



## **PARENTS AND CARERS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2025**

Happy New Year from all at DCG!

Welcome to this month's Parents and Carers Newsletter. Read on for more news and information from DCG.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **CURRENT STUDENTS**

**[Term Dates](#)**

**[Parent and Carers Consultation Evening Dates](#)**

#### **OPEN EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

Our first round of Open Evenings was a tremendous success, with all slots fully booked and a fantastic turnout. If you didn't get a chance to join us, don't worry – more opportunities are coming in the new year. Be sure to register on our website to reserve your place at future events. We look forward to welcoming you!

**[Joseph Wright Centre Open Evening – 05/02/2025](#)**

**[The Roundhouse Open Evening – 13/02/2025](#)**

**[Broomfield Hall Open Evening – 26/02/2025](#)**

You must register online in advance for the DCG Open Evenings you'd like to attend. Once registered, you'll receive a QR code, which you must show at the entrance.

#### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

**[The Roundhouse Adult Open Evening – 24/04/2025](#)**

#### **EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY**

**[Equine Welfare Event – 08/02/2025](#)**

**[Winter Garden Event with Craft Fair – 02/03/2025](#)**

**[Animal Unit Open Day - 11/05/2025](#)**

**[Broomfield Spring Garden Event - 18/05/2025](#)**

**[Rare Plant Fair and Open Gardens - 06/07/2025](#)**

**[National Garden Scheme Open Day - 07/09/2025](#)**

View all of our **[upcoming events on the DCG website](#)**.

**Higher Technical Qualifications Information Evening  
for Parents/carers of Level 3 Students (years 1 and 2)**

**DCG are now offering Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's). If your student is studying for a Level 3 qualification at DCG - we invite you to join us at our Higher Technical Qualifications Information Evening.**

#### **HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS INFORMATION EVENING**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Time: 5pm – 6.45pm (Refreshments, including food will be served from 5pm)**

**Location: DCG, The Roundhouse, Roundhouse Road, Pride Park Derby, DE24 8JE**

**Please note: Parking is not available on site. Please park at nearby public car parks.**

**At the event you will find out more about:**

- **These brand new qualifications, what they are, how to apply, and why they have been introduced**
- **The subjects they are offered in**
- **A tour of the new Institute of Technology building, based at our Roundhouse site**
- **Talks from local universities about finance and choices within higher education**

**At the event, you will also have the opportunity to meet with teaching staff and the careers team for advice and guidance.**

**Spaces at this event are limited and admittance is by ticket only.**

**Find out more and get your ticket on the DCG website: [Higher Technical Qualifications Evening - 06/02/2025 - DCG](#)**

## **Equine Welfare Event – 08/02/2025**

**Come along to the Equine Welfare event, organised by our degree level Equine students, with stalls, tombola, and much more!**

**Location: Broomfield Hall**

**Address: Broomfield Hall, Morley, Ilkeston DE7 6DN**

**Date: 08-02-2025**

**Time: 9:30am – 4pm**

**Our aim is to spread awareness and educate other individuals about the equine welfare in a range of equine industries through stall holders and a range of speakers.**

**On the day you can meet and speak with equine professionals and listen in on a few talks – to be confirmed!**

**Donations are welcome on the door. All money raised will go towards Blue Cross Charity.**

**To reserve your FREE ticket, please click on the link below.**

**[Equine Welfare Event – 08/02/2025 – DCG](#)**

## **PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT**

### **Parent Portal: Attendance and Progress**

We have a dedicated online Parents Portal for you to log onto. The Parents Portal lets you view your child's live attendance, progress reports, and SMART Targets.

**[Parent Portal – DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)**

### **Student Experience and Support teams**

There is a wide offer of excellent support services at DCG offering a network of expert advice and guidance. Meet the team: **[Student Experience and Pastoral Support Team – DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)**

### **The Learning Support Team**

DCG is an inclusive, inspirational, and innovative learning community, predicting and serving the needs of every student. We take a person-centred approach to planning support, with your individual needs at the centre. This can include support and reasonable adjustments in and out of the classroom, during exams, equipment, and modification support and/or in the wider College environment. Learning Support Baserooms are located at each of our sites. Students can drop in and receive appropriate support at their request. **[Learning Support Services – DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)**

### **Parent/Carer Voice**

We value your input and would appreciate your feedback to help us improve the experience for your

child(ren). Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire: [Parent / Carer Voice Questionnaire \(office.com\)](#)

You can also contact us by email: [parentvoice@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:parentvoice@derby-college.ac.uk)

More information for Parents and Carers can be found on our website: [Parents - DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#).

Please take a look at our Parent/Carer Welcome booklet: [DCG Additional Information for Parents and Carers \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)

### **Charlie Waller Trust**

Caring for a young person can be a joy, but it can also bring immense stress, fear and loneliness when you're not sure how to respond to your child's problems. We offer a wealth of expert, evidence-based articles and resources for parents and carers, on a range of topics relating to the mental health of children and young people, which are being regularly added to. These resources are based on the lived experiences of parents and carers and offer practical advice and relevant information based on sound evidence from the Charlie Waller Trust and trusted sites. External links will open in a new window: [Parents and Carers Mental Health Resources Library \(charliewaller.org\)](#)

### **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

**If your child is unable to attend College, they must inform us.** They can do this by submitting an online 'Absence Form'. [STUDENT ABSENCE/LATENESS REPORTING - DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)

### **EXAMS**

For up to date information on exam information and regulations during the exam, please visit the exams page. [Examination Information - DCG \(derby-college.ac.uk\)](#)

### **E-SCOOTERS**

#### **Did you know?**

- It is illegal to use an e-scooter in public areas.
- An e-scooter can only legally be used on private land with the owners permission.
- Parents may also be liable for prosecution as well.

As of Friday 1 November, officers who engage anyone using an e-scooter in a public place will seize the scooter, before sending it to be disposed after 14 days.

Previously, those caught offending were warned for a first offence of riding an e-scooter on a public road, pavement or cycle path. Going forwards there is no longer any requirement in Derbyshire to warn the rider. [Advice on e-scooter usage | Derbyshire Constabulary](#)

**E-scooters are not permitted on any DCG campus.**

### **CAREERS**

The DCG Careers team supports all students in various ways, from exploring next-steps and career options to identifying and developing their strengths, skills, and abilities. We also offer practical

assistance with applications, CV preparation, and more to help students confidently take their next steps.

#### **Get in touch**

The team can be contacted by email: [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)

#### **Or students can drop in:**

The Careers Centre, room K101 at the Roundhouse

The Library at the Joseph Wright Centre

Student Experience Hub at Broomfield

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

##### **The UCAS national deadline 29th January 2025.**

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

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

If needed, please contact the Careers team for a discussion regarding how we can support your child to successful completion (please email: [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)).

#### **All students**

##### **National Apprenticeship Week 2025**

If your child is considering the option of an apprenticeship, from summer 2025, here's a reminder of **National Apprenticeships Week 2025: 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) brings together businesses and potential apprentices to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy and gives future apprentices top tips on how to apply and how to succeed!

**Activities and events, as part of NAW, will be taking place in College** (details to be circulated soon), but to find out more about the national week, as whole, see here:

<https://www.nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/>

#### **Level 3, Year 1 students**

##### **\*APPLICATIONS OPEN for the Sutton Trust UK Summer Schools**

These are aimed at students who are interested in going to University full time or interested in taking a Degree Apprenticeships.

Both programmes are completely free to attend. All costs - including travel, accommodation, food and activities - are paid.

#### **Two Summer Schools are available:**

**\*Full Time study (UK Summer Schools):** offers the chance to experience what university life is like, from academic taster sessions to social activities, your child will get the chance to meet like-minded young people from across the UK and explore a subject of their choice at a leading UK university

**\*Degree Apprenticeships (Access Apprenticeships):** a chance to gain an in depth understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice for your child

**Students applying to either of the above Summer Schools must meet the following criteria:**

- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non-fee-paying school/college
- Be in Year 12 (Year 1 or Level 3, Year 1)

**Applications open this month;** you can view their website to check when applications are live and apply: <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/>

**\*Please contact the Careers team for support if required.**

The team can support your child with identifying which programme to apply for plus, help to check if they meet the eligibility criteria and support them to complete the application

**Contact the Careers team: [careers@derby-college.ac.uk](mailto:careers@derby-college.ac.uk)**

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