

PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT UPDATES

INTERNAL PROGRESSION

All 16 – 18 students (or 25 with an EHCP) on a full-time course are currently taking part in Internal Progression discussions to help them plan their next steps. This process is in place because progression between levels is not automatic. All students will have to achieve the following to progress:

- Attend any English and maths classes that they are timetabled for
- Sit any GCSE English and maths and any course specific exams that they are entered for
- Attendance for the rest of current course is to be at the level agreed with their tutor (e.g. 90%)
- Meet their minimum target grade on current courses and achieve any other required grades outlined by their tutor
- Achieve all of the actions they need achieve this academic year
- Maintain a positive attitude to learning

Please remind your young person that failure to do any of the above actions will result in them being unable to progress.

If overall attendance is below 85% then tutors will set students an attendance target to achieve over the next few weeks and students will need to have a second meeting with either their Curriculum Area Manager or Programme Lead to sign off on their progression.

All progressing students will need to enrol onto the next academic year. Enrolment links will be sent to email accounts from 17 June onwards for students to complete. Your young person will not be enrolled on the next level of their course until they complete this enrolment link.

If your young person is not sure what to do next year, then please encourage them to book an appointment with a college Careers Advisor.

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.

TERM DATES

The last day of term for all students is Friday 28 June, when all seven college centres will close for the summer until Wednesday 4 September. If your young person is progressing with us and joining us again in September, they will be able to access their timetable online in late August which they will be sent via email.

The 2024/25 year term dates are:

- Autumn term starts 9 September 2024
- Half-term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2024
- Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024
- Spring term starts Monday 6 January 2025
- Half-term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2025
- Staff training day: Wednesday 19 March 2025
- Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025
- Summer term starts Monday 28 April 2025
- Half-term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2025
- Term ends: Friday 27 June 2025

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GOOD NEWS FROM KIRKLEES COLLEGE

KC BUILD

Kirklees College and Kirklees Council recently announced a new project that will bring brand-new construction training facilities to Dewsbury and North Kirklees. The Kirklees Build project will see development of a new skills and education centre delivering practical construction training within a live site environment, located initially at Kirklees College's Springfield Sixth Form Centre in Dewsbury.

The Construction Skills Hub will be a leading-edge facility that will deliver training in modern methods of construction, retrofit, low carbon energy and other future skills needs. The second phase of the project will involve the development of a second Skills Centre at a major housing development in North Kirklees.



Steve Plumstead, Head of Faculty for Construction and Land-Based studies at Kirklees College said:

"We are delighted to be working with Kirklees Council to bring construction training to North Kirklees for the first time. Based initially at Springfield Sixth Form Centre, the Construction Training Hub will help students develop a range of trade skills in a 'realistic' site environment. Serving as the initial part of the Kirklees Build project, when the site is relocated, students will also gain the invaluable experience of working at a live site and seeing how a major building development project unfolds."

RUN FOR JO

Kirklees College are sponsoring this year's Run for Jo family day and fun run at Oakwell Hall Park in Batley on Sunday 23 June. The day is in memory of Jo Cox MP who was tragically killed in 2016, and is part of The Great Get Together. You can sign up to the 6.5km Cross Country challenge, or the 2.5km fun run via the event Facebook page. Alternatively, just come along with friends and family to enjoy the day!



ART AND DESIGN STUDENTS ENGAGE IN EXCITING BRIEF WITH OXFAM

As part of their Work Experience Programme, Level 3 Art and Design students recently took part in a live brief from Oxfam, which asked students to design and create a range of clothing from old fabrics to be sold at festivals. Designed to emulate Oxfam's own upcycled range that they sell at festivals across the UK, this brief was a chance for students to experience what working for a fashion brand is really like.

Neve Carnes, the Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator from Oxfam's Northern Logistics Centre, judged the students' final designs. Neve chose Rebecca Firth's design as the overall winner and gave very positive feedback, saying that "the collection would sell at Glastonbury." The live brief was a roaring success for all the students involved, and an excellent way for them to get some practical experience for the fields they're interested in.

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HOSPITALITY STUDENT COMPETES IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Gavin Leung, a Hospitality and Catering student at Kirklees College recently competed in the Combiguru Challenge finals in Venice. The Combiguru Challenge is an annual competition that invites finalists from colleges across the UK to compete in a prestigious final, where competitors are asked to prepare a starter and a main course.



MORE MAJOR FUNDING SECURED FOR ENGINEERING AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE

Engineering and Motor Vehicle are the latest Kirklees College departments to benefit from the Government's £47 million Local Skills Improvement Fund for West Yorkshire Colleges. Kirklees College is investing nearly £400,000 in new digital equipment for Advanced Manufacturing, including two new 3D printers, a robotic arm in the college's Process Manufacturing Centre, and VR headsets for students.

The college is also in the process of producing a new promotional video to showcase all the new equipment, in collaboration with Bradford College and Leeds City College, who will also be benefitting from fund. The video will be out soon, so make sure to follow us on our social media channels for further updates!



NEW REPTILE HOUSE LAUNCH

On Saturday 22 June, we will be opening the brand-new Reptile House at our Taylor Hill Animal Centre in Huddersfield. The opening will also be a community day and we are inviting the public to come and join us to see the new facility, take part in games and activities and see the animals! There will also be a special guest appearance from Matt Jackson-Smith from Channel 5's The Yorkshire Vet.



 **KIRKLEES COLLEGE**

YOU'RE INVITED TO

TAYLOR HILL ANIMAL CENTRE REPTILE HOUSE OPENING

Close Hill Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 6LE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE
10.30AM-3PM

Guest appearance by Matt Jackson-Smith
from Channel 5's The Yorkshire Vet



WHAT WILL YOU BE?