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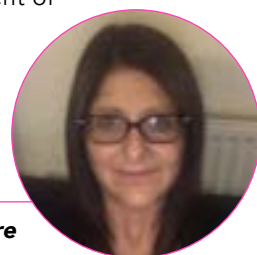
KIRKLEES COLLEGE

WELCOME FROM THE CURRICULUM AREA MANAGER

"Congratulations on securing a place in Computing and ICT. My name is Claire and I am the Curriculum Area Manager for Computing and ICT at the Springfield Sixth Form Centre. As a former student of the college, I know you will have a great time studying at Dewsbury! You will be taught by industry experts who will equip you with the digital skills required to progress in this fast-moving sector. I am looking forward to meeting you all in September!"
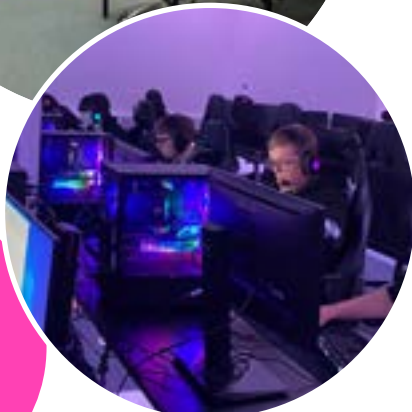
Claire

COURSES IN THIS AREA

- Introduction to Computing Level 1
- Computing Level 2
- Computing Level 3
- Esports Level 2
- Games Development Level 2
- Games Development Level 3
- Esports Level 3
- Information Communications Technician Level 3
- Digital Production, Design and Development T Level

WHERE WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

Huddersfield Centre is 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 two floors with access to course textbooks and computers. Don't be put off by the size of the building, your classes will mostly be in B Block across floors 1, 2 and 4, so you won't have to rush to and from different lessons like you might do at school. Our Esports students study in the specialist Esports room with the latest, high-tech equipment and have opportunities to compete in local and national competitions.

Springfield Sixth Form Centre in Dewsbury is for 16 – 18 students 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.

IT STARTS WITH YOU

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These courses are a mix of practical and exam-assessed courses. You will use a range of software, including Adobe Creative Cloud, Unity, Multiple IDE and Office 365. You will need your devices to have Windows 11 installed to complete the course and must also be prepared to download different programmes to support your learning outside the classroom.

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.

You can download Microsoft software for free and access free Wi-Fi at college. If you need to access IT equipment, you can borrow devices from the LRC.

All 16 – 18 students have the opportunity to join our Sports Academy, if your timetable allows. We have a Football Academy and Rugby Academy, which both offer you the chance to train in your chosen field alongside your studies. To find out more about the different academies and trials, head to our website.

To see our centres or learn more about the Sports Academy, scan this QR codes.

MEET OUR
STUDENTS

66 Esports is a rapidly expanding industry which I couldn't wait to get involved with. I have always been interested in gaming and the strategy and business aspect of the course at Kirklees College really stood out to me. I have been able to continue studying while doing something I really love. After college, I want to be a professional analyst. 99

Leo, Esports Level 3

MEET ONE OF OUR
SUBJECT TUTORS

66 A warm welcome to the Computing and ICT department. My name is Paul Smith, and I will be one of your tutors for a range of units that we offer. The Yorkshire region is currently predicted to create an extra 42,000 digital tech jobs and grow by at least £1.6 billion by 2025. These jobs will make extensive use of ICT, and at Kirklees College, we can offer you a range of subjects to help you develop the skills needed to fill these jobs. You can explore software programming, UX design, web development, data analysis, social media marketing, games development and more. We look forward to seeing you in September. 99

Paul

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

STUDENT SUPPORT

We have a wide range of support available including:
- Dedicated Personal Development Coach and Pastoral Mentor. Your Personal Development Coach will help you in tutorial sessions to work on our Personal Development Programme, while your Pastoral Mentor will be on hand to offer 1:1 support if and when you need it
- Additional learning support. This is available for students 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 advice

To find out more about financial and student support, scan this QR code.

CAREER PROGRESSION

The technology industry is one of the UK's most valuable industries, contributing to 6% of the UK total economy and growing. The range of roles available is vast with employment opportunities locally, nationally and internationally. At the end of your studies, you could choose to enter employment, start an apprenticeship, study at Higher Technical Qualification (formerly HNC) level with us or progress to higher education at a university.

We recently partnered with the University of Central Lancashire to provide a Computing Foundation Degree (subject to approval) that you can progress onto after you complete your Level 3 qualification.

Previous students have progressed to study the following degrees
- **Computer Science**
- **Games Design**
- **Software Engineer**
- **IT Technician**

WORK PLACEMENT

As part of our Employability Pledge at college, all our 16 – 18 study programme students will have the opportunity to complete work experience and undertake a work placement during their time at college. You will work with a dedicated Work Experience Coach, who will help you find a placement suited to your course or chosen career, or complete work experience to achieve a Careers and Personal Development Passport Award.

If you have chosen to study the Digital T Level, you will need to complete 315 hours of work placement during your two years of study.

WELCOME DAYS

We would also like to invite you to a Welcome Day at your chosen centre in June. This is a great opportunity to come in and see where you will be learning in September, find out more about our facilities, your course and meet tutors and fellow new students. You will be sent more information shortly.

The Welcome Days are:
Huddersfield Centre: 28 June
Springfield Sixth Form Centre: 27 June

OPEN DAYS

Our Open Days provide information about the facilities and support available at college, as well as offer parents / carers and applicants the opportunity to ask any questions about starting a course with us.

The dates for our Summer Open Days are:

ALL HUDDERSFIELD CENTRES
WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE
5PM – 7PM (last entry 6.30pm)

ALL DEWSBURY CENTRES
TUESDAY 27 JUNE
5PM – 7PM (last entry 6.30pm)

OPEN DAYS - Scan the QR code to find out more

If you would like to speak to a tutor or have any questions about your course or application, please email **applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**

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

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