

WELCOME TO EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF FACULTY

“ Welcome to the Education and Early Years department at Kirklees College. On these courses, you will have the chance to develop your childcare skills and get ready for your career in this wonderful industry. I look forward to meeting you in September. ”

Rachel



COURSES IN THIS AREA

- Award in Caring for Children Level 1
- Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings Level 2
- Transition to T Level Programme
- Education and Childcare: Early Years Educator 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, classes usually take place in Block A, Floor 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 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. If you choose to study the T Level in Dewsbury, you will also have access to our specialist simulation nursery at Pioneer Higher Skills 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.

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 code.



MEET OUR STUDENTS

“ I really like the teachers at college because they are friendly, knowledgeable and treat us like adults. I'm enjoying my course as it gives me some of the theory behind the practical side of childcare which I can put into practice at my nursery placement. ”

Lucy, Level 3 student



MEET ONE OF OUR SUBJECT TUTORS

“ If you are looking to work in Education and Early Years, then we are the right choice for you. We have various levels of courses on offer, plus the opportunity to practice in our simulation nursery at college. We are proud to be the only college in Huddersfield and Dewsbury delivering vocational courses in Early Years and giving students the opportunity to learn through experience. Our courses enable students to progress onto various careers in education, from working directly with the 0-5-year olds, to becoming teachers in education. ”

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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 basis to support if and when you need it
- 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 advice

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



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.

These courses in particular include a substantial amount of work placement with children aged 0 – 11. We have a dedicated Work Placement team who will work with you to secure suitable placement. 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: 35 hours work placement**
- **Level 2: currently 120 minimum hours work placement**
- **T Level: 750 hours across both years**



CAREER PROGRESSION

A substantial number of students enter employment at the end of this course in roles in nurseries (both private and attached to a school) and working in Early Years settings. On completion of a T Level, you will have achieved a License to Practice as an Early Years Practitioner which will support you to become a room leader or move into education management.

Previous students have gone on to study:

- **Primary Education**
- **Speech and Language**
- **Social Work**



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)

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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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