

PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

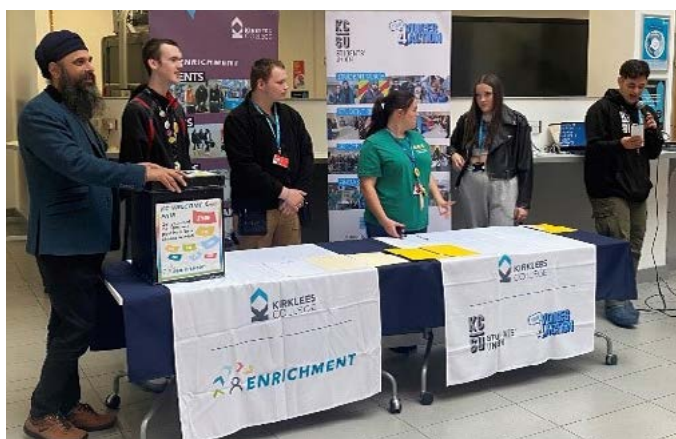
GOOD NEWS FROM KIRKLEES COLLEGE



PARENT AND CARER APPOINTMENTS

So that we can continue to work effectively with you and ensure we maintain the security of our sites, all face-to-face meetings must be pre-arranged. This means we can ensure that the member of staff is available for the length of time required for a meaningful meeting and that we know who is in the building at any given time.

Please be aware that if you arrive without an appointment, you may be turned away and asked to book an appointment. Our students are frequently reminded of the importance of wearing their ID badges and of not allowing non-students into the building. We thank you for supporting us to uphold this important rule to safeguard our college community. To book an appointment with staff you can email them directly or call us on 01484 437000 and ask for contact details.



We are happy to report that we have had a very successful start to the 2024/25 year. Students across our seven centres, new and returning, have made a real positive impact on the KC Community. Highlights from the term so far include an engaging trip to Harewood House, to learn about its involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, and how the house is addressing this issue in the present day. Hundreds of students also got involved in "Restart a Heart Day" on Wednesday 16 October, when they were given the opportunity to learn life-saving CPR techniques. Another highlight of the term was our Welcome Fairs at the very start of the year, where new students were able to learn about all the ways they can get involved in Student Life at Kirklees College.

In this newsletter, you'll find more information about how we are supporting our students at Kirklees College, and how we can work together to ensure their success with us.



STUDENT FINANCE

We are proud to say that we have supported 3,866 students so far with the college bursary. If you know someone who has not applied or your circumstances have changed, please contact studentservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to find out more, or complete the online application by searching for 'Financial Support' on the college website.

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

GCSE RESIT DATES AND HALF TERM REVISION SESSIONS

If your young person is due to resit their maths or English GCSE this November, please note down the following exam dates:

- **GCSE English: 5 November and 7 November**
- **GCSE Maths: 6 November and 8 November**

All exams happen at 9am.



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

When a student enrolls at Kirklees College they commit to upholding our code of conduct. During this first half term we have discussed our high expectations for them and how meeting these expectations will give them the best chance of success.

Our Student Code of Conduct outlines these expectations and how they relate to our values of Kindness, Unity and Excellence.

We are pleased to say that the vast majority of our students consistently uphold these values.

We are working with students on how they can display Kindness and our key areas of focus are:

- Lift use - we will be encouraging students to only use the lifts if they need to, so they are available to disabled students and staff.
- Keeping our sites clean and tidy - we will be exploring the impact on people and environments of leaving litter and not clearing up after ourselves.
- Respectful language - staff will challenge students who choose to use disrespectful and offensive language and supporting students to express themselves appropriately. Your support in having discussions with your young person about these topics would be undoubtedly valuable in ensuring a welcoming place to learn.



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GCSE DATES 2025

The dates for GCSE Maths and English are as follows:

GCSE Maths

Paper 1 - Thursday 15 May 2025 AM

Paper 2 - Wednesday 4 June 2025 AM (calculators required)

GCSE English

Paper 1 - Friday 23 May 2025 - AM

Paper 2 - Friday 6 June 2025 - AM

These are national exams, therefore if your young person is due to sit one of these exams, please ensure they do not book any holidays or appointments on these dates, as they cannot miss their exam.



STUDENT HEALTH GUIDES

Every student has free access to the **Student Health guide**. We encourage all parents and carers to read the guide, as it can be a great way to start important conversations at home.

STUDENT SERVICES

NEW FOR 2024/25! Introducing the one stop shop for student services.

Whether your young person needs a Council Tax Exemption letter, support with a trip, information about an external service or help with booking some enrichment, we're here to help. For further information or support please email studentservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or call 01484 437000.

