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Student Services at Derby College

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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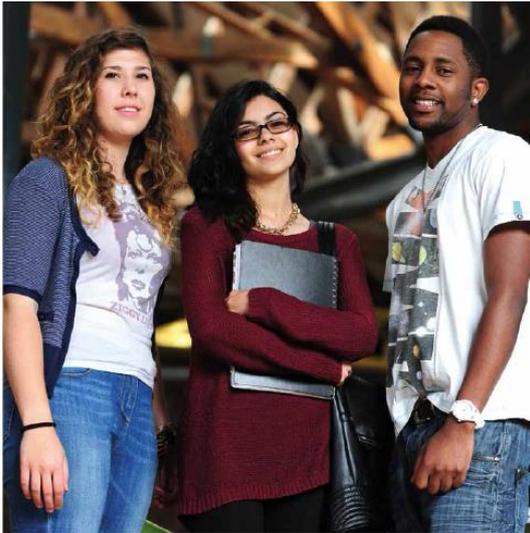
Prospective students of Derby College

[Information Evenings and general events](#)

Term 3 bursary Don't forget to apply for your Term 3 Bursary. Please remember: To continue to receive bursary support this term your child needs to complete an ongoing form. [Forms are available to download from the Derby College website.](#) If your family circumstances have not changed, we no longer need to see any proof of evidence, just sign and print name in Part B of the form. **Please return your forms to any of the Student Services desks situated at all of the Derby College sites.**

Parent and Carer Council coming soon. . .

'Parental and Carer council' will provide opportunities for parents and carers to voice their ideas and opinions for improving and enhancing student progress and achievement. If you are interested in exploring this in more detail please contact Aaron Denton – Head of Behaviour for Learning aaron.denton@derby-college.ac.uk



Next Steps - Moving Up or Moving On

Our students are now in their third and final term of this academic year. Student Services will be supporting students throughout this term helping them to progress onto the next steps of their journey, whichever route they choose.

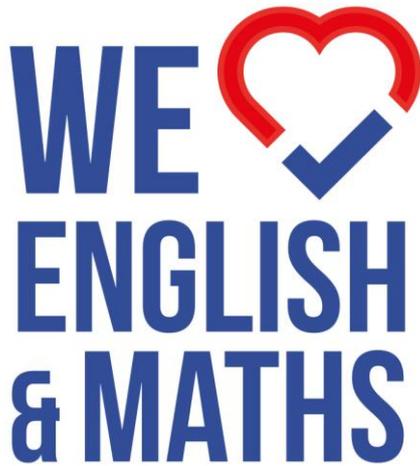
Internal Progression - Moving up a level or returning for the second year of their study programme. Moving On - Heading off to university or into the world of work.

Our “Next Steps” event will run until Friday 7th June 2019, students will be supported through this process by their Tutors, Student Experience and Progression Coach and Student Services.



WORKSHOPS PREPARE DCG STUDENTS FOR FURTHER PROGRESSION

Students at Derby College Group (DCG) attended special Maths and English workshop sessions during the Easter break to help prepare them for this summer’s GCSE examinations. Workshop sessions were held over three days at the Roundhouse Technical and Professional Skills college and Broomfield Hall Land-based and Leisure college. [Read more.](#)



ENGLISH AND MATHS

The weeks are flying by and it is only days until the first GCSE exam.

GCSE exam dates

English exam dates:

4th June 2019 Paper 1

7th June 2019 Paper 2

Maths exam dates:

21st May 2019 – Non-calculator

6th June 2019 – Calculator

11th June 2019 – Calculator

Functional Skills exam dates

English Reading and Writing exams will be booked on demand for when our students are ready to take them.

Exams can be very daunting and stressful for some of our students and taking time to revise will reduce their concerns. To support your child, the College has created resources to help them prepare for all their exams; not just maths and English.

These can be accessed via the College Moodle site or through Doodle. They contain many hints and tips. It is well worth encouraging them to have a look at the information.

Revision top tips to support your child:

- Start revising as soon as they can
- Ask them to find out when they are most productive – morning/midday/ evening
- Help them to create a revision timetable
- Remind them to keep all resources they are given by their tutor
- Support them in organising their notes and handouts, so they can find them easily
- Remind them to reward themselves after a good revision session
- Help them to plan a revision session by setting small achievable targets
- Find out which revision technique best suits them
- Support them in creating their own revision tasks (flashcards, quizzes, mind maps etc)
- Remind them to familiarise themselves with exam key words and terminology
- Ask them if they have created an exam plan. This will help in using their time effectively during the exam.
- Remind them to keep healthy! Sleep well, eat right and drink lots of water
- Support them in remaining calm; don't let revision take over their whole life
- Make sure they plan in other activities; take time for themselves, friends and family

Don't forget that your child can access College resources at home. We have Doodle and Moodle pages for both maths and English that can be accessed at any time. There are specific resources on key topics that will develop and support their learning.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding English or maths, please contact the English and maths team.

Englishandmaths@derby-college.ac.uk



Plant Fest inc the National Garden Scheme Open Day

Sunday 19th May 2019

10:00 - 16:00

Broomfield Hall

The Plant Fest includes:

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

National Garden Scheme Open Day

As part of the National Garden Scheme Broomfield Hall gardens will be open to the public.

Includes guided garden walks and a little live entertainment.

[Find out more.](#)



Animal unit 'Conservation Theme' open day

Sunday 19th May 2019 10.00 - 16.00 (last entry 15.30)

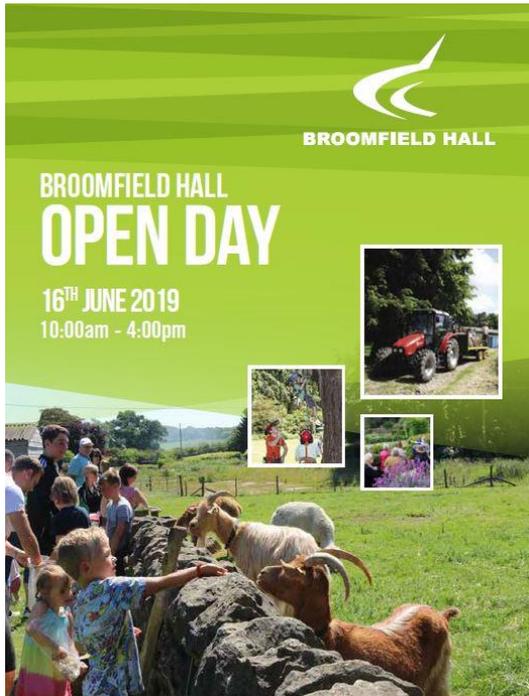
Broomfield Hall

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

- Activities for kids
- Meerkat and porcupine feeding
- Goat, Alpaca or Pig feeding
- Reptile handling
- Small Mammal handling
- Walk through Wallaby exhibit
- New Fish and Rodent room available
- Course and experience information
- Refreshments

Entrance Fee £3 per adult and £1 per child

[Find out more.](#)



Broomfield Hall Open Day

Sunday 16 June 2019

10:00 - 16:00

Come to the Broomfield Open Day where we have the whole site open for you to enjoy the following in this great value for money family friendly event:

- Visit the animal unit and meet our small animals. There will be lots of activities to get involved with.
- Come and meet the farm animals - Pigs, Sheep, Cattle and Chickens
- Watch the Sheep Shearing
- Tractor trailer rides
- Course and career information including our University Level courses
- Plant Centre Open as usual / Garden Tours
- Derby College Equestrian Centre. Between 10.30am - 2.30pm watch riding demos.

[Find out more.](#)

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.

It's never too late to learn

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.

FIND OUT MORE.



Career Learning Ladder Adult Course Guide 2018 - 2019

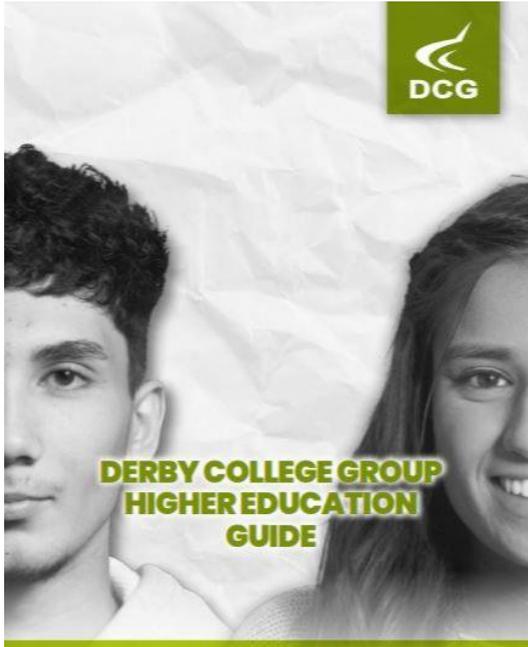
Our Career Learning Ladder guide is full of inspiration for anyone who wants to take the next step on their journey to success in work and life. Whether you're keen to upgrade and update your skills, looking for a promotion at work, planning a change of career, hoping to launch your own business or considering 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](#).



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.](#)



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

At Derby College Group 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 our Roundhouse and Broomfield Hall Colleges, 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.](#)



Acclaimed floral designer recommends Broomfield floristry BTEC

Award-winning floral designer Nadia Di Tullio credits Derby College with helping her “get her creative mojo back.”

Nadia, regional winner in the Wedding Industry Awards 2018 and 2019, started her specialist bridal bouquet business 10 years ago while on the BTC level 3 floristry course at Broomfield.

An influential wedding floristry designer, her work for Nadia Di Tullio Flowers in Ashbourne has featured extensively, nationally and internationally, in print publications and on leading blogs.

As a teenager Nadia wanted to go into gallery curation so enrolled on a Fine Art foundation course at Derby College after taking A levels at school.

She said: "I ran out of steam at the age of 19 and did other things. It was only when I committed to the floristry BTEC at Derby College that I got my creative mojo back.

"Going to Broomfield gave me the initial push into industry. I didn't feel I could work within a shop environment easily with my then family set up. Taking a part-time course meant I could learn and still be mum to a very young child."

Since leaving College Nadia has studied every year with different mentors and trainers and has furthered her skills through attending flower schools and workshops.

She added: "Having had the flower bug since I was little, I feel rather privileged to work with flowers on an almost daily basis. I also love the people aspect of my job. My ultimate career goal is to mentor new florists. [Check out our Floristry courses.](#)