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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Current students at DCG

[Term Dates](#)

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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.



Parent and Carer Support Group

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DCG truly value the input from parents and carers, and we want to support you and your children through their journey of education.

We have created a Parent and Carer Support Group on Facebook, as a place for you to:

- Access resources and content related to well-being, careers, study skills, working from home etc.
- Ask questions and offer suggestions related to College.
- Network and support other parents and carers.
- Showcase some of the great work that's happening within College.

The page is managed by the Student Progression Coaches from each campus who can answer your queries.

Join the group [Parent and Carer Support Group](#)



CAREERS

If you have any questions about any Careers related issues, please email the Careers team: careers@derby-college.ac.uk

LEVEL 3, YEAR 1 STUDENTS

Over 1100 Level 3, Year 1 students, attended our first *Virtual Progression Fair* on 24th March.

The Fair comprised of over 70 workshops from over 40 external providers (*including Universities, apprenticeship providers, employers, business start-up advisers and voluntary work providers*), with students choosing 7 sessions to attend throughout the day.

The Fair was attended by a total of 1135 Level 3, Year 1 students, from a wide range of A-level subjects and vocational programmes.

The event was very well received by our students and we were very pleased with their involvement in the workshops, both through their participation in a range of interactive activities and their use of the chat facility to ask lots of insightful questions.

We are aware that you might be receiving additional questions from your child about their next step options, as a result of the event, and so invite you to please email the Careers team at DCG if you have any questions or you require any support with this: careers@derby-college.ac.uk

We will continue to build on the momentum generated at the event, when, after the Easter break, all **level 3, year 1 students will receive a tutorial session to help them to draft a personal statement (for Higher Education, employment, an apprenticeship or voluntary work).**

Please also remind your child to log in/sign up to [Unifrog](#) and have a look around all the useful next step planning information on there (they can ask their *personal tutor for the Unifrog log in information and site code, if needed*).

We really hope that your child found the Progression Fair **informative, interesting and enjoyable.**

If they have not already done so, [please encourage them to complete the event evaluation here](#)

The evaluation will be invaluable to enable us to plan future events, tailored to the needs of our students- thank you.

For extra support with researching next step options:

UCAS Discovery is an event to help students, and their parents/carers, to find out much more about their next step options, which will also help them to build the first draft of their personal statement:

The Midlands' UCAS Discovery Event: 27th and 28th April 2021 – 10.00am-6.00pm

A free event where students and their parents/carers can explore a range of options in Higher Education and apprenticeships. Universities and employers from the Midlands region will be represented. [Further details and how to book, can be found here.](#)

ALL STUDENTS

The British Heart Foundation are looking for local volunteers! The British Heart Foundation charity are re-opening their furniture store in Derby soon and are keen to find new volunteers to join their team.

There are a range of roles on offer, for those aged 16 and over, from Telephone and Admin Volunteer, Warehouse Volunteer to Online Sales Volunteer and full training for all roles is provided.

If your child is interested in finding out more they [can check out the British Heart Foundation website.](#) or email the British Heart Foundation Volunteering Manager, Elizabeth Dyet at: dyete@bhf.org.uk

ARMY CAREERS events – up to mid-April

If your child would like to find out about a **wide range of Army Careers**, please encourage them to check out the **ARMY ATTRACT events** If they join the Army, your child could work in -

Music to Medicine, Engineering to Education, Bricklaying to Bomb Disposal, Legal to Logistics and many, many more.

To find out more, and register to attend one or more of the free information sessions, they can use this link: <https://jobs-ar.my/virtualacc>

Enterprise Festival – between 22nd April and 4th May

The Enterprise Festival is made up of 4 x virtual workshops where students can hear from **entrepreneurs working in industry** and get tips about starting a business, how to stand out from the crowd and realistic ways to **turn a great idea into a successful business.**

To find out more, and register to attend one or more of the free information sessions, [students can click here.](#)



Next Steps

Moving Up or Moving On

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

Moving up (Internal Progression) – Students moving up to the next level of their studies or returning for the second year of their study programme.

Moving On – Student heading off to university or into the world of work.

Our “**Next Steps**” event will continue to run throughout April and May, students will be supported through this process by their Tutors, Student Experience and Progression Coach and Student Services.

Interviews will be face to face or through Microsoft Teams.



Parent Voice

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

GET HIRED: VIRTUAL JOBS FAIR THURSDAY 20TH MAY



DCG Apprenticeships - Get Hired: Virtual Jobs Fair Thursday 20th May 2021

5pm - 7pm (pre-registration is required)

We are delighted to announce our Apprenticeships Virtual Jobs Fair: Get Hired 2021. The event will showcase the opportunities available to people at local businesses and organisations. [Find out more about the confirmed list of employers who will be hosting webinars, Q&A and/or supplying loads of great information, videos and advice!](#)

LATEST NEWS



Former Broomfield student and breaking champion in training for 2024 Olympics

With breaking officially confirmed as an Olympic sport, exciting times lie ahead for breaking world champion and former Derby College student Karam Singh.

Karam, who took level 3 and a foundation degree in sports coaching at Broomfield, hopes to reach the 2024 Olympics in Paris and bring home a medal.

[Find out more.](#)



Broomfield zoology student Kyle has sights set on being a zookeeper

DCG Zoology student Kyle Harwood has wanted to be a zookeeper right from the first time he went to a zoo at the age of four.

Kyle, who grew up with a wide variety of pets, including snakes and lizards, would especially like to work in the reptile house.

[Find out more.](#)

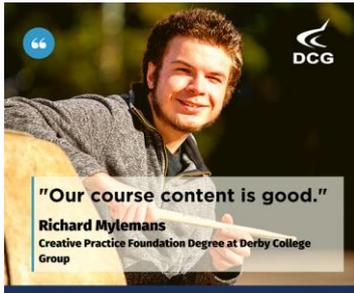


Work placement leads to Swingate Farm apprenticeship for Archie

All Derby College agricultural apprentice Archie Wensley has ever wanted to do is be a farmer.

The 16-year-old from Kimberly in Nottinghamshire, loves tractors and working outdoors so, as soon as he left school, he joined Broomfield Hall's level 2 agriculture course.

[Find out more.](#)



Creative Practice foundation degree broadens music student's skills

Guitarist and drummer Richard Mylemans has found that studying on Derby College's Creative Practice foundation degree has stretched his interpretation of what music is.

Richard, who is 20 and from Allestree, likes the way the full-time course brings together different strands of the creative arts, teaching him about more than music.

[Find out more.](#)



Cert Ed tutors dedicated to supporting students says Chunyan

Cert Ed student Chunyan Baker taught in her native China but needed additional qualifications before she could begin training to be a teacher in the UK.

She decided to apply for the two-year part-time level 5 course at Derby College after it was recommended to her by a friend who had completed it.

[Find out 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.




ADULT LEARNING @ ILKESTON

COMMUNITY COURSES

DISCOVER NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU



2 Pimlico, Ilkeston, DE7 5JS

www.derby-college.ac.uk/ilkeston-adult-learning

Starting soon! Adult Courses at Ilkeston

We've got an exciting range of short adult learning courses for those who want to get back into education, want to refresh their knowledge or are looking for a new hobby now the kids are back at school.

[Find out more.](#)



RETRAIN RESKILL REINVENT

Yoursell With Derby College Group

APPLY NOW FOR OUR **FREE LEVEL 3** COURSES



Courses starting April 2021 including Distance Learning and some that are completely FREE!

Retrain-Reskill-Reinvent

From April onwards some of our courses will be FREE for adults depending on your personal circumstances. There are a range of Distance Learning courses to boost your career or pursue a new interest. Distance learning is an ideal way to gain a nationally recognised qualification, or develop your skills while studying online in your own time and in the comfort of your home.

[Find out more about courses starting in April.](#)



LEARNING IN LOCKDOWN

WITH DERBY COLLEGE GROUP



Remote Learning That Fits Around You

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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.](#)



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.](#)



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.](#)

STEP UP TO HIGHER EDUCATION
WITH DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

HIGHER EDUCATION AT DCG

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.

Higher Education at DCG will open doors for your future career choice, choose a university level programme from one of the following subjects:

- [Animal Management and Animal Management \(Zoo and Wildlife\)](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Computer Science and Digital](#)
- [Creative Practice](#)
- [Engineering](#)

- [Equine](#)
- [Health, Social Care and Childcare \(Early Years\)](#)
- [Professional Construction](#)
- [Professional Education, Training and Development](#)
- [Public Services: Criminology and Criminal Justice](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Sport](#)

[Find out more and Apply now.](#)

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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