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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Current students at DCG

[Term Dates](#)

[Parents Evening Dates](#)

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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## 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:

#### 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.](#)



### Careers

The Next Steps process has begun and over the next few weeks your child will talk to their personal tutor about plans for their next step.

The Careers team are on hand to support this process and to help students to explore options and make next step decisions. As part of this, the Careers team have organised a **Virtual Progression Fair**, to be attended by **all** Level 3, year 1 students, on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March- 9.00am-2.45pm**. **Students have permission to access the event from home, attendance will be monitored.**

### Progression Fair 2021

The event showcases over 35 organisations, across over 70 sessions, aimed at supporting students to make informed choices. Sessions focus on the different routes and pathways available, exploration of subjects and sectors helping students to understand where options lead; plus, providers will be sharing insider tips to help our students be successful.

Participating organisations include: a **range of Russell Group institutions**: the University of Oxford, the University of Liverpool, the University of Nottingham and the University of Birmingham.

**Providers of specialist courses**, including; Falmouth, Bangor, Teesside, Cardiff Metropolitan and Leeds

Beckett universities and **those institutions popular with our students** such as the University of Leicester University, Nottingham Trent University and, of course, the University of Derby.

**Industry is represented** with employers from the construction, early childhood, tech and creative sectors sector, plus the NHS, including medicine and veterinary nursing.

We think you will agree that this will day packed full of expertise with all contributors wanting to speak to our students! Please ensure your child is aware and ready to participate!

Any questions please contact- [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)

Students will receive full information about the event, in their tutorials in w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March, in order to help them prepare for the day.

A similar event is taking place online organised by **UK University and Apprenticeship Search:**

**Virtual Options Fair on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March- 12:00-6.00pm**

The event is free and will give students/parents/carers the chance to **discover a wider range of post-18 progression options**; from Higher Education to apprenticeships and employment: with over 100 organisations in attendance. Participants can:

- Browse a wide range of virtual stalls
- Take part in live sessions and webinars, and have questions answered by experts
- Live chat directly with university staff, current HE students, apprentices and employers

Students, and their parents/carers, can **find out more about the event using this link:** <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/>

and **book to attend here:** <https://ukunisearch.vfairs.com/en/registration>

For **Level 3, year 2 students who have applied through UCAS** this year- the Student Finance application form is now open.

Students, and their parents/carers, can find out details (plus the online application form) here- <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.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. If you would like to tell us your views please email [Parent Voice](mailto:Parent Voice)



#### **The 5 P's of Professional Behaviour**

Here at Derby College we expect our students and staff to aspire to the 5 P's of Professional Behaviour. Whether learning takes place online, face to face, in the classroom, on placement or at work experience we expect students and staff to be. Positive - Polite - Punctual - Prepared - Professional To find out more [click here to watch the 5 P's clip](#).

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## Choose Life. Drop The Knife.

### Knife Crime Awareness Sessions

There will be a series of online sessions during week commencing 29th March to raise awareness around Knife crime and gang culture that your child will be given the opportunity to attend.

Due to the nature of this topic it may cause mixed emotions so please be aware that your child can access welfare and pastoral support before during or after the events by speaking to their personal tutor.

### Parent Portal

This video shows you what Parent Portal is and how you can access it.

## Can't log in?



- The student has to have agreed to share information with you to comply with data protection
- Ensure you remember the password (use 'p' after the ID number)
- Check the ID number is correct
- If you have logged into Parent Portal consider if you changed the password to something else
- If all else fails please use the contact email listed on the Parent Portal information page to get help logging in

## LATEST NEWS



### DCG STUDENT SPEARHEADS MENTAL HEALTH SOCIETY

Derby College A Level student Bhavan Bains has spearheaded the launch of a new Student Mental Health Society to support and motivate her peers during the continued pandemic.

The society, which is currently meeting online, aims to help students learn and share knowledge with each other and instigate conversations to breakdown the stigma around mental health.

[Find out more.](#)



### DCG STUDENTS STEP UP TO SUPPORT VACCINATION PROGRAMME

A group of Public Services students from Derby College Group's Broomfield Hall are to carry out important marshalling duties at Derbyshire's largest Covid-19 vaccine centre.

[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.



### 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.](#)

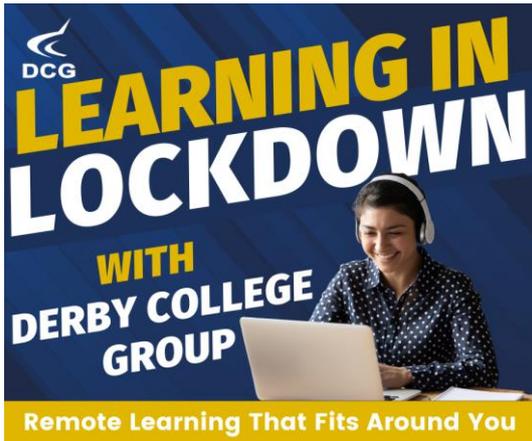


### Higher Education (HE)

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 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.**

