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Student Services at Derby College

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Current students at Derby College

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Prospective students of Derby College

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It has been a busy and exciting start to the academic year and our students are well on the way to being outstanding Derby College Group students. It is really important that we ensure that they are happy, supported and clear of the career that they aspire to enter in the future. With this in mind, we would like to say thank you for supporting your child on their journey to success. If you do feel at any time that there is more that we can do, please do not hesitate to let us know.

[Parents' evenings](#) will be happening in November/December:

19 November – Year 1/One Year programmes – Roundhouse and Broomfield Hall

20 November – Year 1/One Year programmes – Ilkeston and Joseph Wright Centre

3 December – Year 2 – Roundhouse

6 December – Year 2 – Broomfield Hall, Joseph Wright Centre and Ilkeston

[Information evenings](#) are also starting in November, aimed at prospective students - come along for advice and guidance and view the facilities;

[8 November – Roundhouse](#)

[15 November – Joseph Wright Centre](#)

[21 November – Broomfield Hall](#)

[29 November – Ilkeston](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

We have a plethora of enrichment activities outside of the students' timetabled learning for them to attend including: **Sports - Music - Films - Entrepreneurship - Cooking - Outdoor adventure ...and much more!**

Please encourage your child to participate.



MATHS AND ENGLISH

The difference between GCSE & functional skills

Your child will now be working towards GCSE or Functional skills in English and / or maths. As many do not understand the differences between GCSE and Functional Skills, this is intended to outline both qualifications.

The main difference between GCSEs and Functional Skills qualifications is that the former are there to assess academic ability, and the latter assess how students can apply the English and maths knowledge in everyday situations.

Functional Skills look at the 'functional' side of maths and English. They focus on providing realistic contexts, scenarios and problems; specific tasks that are relevant to students; problem solving; and the applications of knowledge, skills and understanding for a purpose. They enable individuals to operate confidently, effectively and independently in life and work.

Functional skills qualifications are aimed at students who have a GCSE grade E/2 or below in maths or English, and will support and develop their understanding and knowledge. They will support student's progress towards GCSE.

We want to support your child in meeting their potential, not only in education but also in employment. We have a number of maths and English (ME) employer events with local employers attending to talk with students about the need for good maths and English skills. Your child will be informed of the date by their teacher or personal coach.

If you have any questions regarding English or maths, please contact the English and maths team by email Englishandmaths@derby-college.ac.uk

Many thanks for your support throughout the year.

"Good English and maths grades are fundamental to young people's employment and education prospects"

"Individuals with very low literacy and numeracy are severely disadvantaged in the labour market." Prof Alison Wolf.



CAREERS TEAM

[Take a look at our new dedicated Careers page](#) on the College website which gives details about our team and our work with students during the academic year.

This year's UCAS application cycle is well under way; parents/carers are asked to please remind any students who wish to make an application for Higher Education this year that they need to complete and submit their online UCAS form by the College internal deadline of Friday 9th November.

In addition, students need to pay the UCAS fee at Student Services and see their personal tutor to have their application and personal statement checked and their hand-in checklist signed. All applicants should have received a paper copy of the comprehensive 'Applying to HE' guide to help them with the process, a limited number of paper copies are available from Student Services and it is also available electronically on the 'My Career' site on Moodle.

For those who might be interested in finding voluntary work, as well as asking the College Careers team, we encourage any students (who are able to fit it in around their College timetable) to consider visiting the [University of Derby's Volunteering Fair](#), at their Kedleston Road site, on Thursday 18th October from 10.00am until 2.00pm. At the Fair there will be a number of organisations each with voluntary opportunities available.



STUDENT VOICE

Derby College values the Student Voice. Students' views and ideas are key to how we develop life and study at Derby College. The Student Voice Quality Survey is currently live, which your child will be asked to participate. If your child would like to tell us about their experience at Derby College, they can email [Student Voice Co-Ordinator](#) or call 01332 387400.

PARENT VOICE

Your views matter to us and the feedback you provide will help us shape the service we provide your child at Derby College. If you would like to tell us your views please email [Parent Voice](#).



ANIMAL UNIT

'HALLOWEEN THEMED' OPEN DAY

Sunday 28th October 2018 10.00 - 16.00
(last entry 15.30)

Broomfield Hall College

Come along to the Animal Unit 'Halloween Theme' open day and enjoy:

- Activities for kids
- Meet the animals including feeding and handling

[Read more.](#)

It's never too late to learn



Do you want to improve your skills and prospects?

Do you need an up-to-date maths or English qualification on your CV? Have you been away from education for a while and are now keen to refresh your skills? Would you like to be confident in helping your children with their homework? **Then why not consider a FREE Adult Maths and English course at Derby College?**

[Read More.](#)



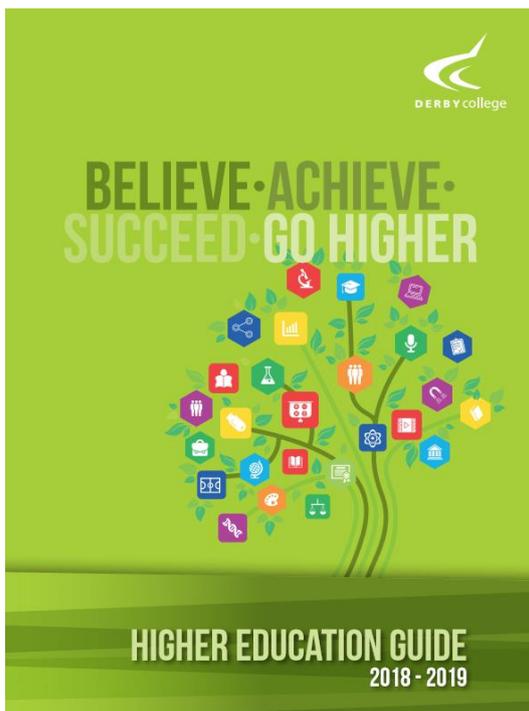
Career Learning Ladder

Adult Course Guide 2018 - 2019

Our Career Learning Ladder guide is full of inspiration for anyone who wants to take the next step on their journey to success in work and life. Whether you're keen to upgrade and update your skills, looking for a promotion at work, planning a change of career, hoping to launch your own business or considering university-level study, Derby College will put you on the right pathway. [Read more online](#) about study programmes or [download your copy of the Career Learning Ladder](#).

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS

If you are aged 19 or over, you could qualify for a new type of loan to help pay for your tuition fees as you prepare to head further up the career ladder.



If university seems like a big step, then why not stay local and continue your studies at Derby College?

At Derby College we offer a wide range of HE (Higher Education) programmes that are linked to a range of universities - Derby University, Nottingham University and Sheffield Hallam, both full-time and part-time courses.

We have a designated HE centre at the Roundhouse and Broomfield Hall campus, and highly skilled staff who will support and develop the knowledge and skills that will equip you for your future. We also benefit from strong links with local employers that support and underpin the provision.

You will also benefit from a dedicated team of HE study support coaches, and opportunities to attend and present at conferences.

5 reasons to study HE at Derby College

- Over a working lifetime, you could earn around £100,000 or more before tax
- You will benefit from higher level jobs and greater promotion prospects
- You will spend less as our fees are significantly lower than many universities
- Our class sizes are smaller than most universities, so you benefit from high quality teaching and support from your tutors
- You will have access to the College Sport and Leisure facilities

[To find out more please visit the College website, HE page.](#)



Learning for Leisure

Take a look at our part-time learning opportunities.

Our courses have been designed for adults who are looking to pursue a hobby or learn a new skill. This year we also have a selection of adult and child learning workshops to inspire the whole family. [Read more.](#)



There's more to Derby College
We have a number of facilities & services open to the public

