

# WELCOME TO

# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

# AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE

## WELCOME FROM THE CURRICULUM AREA MANAGER

“Congratulations on securing a place at Kirklees College. My name is Matt Robinson, I am the Curriculum Area Manager for the Children and Families department. Our students study at either the Huddersfield Centre or Springfield Sixth Form Centre in Dewsbury on courses that mix classroom-based lessons with practical work placements working with children from Early Years upwards. The staff bring with them valuable experience from industry to support you in getting the best possible opportunities.”



**Matt Robinson**

## COURSES IN THIS AREA

- Level 1 Caring for Children
- Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings
- Level 3 Childcare and Education



## WHERE WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

Huddersfield Centre is located in the town centre and is a short walk from the bus and train stations. Students have access to the college gym which is free for students, Starbucks coffee shop, large refectory and cash machine. The LRC is across four floors with access to course text books and computers. Don't be put off by the size of the building, Childcare classes usually take place in block A across floors 2 and 3. There is a breakout area on each floor with social spaces and access to vending machines.

Springfield Sixth Form Centre in Dewsbury is for 16 – 18 learners only. This small centre has a real buzz about it and is only a short walk from both the bus and train stations. There is a refectory service and LRC where you can access computers for work.

[Click here to take a virtual tour of Huddersfield Centre](#)

[Click here to take a virtual tour of Springfield Sixth Form Centre](#)



IT STARTS WITH YOU

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your timetable will usually be 16 hours a week. If you don't have GCSE Grade 4 in English and maths then resitting these will be built into your study programme.

These courses include a substantial amount of work placement with ages 0 – 11. We have a dedicated Work Placement team who will work with you to secure a suitable employment. You will work in different settings to enhance your skills and we try to ensure that you don't have to travel too far to your placement, where possible. You will need to complete an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS) before you can complete your placement which college will co-ordinate for you.

- Level 1: 50 hours work placement
- Level 2: 230 hours work placement
- Level 3: 360 hours work placement per year

As a Microsoft Showcase College, you can download Microsoft software for free to your device and access free Wi-Fi at college. You can also study Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) qualifications alongside your study programme.



## MEET OUR STUDENTS

“ I have a passion for Childcare and have enjoyed working with children on my placement. I have had brilliant support and my teachers are always helpful. I hope to go to university and become a primary school teacher. ”

**Safa Hussain, Level 3 Childcare and Education**



## MEET ONE OF OUR SUBJECT TUTORS

“ Hi, my name is Jenny and I have been a tutor at Kirklees College for many years teaching on the level 3 course. I have also worked on local community projects which involved recruiting volunteers to come into nurseries and schools to read to children and partnering children with a mature person at care homes to help children improve their literacy. I consider myself to be approachable and supportive of my students and believe that teaching, next to supporting my family, is one of the things I do best. ”

**Jenny Jones**



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**We can support you with:**

- Applying for bursaries if you're eligible
- Buying uniform and kits
- Free college meals
- Support with travel costs – you can apply for a travel pass before you start or collect a form from college

[Click here for more information](#)



# STUDENT SUPPORT

We have a wide range of support available including:

- Dedicated Progress Coach. Your Progress Coach will work with you on a 1:1 basis to support you with your progress, needs and goals.
- Additional learning support. This is available for learners with specialist educational needs and disabilities and is delivered in various forms according to an individual's assessed needs or provisions within an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP.)
- Counselling service
- Careers service

[Click here for more information](#)



# CAREER PROGRESSION

A substantial number of students enter employment at the end of this course in roles based in nurseries, both private and attached to a school, working in Early Years, as a nanny and at an after-school club.

On completion of level 3, you are a qualified Early Years Practitioner which will support you to become a room leader or move into education management.

You can also progress to HNC level with us or enrol on a degree programme. Previous students have gone on to study:

- Primary Education
- Psychology and Counselling
- Health and Social Care



## VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS



Attend a LIVE Virtual Open Day to find out more information about college life, our centres, facilities and the support available.

The dates for our Summer Virtual Open Days are:

**TUESDAY 29 JUNE**      **WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE**

[VIRTUAL OPEN DAY - Click here to find out more](#)

**94%**

OF OUR STUDENTS  
WOULD RECOMMEND  
KIRKLEES COLLEGE

**93%**

OF OUR STUDENTS  
SAID THEIR  
TEACHING IS GOOD

**95%**

OF OUR STUDENTS  
SAID THEY HAVE  
HAD A GOOD  
EXPERIENCE

If you would like to speak to a tutor or have any questions about your course or application, please email [applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk)

Enrolment will be in August. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

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