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## Student Services at Derby College

### Dates for your diary!

Current students at Derby College

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We are currently processing new bursary applications, but it is still not too late to apply. Students who are eligible can receive financial support to help pay towards course related costs, such as equipment, trips, travel to and from College and meals while they are enrolled on a College programme.

Forms are available from the Student Services desks on every campus.

Please bear with us during this very busy time and allow up to two weeks for us to process applications.



## **DERBY COLLEGE APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE HEAD**

Derby College Group has appointed Liza-Jo Guyatt as Executive Head of The Roundhouse and of Ilkeston College.

Ms Guyatt joins Derby College Group from Walsall Adult and Community College where she was Vice Principal. [Read more.](#)



## **MATHS AND ENGLISH**

If your child did not achieve a grade 4/C in their English or maths GCSE, they will have classes identified on their timetable where we will be working with them to develop their skills. We would like to ask that you support your child by encouraging their attendance to all classes and completion of work outside of class.

To support you with this, we are offering you the opportunity to meet the English and maths team during parents' evenings and at the English and maths parents' event in October (more information regarding these will be provided in due course).

### **GCSE exam dates for 2018-19 are as follows:**

#### **English GCSE exam dates:**

4th and 7th June 2019

#### **Maths GCSE exam dates:**

21st May 2019

6th and 11th June 2019

Students must attend all exams. Functional Skills exam dates will be confirmed with your child by their teacher.

Throughout the year we will also be offering exam preparation sessions which all students are encouraged to attend. These sessions have proven very successful in helping students to progress and make improvements. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions.

We look forward to working with you in developing your child's English and maths skills

and reaching their potential.

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

Many thanks for your support throughout the year.

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As a new academic year begins, the Careers team would like to raise awareness of our 'My Career' pages, which can be found on the College's Moodle site.

Students are able to access the site anywhere, via the Derby College website. They just need to use their log on details to access Moodle.

The 'My Career' pages have a number of sections where information, advice and support about a range of progression pathways (apprenticeships, jobs, further study and Higher Education) can be found.

The site also houses Kudos Inspire- which students can use to explore a range of career options. Kudos is especially useful for those who are unsure about which way to go next as it suggests a number of job areas the user may better suited to, based on them answering a number of questions about their skills/interests/likes/dislikes and motivations.

Also happening in the next few weeks is a Volunteering Fair which the team have arranged to take place at our Ilkeston College in October. The fair will be attended by a number of organisations (including Derbyshire Police Volunteers, Treetops Hospice, the Neighbourhood Watch Association the Guide Dogs Association) all of whom have opportunities for a range of voluntary work. Ilkeston College based students will receive information about it from their tutors in the next few weeks.

Plus, across all sites, level 3, year 2 students will be getting lots of information from the Careers team in their tutorials about the option of applying for Higher Education (university level study). All students will be given a comprehensive booklet covering the Higher Education research and application process, key College and national deadline dates and guidance on writing a personal statement. An electronic copy of the booklet is available in the 'My HE' section of My Career.

There will also be information for students who wish to look at alternative, non-Higher Education options such as apprenticeships, employment or a gap year.

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**The Animal Care Centre at our Broomfield Hall College is now offering a variety of fun experiences for those interested in all creatures great and small!**

### **Birthday Parties**

Come and celebrate your birthday with the animals at Broomfield Hall. A unique opportunity for an exclusive party where you get to meet and greet a range of animals.

### **Animal Experiences**

Want to get up close and meet your favourite animals? We are now offering animal experiences. You will get to meet the animals, handle where appropriate, feed, health check and learn about their care.

### **Keeper for a Day**

Experience the life of an animal keeper where you'll shadow an animal keeper with the daily husbandry care for the animals on our unit. You will get to help care for our meerkats, wallabies, porcupines, reptiles, small mammals, donkeys and many more. Daily jobs will include preparing food, feeding, cleaning, handling, health checking and enrichment building.

[Find out more.](#)

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**Plant Fest inc the National Garden Scheme Open Day Sunday 23rd September 2018**

**10:00 - 16:00**

**Broomfield Hall College**

The Plant Fest includes:

- Seasonal planters and friendly plant advice.
- FREE pack of bedding plants when you spend £10 or more on the day

[Read more.](#)

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**Animal unit  
'Halloween Theme' 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.

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### 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.](#)

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# There's more to Derby College

We have a number of facilities & services open to the public

