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

On 10th May 2020, the government gave further guidance regarding the reopening of educational settings for a minority of students from 1st June 2020, in addition to children of key workers and those who are vulnerable.

In response to this recent government guidance, the management within DCG are now working with key support teams (including Health and Safety/Estates and Facilities etc) in order to undertake a full risk assessment and identify detailed plans which reflect government advice to ensure we can accommodate more students safely.

We are sure you can appreciate, we need to get this right and as soon as we have our plans in place we will communicate these to you. Our priority is to keep students, staff and parents/carers safe.



#### **Student Support Fund**

As the college remains closed to the majority of students following Government guidelines, if you have previously made an application to the Student Support Fund in Term 1 or Term 2 you will not need to complete an ongoing bursary application form for Term 3 at this time, this is because we already have your details. However if any of your details have changed please get in touch with the Student Support Fund Team to enable us to update our records.

Please be advised that payment for Term 3 Travel is currently on hold as these payments are to support the student with their travel into college, if however you are still travelling into college please contact the Student Support Team to enable us to update your information, we are reviewing this situation on a regular basis and will keep students updated.

During this time students who are in receipt of bursary assistance an arrangement for a payment will be made to ensure they continue to receive financial support for their meals during term time.

This situation will be reviewed regularly, so please ensure you check the Derby College website for updates.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the Student Support Fund please do not hesitate to contact the Student Support Fund Team on the following email [studentsupportfund@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupportfund@derby-college.ac.uk) or by calling the college on 0800 028 0289 and ask to speak to a member of the Student Support Fund.



### Careers

Even though we are not currently in college, the Careers team are still available to offer advice and guidance appointments to students via telephone, Skype, Microsoft Teams or email. The team are available to support students, who are due to complete their course this summer, with their progression plans.

For level 3, year 2 students who have applied for Higher Education, for September 2020, it is important that they log on to their UCAS Track to see the date by which they must use Track to reply to their offers and to check for any information and resources from the organisations they have accepted an offer with. It is also important to complete their Student Finance application, via the Student Finance England website, before the end of May. Important updates are on the website in relation to financial support. There is still time to apply for 2020 start should a student want to, simply contact careers to support.

Those level 3 students, who are coming to the end of the first year of a two year course: who are considering applying for Higher Education, for a 2021 start, the summer term is a great time to begin the research process by using [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (see the 'UCAS Hub' pages) and other websites such as Discover Uni and The Complete University Guide. Many universities and colleges have uploaded 'virtual tours/open days' onto their websites- giving students the chance to have a look around, even though we are currently in lockdown. Universities and colleges also offer webinars or live streaming events, designed to give information to potential students and their parents/carers about aspects of progression into Higher Education; as an example, this is a link to a range of upcoming live stream events run by the De Montfort University: [www.dmu.ac.uk/livestreams](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/livestreams)

Please remind students that the Careers staff can offer help and support with a range of issues, including interviews for those who are unsure about their next step, plus information and advice for those who know what they would like to do but need help to get there or who wish to find out more about it as an option.

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)



### 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](#)



### DCG Virtual open days

Derby College Group (DCG) is holding three virtual open days this month to support Year 11 pupils considering their options this September.

As well as information on full time study programmes and apprenticeships, there will be details about work experience opportunities, careers advice and the wide range of support available to students.

In each subject area, teaching and support staff will be available online to talk through options via live chat rooms and guide young people through the application process for the study programme or apprenticeship of their choice. [Find out more.](#)



### DCG will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week from 18<sup>th</sup> May

The theme for this year's event is *Kindness, because doing good does you good!*

Corona Virus has changed our lives and with lock down and social distancing measures the world feels a very different place, but there is one very good thing that has come from this time and that is *kindness*

So, we are asking students to share their acts of kindness on the DCG Health and Well-Being Student Society page in the following ways:

- *How I am kind to others*
- *I would like to thank...*
- *How I am kind to myself*

We would also like to hear from any of our students who are *Key Workers* so that we can thank them for their hard work during this difficult time.

[Click here for more information about Mental Health Week.](#)



### ***Moodle Mental Well-Being Toolkit***

There is a page dedicated to help students cope during the virus on the Moodle Mental Well-Being Toolkit for more information.

[Coping during the Virus.](#)



### **DCG APPLAUDS ADULT LEARNERS' COMMITMENT TO LEARNING**

Virtual learning and studying at home are not just the 'new normal' for young people across the county – it is also the challenge facing hundreds of adult students at Derby College Group (DCG) who are juggling their studies with work and family life.

DCG offers a wide range of study programmes for adults ranging from ESOL and Maths and English in the local community to professional development, higher level technical studies and Access programmes as a gateway to higher education.

[Read more.](#)



### **Support for students mental well-being during Covid-19 lockdown.**

These can be testing times for both you and your family, and being confined within the same house for extended periods can be trying for the most patient and relaxed individual!

Below are a number of articles and resources which may offer help on a number of issues including how to deal with anxieties related to the virus, boredom, isolation, managing screen time, social media use and maintaining healthy relationships.

During this period of lock down the College Welfare Team can offer support via phone, e-mail or Microsoft Teams to your child should they be struggling with any of the issues above. They can be accessed by ringing the Call Centre on 0300 123 7890 and asking to speak to a member of the Welfare and Safeguarding Team.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/supporting-your-family-s-wellbeing-during-isolation/>

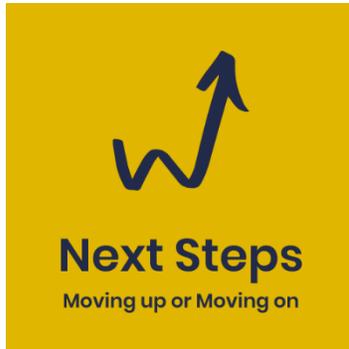
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<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/quaranteened-helping-teenagers-cope-lockdown>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

If as a parent, guardian or carer you are seeking help with your emotional well-being then you can get help by accessing Qwell-<https://xenzone.com/qw>



### **Next Steps - Moving Up or Moving On**

Our students are now in their third and final term of this academic year. Student Services will still 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 between April and May, students will be supported through this process by their Tutors, Student Experience and Progression Coach and Student Services.

Interviews will be over the telephone, skype or Teams.



### **NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE PREPARES CREATIVES FOR THE CHANGING WORKPLACE**

Derby College Group (DCG) is launching a new higher education study programme in partnership with The Open University which is designed to better prepare creative practitioners for the world of work.

The Foundation Degree in Creative Practice will start in September 2020 based at DCG's Joseph Wright Centre in the Cathedral Quarter. [Find out more.](#)



### **DERBY COLLEGE GROUP HE STUDENTS GAIN REGIONAL RECOGNITION**

Two higher education students at Derby College Group (DCG) have received regional recognition for their commitment to learning by the prestigious Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE).

Mike Aston (24) from Derby and Claire Ryan (45) from Lincoln both combine full time jobs with studying for the HNC in Building Services - attending DCG's Roundhouse Technical and Professional Skills college in Pride Park one day a week.

[Read more.](#)



**CAPITAL WORKS PLANNED AHEAD OF T-LEVEL LAUNCH**  
Derby College Group (DCG) is forging ahead with adapting work spaces for the first students who will join the new T Level programmes this September.

Various facilities are being upgraded in line with the T Level focus on work experience under DCG's £1.2 million capital programme which has been part-funded by the Skills Funding Agency.  
[Read more.](#)

## It's never too late to learn

**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

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

**2019 - 2020**

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## 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.



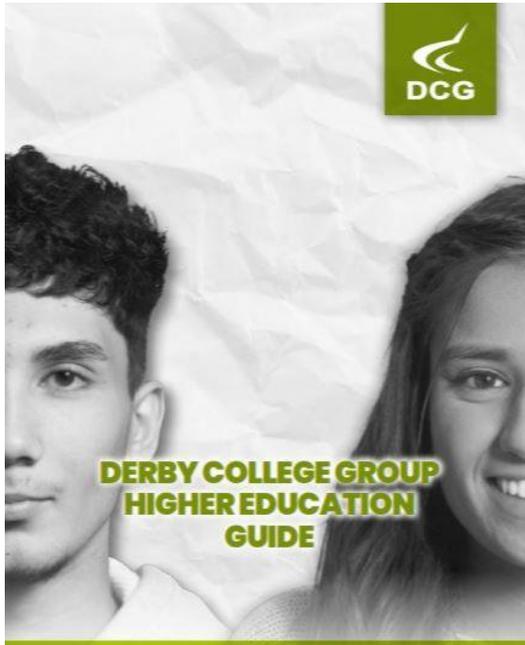
**FIND OUT MORE.**



### 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.](#)

