

Parents' and Carers' NEWSLETTER

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Apprentices reflect on career journey so far and their plans for the future

Monday 9 February to Friday 13 February saw Kirklees College mark National Apprenticeship Week, a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships have on individuals, businesses, and the wider economy.

National Apprenticeship Week encourages everyone to celebrate how apprenticeships and skills help us all reach our full potential. They break down barriers to opportunity and drive economic growth by developing the skills employers need.

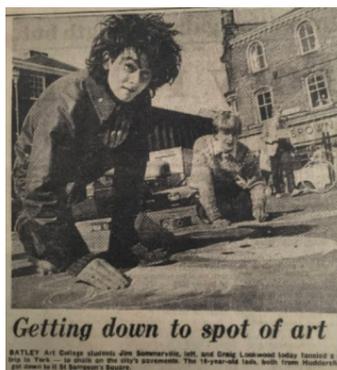
Click [here](#) to read about the views of some current Kirklees College apprentices.

Famous designer James Sommerville celebrates his former college

Kirklees College alumni James Sommerville recently celebrated the institution that helped start his career with a celebratory video on his Instagram page.

James studied Graphic Design and Typography between 1982 and 1986 and used the knowledge and skills he acquired here to start a lucrative career as a designer.

Click [here](#) to read more and watch the video.



Employer contributions highlighted as part of National Apprenticeship Week

National Apprenticeship Week 2026 gave us an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of our employer partners who are helping our apprentices have the best possible start in their careers.

As part of this week of celebrations, we held an 'Employer Thank You' event, which brought together organisations from different industries.



Could your business work with Kirklees College to help train the next generation?

Kirklees College is proud to partner with a wide range of local and national employers. One of the main things we collaborate on with employers are apprenticeships, and our team can help you find and train an apprentice. There are many more ways we can support our employer partners. Check out the [Employer section of the Kirklees College website](#) to find out more.

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College Attendance

This term, we will be starting progression discussions and continue to host parent and carer evenings. As we approach the end of the academic year, we understand that our students may be starting to feel fatigued. It is really important that they maintain high attendance levels to support them in achieving the best possible grade in their course.

MIMO stands for 'Miss It Miss Out' and is our absence reporting system at Kirklees College. If your young person can't attend, please notify the college: Text: 07860 097457 Using **ONE** of the text **BUZZ** words above, send your text using this format: **MEDICAL(space)enrolment number**. Example: **MEDICAL 110275**.

SICK

When you are unwell

STUCK

Problems with getting to college due to transport

MEDICAL

Doctor, hospital, dental appointments

FORMAL

NUS business, probation, court appearance, job interview

LATE

If you are delayed coming into college

RESPECT

Bereavement/ Funeral of close family member

Kirklees College: Mini Local Offer April 21 2026

Join us for an informative and engaging event showcasing a wide range of local offer services, employment progression support, and community clubs available to SEND and EHCP learners.

Come along to:

- Meet local support organisations
- Explore employment and progression pathways
- Find clubs and activities running in the area
- Connect with professionals and community groups
- Ask questions and get tailored advice
- Learn how to access ongoing support, such as Day Care and Adult Social Care services

The event will be held at the Huddersfield Centre from 4pm to 6.30pm. Scan the QR code to book:



GCSE Maths and English Exams

For those students re-sitting their GCSE English and/or maths, please be aware that these are taking place on the dates below, and students will be expected to attend exams. No alternative dates are available for these exams. Students need to be in their exam rooms with all required equipment by 9am ready to start the exams.

GCSE MATHS

Thursday 14 May 2026

Paper 1

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Paper 2 (Calculator)

GCSE ENGLISH

Thursday 21 May 2026

Paper 1

Friday 5 June 2026

Paper 2

Progression Planning - What's next?

If your young person would like to progress to the next level of their course, or to another course in college then the process is very simple. Our curriculum teams will start talking to students after half term about what their progression plans are and setting them any targets to achieve to be able to progress. After Easter they will start to agree final progression routes with students.

If it is agreed that they can progress then this will be a "conditional" offer based on the following conditions:

- 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 - failure to do this will prevent them from progressing
- 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 - failure to do this will prevent them from progressing
- Achieve all of the actions they need achieve this academic year
- Maintain a positive attitude to learning

Students will then be sent an enrolment link to their college email account at the beginning of June. Their progression enrolment is not finalised until they have completed this link. Once they have completed this link, we will send you notification that their enrolment is complete. Careers are available for any students who are not sure what their next steps are.

If you have any questions, then please speak to your young person's tutor.

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GCSE Maths Support Sessions

Students will be able to attend a range of weekly GCSE Maths exam support sessions after the half-term break. Please get your young person to speak with their tutor to get more information and book their place.



Monday	11am - 12pm Online Fozia	1pm - 2pm Room HA02005 Andrew	1pm - 2pm Online Natalia	
Tuesday	1pm - 2pm Online Reece			
Wednesday	1pm - 2pm Online Irina	2pm - 3pm Online Irina	3pm - 4pm Room HB04019 Natalia M	6pm - 7pm Online Zahra
Thursday	11am - 12pm Online Jie	1pm - 2pm Online Irina	2pm - 3pm Online Reece/Jie	3pm - 4pm Online Natalia M/Irina
Friday	9am - 10am Room HB04019 Iram	10am - 11pm Room HB04010 Iram	1pm - 2pm Room HB04005A Natalia M Room HB04022 Irina	2pm - 3pm Room HB04005A Natalia G



Watch Live Football for Free

Kirklees College is a Business Hub member of Golcar United and we are working in partnership with them for work placements.

The club would like to offer us up to 200 free tickets to go and watch their home games.



The Kirklees College Take Over Games to promote and celebrate the exciting partnership are:

Home Game - Saturday 28 February
Home Game - Saturday 28 March

We Value Your Feedback

If you haven't already, please keep an eye out for an email inviting you to complete our short Parent and Guardian survey.

This will have been sent from Rebecca Swallow, Head of Student Experience.

