



Level 6

Foundation

Apprenticeships

Learner Information

Session 2024/25





What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) are a national scheme available to school students. They offer a chance for students to undertake **work based learning** from a theoretical and practical perspective. Almost all Level 6s FAs have a **weekly work placement** that will run for most of the school year. Midlothian Secondary Schools will offer seven Level 6 FAs as part of our Senior Phase curriculum during session 2024/25.

[Click here](#) to find out more about FAs.

Why should I think about choosing a Foundation Apprenticeship?

FAs are increasingly attractive and relevant to Senior Phase students because they are work based and work oriented. **Level 6 FAs are equivalent to a Higher** but with a different assessment schedule. We think Level 6 FAs are particularly relevant, and a good option, for two groups of students

- Future S6 students who expect to secure five Highers at A/B in their S5; a Level 6 FA may well be a better option than another Higher or Advanced Higher
- Future S5 students who aim to secure at least five Highers over their S5 and S6 and who are thinking about a mixture of N5s and Highers in S5; a Level 6 FA may well be a better option than a N5

Level 6 FAs are relevant to a range of jobs and help to support the development of a range of skills that employers, colleges and universities are looking for in school leavers. These skills are known as **meta-skills** and are shown in the table below.

Self management	Social intelligence	Innovation
Focussing	Communicating	Curiosity
Integrity	Feeling	Creativity
Adapting	Collaborating	Sense making
Initiative	Leading	Critical thinking

What Level 6 Foundation Apprenticeships are on offer?

Midlothian secondary schools are offering seven Level 6 FAs for session 2024/25. In addition, we are offering a unique Level 6 qualification called **'Global Infrastructure and the Built Environment'**. This is similar to an FA as it is work oriented learning. More detailed information on what is on offer is listed below.

Each FA counts as one subject choice and will sit in one column. It will involve travel for some students as it's a Midlothian offer and will bring together learners for different schools. Your school will advise on where you'll learn and your work placement after the 2024 SQA Exam Diet.

Foundation Apprenticeship	Additional Information for Learners
Accountancy	click here
Business Skills	click here
Creative and Digital Media	click here
IT: Software Development	click here
Scientific Technologies	click here
Social Services and Healthcare	click here
Social Services: Children and Young people	click here
Global Infrastructure and the Built Environment	click here