

PARENTS' AND CARERS' NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Kirklees College is closing for Christmas on Friday 20 December and will reopen on Monday 6 January at 8.30am.

It's been a great first term at our seven college centres, with students getting involved in our KC Community in a variety of ways. We have also enrolled over 10,600 students and we are proud to say that we have supported 4,127 so far with the college bursary.

This edition of the Parent's and Carer's Newsletter includes highlights from our first term at college, important information about support during the college closure, and what's coming up in January.

PARENT'S EVENINGS

During week commencing 20 January, we will be hosting our next set of Parent's evenings. You will be sent a letter confirming the details for your young person's Parent's Evening closer to the time, but please look out for this as these evenings are a fantastic opportunity to catch up on your young person's progress at college with their tutors.

COST OF LIVING PAYMENT TO FAMILIES IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS FUNDING

In conjunction with Kirklees Council, we have issued a Cost-of-Living payment to families in Kirklees who are in receipt of Free School Meals funding. These students' families have been identified through the bursary process. A payment of £45 has been made to the bank details on the students' bursary application.

Where bank details were not included in the application, supermarket vouchers were issued. If the student was eligible for Free School Meals at high school, you may still be eligible for FSM and other support from the bursary. For further information email FinSupp@KirkleesCollege.ac.uk.

SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OVER CHRISTMAS

Safeguarding is our highest priority at Kirklees College and we take every possible action to make sure all students, staff and the wider college community are kept safe and protected.

College is closed from Friday 20 December, until Monday 6 January at 8.30am. During this time, students and any parent / carer with a safeguarding concern should refer to the college website (www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk) for out-of-hours safeguarding advice that will be accessible on the homepage.

MATHS AND ENGLISH GCSE UPDATE

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 have planned practice papers over the academic year and will focus teaching on areas to develop identified from the practice papers.

Maths practice papers:

Component 1 non-calculator - 13 January 2025

Component 2 calculator - 27 January 2025

Component 1 non-calculator - 3 March 2025

Component 2 calculator - 17 March 2025

English practice papers:

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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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES IN KIRKLEES

If you're looking for things to keep your young person busy throughout the Christmas period, check out the activities below:



MULTISPORT WINTER CAMP 12-16 YEARS

£10 per day incl meal

Where & When?
Mon 23 & Tues 24 Dec
 Bradley Park Comm Ctr
 HD2 1RS
Thurs 2 & Fri 3 Jan
 Northfield Hall
 HD2 1GS

FREE
 For children eligible for free school meals
 Funded by the Government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Voucher Code: XMAS24
 Bring refillable water bottle, trainers or boots and dress for outdoors. **HOT LUNCH PROVIDED**

Registration link: www.ayd-elite.co.uk

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For more info call Donna
 Mob: 07725164604
 E-mail: coaching@ayd-elite.co.uk



WACKY
 Wild. Activities. Challenging. Kirklees. Young People

at Little Deer Wood Activity Centre
 Shepley Bridge Marina,
 Mirfield, WF14 9HR

23 + 24 Dec & 2-3 Jan
 10.30am - 3.30pm
 £15 per person

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

ACTIVITIES:
 • Arts & Crafts • Bush craft
 • Disco • Sports
 • Archery • and more...

REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE. FOR AGES 10-24

LIMITED SPACES. PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFO: Call: 01484 225952 or Email: littledeerwood@kirklees.gov.uk



Winter Motive

JOIN US ON WEEK 1, 23RD, 27TH DEC 2024
WEEK 2, 2ND & 3RD JANUARY 2025
 @ THE CORNER HUB, 5 MARKET WALK, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 2QA

4 days of fun activities for 13- 17 year olds
£2.50 per session
Young people who receive free school meals are free

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Winter Motive

23RD DEC - XMAS DINNER & PARTY 4pm - 8pm
 Celebrate Pre Christmas Day Conscious Youth style. Eat, mingle, laugh & dance. Good Vibez Only!

27TH DEC - XMAS HANGOUT 4pm - 8pm
 Come and meet up with friends, game, eat and chill. Evening meal & drinks included

2ND JAN - NEW YEAR CATCH UP 4pm - 8pm
 Start the New Year with a bang. Enjoy a games night, pool, bingo, workshops, competitions & quiz. Evening meal & drinks included

3RD JAN - FRIDAY HANGOUT 4pm - 8pm
 Come and meet up with friends, learn how to DJ. Evening meal & drinks included

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE SESSIONS.

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GOOD NEWS FROM KIRKLEES COLLEGE



WELCOMING OUR FIRST COHORT OF CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS IN DEWSBURY

Earlier this year, we announced an exciting new partnership with Kirklees Council called Kirklees Build. The partnership is all about reintroducing Construction courses to Dewsbury and as part of this, we opened our new Construction workshop at Springfield Sixth Form Centre. In September, we welcomed our first cohort of Construction Multi-Skills students, and from September 2025 we will be running Level 1 Electrical and Plumbing courses at the centre.

In the long-term, the Construction hub will move to a live building site in North Kirklees, where Kirklees College students will be involved in the construction of a new housing estate.

ENRICHMENT AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The first term has been packed with Personal Development activities, including Welcome Fairs, Road Safety Week car extraction demonstrations, Knife Crime talks, Christmas Fayres, DJ workshops, White Ribbon Day, Interfaith Week, KC Remembers and much more.

We work with a range of employers and voluntary organisations – if you would like to volunteer your time and expertise to facilitate some personal development, please contact studentservices@kirkleescollege.ac.uk.

KC REMEMBERS CEREMONY

On Monday 11 November, Armistice Day, our Uniformed Protective Services students led a poignant Remembrance Ceremony at our Huddersfield Centre. The event was broadcast live to hundreds of staff and students via Teams and included a parade, and speech by Head of Quality and ex-Marine, James Wilson.

The last post was then played before a college-wide two minutes' silence at 11am. Thank you to all the students and staff involved in organising such a moving and important event.



UCAS

If your young person is thinking about applying for a university course then the UCAS "equal consideration" deadline for applying is 6pm 29 January 2025. If they would like help with their UCAS application form then our careers team are available to provide information, advice and guidance. They will be running drop-ins at all centres, appointments can be made via the VLE or you can email careersguidance@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

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KIRKLEES COLLEGE ART STUDENTS WORK ON DISPLAY IN DEWSBURY

Over the last two years, Level 2 and 3 Creative Industries students at Kirklees College have been collaborating on various projects with the Dewsbury Arcade Group. The student's work is centred around the Dewsbury Arcade, which is a focal point of Kirklees Council's Dewsbury Blueprint regeneration project, and is currently undergoing major reconstruction. The historic arcade, which was once the epicentre of Dewsbury's retail sector, will be reopened in Summer 2025 as the UK's first community-run shopping centre.

To promote the Arcade's reopening, the student's work about the Arcade is currently on display in an exhibition at the Princess of Wales Shopping Centre in Dewsbury town centre. The artwork on display is from the last two academic years, and showcases the student's individual styles and interpretations of briefs given to them by the Arcade Group. The artwork is also displayed on wrap-around hoardings at the Dewsbury Arcade – go take a look if you are local!

KIRKLEES COLLEGE'S STUDENT UNION RAISES HUNDREDS FOR NOVEMBER

On 29 November, the SU held a 'Big Shave' event where Barbering students gave out haircuts at our Huddersfield Centre to raise money for men's health charities. Joe, one of our Barbering students, shaved Uniformed Protective Services tutor Damon Dungworth's beard in aid of the cause and JP Akehurst, Health and Social Care Curriculum Area Manager has also done a sponsored shave. They raised a grand total of £458.42!

Movember happens every November in aid of men's health issues, such as cancer and men's suicide. Thank you to everyone involved in this event to end Movember and raise awareness for an important cause!

