

## UPDATE ON COLLEGE CLOSURE

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



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

## 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.

## SUPPORT VIDEOS FOR REMOTE LEARNING

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



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

Click [HERE](#) to watch 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.

## ENRICHMENT & STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

We're really excited to be working with some local organisations to offer some online volunteering opportunities to students. Volunteering can help teach students new skills, help their CV stand out, improve their social skills and can lead to employment.

Students should contact [support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) to find out how they can gain valuable employability skills by volunteering with members of the local community.



### USEFUL SERVICES

Now more than ever, it is important for young people to take care of your mental health. As always, we are here to offer support to any of our students but if you need to point your young person in the right direction, here are some useful contacts:

#### HELPLINES:

**Samaritans** – call or text **116 123** for free or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto: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](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

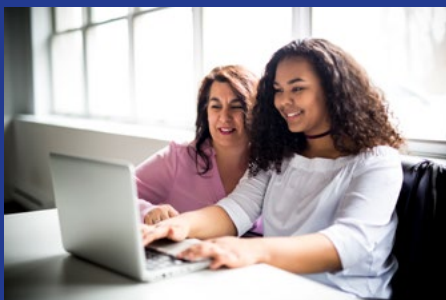


### PARENT PALS FORUM

Parent Pals is a forum for parents and carers to stay connected with the college community. The next Parent Pals discussion will focus on curriculum and online learning.

The meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 4 February at 4.30-5.30pm.

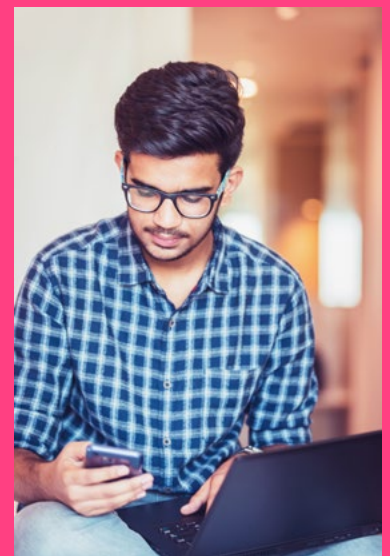
Email [support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) to register your interest.



### 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 a look at safety tips for parents to help young people get the most out of the internet.



**STAY AT  
HOME** 

**PROTECT  
THE NHS**

 **save  
lives**