

NORTH EAST  
SCOTLAND  
COLLEGE



SCHOOL LINKS

*City & Guilds*

***Hairdressing***  
***Level 1 Certificate***

Your school has joined with North East Scotland College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

## WHAT IS IT?

Hairdressing is a well established industry with a number of qualifications available, including Vocational Related Qualifications and Scottish Vocational Qualifications. By participating in this course you will develop essential generic skills for working in the service industries. You will also develop specific hairdressing skills which will give you the opportunity to undertake further training and qualifications on leaving school, or an opportunity to enter suitable employment.

The Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector is a City and Guilds course which will give you a broad introduction to hairdressing and offers you the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you will:

- Provide and wear a specified tunic, black dress trousers and black non-slip enclosed shoes
- Develop an awareness of health and safety issues relevant to a range of activities
- Develop your communication and customer care skills
- Develop aspects of the core skills of Working with Others
- Gain technical knowledge and skills in relation to working within the industry
- Develop good practice in maintaining a tidy and safe work environment
- Be prepared for further learning opportunities, study and training opportunities in the area of hairdressing



## HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

You will experience a variety of teaching methods and activities, which will include classroom based theory lessons as well as practical vocational experience. You will be taught in classes held within Aberdeen City Campus or a salon in a local school.

Throughout the course delivery you will be offered an opportunity to review and identify how your skills are developing.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- A willingness and commitment to learning
- A knowledge of appropriate dress
- An ability to work independently
- Planning and preparation skills
- Customer Care
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others
- Problem solving skills

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course is made up of the following five units:

- Introduction to the hair and beauty sector
- Presenting a professional image in the salon
- Shampooing and conditioning
- Hair plaiting
- Create an image using colour for the hair and beauty sector

Some of the topics you will learn about include personal presentation, customer care, shampooing, conditioning, blow-drying techniques and current styling trends.

## WHAT DO I NEED?

Whilst you are taking part in the course you will be required to:

- Provide and wear a specified tunic, black dress trousers and black non-slip enclosed shoes
- Always be ready to start your class at the given time
- Adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment

Eating and drinking is not permitted in the salons or classrooms. Drinking water is available from water dispensers in the corridors within the College buildings.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

To achieve the course award you must attend regularly and successfully complete all units. Assessments will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Assessors will observe as you undertake practical activities and you will also complete some research tasks and short written assessments.

Some assessments may require you to bring along a client aged 16 or over.

On successful completion of the full group award you will receive a Level 1 City and Guilds Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

This course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- A full-time Vocational Related Qualification or Scottish Vocational Qualification in Hairdressing
- Training or employment, including possible Modern Apprenticeship programme

## WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT THIS COURSE?

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

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It is expected that pupils enrolling on this course will remain enrolled with their school for the duration of the course. Therefore this course is **not** suitable for those school pupils planning on leaving school at Christmas.



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