

# PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICANTS

Welcome to the KC Parents and Carers Community! We are so pleased that your young person has chosen to apply to Kirklees College and we look forward to welcoming them in September.

At Kirklees College, we make sure to keep parents and carers in the loop with what's going on at college, how we can work together to support our young people and ways that you can get involved in the community.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE?



### Kirklees College Celebrates 'Good' Ofsted Result

Kirklees College is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a 'Good' rating following their inspection in early March. This was the college's first full inspection since 2012 and this result only strengthens the college's position as one of the largest and best providers of Further Education in the West Yorkshire region.

The college was awarded a Good grade in all areas by Ofsted inspectors, including apprenticeships, safeguarding and adult education. The full report highlighted some of the inspectors most positive comments about the college, including that the sense of passion from staff to help students and apprentices succeed permeates the college.

To view the report in full and find out more, please visit [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) and search for Kirklees College under reports.



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## Sport Trip to Valencia

Our Kirklees College Football Academy students enjoyed a life-changing two-week trip to Valencia! Our students trained with Spain Rush-SPF, spectated football matches between local teams, cooked traditional Spanish cuisine, coached Valencia FC's disability teams, took part in a charity run for Oddballs and even received professional tennis and paddle tennis coaching.

## Kirklees College Recognises Exceptional Achievement With Annual College Outstanding Learner Success Ceremony

On Thursday 15 June, Kirklees College hosted its 13th annual COLS awards ceremony. Students, parents and employers gathered to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their studies or have undergone remarkable transformations in their lives.

In addition to the recognition the students received, each winner was presented with a trophy, certificate, and a monetary award, thanks to the generous contribution of The Thomas Armitage Technical School Endowment of 1879. Students were awarded from each curriculum area, with an overall outstanding achievement being awarded to Michael Bennett Bottomley for his incredible contribution to the KC community.



## PARENTS' EVENING

You will receive an invite to a parent/carer information evening taking place on 11 July 2023. This is your opportunity to listen to presentations and ask any questions that you may have about the college.

You will receive further information regarding the parents' evening closer to the time.

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## Hospitality and Catering Students Collaborate with Quorn Professionals

Quorn Professionals recently visited our Huddersfield Centre to develop our students' knowledge of Quorn food products and teach our students how to cook a wide range of popular Quorn dishes.

These included Quorn Thai Style Mushroom & Beef Gyoza, Quorn No Waste Beef and Carrots, Rodeo Cheeseburger, BBQ ChiQuin Smashed Hash Burger, Salt & Pepper ChiQin Tenders and Korean Style Gochujang Meatball Donburri & Asian Pickles.

The students then used the Quorn products and recipes they learned about in their end of year 'Hell's Kitchen' cookery competition.



## Daisy Group Employer Partnership

As part of our college Work Experience Programme, our Level 3 Computing students have been working with Daisy Corporate Services on an exciting employability opportunity.

Daisy challenged our students to create various websites for different clients. On 11 May, the students presented their websites back to a panel comprising of Daisy Corporate Services' Early Careers Manager and two of their web design experts.

Giving students the opportunity to work closely with an employer and learn how to work to a brief is a key part of our study programme offer at Kirklees College and all 16-18 students working at Level 2 and above will have access to exciting employer opportunities like this.



## Kirklees College Engineering Apprentices Impress at Competition

In March, Reliance Precision apprentices Seb, Lucie, Ollie and Sam competed in the Rotary Technology Tournament held at Greenhead College.

It was a fantastic day with 30 teams competing against each other in a technical challenge. Our students finished in third place against 12 other teams in the group and showed excellent team work skills and engineering knowledge.



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## Huddstock 2023

A group of our Music students hosted a brilliant 'HUDDSTOCK 2023' event at Small Seeds in Huddersfield on Thursday 30 March in association with Kirklees Year of Music 2023.

The students assigned themselves roles, from producing marketing materials/merchandise and selling tickets to organising the event line-up and performing live music.



## Animal Management Trip to Africa

In April, our Animal Management students enjoyed twelve days packed with exposure to sustainable wildlife conservation management in South Africa and some extreme weather.

During this life-changing trip, the students visited the oldest game reserve in South Africa, privately owned game ranches, Kruger Park, Moholoholo Wildlife Rehab Centre, Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre and the Blyde River Canyon.

## Kirklees College Apprentice Secures Dream Job

Luke Foster, a Kirklees College apprentice, joined Stafflex Recruitment in 2021 on a Business Development Executive apprenticeship. After two years with the company, Luke was offered a full-time role with Stafflex as a Business Development Executive after successfully completing his Level 2 Certificate in Recruitment Resourcing at Kirklees College and impressing the Stafflex team.

Luke's success is testimony to the opportunities an apprenticeship with Kirklees College can offer.



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## PARENT PORTAL

You can view your young person's progress via Parent Portal through the college website. Information will have been sent to the parental email address provided at enrolment.

If you don't have access, please email the Customer Services team, [customerservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:customerservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) with the email address and mobile phone number you would like to be registered with and the name and student number of your young person. You will then be sent a link to pro-portal. This mobile phone number will also be used as our emergency next of kin contact.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### APPLICATIONS TEAM

- [applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk)
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### FINANCIAL SUPPORT TEAM

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