way they would if a pupil was absent from school. Pupils who are absent from college on a Friday at any point without reason will put their college place in jeopardy.

College Link courses will be tracked and reported on in a similar way to those at school and this information will be passed to parents at reporting times throughout the year.

Please see the following information on dates for college attendance

- **Friday school-link courses (Engineering Skills, Construction, Hair & Beauty, Early Learning & Childcare, Rural Skills, Professional Cookery)**

All College Link pupils who have applied to study face to face courses held on Fridays at the North Highland campus will begin their courses on **Friday 29th August at 9.45am**. Pupils should please ensure they attend registration and will then be transported to the UHI campus where a member of staff will direct them to their classrooms.

Throughout June when there will be no college link face to face classes, including **Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**, pupils who have a College Link subject on their timetables will be provided with an alternative study area in the school for the morning. Pupils should meet Miss Bennett in the top canteen at registration. If parents/carers wish to make alternative study arrangements for their son/daughter on these dates then please inform the school that you child will not be in.

Following the summer holidays, as face to face College Link classes resume on **Friday 29th August at 9.45am in North Highland College**, there will be **no College Link classes on Friday 22nd August**, the first week pupils return to school. On this date, as above with the June arrangements, pupils will be provided with a study area in school or parents can advise the school of alternative arrangements.

- **Online college courses (Creative Industries, NPAs, H Business, H Psychology, H Mental Health & Wellbeing, Foundation Apprenticeships)**

Virtual courses delivered through UHI North, West and Hebrides will be integrated into the school timetable rather than held on Fridays (apart from the SfW Creative industries course which is delivered online on a Friday). Teaching for these courses will begin the week commencing 2nd June. Pupils will be advised of their start date by their tutors through email. Teaching finishes ahead of the summer break for virtual courses on the **20th June**. Pupils can use virtual college link periods to complete course work set by their tutors or to complete private study. Following the summer break, virtual subjects will recommence the week beginning **18th August**.

If you have any queries about the information above, please contact me on the email address provided above

Kind regards,



Carrie Bennett
Depute Head Teacher
Wick High School