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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

DCG Parent and Carer Support Group

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](#)

We are exploring delivering live sessions on the topics that are most relevant. Please let us know if there is something you would like us to cover.

Upcoming live events:

Next Steps After College - Monday 15th Feb - 18:00 - 18:45

You will be able to access this event when it goes live on Monday 15th February at 18:00 by accessing this link [Next Steps After College Webinar](#)

Studying from Home - Wednesday 17th Feb - 18:00 -18:45

You will be able to access this event when it goes live on Wednesday 17th February at 18:00 by accessing this link [Studying From Home Webinar](#)

Let's Talk Drugs - Wednesday 24th February - 18:00 – 20:00

Drugs are big topic for families. Substance use has seen an increase through the lockdown period. This session will teach parents awareness of drug usage and how to hold your nerve and keep communication open when discussing the topic with young people.

You will be able to access this event when it goes live on Wednesday 24th February at 18:00 by accessing this link [Drug Awareness Webinar](#)

Online Safety Training for Parents/Carers - Wednesday 24 March 10:30-12:00

Supporting your children to become safer, confident users of online technology. We don't want our children to be afraid of the dangers online. We want them to be brave and aware. As a group, we can help each other become confident explorers, learning to navigate the digital environment safely and responsibly. [Find out more information and how to book your place.](#)



8th - 14th February is National Apprenticeship Week, so we thought we would highlight some of the national schemes and events taking place, so that you can see what is on offer.

Remember, apprenticeships are competitive, and applicants will need to demonstrate capability and aptitude for the industry they want to train in.

All DCG students can receive support from the Careers team at DCG, by contacting careers@derby-college.ac.uk Please note there are no age restrictions for apprenticeships.

Our top five tips for searching for apprenticeships:

1. Register with DCG apprenticeship team, [the National Apprenticeship website](#) and other quality providers, such as [Rate My Placement](#)
2. Look for opportunities in your area by using social media and connecting to employers who offer apprenticeship
3. Keep searching regularly, as companies all recruit at different times
4. Research chosen industry and role by using the 'Jobs Profile' section of the [National Careers Service website](#)
5. Prepare a CV – advice for this can be found on; [National Careers Service website](#) [Target Jobs](#) and also, using KUDOS via the 'My Career' section of the College's Moodle site

A sample of National Apprenticeships week virtual events;

As well as our own [DCG Virtual Apprenticeships Information Evening on Thursday 11th February, 5.00-7.00pm](#), there are additional apprenticeship events available to attend online, including:

[UCAS Virtual National Apprenticeship Fair on Tuesday 9th February- 12:00-6.00pm](#)

[University of Law have Solicitor Apprenticeship Information session on Wednesday 10th February- 4.00-5.00pm](#)

[The British Army have a Army Apprenticeship Webinar on Friday 12th February- 11.30am-12.300pm](#)
Also, for LEVEL 2 and LEVEL 3 students [BT Apprenticeships, for summer 2021, are now open](#)



Protecting your children from online hate, extremism, and fake news

The pandemic has meant that children are spending more time than ever before learning and socialising online. Parents are juggling new technology alongside working and navigating the risks children face online.

Click on the topics below to learn more about how to keep your child safe and support their wellbeing online. Learn how to identify misinformation, talk to children about hate speech and spot the signs they could be being groomed by extremists or other online predators.

[Educate Against Hate](#)

Messages of hate can take many forms. Extremist groups use them to recruit young people. Parents can find answers to common questions and resources to help protect their child from being groomed by extremists as well as ideas about how to talk to children about hate and extremism and where to seek help.

[Full Fact fights bad information](#)

Know how to fact check and have a link to a reliable fact checking site on your devices.

[How to know what to trust](#)

This guide from the News Literacy Project is great place to start.

[Common Sense Media](#)

This website has the latest research, tips, and tools on what really keeps children safe online. Which privacy settings should you use? What are the ins and outs of parental controls? Get tips on everything from the basics, such as smart usernames, to the big stuff, such as appropriate sharing. Plus lots of resources and strategies to look after your child's well-being online. What are the pro's and con's of

Roblox, TikTok, Instagram or how to talk to teens about online predators.

[Digital Resilience Toolkit](#)

See how parenting styles can affect a child's digital resilience.

Get an understanding of how you parent to improve the way your child adapts and forms their view of the online world. Take a look at the guide for tips from Dr Linda.

[Tackling radicalisation facts & advice](#)

Get expert tips to support children

[BBC game challenges young people to spot "fake news"](#)

Can you separate the fact from the fiction?

The new interactive [BBC iReporter](#) game - aimed at youngsters aged 11 to 18 - gives you the chance to take on the role of a journalist in the BBC newsroom.

[Can you find the fake online?](#)

Select an age-appropriate quiz to play as a family (parents versus children) to learn and test your knowledge on what fake news, disinformation and misinformation is and how to stop it from spreading.

[Is someone close becoming a stranger?](#)

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

This video by [@teachblend](#) shows you how to access online learning / Microsoft teams and office applications on a PlayStation. This is a simple easy to follow guide to access office.com & Microsoft teams for online lessons and learning and to be able to complete work. The video also provides guidance on using Xbox however the demo is done on Playstation. This doesn't currently work for PS5 but does for PS4 / Xbox.



LATEST NEWS



DERBY COMPANY'S EXPERTISE HELPS STUDENTS BECOME WORK READY

IT students at Derby College Group's Joseph Wright Centre are working with a local marketing agency to develop the broader skills they will need in their future careers.

[Read more.](#)



STUDENTS JOIN INITIATIVE TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIME

Derby College (DCG) Public Services students recently joined an initiative to highlight that properties vulnerable to burglary could be eligible for free security improvements as part of a major project to boost safety in the West End area of Derby.

[Read more.](#)



FURTHER CAPITAL WORKS PLANNED AHEAD OF NEXT T LEVELS LAUNCH

Derby College Group (DCG) has been awarded a £780,000 government grant to create new laboratory and integrated IT facilities for students who will join the second stage of the T Levels roll out programme this September.

[Read more.](#)



DCG BTEC leaves Arvin well equipped for business management degree

Taking a BTEC level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business at Derby College Group has left entrepreneurial undergraduate Arvin Johal well equipped for his BA Hons degree in Business Management.

Arvin, who is 20 and from Littleover, is now in his second year of the CMI-accredited degree at the University of Derby and plans to set up his own business after he graduates.

[Read more.](#)



DCG business lecturers provide "great support and quality teaching"

Guidance from her college lecturers helped DCG student Ashley Grell stay motivated while she worked towards her level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma in Business.

Ashley, now aged 21, came to the East Midlands in 2017 from the Caribbean island of St Maarten where she had been studying business. Keen to further her qualifications and go onto university, she enrolled at the Roundhouse after Derby College was recommended to her by a friend.

[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.](#)

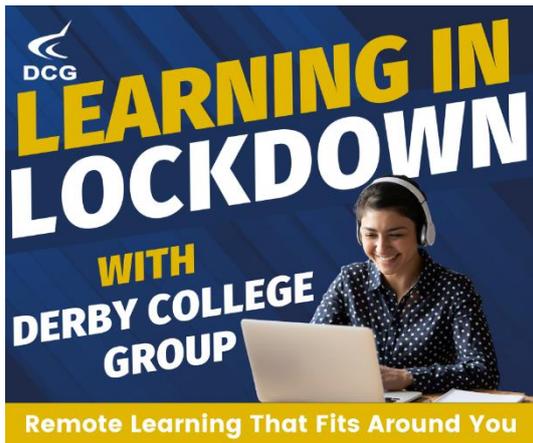
NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!
GAIN A NEW QUALIFICATION IN 2021 WITH DERBY COLLEGE GROUP
BE FUTURE **POSITIVE**
DCG

New year, new you?

If you're looking for a new career we can help with a great range of diverse courses starting from January 2021.

Be future positive in 2021 by kicking off the year studying for a new qualification at Derby College.

[Browse our courses and apply for one now!](#)



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.](#)

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.

