

PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest newsletter for our KC Parents and Carers Community. Here you will find important information from the college regarding your young person's last term of the 2023/24 year, as well as some highlights from what's been happening at the college.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE?

PROGRESSION

The Internal Progression process at Kirklees College starts after Easter. This is to help students at college decide their next steps, which is often progressing onto a higher-level course or an apprenticeship at college. Students will be meeting with their tutor or Personal Development Coach to look at their options. Any student who is unsure about their next steps, and Level 3 students who are due to finish their studies, can book an appointment with our impartial Careers Team to discuss their options, whether that be another course in college, an apprenticeship or employment. Students can make an appointment via Teams, and as parents/carers you are welcome to attend with them.



CAR PARKING AT HUDDERSFIELD CENTRE

Please be aware that parking enforcement is now in place in the Chapel Hill car park at our Huddersfield Centre. This means that only registered vehicles can park in this car park, Monday to Friday, 8am - 6pm. Those attending evening classes at the college on a Tuesday or Thursday evening can still park for free after 4.30pm. There is a 20-minute grace period for people picking up and dropping off students, but we would politely advise you to drop your young person near the college, rather than in the car park to avoid the possibility of a fine.



NEW ADULT GUIDE!

We recently launched our new course guide for Adult and Community courses starting this April at Kirklees College.

To download an online version of the guide and find out more, visit www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/adult-learners.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is absolutely vital that your young person attends college, as this can negatively impact their education and employment opportunities once they leave college. Students who have low attendance will not be able to progress onto higher level courses at college and it also reflects poorly on their professionalism when applying for jobs. If your young person is not attending college, please stress these points to them.

We understand that there are lots of reasons why a student may not be attending. There is lots of support available at college to help improve attendance, including mental health and wellbeing support for students. Please encourage your young person to speak to our Safeguarding team or a member of the Student Experience team to access this support.

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GCSE EXAM DATES

The GCSE English and maths exam dates are as follows:

Maths

Paper 1: Thursday 16 May, 9am - 11.45am (12.30pm including extra time)

Paper 2: Monday 3 June, 9am - 11.45am (12.30pm including extra time)

English

Paper 1: Thursday 23 May, 9am - 11.30am (12.15pm including extra time)

Paper 2: Thursday 6 June, 9am - 11.45am (12.15pm including extra time)

If you have any concerns regarding your young person's upcoming exams, please encourage them to speak to their tutors, there is lots of extra support available at college to support them with their learning, revision and exam anxieties.

GOOD NEWS FROM KIRKLEES COLLEGE

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SOUTH AFRICA TRIP

Animal Management students embarked on a once in a lifetime trip to South Africa with Everything is Possible in January. The students got to see lots of wildlife, but also take part in conservation projects, water safety training, safari and conducted a fresh water survey.



LAUNCHING THE ENGLISH AND MATHS SKILLS HUB

On Friday 15 March, MP for Colne Valley Jason McCartney attended the grand opening of the new English and Maths Skills Hub at our Huddersfield Centre. This new hub includes an immersive room, which has wall-to-ceiling projections and interactive capabilities so that students can boost their creative writing skills, work together on immersive puzzles and use virtual reality to enhance their learning.

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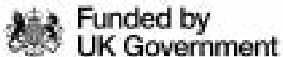
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MAJOR FUNDING FOR KIRKLEES COLLEGE

Kirklees College is delighted to announce that it has secured a share of £6.9m from the Government for Digital Innovation as part of the Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF). The money will go towards new equipment for our students, including digital

music production software, 3D printers for Engineering, and Virtual Reality facilities at our Brunel Construction Centre.

Over the coming months and years, this fund will help us to digitise our curriculum and get our students ready for the jobs of the future.



2024 CALL IT OUT CAMPAIGN

Our Performing Arts and Media students collaborated with Film Buddy, a TV and Film work experience provider, on a series of short films that call out sexual harassment and misogyny as part of the college's ongoing 'Call It Out' campaign.

Students took on a range of roles including script writing, acting, camera operating and directing and produced four moving and powerful short films, that can be watched now on our YouTube channel. Congratulations to everyone involved.

REGIONAL HIP AND SPARKS FEMALE SKILLS COMPETITION

During the week of International Women's Day, Brunel Construction Centre played host to the North heats of the HIP and Sparks magazine's female skills competitions, which tested the capabilities of female Electrical and Plumbing students from across northern England. Competitors included Kirklees College apprentice Rebecca Markey, who came in third overall in what turned out to be a very tight competition!

