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College Attendance

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

Landings 72 Restaurant

Landings 72 is a large, modern restaurant located within Kirklees College. It is open to students, staff and the general public.

Whatever the occasion, our students are committed to giving you the best restaurant experience possible. We deliver a professional, friendly environment providing freshly prepared food with a fully licensed bar at competitive prices.

We offer a range of exciting and modern menus including vegetarian choices. Special events are planned throughout the year. Landings 72 restaurant provides our catering students with the opportunity to gain real work experience for their future careers and jobs in the hospitality industry.

Our students value the experience of preparing and serving food for paying customers. They are supported in their training by a professional team. By visiting our restaurant, you provide our learners with invaluable experience and will receive high quality food and service, for a fraction of the usual cost.

To find out more, including dates of our extra special themed nights, click [here](#).



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

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Train and travel disruption

Between April and June 2026, major rail improvements are being carried out between Huddersfield and Leeds, including station enhancements, track renewals, bridge reconstruction work & signalling improvements as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

The dates for the disruption are on the same days as some of the GCSE Maths and English. Please ensure your young person makes alternative travel arrangements for those occasions.

MAY: Weekdays

No trains departing Huddersfield towards Dewsbury and Leeds. Services between Manchester and Leeds diverted via Hebden Bridge. Amended timetables in operation:

- Monday 4 to Friday 8 May
- Monday 11 to Friday 15 May
- Monday 18 to Friday 22 May

JUNE: Weekdays

No trains running through Dewsbury. Services between Huddersfield and Leeds diverted via Wakefield Kirkgate:

- Monday 1 to Friday 5 June
- Monday 8 to Friday 12 June
- Monday 15 to Friday 19 June
- Monday 22 to Friday 26 June

For further information (including weekend travel changes), customers should check before they travel by visiting [here](#).

Students reflect on work placements

We celebrated a group of students who are improving their vocational skills, building confidence, and working towards their futures.

In addition to the skills they are developing in the classroom, many Kirklees College students are also benefiting from career-enhancing work placements.

As a college, we are committed to supporting our students to develop their knowledge in the classroom and apply it in the workplace. Gaining valuable experience through a quality placement is key to achieving this.

Read the thoughts of Neha, Rubi and Edward by clicking [here](#).



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Student Success for Class of 24/25

We are pleased to announce the national achievement tables for 24/25 have been released and Kirklees College is above the national average for all modes of study. Well done to all staff and students.

All ages and types of study combined

National Rate: 86.6%
Kirklees College: 88.4%

16 – 18

National Rate: 84.7%
Kirklees College: 84.9%

Adults (19+)

National Rate: 88.9%
Kirklees College: 90.8%

Apprentices

National Rate: 65.4%
Kirklees College: 65.7%



Invitation to DSA Talk - Book Your Place for 21 April (4pm - 6.30pm)

If your young person has applied to attend university and would benefit from the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) then we will be hosting an awareness event.

We want to make sure you are fully informed about all the support available to you when you begin your studies. Understanding the DSA early can make a huge difference in your transition to higher education.

We are running three separate sessions, and you are welcome to book ONE of these using the link [here](#).

During the talk, you'll learn more about what DSA is, the application process, what support you may be eligible for, and how to access it.

If you have any questions or need help with booking, please feel free to get in touch.



Internal Progression

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 Easter about what the next steps are.

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.

If your young person is coming to the end of their time at college, or is not sure what they would like to do next then our independent careers team are on hand to support them in deciding on their next steps. Appointments are easy to make and can be made via the VLE or on the My KC app. Our careers advisors attend all centres and appointments can be in-person, over the phone or via Teams.

If you have any questions about this process then please contact your young persons tutor or personal development coach who will be able to explain this process further.

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Animal Care students gain a once-in-a-lifetime experience thanks to the Turing Scheme

A group of our Animal Management students recently gained hands on conservation experience in South Africa through a Turing Scheme-funded trip.

The second-year students explored key conservation challenges, including threats to wildlife, ecological surveying,

invasive species management, and freshwater monitoring. Their trip also included game drives and bush walks, giving them first hand insight into African ecosystems. Throughout the trip, they learnt how these environments differ from those in the UK and investigated the complex issues that conservation organisations face, such as poaching, hunting, and the impacts of climate change.

Click [here](#) to read about their experiences.

Courses for adults at Kirklees College

Kirklees College is delighted to announce the launch of a range of new adult courses launching after the Easter break. Whether you are looking to impress with a new skill, gain a new qualification or upskill in your current role, there is no better place to start your journey back into education than Kirklees College.

The range of courses starting over April, May and June covers a range of subject areas, including Business, Construction, Creative Industries, Engineering, ESOL, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Hospitality and Catering.

Head to the adult [learner section of the Kirklees College website](#) to find out about the benefits of studying at Kirklees College as an adult.



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Celebrating a year of working with Flannery Plant Hire

March 2026 marked a year of Kirklees College's partnership with Flannery Plant Hire.

The main focus of the partnership was a new skills hub that was opened at the Kirklees College Engineering Centre. The Kirklees Skills Operator Hub is an ongoing partnership between the college, Kirklees Council, Flannery Plant Hire and BAM Construction, who have all been heavily involved in the wider transformation of Huddersfield Town Centre.

The Skills Hub, only the fifth of its kind in the country, is a mobile unit that has two virtual reality plant machinery simulators and classroom facilities for Skills Bootcamps. Next to the hub, the college's land has been transformed into a live construction site with a variety of Flannery plant machinery for adult learners to operate on a live site environment.

The facilities have also helped the college play a key role in the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

Find out more about the partnership [here](#).



Building skills before entering the workplace: The ongoing evolution of work experience



Dawn Turner, Business Development Manager at Kirklees College, has been sharing her thoughts on the benefits of work placements for Kirklees College students:

Work placements are an incredibly valuable opportunity for students, particularly for those who may not yet have part-time work experience. In my opinion, they play a crucial role in helping young people develop practical skills that cannot always be learned in a classroom environment. Spending time in a real workplace allows students to understand how businesses operate, whilst also developing important employability skills such as communication, teamwork and professionalism.

From a student's perspective, work placements can also make a significant difference in building a CV. Employers often seek candidates who can demonstrate workplace experience, even at an early stage in their careers. A work placement shows initiative and gives students examples they can talk about in interviews.

Read more about Dawn's insights into the benefits of work experience placements by clicking [here](#).

