



**KIRKLEES
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**ESSENTIAL
GUIDE TO
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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES - CHANGING LIVES



WELCOME TO KIRKLEES COLLEGE

Welcome to Kirklees College from Palvinder Singh,
Principal of Kirklees College.

Hello and a warm welcome to Kirklees College. Across Kirklees College, our teams work hard to ensure you have the best experience possible. Our values are kindness, unity and excellence and we hope your time with us inspires you to do great things.

We encourage you to take new opportunities to learn new skills, meet lots of new people and immerse yourself in your studies which will help you to reach your career goals, whether that is higher education, an apprenticeship or getting a job. I wish you every success with your studies!



WELCOME FROM THE KC STUDENTS' UNION

All students are automatically members of the Kirklees College Students' Union and that means you have access to the vast selection of excellent services, support and benefits that our we (SU) offers.

The SU Hub can be found at the Huddersfield Centre in the Atrium and the SU also travels around the other sites throughout the year. There are loads of ways you can get involved with KC SU, becoming an SU Officer or setting up a club or society.

Becoming an active member of the SU is a great way to make sure you and your peers' voices are heard and to influence positive change in college. Not only will you enhance your CV, you'll meet new people, try new things expand your knowledge, confidence and develop skills that prepare you for life after college.

Visit the Students' Union website page to find out more.

Follow us on Facebook [@KirkleesCollegeStudentsUnion](#) and Instagram [@kirkleescollege_su](#)



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

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"I'm enjoying my course, and I find it fun as I get to learn about a subject that I have a strong interest in. I get a lot of support with my learning. I didn't think I'd get so much help in a college environment, compared to high school, which I'm really thankful for."

Hisham, studying Level 2 Health and Social Care ”



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*"I studied an Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Performance at Kirklees College attaining a grade D*D*D*. Since then I have completed a BSc in Sport, Physical Activity and Health at Manchester Metropolitan University and I am now currently studying an MSc in Strength and Conditioning at Salford University. I combine my studies with part-time as a personal trainer."*

Alex, studied Sport Extended Diploma ”



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"The projects on my course have allowed me to express myself and I have learnt a lot about the process of designing. The multi-purpose studios available at the Pioneer Higher Skills Centre have enabled me to use a broad range of creative processes to realise my ideas. Studying this course has opened many doors for me."

Zaynab, studying Foundation Art, Design and Media Practice ”



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"I chose this course as I have always had a clear career goal of becoming a midwife and studying Biomedical Science will help me to achieve this. My favourite aspect of the course is biology. The tutors are fantastic and have always been on hand to help."

Natasha, studying Biomedical Science Level 3 ”



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"I really enjoy my apprenticeship at Accu. I get lots of support from my employers and in college where there is a real sense of community. I can't recommend an apprenticeship enough, I learn so much on the job and I'm getting paid."

Ethan, Customer Service Apprentice at Accu ”



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

1 HUDDERSFIELD CENTRE
Waterfront Quarter, Manchester Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LD

2 TAYLOR HILL ANIMAL CENTRE
Close Hill Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6LE

3 ENGINEERING CENTRE
Turnbridge Road, Off St Andrew's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 6AG

4 PROCESS MANUFACTURING CENTRE
Turnbridge Road, Off St Andrew's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 6AG

5 BRUNEL CONSTRUCTION CENTRE
Old Fieldhouse Lane, Off Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1AG

6 SPRINGFIELD SIXTH FORM CENTRE
Bradford Road, Dewsbury, WF13 2NP

7 PIONEER HIGHER SKILLS CENTRE
Halifax Rd, Dewsbury, WF13 1BD

There are plenty of ways to make getting to Kirklees College an easy journey.

BUS

Our Huddersfield Centre is located directly opposite Huddersfield Bus Station. You can travel to Huddersfield Bus Station from the surrounding area, including Halifax, Leeds and Wakefield. You can view the stops and plan your journey on the West Yorkshire Metro website.

If you live over 2 miles walking distance from your centre of study you may be issued with a West Yorkshire Metro Monthly bus pass. Walking distance is measured using Google Maps. You can apply for a travel pass before you start college or collect a form from college.

TRAIN

Huddersfield Train Station is a 15-minute walk away from our Huddersfield Centre. There are regular trains running to Huddersfield from the surrounding areas. You can view the latest timetable on the National Rail website.

BIKE

We have bike shelters available at all our centres for students to use.

CAR

We have limited car parking spaces for students at our Engineering Centre and Brunel Construction Centre.

Travelling to Springfield Sixth Form Centre or Pioneer Higher Skills Centre? Both centres are within walking distance from Dewsbury bus station and train station.

WORK EXPERIENCE

As a vocational college, we understand the importance of preparing you for the world of work. In addition to weekly Work Experience tutorials you will be completing either a placement relevant to your course or a Career and Personal Development Passport Award, to develop the employability skills needed to progress in your chosen career.

Placements vary in length depending on the course you are studying, we will discuss the requirements with you during the enrolment and induction process.

Our dedicated Work Experience team will support you with finding a placement and developing your employability skills. The Work Experience tutorials cover key topics such as CV writing and interview practice, and our links with local organisations will provide you with opportunities to meet with employers in your chosen industry and work on real-life briefs.



BE PART OF THE KC COMMUNITY

Your college experience is about more than just your grades. When you join the KC Community, you will have access to extra opportunities to enrich your college experience and enhance your CV to help you stand out in the job market.

COLLEGE CLUBS

At Kirklees College, we have a number of college clubs available for you to meet like-minded students and share your passion. From anime and meditation to cycling and cars, you'll find a group that's perfect for you to get stuck into. Find out more on our website.



WATERFRONT GYM AND FITNESS STUDIO

We have our own state-of-the-art gym and fitness studio at our Huddersfield Centre which is free to use during term time. Follow us at [@KCWaterfrontGym](https://www.instagram.com/KCWaterfrontGym) for the latest updates.

SPORTS ACADEMY

Open to all our students, you can choose to train in either the football or rugby league alongside your studies. With links to professional and semi-professional clubs, we offer a top-class training programme delivered by high profile coaches at the best local training facilities.

Information about trials will be sent out to all applicants.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Kirklees College is an accredited DofE centre this year. You can work towards your DofE award with us which will help you to help your community, take on new challenges and grow your confidence.



KEY COLLEGE EVENTS 22/23

FRESHERS FAIR

Find out what you can expect from life at Kirklees College, chat to staff and classmates and take part in games and activities.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

A national week to celebrate all things apprenticeships. Be inspired by the success stories of our apprentices, chat to employers and find out more about whether an apprenticeship is the right route for you.

EMPLOYABILITY WEEK

Meet some of the region's largest employers at the marketplace fairs and attend workshops on CV writing, interview skills and more with our Careers team.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Become a class representative and be part of the Student Parliament. Taking place twice in the year, parliament provides an opportunity for class representatives feedback to staff on the issues that matter to you to create positive changes in college.

HE WEEK

Meet Higher Education providers, including exploring HE options at Kirklees College, listen to subject talks, find out about degree apprenticeships and join sessions from local universities.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We don't want financial worries to stop you from coming to college. We can support you with:

- Applying for bursaries if you're eligible
- Buying uniform and kits
- Free college meals
- Care to Learn – help with childcare cost for under 20s

TOTUM STUDENT DISCOUNT

Join TOTUM to access over 350 student discounts from big name brands. To sign up, visit www.totum.com.



SUPPORTING YOUR WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

We believe in the importance of positive wellbeing and mental health, which is why we actively support and promote this to all our students. Our Student Experience team will work with you to make sure you feel safe, supported and are successful in your studies. Here's some of the services we provide in college to help support you during your time with us.

COLLEGE COUNSELLING SERVICE

The confidential counselling service, with BACP accredited counsellors is available to all students. This service is accessible:

- Face to face
- Over the phone
- Online

MY HEALTHY ADVANTAGE APP/ STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

A confidential programme designed to help you deal with personal or student-related problems affecting home life, education, health, and general wellbeing. The service includes a 24/7 confidential helpline offering support from trained Counsellors/Wellbeing Practitioners.

IAPT

If you live in Kirklees and are over the age of 17, you can access our IAPT service for help with problems such as mild depression, anxiety, stress, panicking, nervousness, isolation and loss of sleep. The service offers guided self-help, which is based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) principles. These sessions can help you understand your symptoms, identify what is keeping your problems going and learn how to break the cycle using self-help techniques.

STUDENT HEALTH GUIDE

A student guide to health and wellbeing. This magazine is FREE to all students and is available as a hard copy or online. You can pick up a copy from the Students' Union Hub or the college wellbeing area at the Huddersfield Centre or ask your Progress Coach for a copy.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Once you are enrolled as a Kirklees College student, you will be able to access our exciting Enrichment Programme. This programme includes a range of opportunities designed to enrich your studies, suited to your interests and career goals. As well as the college and student led activities, we work with a range of externals to connect students with local and national initiatives.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I START COLLEGE?

Contact details

Please make sure the email you have given to the Applications team is correct so you receive enrolment information.

Complete enrolment

Enrolment takes place online and you will be sent information from applications about how to complete this. If you would like a face to face enrolment appointment, let the team know and they can arrange this.

Got your results?

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25 August. Enrolment links will be sent out to you from this date. The Applications team will send the information you will need to complete your enrolment and tell you when to expect your enrolment link. Remember to check your junk/spam folder for this email.

Not got the results you wanted?

When you get your results, if you have not met the entry requirements for your offer then don't panic. Call our enrolment call centre and we will arrange for you to talk to a tutor to

discuss an alternative course. This also applies if your results are better than expected or if you want to change course.

Have a passport photo ready to complete your enrolment

If you are enrolling online then we will need a clear headshot photo uploaded for your college ID card. Your ID card issued in your first class. If you are enrolling in person, you will have your photo taken at enrolment.

Look into Student Finance

You may be eligible for help from our Student Finance team. If you had free school meals then it could be that you are eligible for free college meals. You can find out more on our website.

Check your timetable

When you complete your enrolment, you will be sent information on how to log on our student area and check your timetable. Induction will take place on 7, 8 or 9 September, depending on your area, and then normal timetables will start w/c 12 September.

USEFUL CONTACTS



COURSE INFORMATION 01484 437070

STUDENT SUPPORT studentsupport@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

FINANCIAL SUPPORT 0800 804 6134, finsupp@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

REPORTING ABSENCE

Email: studentabsence@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

Text: 07860 097 457 using one of the text buzzwords in this format:

REASON (space) Enrolment number e.g. SICK 1102758

- **SICK** – When you're not feeling 100%
- **STUCK** – Transport issues
- **MEDICAL** – Doctors / dentist / hospital appointments
- **FORMAL** – Business / job interview / court / probation
- **RESPECT** – Bereavement / Funeral
- **LATE** – If you are going to be late
- **ISOLATE** – If you have a virus or infection

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media for the latest news and updates.

-  Facebook – @KirkleesCollege
-  Instagram – @KirkleesCollege
-  Twitter – @KirkleesCollege
-  YouTube – @KirkleesCollege
-  Snapchat – @KirkleesCollege
-  TikTok – @KirkleesColl

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Term starts:

Wednesday 7 September 2022

October half term:

Friday 21 October - Friday 28 October 2022

Term ends:

Friday 16 December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Term starts:

Tuesday 3 January 2023

February half term:

Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

Term ends:

Friday 31 March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Term starts:

Monday 17 April 2023

Half term:

Friday 26 May - Monday 5 June 2023

Term ends:

Friday 30 June 2023

Be sure to keep these dates somewhere safe as they outline when you need to be here and also when you have holidays.



See you in September!

We will be in touch with you nearer the time to confirm all the details about enrolling at college.

If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Applications Team by emailing applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or by calling **01484 437033**.

Why not see if your question has already been answered? Visit our FAQ's on our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/apply

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