

PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

September 2024

WELCOME TO THE KC COMMUNITY!

As a parent / carer of a young person at Kirklees College, you are an important part of our KC Community. We value your thoughts and opinions on the college as key stakeholders in your young person's success. To keep you informed about what's going on at college, important opportunities for your young person and key dates for your calendar, we will be sending out this newsletter regularly to keep you in the loop.

If you need to update your contact details at any time, please contact customerservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to ensure you continue to receive emails and text messages from the college.



PARENT PORTAL

You can view your young person's progress via Parent Portal on the college website. When your young person enrolled at the college, you should have been sent further information to the email address you provided.

If you are struggling to access the Parent Portal, please email mystudentsupport@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.

The mobile number you give us will also be used as our emergency next of kin contact.

MATHS AND ENGLISH

If your young person has not achieved a grade 4 in their English and/or maths GCSE, they will continue to study these subjects at college, as it is a legal requirement that all 16 – 18-year-olds continue to work towards gaining these qualifications.



To enhance their likelihood of achieving at their potential we plan to provide students with three opportunities to sit practice papers over the academic year and focus teaching and learning on areas to develop identified from the practice papers.

Maths practice papers:

Practice 1:

Component 1 non-calculator - 23 September 2024

Component 2 calculator - 7 October 2024

Practice 2:

Component 1 non-calculator - 13 January 2025

Component 2 calculator - 27 January 2025

Practice 3:

Component 1 non-calculator - 3 March 2025

Component 2 calculator - 17 March 2025

English practice papers:

Practice 1: Writing assessment - 4 November 2024

Practice 2: Reading assessment - 9 December 2024

Practice 3: Writing assessment - 3 February 2025

Practice 4: Reading assessment - 17 March 2025

The real GCSE Exams take place in May and June 2025:

- GCSE Maths: Thursday 15 May and Wednesday 4 June
- GCSE English Language: Friday 23 May and Friday 6 June

These are national exams and cannot be taken on any other date, so please ensure your young person is not on holiday or unavailable on these days.

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EXAM ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Please scan this QR code to fill out the college's access arrangements form, which will allow us to put in place any exam support that your young person may benefit from.



STUDENT HEALTH DECLARATION

Please scan this code to fill in our student health declaration so that we can ensure your young person gets support for any health condition they may have.



SWAP DON'T DROP!

If your young person gets to college and decides that their current course isn't well suited to them, or they have different aspirations in mind, there is time in the Autumn term to change course.



Please encourage your young person to speak to their Personal Development Tutor to discuss switching courses and find out how to do so.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLEDGE

All 16 – 18 students will have Personal Development built into their timetable to prepare them for life after college. The Personal Development Pledge includes:

- Careers Guidance
- Preparation for Next Steps
- Skills Development
- Enrichment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Citizenship



REPORTING AN ABSENCE

We have high expectations of students' Attendance, Behaviour and Commitment (ABC), as good attendance is vital for students to be able to learn and progress.

When students are not able to attend we expect them to notify the college by texting the Miss It Miss Out number on **07860 097457**, or emailing **studentabsence@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**.

More information on how students can report an absence can be found here: www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/parents-carers/

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ABC

This year we have introduced a new pledge for all students at Kirklees College: ABC.

By enrolling at Kirklees College, all students agree to:

- Attend, on time, all their timetabled learning activities
- Consistently behave in line with our values: Kindness, Unity and Excellence
- Fully commit and be prepared to engage in their learning

Please remind your young person of this pledge and support them to aim high at college, in order to achieve their full potential.

SITE LEADS

In order to ensure students get the best experience at Kirklees College, we have introduced a new role of Site Lead to all seven of our centres. The purpose of a Site Lead is to ensure the centre is clean, tidy and safe, and oversee the daily operations and any innovations of the site. Our three Site Leads are also Directors of Curriculum at the college:



- Steve Plumstead, Site Lead for Brunel Construction Centre, Engineering Centre, Process Manufacturing Centre and Taylor Hill Animal Centre



- Claire Bunclarke: Site Lead for Huddersfield Centre



- Sharon Archer: Site Lead for Springfield Sixth Form Centre and Pioneer Higher Skills Centre

CAR PARK AT HUDDERSFIELD CENTRE

This is an important reminder that the Chapel Hill Car Park at our main Huddersfield Centre is not open to the public. Cameras are in operation daily and anyone who is not registered on the system will be fined for parking or waiting in the car park.

If you are an adult learner at Kirklees College, you can use the car park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5pm for evening classes.

We recommend that if you are dropping off or picking up your young person, you use the pick up and drop off bay at our Manchester Road entrance, or close to the college where it is safe to do so.

