

Edinburgh College

10th Anniversary: A Decade and More of Educating Edinburgh and the Lothians

A project to collate and catalogue the history and archives of Edinburgh College and its legacy institutions



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

This report covers the work undertaken as part of a 10th anniversary project to research the history of Edinburgh College and its legacy institutions, and to collate, catalogue and preserve all collected archival material.

Edinburgh College has a history which can be traced back almost 100 years. It is the latest in a long line of educational establishments to provide the people of Edinburgh and its environs with skills and training in a variety of industry sectors. It carries on a tradition of providing access to education for all, regardless of age, nationality, gender or physical abilities.

Project Outcomes:

- An ISAD(g) compliant catalogue
- A better understanding of the beginnings of Edinburgh College
- An accessible resource for use by college staff and students

This brochure is an abridged version of the full project report which is available on request.



THE COLLECTIONS

Each college has its own separate and distinct collection all coming under the overarching umbrella of Edinburgh College which has its own archival material created during the last 10 years. Only Edinburgh College will have newly generated material added to its archive, the other collections may be added to only when previously undiscovered material comes to light within the college or is donated by staff or former students. These donations should be kept intact and added to the end of the relevant catalogue.

The collections consist mainly of prospectuses, college and student newsletters, administrative papers and audio-visual material.

An Archive Collection Policy has been drafted to assist with any additional deposits or donations.

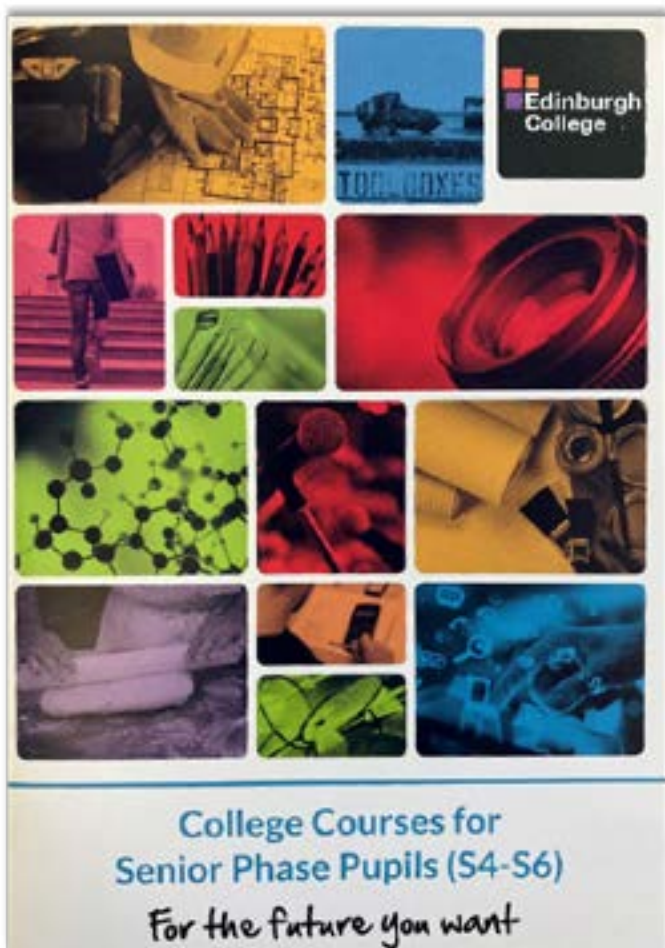
College	Reference
Edinburgh College	EC
Telford College (including Regent Road Institute and Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts)	EC/TC
Stevenson College (including Dean College of Nursing and Ramsay Technical Institute)	EC/SC
Jewel and Esk College / Jewel and Esk Valley College	EC/JEC
Esk Valley College	EC/EVC
Leith Nautical College	EC/LNC



EDINBURGH COLLEGE

Edinburgh College was created in 2012 as a result of the merger of Edinburgh's three main further education establishments: Telford College; Stevenson College; Jewel and Esk College.

The records of Edinburgh College currently include prospectuses and course guides and administrative records of the Edinburgh College Development Trust.

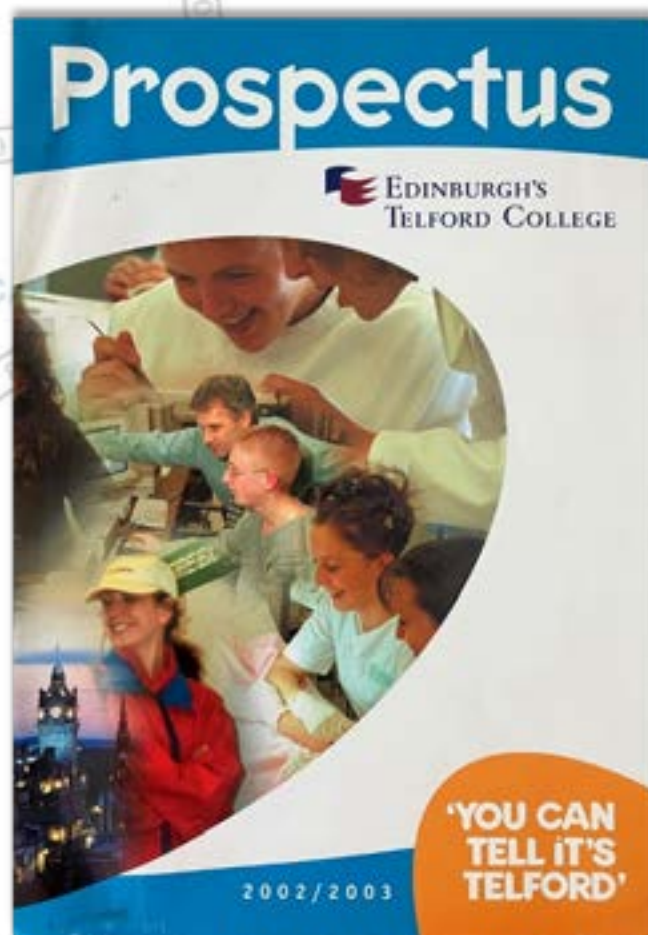


TELFORD COLLEGE

Telford College of Further Education was opened in 1966 incorporating the Regent Road School and some departments of the Ramsay Technical Institute, among other further education and evening schools operating in the city. The college moved into a purpose built campus at Edinburgh's Crewe Toll in 1968. This site quickly became insufficient and a number of annexes across the city were used in the 1980s. In 1992 the college expanded into the old Ainslie Park High School in East Pilton which became known as the North Campus while the original site at Crewe Toll was referred to as the South Campus. In 2006 the college moved to a new purpose built site which would become the Granton Campus of Edinburgh College following the 2012 merger.

The collection includes prospectuses, digital images and photographs and college newsletters

Collection Highlight: "Thoughts on Telford College" a film put together for the college's 40th anniversary



REGENT ROAD INSTITUTE


There had been an educational establishment of some form or another at Regent Road in the city's East End since the late 19th century. It was originally a school funded by the George Heriot Educational Trust before being taken over by the Edinburgh School Board in 1886.

An evening school was opened as a continuation school for girls which soon went on to cater for boys and young men. The evening classes proved popular and continued after the day school itself closed. A Junior Instruction Centre was opened during the day and in 1955 The Regent Road Institute was established to run both the day and evening classes.

In 1967 the Institute closed with all courses and staff transferred to Edinburgh's new Telford College which would open the following year. Robert G Macleod, headmaster at Regent Road would become the first Principal of Telford.



TIMELINE

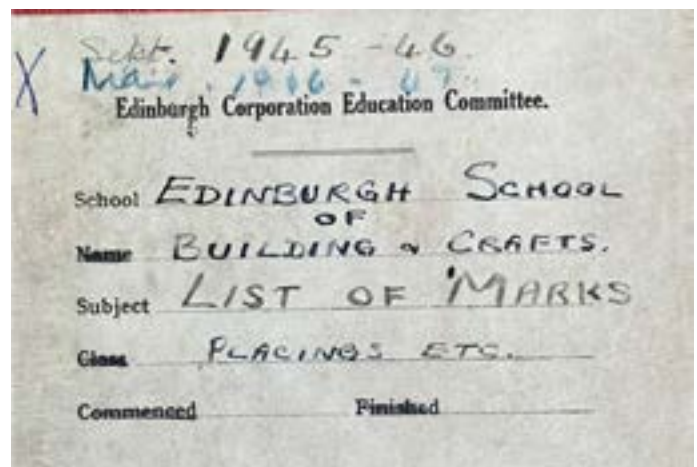
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- 1903** — **Leith Nautical College** opens in Commercial Street. Moves to **Milton Road** in 1978
 - 1923** — **Ramsay Technical Institute** opens in an old chocolate factory near Portobello
 - 1943** — **Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts** opens in the former New Street School
 - 1949** — **Dean College of Nursing** opens in the former Dean Orphanage
 - 1952** — **Esk Valley Miners College** opens in former miners' hostel at Lingerwood
 - 1955** — **Regent Road Institute** opens for day and evening students
 - 1966/68** — **Telford College** opens in 1966 and Granton campus completed in 1968. Moved to new campus in 2006
 - 1969** — **Esk Valley College** moves to new premises at Eskbank
 - 1971** — **Stevenson College** opens at new premises in Sighthill
 - 1987** — Esk Valley College and Leith Nautical College merge to create **Jewel & Esk Valley College**
 - 2008** — Jewel & Esk Valley College drops the “valley” to become Jewel & Esk and the **Evolve Project** sees significant building upgrades at Edinburgh and Midlothian sites
 - 2012** — Telford, Stevenson and Jewel & Esk Colleges merge to create **Edinburgh College**

EDINBURGH SCHOOL OF BUILDING AND CRAFTS

The Edinburgh School of Building and Crafts opened in 1943 in premises at New Street, a former Victorian School. It offered courses in painting and decorating, graining and marbling, plumbing, joinery and bricklaying to students from Edinburgh, the Lothians and Peeblesshire.

The school's aim was to bridge the gap between school leaving age and employment age. The School closed in 1968 with all departments transferring to Telford College. The New Street building continued to be used as an annex.

The collection consists of a series of mark books from the 1940s-1960s and black and white photographs of students from the 1950s and 1960s.

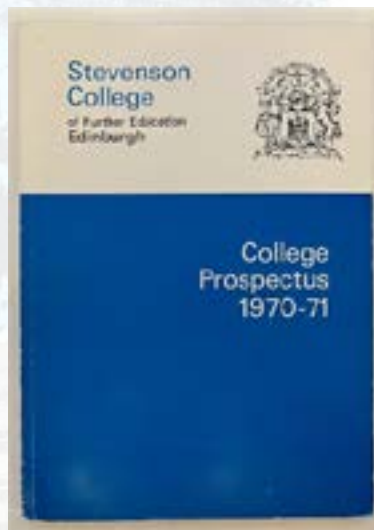


STEVENSON COLLEGE

Stevenson College of Further Education was established in 1970 in the Sighthill area of Edinburgh. It incorporated the Dean College of Nursing and some departments of Ramsay Technical Institute. The college remained at Sighthill relatively unchanged, except for the addition of the Music Box and Sports Centre in 2006 and 2012 respectively, until it merged with Telford and Jewel and Esk to become part of Edinburgh college in 2012.

The collection includes prospectuses, student magazines, contemporary press cuttings and a large collection of colour photographs.

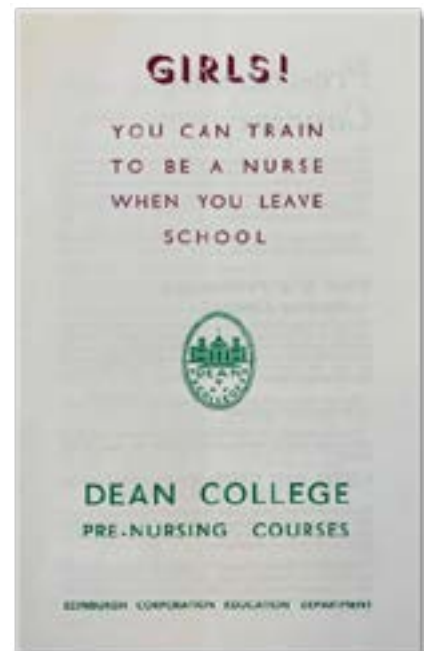
Collection Highlight: Vehicle Trades Department photograph album



DEAN COLLEGE OF NURSING

Opened in 1949, Dean College was housed in Torphicen Street Day Institute with additional space at 1 Regent Terrace, an annex to Edinburgh's old Royal High School. In 1968 the college, which provided pre-nursing and childcare courses, moved to the former premises of James Gillespie's High School for Girls. In 1970 the staff and students were transferred to the Department of Health Education at Stevenson College.

Collection Highlight: Dean College Log Book



DEAN COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Edinburgh School Board purchased the premises of a former chocolate factory in Portobello with a view to using it for evening class apprentice training. 170 students were enrolled when it opened its doors in 1923. It was named the WM Ramsay Technical School, later Institute, and provided classes in woodworking, patternmaking, tailoring and vehicle building. In tandem with the Tynecastle Workshops, it was the main provider of non-advanced craft training in engineering and woodworking. In 1968 the mechanical engineering classes were transferred to Telford College. In 1969 the remainder of the Institute became an annex of Stevenson College and classes were subsequently transferred to a new purpose built campus at Sighthill.

Collection Highlight: Ramsay Institute Log Book



JEWEL AND ESK COLLEGE

Jewel and Esk Valley College was a further education college in Edinburgh from 1987 -2012. It was created in 1987 from a merger of Leith Nautical College and Esk Valley College and was officially opened in 1988.

The College consisted of two campuses - the former Leith Nautical College campus at Milton Road and the former premises of Esk Valley College at Eskbank, Dalkeith. In 2012 Jewel and Esk College merged with Edinburgh's two other further education colleges Stevenson and Telford to create Edinburgh College.

The collection includes prospectuses, college newsletters, a large collection of digital images, colour photographs and transparencies

Collection Highlight: 1988 promotional video



JEWEL & ESK VALLEY COLLEGE



ESK VALLEY COLLEGE

Administered by Midlothian Education Committee, and later Lothian Regional Council, Esk Valley College was opened in 1952 to provide a range of vocational and commercial courses geared to the needs of the mining industry prevalent in the area at the time. A purpose built campus at Eskbank was officially opened in January 1969; the College had previously used temporary accommodation, including the former Newtongrange Miner's Hostel at Lingerwood. In 1987 the College merged with Leith Nautical College to create Jewel & Esk Valley College. The original College building was demolished in 2007 and replaced with a modern campus now known as Edinburgh College's Midlothian Campus.

The collection includes prospectuses, black and white photographs and college newsletters.

Collection Highlight: Official opening ceremony programme



LEITH NAUTICAL COLLEGE





Leith Navigation School opened in the Mariners church, Leith in 1855. After a brief period of closure 1859-1861, the school moved to a flat in Tolbooth Wynd and then into Dock Place. In 1901 the school relocated to newly built premises, in Commercial Street and was renamed Leith Nautical College.

In 1978 the Prince of Wales officially opened a purpose built campus on Milton Road, but the college closed in 1985 when nautical education was transferred to Glasgow. Lothian Regional Council acquired the building and retained some of the staff and departments which were controversially merged with Esk Valley College in 1987 to create Jewel and Esk Valley College. The building at Milton Road remains an Edinburgh College campus today.



The majority of archival material relating to LNC was transferred to Heriot Watt University when the college closed. The collection held by Edinburgh College consists of material collated and donated for a reunion organized by the Edinburgh College Development Trust and includes newsletters, prospectuses and photographic slides.



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