**Elmwood College**

With over 50 years' experience in education and training, Elmwood has gained an excellent reputation for very high standards in teaching and learning.

Internationally, we are recognised as a Centre of Excellence in golf related studies and, as specialists in land-based education.

Locally, the college has gained a reputation for its warm and friendly atmosphere and this, combined with its impressive rural location in North East Fife near the historic golfing town of St Andrews, makes it an ideal place in which to study.

Elmwood offers a wide range of courses and is continuously developing a variety of flexible methods of study, with the aim of widening access to as many individual learners as possible. As a result, many of our full-time courses can be made available as flexible learning options or on a part-time basis.

At Elmwood, we are committed to creating opportunities for employment and career progression. Our vocational courses are designed in close consultation with industry in order to ensure the most up-to-date and relevant training, the aim being to help you achieve rewarding employment in your future career choice.

Elmwood College offers you the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. Subjects offered cover a wide range, from agriculture to hairdressing and golf to interior decoration. It's a place to learn, but also to make new friends. I hope you enjoy finding out about Elmwood and the courses on offer and that you choose to join us for your future studies.
History

The college began its life using borrowed facilities from the local school and cricket club before Fife County Council Education Committee acquired some land and erected a Nissen hut. This was followed by the purchase of the adjacent property of Elmwood House, Gardens and Greenhouses in 1953 for the sum of £2,300.

In 1956 the first Day Release classes in Scotland for Agricultural and Horticultural Apprentices commenced at Elmwood Agricultural Centre. The college continued to expand during the early 1960's culminating in the construction of a new building with the foundations being laid in 1968 and the engineering block and horticultural department completed in 1971. The college then purchased Stratheden Hospital Farm in 1971. The college was officially opened in 1972 by Sir Hector Munro.

Construction of Elmwood’s Golf Course began in 1995 with special attention being given to both the quality of the course and consideration of the local environment. Elmwood worked closely with top level golfers, greenkeeping experts and specialists in conservation management to ensure that both golfers and wildlife alike appreciate and approve of the result.

Over the years, the college's portfolio of courses has changed, catering for the educational needs of the local community with the newest additions being the Charlie Taylor Academy of Hair and Beauty, the Equine Centre, the Fitness Suite and the new Golf Academy which opened in August 2009.

Mission Statement

"Elmwood College will deliver high quality, innovative education and training in a supportive and attractive learning environment."

Vision Statement

'To be a National and International centre of excellence for land-based and golf industry related specialisms whilst serving the lifelong learning needs of the local community'.
A Warm Welcome Waits

Elmwood College exists to deliver and champion excellence in learning. We are always trying to improve the experience for learners even although we already compare very favourable with any other College!

Our values – the things that staff believe at Elmwood – include:

- Your experience at Elmwood determines whether we have been successful or unsuccessful
- Individually and together, we must continually improve
- You should be treated as an individual with care and respect
- You should be encouraged to be creative and enterprising
- You deserve the best learning environment that we can create
- Working together helps us to achieve more than we could do on our own
- We are absolutely committed to equality of opportunity

Why do we emphasise these things? It's because we appreciate that you have trusted us with a substantial part of your life – your time at College – but more significantly, your future career. We are always grateful that so many people choose to come and study here and we see it as a privilege to be trusted with such an important decision.

We continually review our curriculum and our support activities to ensure that you will leave us with the knowledge, skills and nationally recognised qualifications that employers want or that you need if you are starting your own business.

Elmwood College has seen a lot of success over recent years and this has been based on the work of specialist and dedicated staff who either teach or provide support, we want you to succeed and this motivates us in all that we do. Our sincere hope is that you will be another success story for Elmwood as well as for yourself!

**Accommodation**

Students can be located in our 72 bedroom residence. This has been recently refurbished and includes single study bedrooms, showers, toilet block and kitchens per 12 bedrooms, internet access, TV lounge and the Buzz bar. Students can choose to be catered or self-catered during their stay.
We also have some accommodation in St Andrews. This is a small flat above the international office and can be used for short stays of a week or less. This is an ideal location for international guests visiting the College and the international team.

**Elmwood Golf Course**

In 1995 the construction of Elmwood Golf Course began. The 18 hole facility with clubhouse opened officially in 1998. The main reason for building this facility was to ensure students studying Golf and Greenkeeping related education programmes were given the best practical classroom possible. This is very important particularly for our full time student cohort. All students studying at Elmwood College have the opportunity to learn from the facility as it is not only a 50 hectare classroom but it is also commercially run by the College giving students the opportunity to work and learn from a real working environment. Today the facilities include;

- Clubhouse
- Scenic 18 hole golf course
- State of the art Greenkeeping facilities
- Toro partnership
Golf Academy with driving range, video analysis and short game area

**International Activity**

Elmwood College has recently opened a new international office in St Andrews. The premises, opposite the old course and close to the R&A clubhouse, are perfectly placed to facilitate the College's work in relation to the development of golf education worldwide.

Over recent years, Elmwood has gained recognition as the premier training provider to the golf industry. Whilst much of its activity serves the Scottish golf industry, it is increasingly involved in activities out with the UK and attracts many students from overseas.

The College’s most significant international project is in China where, assisted by R&A funding, Elmwood staff are working with Chinese university partners to develop golf education for the Chinese golf industry. The College is also involved in a project to establish greenkeeping education standards for Europe. The College also acts as the education advisers for the Club Managers Association of Europe (CMAE). Current work includes the new Certified Club Manager Award, CCM and a research project to aid the development of professional development standards for the club management industry.
The establishment of the office in St Andrews forms a key part of Elmwood's international strategy and its magnificent position, overlooking the most famous golf course in the world, provides an ideal location in which to meet and entertain overseas guests who we hope will take full advantage of this by visiting us over the years to come.
Recent Press
Small College is Big in China
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Elmwood's burgeoning international reputation received an endorsement from the very top during a recent trip to China.

First Minister Alex Salmond and Education and Lifelong Learning Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop assisted Principal Jim Crooks and International Director Carol Borthwick at a very special graduation.

The College's visit to China culminated in a graduation ceremony for Tongji University Golf Management students. Both the First minister and Cabinet Secretary took part in the ceremony which received a great deal of coverage in the Chinese media.

The Principal and Director of Golf and International Operations visit was to agree final terms with Andrews Times Golf Management Ltd to operate as Elmwood College's sole representatives in China. They would have the responsibility for further commercialisation of courses to be delivered in China and also would be involved in the recruitment of Chinese students.

The partnership builds on a very successful decade of capacity building by the College in China for the golf industry and the formation of the China-Scotland Golf Partnership in which Elmwood plays a prominent role, with ten University and College partners. The college has also trained more than 70 Chinese academic staff to deliver golf education.

Principal Jim Crooks said, “The visit was a terrific success, and the First Minister was impressed with what he learned of our work in China. Elmwood College may be the 34th largest FE College in Scotland but is the number 1 choice in China - especially for golf management.”

Picture shows from left to right, Carol Borthwick, Director of International and Golf Operations, Fiona Hyslop, MSP Lifelong learning, Scottish Government, Jim Crooks, Elmwood College Principal, Shirley Ou Yang, Elmwood, China Project Administration Manager, Alex Salmond, First Minister of Scotland, Raymond Tang, CEO Andrews Times
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We look forward to meeting and welcoming you to Elmwood College