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#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

#### **OUTLINE OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS**

DCG has remained open for certain students to attend Broomfield Hall and for children at the Little Explorers Nursery also at Broomfield Hall.

In line with government guidance, DCG is planning to expand engagement on all campuses from June 15 with some face to face contact with certain students.

This engagement will be by invitation and will include students preparing for year two studies and those having to undertake assessment to gain their licence to practice.

We have been pleased with how our students have adapted over the last few months and remote learning remains the predominant engagement and will continue until the end of this academic year.

We urge anyone wishing to attend one of our campuses, who has not received an invitation to do so, to first make contact with their tutor and we will do all we can to accommodate.

To support those who will be attending our campuses over the next few weeks, much work has been undertaken to ensure we meet the required safety standards which includes clear signage, re-modelling classrooms and common areas to support social distancing, and increasing cleaning regimes.

Broomfield site will be open throughout the week (Monday to Friday)

The Roundhouse will be open Monday and Tuesday

Joseph Wright will be open Wednesday and Friday

Ilkeston will be open on Friday

DCG continues to accept applications and has student support and careers advice teams on hand virtually to offer guidance to potential students. Enrolment will be an online event this year and details will shortly be announced on our website and social media.

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**DCG Careers & Guidance Live Chat every Monday - Thursday from 2-4pm.**

We are here to support you in these uncertain times. Our Careers & Guidance team will be available to talk to you via Live Chat on the DCG website every Mon - Thurs from 2-4pm. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have and we can discuss your options.



**DCG Inclusion & Support Live Chat every Monday - Thursday from 2-4pm.**

We are here to support you in these uncertain times. Starting Monday 15th June, our Inclusion & Support team will be available to talk to you via Live Chat on the DCG website every Mon - Thurs from 2-4pm. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have for you or your young person regarding SEND and how we can support you.

**How to access the Live Chat:**

- Simply [go onto the DCG website](#) any time between 2pm and 4pm every Monday - Thursday and you will see the dark blue 'Live Chat' button at the bottom right hand corner of the website.

- Click on this box, fill in your name, ask us your questions and we will do everything that we can to help you out.



**T-Level Virtual Open Day  
Wednesday 24th June 2020  
14:00 - 16:00 (pre-registration is required)**

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching our T-Level Virtual Open Day to support anyone who may be considering this as an option this September. The event will take place over two hours and will provide information on each of our T-Level courses that launch September 2020.

To see what curriculum areas will be available for live chat as well as loads of great information, videos and advice and to pre-register - [view the event on our website here!](#)



The Careers team are available to support students, who are due to complete their course this summer, with their progression plans.

The team are available to offer advice and guidance appointments to students via telephone, Skype, Microsoft Teams or email.

You can contact the careers team directly through the Derby College Website for a live careers chat, this is 2-4pm, Monday to Friday.

The team are focussing on level 3 students, who are coming to the end of the first year of a two year course with the roll out of two tutorial sessions, on how to research and how to identify skills they have.

We recommend using [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and other websites such as Discover Uni and The Complete University Guide.

Although you cannot visit a University many of them are preparing virtual open days, tours and webinars. This is all detailed upon UCAS.

In addition, students have the opportunity to use a site called 'Unifrog', which the college has a subscription for.

Unifrog is designed to help students to research and compare a range of progression options in one place, in order to help them to make an informed decision about their next step.

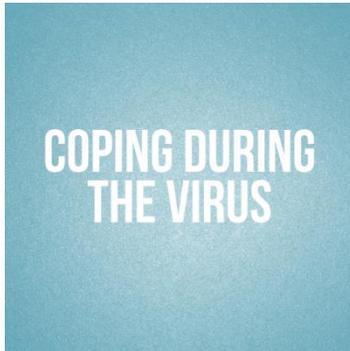
Students need to contact their personal tutor or coach for information about how to access the Unifrog site.

For level 3 students completing their course, who have already applied through UCAS for this year, please encourage them to regularly check their UCAS Track pages- as well as ask them to get in touch with the Careers team if they questions about their application. For students wanting to apply but have not applied please contact us direct for help. (2020 applications)

There is also a range of materials, covering a number of progression options, on the 'MyCareer' site which is found on the college's Moodle pages.

The Careers team's email address is: [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)

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The DCG Mental Well-Being toolkit on Moodle has had over a thousand student hits since lock down began at the end of March. The toolkit has advice on improving Mental Well-Being and now has a page dedicated to coping during the virus.

Information for the coping during the virus page has been collated from recommended websites and national organisations and offers advice from college support teams. It also features the DCG SEEDS campaign and how these aspects: sleep, eating healthily, exercising every day, discussing how you feel and self-help can help with mental well-being during this challenging time.

Other highlights of the page include:

- [a link to the Anna Freud Foundation self- help page](#), which has been created by young people, to give ideas on ways to improve well-being.
- A link containing specific [advice for those with pre-existing mental health problems from the Mental Health Foundation](#)
- And [a link to the NHS Mind plan](#), which has been adapted for the Covid-19 outbreak, Mind Plan is a short interactive quiz that gives you tailor made advice and top tips to help improve your well-being.

In addition to this Welfare Support is also available to students who are struggling to cope, for more information or support email [welfare@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:welfare@derby-college.ac.uk)



#### **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 Derby College Group. If you would like to tell us your views please email [Parent Voice](#)



Our Inclusion Team is still hard at work from home supporting you! [Check out their funny video](#) - set aptly to the Dolly Parton song '9 til 5'.

[Find out more about inclusion at Derby College Group by visiting their dedicated page on our website.](#)



### Halfords and Derby College offer career switch from shopfront to Autocentre floor

The UK's leading retailer of motoring products and services Halfords has teamed up with Derby College so that a talented employee can switch from the retail shop front to the Autocentre shop floor. The move comes as part of a rolling company scheme which gives Halfords' retail colleagues a chance to change direction and retrain as vehicle mechanics if they want a change in career path.

[Find out more.](#)



### Rock band Muddibrooke set on right track by Derby College

From the moment she picked up a guitar at the age of eight, former Derby College music student Harriet McDonnell knew she wanted to be a professional musician.

Now, as the 25-year-old frontwoman of Derby rock band Muddibrooke, she and her band are achieving international success.

[Find out more.](#)

## It's never too late to learn



### REMOTE LEARNING

DCG has a strong track record in bridging the skills gap for employers, ensuring their people develop, grow and achieve more.

We have developed a range of engaging virtual learning solutions in partnership with our dedicated associates as well as a suite of remote learning sessions, which can be accessed from a range of devices. This means that you can develop your skills, knowledge and CPD in order to continue your learning journey with us.

Our suite of remote learning and virtual learning solutions provides you with the opportunity to learn on the go. Covering a variety of different topics, we offer a convenient and easy to navigate remote learning platform enabling you to gain the necessary qualifications in order to enhance your knowledge and career. [Discover the exciting virtual and online training opportunities that we can offer.](#)



### ACCESS COURSES AT DCG

Are you interested in degree level study but worried because you don't have the traditional qualifications you need? Have you been out of education for a while? Do you need to rebuild your confidence to achieve your ambitions?

You can take Access courses at both our Roundhouse campus and our new campus in Ilkeston (Pimlico), bringing all the benefits of a Derby College education even closer to home. [Find out more about the Access courses DCG can offer you.](#)

**E-Learning courses available now**

ROUNDHOUSE THINKING

### E-LEARNING COURSES AVAILABLE

Roundhouse Thinking's suite of E-learning courses provides you with the opportunity to learn on the go. Covering a variety of different topics, we offer a convenient and easy to navigate e-learning platform, enabling you to gain the necessary qualifications in order to enhance your knowledge and career.

[Find out more.](#)

**ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS**

Advanced Learner Loan

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.

Want help with course fees? Check out options for our Advanced Learner Loan

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**DERBY COLLEGE GROUP PART-TIME ADULT AND COMMUNITY COURSE GUIDE**

2019 - 2020

### DERBY COLLEGE GROUP PART-TIME ADULT AND COMMUNITY COURSE GUIDE

Introducing our new Part-time Adult and Community Course Guide for 2019-20. It's packed with information about the many exciting opportunities DCG can offer to help you transform your life through learning.

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

People seeking a new job or re-skilling for a career change. Professionals from all walks of life who want to enhance their qualifications and promotion prospects.

Mature students returning to education later in life. Aspiring entrepreneurs planning to set up their own businesses. People looking for flexible, cost-effective routes to higher education.

Parents keen to help their children with their studies. People overcoming barriers and disadvantages through learning. Enthusiasts thrilled to be exploring new pastimes. People who have decided that now is the time to do something different, to build a brighter future. People just like you. We look forward to welcoming you to DCG.

[View your copy of the Course Guide.](#)

## 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.



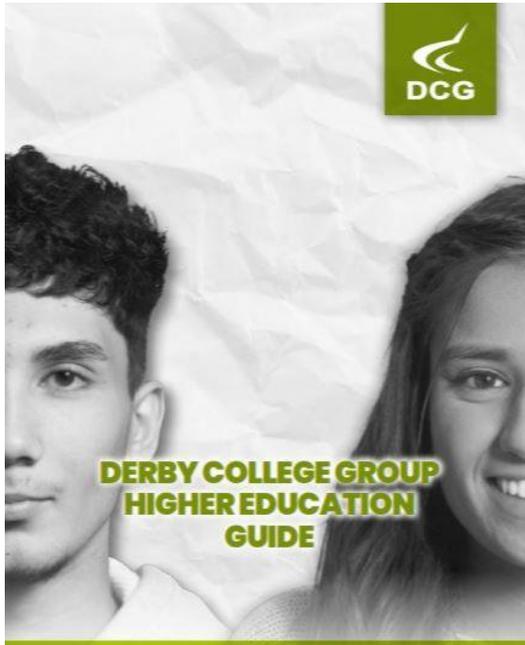
**FIND OUT MORE.**



### 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.](#)

