

Here is the latest news from Derby College Group (DCG)

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**Season's greetings from all at DCG  
wishing you a relaxing break and a happy New Year!**

The holiday season is upon us and your child will have a break from College.

The College is closed to students from the 18th December and re-opens on the 5th January 2021.

[View our full list of Term Dates for more information.](#)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Current students at DCG

[Term Dates](#)

[Parents Evening Dates](#)

Prospective students of DCG

[DCG Virtual Open Days](#)

## Student Support Fund

We are currently processing new bursary applications, 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 on a College programme. Forms and advice are available at Student Service desks on every campus.

Find out everything you need to know about your child's experience at Derby College Group.



## Parent Voice

Your views matter to us and the feedback you provide will help us shape the service we provide your son, daughter or child in your care at DCG. If you would like to tell us your views please email [Parent Voice](#)



The College Careers team can support all students with a range of things, including: making decisions about their next steps, ways to identify and develop their strengths, skills and abilities in relation to their next step and also practical help with making applications and preparing CVs.

The team can be contacted by emailing: [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)

## UCAS REMINDER: for Level 3, year 2 students who are applying for Higher Education (university level study)

Please remind your child that they need to fully complete their online UCAS form and then arrange to meet with their personal tutor ASAP, in order that the hand-in checklist can be completed.

All students (and their parents/carers) can access a comprehensive booklet covering areas such as the Higher Education research and application process and guidance on writing a personal statement (the booklet can be accessed in the 'UCAS' folder, which is in the 'MyCareer Tutorial' section of 'My Career').

**Apprenticeship programmes for summer 2021 onwards  
(Level 2 and Level 3 students) with various companies**

**ROLLS ROYCE are holding 3 x online information sessions:**

**Level 3 students**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 4.30-5.30-pm:** for students/parents/carers interested in finding out about degree apprenticeships starting from September 2021.

Current Rolls Royce degree apprentices will be available to talk about, and answer questions on, their programmes; plus, Rolls Royce staff will be on-line to talk through the application process and give hints and tips. Register here - <https://forms.gle/3BE2bRbqcLhZbdK37>

**Level 2 students**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 4.30-5.30-pm:** for students/parents/carers (specifically for those who attend Derby or Derbyshire schools or colleges) interested in exploring the Level 2 apprenticeships starting from September 2021.

Current Rolls Royce apprentices will be available to talk about, and answer questions on, their programmes; plus, Rolls Royce staff will be on-line to talk through the application process and give hints and tips. Register here - <https://forms.gle/oY5cgJUjamcLQSu7>

**All Levels**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 4.30-5.30-pm:** a myth busting session about Rolls Royce apprenticeships open to any students/parents/carers who are interested in finding out more.

There will be a panel of current Rolls Royce apprentices who will be answering questions from participants as well as addressing common myths about apprenticeships. Register here - <https://forms.gle/GVXihQywHM1CByjp8>

**OTHER COMPANIES: Opportunities for Level 2 and/ or Level 3 students**

**BT: Technology, Customer Service and Finance roles**

Join BT as an apprentice and you will get hands-on experience in one of the world's leading tech companies. At BT, apprentices don't just make coffee; they learn skills and win awards. They build brilliant careers. And they do amazing things along the way.

**PwC: Audit, Consulting, Deals, Tax and Technology opportunities**

At PwC, you can expect to be part of a stimulating environment working on challenging projects where you will have access to a world of opportunity and experiences, in a culture that embraces difference. No matter what your background, PwC have a range of roles to suit everyone.

**IBM: Future 12 Month Placement Scheme** IBM Business and Technology Futures roles are open now! The Futures Placement scheme offers you an invaluable opportunity to work with a world-leading company for 12-months, broadening your horizons and giving you a head start in your career

**National Audit Office: Chartered Accountancy School leaver professional training scheme**

The National Audit Office very successful ACA professional training scheme will be live soon. It will equip you with the Chartered Accountancy qualification and membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Please go to the PwC, IBM, National Audit Office and BT websites to find out more. You can also search for apprenticeship vacancies, for summer 2021 onwards, at;

National Apprenticeship website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Success at School: <https://successatschool.org/jobscourses>

Plus, current opportunities with **DERBYSHIRE POLICE: POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER VACANCIES:** <https://careers.derbyshire.police.uk/find-job/job-search/Police-Community-Support-Officer-PCSO>

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### **DERBY COLLEGE GROUP AGREES NEW TECH PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT T LEVEL STUDENTS**

Derby College Group (DCG) has announced a new partnership with Access ConQuest, suppliers of construction software used by estimators, quantity surveyors and finance teams, to help better prepare students undertaking T Level qualifications for the world of work.

[Read more.](#)

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### **HE STUDENTS GAIN BAKE OFF INSPIRATION FOR RESEARCH WORK**

Land-based Higher Education students at Derby College Group (DCG) have gained inspiration from popular television programme 'The Great British Bake Off' for key elements of their research work.

Students on the Animal Management and Equine Science degree programmes, who are based at Broomfield Hall, have created particularly outstanding creations to illustrate key aspects of their work and photographs are currently being circulated on social media channels such as Twitter and Facebook to find the winner.

[Read more.](#)

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### **RE-BRAND PROJECT SUCCESS**

Digital Multimedia Students at Derby College Group's Joseph Wright Centre have designed new logos for the Ed Tech and Libraries for Learning teams.

The Level 3 Creative Media Production and Technology students were invited to pitch their logo ideas for the competition organised by TLA Lead Mark Dickson and Advanced Practitioner Catherine Guerrero and the winners have been announced.

[Read more.](#)

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### **Foundation degree “great stop gap” for prospective teacher James**

Former DCG student James Bates plans to train as a primary school teacher once he has finished his top up degree at the University of Derby.

James, who is 23 and from Belper, progressed to a degree in Early Childhood Studies after getting a distinction in his foundation course in Children and Young People's Services at the Roundhouse.

[Read more.](#)

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### Former runner Christian on right track for personal training career

Training for a sport-related career was a natural step for DCG personal training student Christian Flanagan.

Christian, who is 19 and from Allestree, comes from a sports-loving family and has been actively involved in sport from a young age.

[Read more.](#)



### Sophie finds true vocation thanks to Derby College

Former Derby College student Sophie Nelson is looking forward to starting a degree in occupational therapy next year. But Sophie, who has completed her Higher Level Teaching Assistants course at the Roundhouse “never in a million years” thought she would be going to university.

[Read more.](#)

## Adult study programmes at DCG

Adult Students come to Derby College for many reasons. You may be looking for a promotion at work; have your sights set on progressing to Higher Education; be at a stage in life when you can return to the workplace; be ready for a change in career; planning to start your own business or want a new hobby or leisure interest.



### Part-time Adult Courses

We have many exciting Part-time Adult learning opportunities on offer at DCG which could help you transform your life through learning. Whatever your reasons, Derby College can help you reach even higher as you achieve new goals and discover exciting opportunities.

Study with Derby College Group (DCG) and you will join a community made for people like you.

[View Part-time Adult courses.](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Those with Level 2 Literacy and Numeracy skills earn on average an additional **£3,000** PER YEAR

Source: Skills for Life Needs and Impact Survey

### FREE Adult Maths and English courses

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.](#)

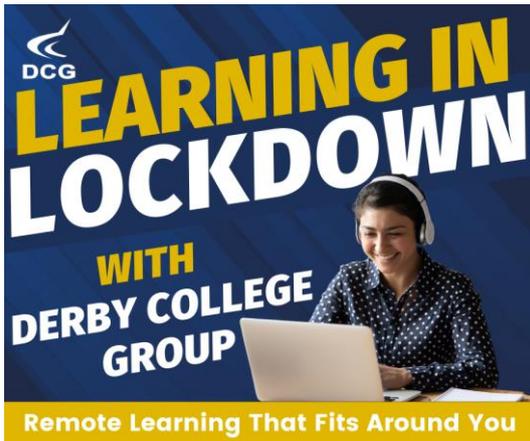


### Higher Education (HE)

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.

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



### Remote Learning that fits around you

Remote learning is the ideal way to develop your skills, boost your career and pursue new interests.

- Fit convenient, affordable learning around your work and home life
- Study at home or on the go - at any time and from anywhere
- Access engaging study materials from a range of devices
- Use our easy-to-navigate remote learning platform.
- Gain expert support from our remote learning specialists
- Work towards recognised qualifications from first aid to food safety
- Improve your career prospectus with skills in customer service, IT, communication plus more.....

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



### ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED OR WANT TO HELP SOMEONE WHO IS?

The Way2Work team at DCG provide the support and advice that people need to progress into work. With unemployment figures at an all-time high, we're here to help.

Our team offer a one-to-one service and can help with CV writing, job applications, effective job searching, interview techniques and general support in what can be an extremely stressful time. We are continuing to work with our customers remotely throughout lockdown and have access to job vacancies with immediate start dates.

Whether you're hoping to obtain your first job role, have been made redundant or keen to try your hand at a brand-new career, we can offer advice and assistance. If you want to work with your very own work coach who will make sure the right opportunities are presented to you and tell you about available jobs with immediate starts, then please feel free to contact us.

To take part in this programme, you must be over 18, unemployed, live in Derby/Derbyshire, not be in full time education, have the right to live and work in the UK and not be signed up to any other programme

funded by The European Social Fund.

To hear more about our Way2Work programme, we can be contacted on the numbers below for a friendly and informal discussion.

Carole Peters - Project Co-ordinator - 07710365790  
Amy Wicks - Way2Work Coach – 07885477698  
Sean Martin – Way2Work Coach - 07736635430  
Kaz Edge - Senior Way2Work Coach - 07712539295  
Lydia Blurton - Senior Way2Work Coach - 07712539238  
Jagjeet Dhillon - Senior Way2Work Coach - 07725483320

[Meet the team! Watch their introductions video here on YouTube.](#)

## Funding available for Adults

### Advanced Learner Loan

#### Advanced Learner Loans

Qualify now, pay later ... with an Advanced Learner Loan If you're 19 or older, you can apply for a loan to help with the costs of a Derby College Group course.

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

[Find out more.](#)

## ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET (AEB) FUNDING

Tens of thousands of adults on low wages can see their training fully funded.

#### Free courses for individuals earning less than £16,009.50

Up until now, unemployed adults have had to have been on benefits to receive full funding for education courses. But the radical adult education budget has opened the door to a huge number of other adults on low wages earning less than £16,009.50.

**FIND OUT MORE.**





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