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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Current students at DCG

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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.



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 areas, including: making decisions about their next step options, 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

For Level 3, year 2 students who are applying for Higher Education (university level study): please remind them that they need to fully complete their online UCAS form and then arrange to meet with their personal tutor 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').

This Guide (produced by Nottingham Trent University) is designed to give parents/carers information about the Higher Education (HE) process, plus advice on how to support their son/daughter to make the transition into HE: <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/study-and-courses/undergraduate/parent-and-carer-guide>

Of interest to parents/carers:

- The Success at Schools- '**Helping Your Child Begin Their Career Journey**' (aged 11-19) **Guide**': <https://mc.successatschool.org/parents/ebook>
This booklet will help you understand all the different types of qualifications and pathways available
- Volunteer to **try out a new free 'Career Bot'**, which is designed to help adults, living in Derby, who are at risk of losing their job or who have questions about a career or job they are interested in: <https://dmhassociates.org/careerchat>



CALLING ALL DERBY-BASED ADULTS TO TEST CAREERS BOT

Derby College Group (DCG) has partnered with dmh associates and Pontydsygu, supported by DfE and Nesta, to develop a highly innovate career chatbot entitled CiCi.

The careers bot is aimed at low-skilled adults and those at risk of losing their jobs in the cities of Derby, Bristol and Newcastle.

[Read more.](#)



NEW ESPORTS QUALIFICATION OPENS DOORS FOR EXCITING DIGITAL CAREERS

Derby College Group (DCG) has become one of the first in the country to introduce new study programmes to enable young people to join the fast-growing Electronic Sports (Esports) industry.

[Read more.](#)



FESTIVAL RECOGNITION FOR DCG STUDENT

An Art & Design student at Derby College Group's Joseph Wright Centre has won a £500 prize from the organisers of Melbourne Festival in Derbyshire and an invitation to stage an exhibition at next year's event.

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FLOWERWORLD GROWS LINKS WITH DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

Derby College Group (DCG) is cultivating even stronger links with national flower business Flowerworld – leading to an array of training and employment opportunities for its students.

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Safer Derby

There has been a recent spate of robberies in Derby. We advise all students to be extra vigilant, keep phones and valuables out of sight, avoid walking alone and speak to a staff member if you ever feel unsafe.

[Find out more about keeping safe.](#)



FITTING TRIBUTE TO FORMER DERBYSHIRE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

An apple tree has been planted in the grounds of Derby College Group's Broomfield Hall campus in tribute to the former principal Clark Field, who passed away in August aged 70.

[Read more.](#)



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.](#)

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

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.

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

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.

