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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.

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### **Virtual Parents Evening - Year 1 and 2 students**

We are holding a virtual Parents and Carers Evening at the Derby College Group (DCG).

This is a great opportunity for you to speak to your child's teachers and discuss their progress, achievements and areas for improvement.

**This event is on;**  
**Wednesday 27th January 2021**  
**16:30 - 20:00**

**Book your virtual parents evening appointment at:** [derby-college.ac.uk/parentsevening](https://derby-college.ac.uk/parentsevening)



### **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](mailto:Parent Voice)



The College Careers team is continuing to support students throughout the national lockdown. We 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](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)**

### **Level 3, Year 2**

**UCAS application deadline: The UCAS deadline 15th January remains in place for the college and all students are encouraged to meet this.**

Additional time for completion is offered to students on an individual basis for particular circumstances. Please contact Careers for a discussion regarding how we can support your child to successful completion.

There are still a number of student's with UCAS forms outstanding - which require both Tutor and Careers staff checks.

As a matter of urgency, please encourage your child to fully complete their online UCAS form and then ask them to arrange to meet with their personal tutor to complete the online Hand-in Checklist.

### **All Levels**

### Health and Social Care Careers videos:

18 videos, produced by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust; each video covers a particular topic or role- providing information, signposting and advice, plus some give information on applying for a role in health or social care, top tips, apprenticeships, work experience and much more. The videos are available here:

Videos 1-6: <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jijm4n7911.pdf&ver=17219>

Videos 7- 12: <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jijm4n7958.pdf&ver=17339>

Videos 13-18: <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jijm4n8069.pdf&ver=17610>

### Level 3, Year 1 students

Applications are now open for the Sutton Trust US Programme (United States HE study) 2021: <https://us.suttontrust.com/about/>

The [Sutton Trust US Programme](#) helps state school/college students from across the UK explore US study and access leading universities through support, advice, two virtual residentials and a one-week trip to visit a variety of US universities.

The programme is free and the application deadline is 11:59 pm on Sunday 17 January 2021

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- Currently be in Year 12 in England and Wales,
- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded school or college i.e. non-fee paying
- Not hold US citizenship
- Be from a low or middle income family (generally, this will mean a household earning £45,000 or less)
- Be interested in US culture and higher education.



### Supporting your teenager through (yet another) lockdown

Lockdown is still a challenging time for all of us. However hard we might be finding it; it's important to acknowledge that it's having a huge impact on young people.

At a time where a young person should be finding their independence they are restricted in where they can go and who they can see. The opportunity to get part-time work and to become financially independent has become so much harder and the usual rites of passage such as the end of school prom and exams have been taken away from them.

In addition to this the future now feels very uncertain for many young people and they may be feeling stressed and anxious about what is happening now and what might happen in the future.

Barnardo's have put together some really helpful lockdown advice for parents covering everything from what to do when your teenager sleeps in all day to them not wanting to do any college work [Supporting teenagers during lockdown | Barnardo's](#)

They also have some great tips about dealing with your teenager when they don't want to stay in during lock down [How to help your teenager with staying home during lockdown | Barnardo's](#)

For more specific advice around mental health, Mind have put together a page dedicated to help parents support their child's well-being [Supporting your teen's wellbeing during coronavirus | Mind, the mental health charity - help for mental health problems](#)

Family Lives acknowledges how difficult it can be to talk to your child about how they are feeling, particularly if they are experiencing very low mood or suicidal thoughts, this page gives some good advice on having those difficult conversations [Supporting your teens mental health during the Covid-19 outbreak - Family Lives](#)

The Mental Health Foundation has written a guide to help young people cope with Coronavirus and this is a good place to start a conversation about how your teenager might be feeling and also what steps they can take to help improve their own well-being [Coping with coronavirus: a guide for young people | Mental Health Foundation](#)

### **Support at College**

The Welfare Team are available to support any student who is experiencing issues that are impacting on their well-being. If you would like to speak to a member of the team please email [welfare@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:welfare@derby-college.ac.uk)

Free online counselling available is available to young people through Kooth [Home - Kooth](#)

For help advice for your own well-being, the Mental Health Foundation have put together a comprehensive guide for adults [How to look after your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Free online counselling is also available to parents through Qwell [Home - Qwell](#)



### **DCG RECOGNISED AS A COLLEGE OF SANCTUARY**

Derby College Group (DCG) has become just the fourth in the UK to be awarded College of Sanctuary status in recognition of the support it provides to the asylum and refugee community in the city.

[Read more.](#)



### **DCG BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEER TO LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Hundreds of students and staff across DCG have been involved in Derby City Council's Christmas Cheer project which is providing much needed support and festive cheer to particularly vulnerable and elderly people across the city.

[Read more.](#)



### **HIGH-TECH SPEAKERPHONE DONATION HELPS LUBRIZOL SEAL NEW ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP WITH DERBY COLLEGE**

Derbyshire firm Lubrizol has helped IT students to learn better during the lockdown by donating high-tech speakerphones to mark the start of a new exciting employer academy tie-in.

The Hazelwood company has given Derby College Group (DCG) 10 free Jabra Pucks to enable students on Digital study programmes to take part in virtual meetings after it agreed to join the college's growing list of employer academy partners.

[Read more.](#)



### **Fashion retail apprentice helps indie retailer grow, despite lockdown**

DCG Fashion Retail apprentice Dayne Yearwood has had to learn quickly in his first year with independent menswear retailer Henry George.

Dayne joined the Ilkeston-based business on its first day of trading in October 2019 but within weeks of opening, the shop had to close its doors for four months due to coronavirus.

[Read more.](#)



### **DCG STEPS UP VIRTUAL LEARNING INNOVATION**

Derby College Group (DCG) has launched a new student-led initiative to further enhance the quality and effectiveness of using technology in face-to-face and virtual teaching, learning and assessment.

Twelve students from across the curriculum have been recruited as Digital Advocates who, over the coming months, will research, test and recommend new safe and secure digital platforms, tools and activities that could be adopted.

[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.](#)

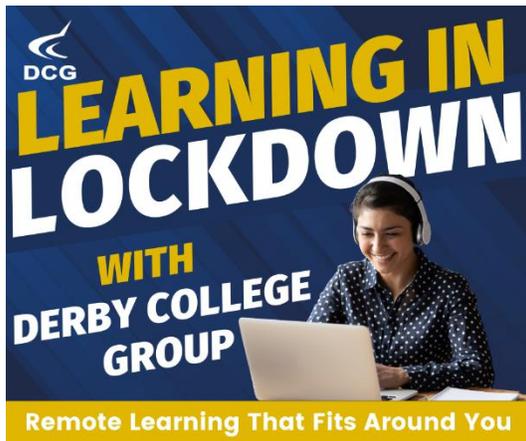
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BE FUTURE **POSITIVE**  
DCG

### 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.](#)



### 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.](#)

## 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.**



