

UPDATE ON COLLEGE CLOSURE

The college's remote delivery service allows you to remain connected and engaged with your studies whilst working from home with support from your tutor/assessor. For the latest updates, please visit the Covid-19 updates website page [HERE](#).

Timetables are available on Pro Portal. For further information on how to access Pro Portal please click link [HERE](#).



PLAY YOUR PART... STAY APART



As Covid-19 continues to affect our lives, we have all made sacrifices to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the communities we live in.

Remember to wash your hands, cover your face and make space to help stop the spread of the virus to yourself, family and friends.

Covid-19 spreads through breathing in infected liquid droplets from the air around you and touching surfaces where droplets have landed. If you have tested positive or have been identified as a close contact, you must self-isolate to stop the spread.

If you are displaying symptoms and need a Covid-19 test, click [HERE](#) to find your nearest Kirklees testing centre.

National Apprenticeship Week 8-14 February 2021

#NAW2021

**BUILD
THE FUTURE**

APPRENTICESHIPS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

The college will be celebrating National Apprenticeship Week from 8 – 14 February.

As part of this year's theme 'Build the Future', we'll be sharing case studies from apprentices and employers throughout the week to show how apprenticeships and technical skills are helping to build the future workforce.

Follow our social media channels [@kirkleescollege](#) for the latest updates throughout the week.

SUPPORT VIDEOS FOR REMOTE LEARNING

If you are struggling to access a device during lockdown but have a games console connected to the internet, you can still access college services, such as Microsoft Teams and Office 365. Although some functions could be limited, you will have access to virtual classes, see your tutor and use voice and text chat. You will need a games console, controller, compatible headset, a USB keyboard and subscription to your console's online gaming service to access the systems.



Click [HERE](#) to watch a video on KCTV on how to connect your device.

Click [HERE](#) to watch student help videos covering everything from how to join virtual classes, installing desktop audio and troubleshooting audio and video in Microsoft Teams to logging into Office365 and VLE.

STAY AT HOME



PROTECT THE NHS

save lives



ENRICHMENT & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Do you want to help improve the lives of vulnerable people in your community? We're excited to be working with some local organisations to offer you online volunteering opportunities.

Some of the benefits to volunteering are:

- Learn new skills
- Helps you stay active
- Helps your CV stand out
- Can lead to paid employment
- Very rewarding
- Helps improve social skills
- May link to future career goals
- Helps you make friends

Contact support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to find out how you can get involved.

COUNSELLING

We are still running our service via telephone call or through video call Monday – Thursday 9am – 4pm (flexibility is available.)

Email: counsellingservice@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or use the below QR code to make a referral.



STAYING SAFE ONLINE

As we rely more and more on our tech at home for learning and entertainment, it remains vital to keep safety at the forefront of our minds. Do you know where to go if things go wrong for you or someone you know?

Click [HERE](#) to take a look at safety tips for young people

LIVING WITHOUT FAMILY SUPPORT

Are you currently living without the support of your family? Click [HERE](#) and go to the estranged section of our website to find out how we can support you.

USEFUL SERVICES

Now more than ever, it is important for you to take care of your mental health. We are here to offer support to any of our students.

Helplines:

Samaritans – call or text **116 123** for free or email jo@samaritans.org anytime

Papyrus – call **0800 068 4141** from 9am – 12am (midnight)

SHOUT – text **SHOUT** to **85258** from anywhere in the UK

Other resources:

Togetherall – online community available 24/7 that can be accessed using your college email address, <https://togetherall.com/en-gb/>

Kirklees IAPT – <https://kirkleesiapt.co.uk>

Thriving Kirklees – www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk

THE BASE VIRTUAL DROP-IN



The Base is a free, friendly and confidential drug and alcohol service for young people under 21 in Kirklees. They will be running drop-in chat sessions via Zoom every Monday at 12pm – 1.30pm starting on 1 February. You will be able to have a confidential 1:1 chat with a member of the team. You will not be able to see any other young people who access the drop-in.

Click [HERE](#) to access the Zoom link.

The meeting details are:

Meeting ID: **860 1705 4106**

Passcode: **418141**

