



WHY NEW COLLEGE

EXCELLENCE ACADEMY INFORMATION *event*

Wednesday 3rd May 6pm
Doncaster Racecourse

Expecting to get really strong GCSE results (typically grades A / A* across your subjects) and interested in finding out more about how New College will support you and help you progress to the most competitive universities and jobs?

Only 100 places are available at this limited event. To reserve your place, on a first-come-first-served basis, please email enquiries@ncdoncaster.ac.uk no later than Friday 21 April. Please indicate if you are bringing a guest with you. We kindly ask each student to bring a maximum of 1 guest.



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MEET THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

I'm delighted to be leading such a talented and experienced team as we launch New College Doncaster. Every single member of the senior team knows New College Pontefract's systems and strategies inside out, as well as being experienced specialists in their own subject areas.

We have now recruited all of our teaching staff. Both the senior leadership and the whole staff [some of whom are introduced on page 20] are really looking forward to meeting our students and beginning work together in September.

Brendon Fletcher
PRINCIPAL, NEW COLLEGE DONCASTER



Helen Jackson
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I started teaching in Doncaster where I have worked at both Balby Carr and Ridgewood. My roles, in addition to being a geography teacher, have included whole school praise and reward coordinator roles, Head of Department and more recently Head of Humanities at New College Pontefract.



Dean Morgan
CURRICULUM LEADER - MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

I gained a PhD in 2005 and subsequently undertook research into theoretical physics. I then started my teaching career at Danum Academy in Doncaster, where I worked for 8 years, 4 of those years as the Head of Science. I joined New College as the Head of Physical Sciences, which encompasses Chemistry and Physics.



Suzanne Weaver
CURRICULUM LEADER - SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

I have over 20 years' experience of teaching Psychology and Sociology, and am responsible for introducing Religious Studies to NCP. I have been a Head of Department for 10 years. I am very excited about being at the forefront of NCD from the start, and about making these subjects, and the students who study them, as successful in Doncaster as they are in Pontefract.



James Morris
CURRICULUM LEADER - SPORT, BUSINESS AND IT

Following my degree in Sports Science and several placements involving sports therapy and rehabilitation, I started teaching at Wilberforce Sixth Form College in Hull. I worked at Wilberforce for 9 years prior to my appointment as second in the PE department within New College Pontefract.



James Sewell
CURRICULUM LEADER - VISUAL ARTS

I started teaching at Wakefield College, where I worked for three years teaching Photography and Foundation Diploma in Art & Design. I then came to New College Pontefract to set up the Photography department here in 2007, where I have been Head of Visuals Arts for 6 years.

10 REASONS TO CHOOSE NEW COLLEGE DONCASTER

- 1 A management team with a track-record of fantastic results.**
- 2 A young adult atmosphere where everyone is valued and respected.**
- 3 Highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers with expertise and specialist post-16 subject knowledge.**
- 4 A team of Progress Tutors who provide friendly and professional guidance from your first application interview to the exam results day, and at every point in between.**
- 5 A wide-range of A-Level, BTEC and GCSE courses.**
- 6 A £20 million new build, the first purpose-built post-16 college for young people in Doncaster.**
- 7 Three distinct pathways, providing you with tailored support and maximising your chances of success.**
- 8 Expert careers advice, whether that be helping you with your UCAS application or applying for jobs and apprenticeships at the end of your course.**
- 9 An extensive enrichment programme with music, drama, a college production, sport and student clubs. Complete the survey on p23 to tell us exactly what enrichment you want to see.**
- 10 A commitment to ensuring that the transition between your high school and New College is as smooth as possible.**

NEXT STEPS TO JOINING NEW COLLEGE

ENROLMENT DAYS

Our enrolment takes place over two days, one before and one after your GCSE results. It's important to come along to both as you'll be doing very different things on both days. We'll write to you in advance indicating the time we'd like you to come along.

1 Accept your conditional offer

This is really simple but really important! Just visit www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/accept

This helps us to plan properly for September, but it's also an important step in securing your place to study with us. Accepting an offer isn't binding on you and you can change your mind, but you need to accept your offer to be able to enrol with us in September. Students that apply and accept their offers on time will always take priority if we are oversubscribed.

Acceptance deadline: Friday 31 March

2 Focus on achieving a fantastic set of GCSE results!

3 Receive your individual welcome pack

We'll write to you after your GCSE exams with your own personalised welcome pack, with all the information you need about New College, including further information about the subjects you've chosen and your travel options.

Wednesday 5th July

- ▶ Principal's Welcome to New College
- ▶ Freshers' Fair - sign up to enrichments, clubs and societies
- ▶ Meet your teachers and progress tutors
- ▶ Get ready to start - you'll get your ID badge, and find out about the equipment and resources you'll need in September. There will be discussions about subject choices and advice on how to get yourself ready for A-Level study over the summer

Thursday 31st August

- ▶ In depth conversation about subject choices, following GCSE results
- ▶ Sign your learning agreement and formally join the college
- ▶ Find out more about the college's induction days and start of term arrangements

HOW IS THE **BUILDING WORK** PROGRESSING?

The construction of our new campus, including classrooms, sports hall, LRC, canteen and social areas, is on schedule. The two phase hand-over means you can be 100% confident that the building will be ready for students in September. More details and photos can be found on our website, www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/facilities



Artist's impression



Actual Building

YOUNG ADULT ENVIRONMENT

One of the key differences between New College Doncaster and staying in school is the young adult environment we offer.

Unlike school, we only have post-16 students in college, so the only young people here are ones who have chosen to be with us. We don't spend time telling people not to run in the corridor or checking what people are wearing. That means that together, staff and students can focus on the core business of getting you the best possible chance of the best possible grades.

It's that partnership between staff and students which is at the heart of our young adult environment. It's a partnership because we expect you to be actively independent learners, taking responsibility for organising your notes, for completing work on time, for completing homework, for accessing the many additional resources

which will be available on Moodle, our Virtual Learning Environment. You will have more free time on your timetable than you have had at school, and we want you to manage that time productively, completing assignments at home or in college, and accessing extra resources and help when needed.

And because it's a partnership, you can expect us to provide specialist post-16 teachers who know their subjects well, who work hard with you to provide you with feedback, to set you challenging but attainable targets, and to provide you with the wide range of support you need to achieve your full potential.



Rebecca Williams

New College has helped me grow as a person and as a student. You can book out a room to study in, and we're encouraged to work in groups as well as independently, almost as if we were at university. As vice president of the student exec, I know that being involved with the wider college community is a key part of the student experience.



Tom Byrom

They say sixth form college is a stepping stone from school to university, and for me that's really true. I've loved the experience of having more responsibility for myself, of being able to specialise in certain subjects and of being pushed to perform at my best. And mixing with loads of other people from different schools has really helped me develop my independence skills, which will make me more confident when I go to university or when I'm in the world of work.



Holly Agar

New College is a relaxed environment which encourages maturity. We call teachers by their first names. Diversity is encouraged and we have the freedom to present ourselves how we want without judgement. It's a more open environment than a school. We are trusted to be on time for lessons, and have to manage our own time responsibly. I've had a wonderful time making some great friends whilst I've been here.

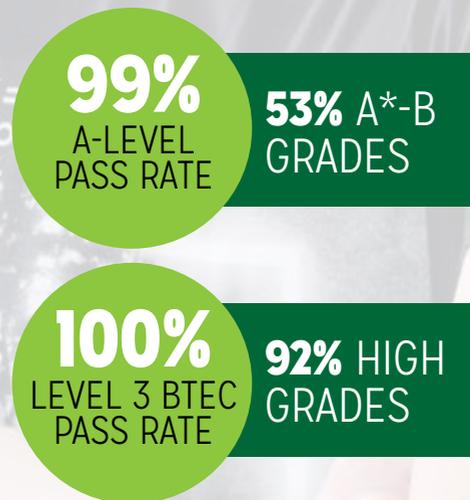
A CULTURE OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS

New College Doncaster, like its sister college New College Pontefract, will foster a culture of high academic standards, where staff are held to account for their performance and students are supported to achieve at their highest level.

This means that every month, students will be assessed and their performance will be closely monitored. Successes will be celebrated, whilst those who need help will be supported via extra contact time with teachers and targeted support. Parents who want to find out how their daughter or son is doing will be able to monitor this progress via Cedar, our online portal. Parents will be given log in details at the start of the year, and will be able to check attendance and achievement data as it goes on the system.

The same systems and strategies have been employed by New College Pontefract

for several years. It's this approach which has helped that college achieve a Grade 1 in their 2014 Ofsted inspection, and it's an approach which has continued to produce results. In 2016, these included:



FACTS & FIGURES 2015/2016

A-LEVEL ALPS LEVEL 2

BTEC ALPS LEVEL 2

NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE MORE PROGRESS AT A-LEVEL THAN 90% OF OTHER PROVIDERS



WHAT IS ALPS?

ALPs is a measure of how much progress students have made in their time with us. It compares what they achieved at GCSE with what they achieved at A-Level, and then measures this against a national database to provide a measure of student progress.

ALPs 2 means we are in the top 10% nationally for our A-Level and BTEC scores.

New College Pontefract has helped students make more progress than other similar education providers. For example, our 2015 ALPs "value added" data for A-Level puts us in the top 10% nationally. And the latest Department of Education tables have shown that New College Pontefract is the sixth best sixth form college in the country in terms of student progress when studying A-Levels. Both the A-Level point score and the "best 3 average" A-Level point score were also comfortably above the national average.

It's this persistent focus on outcomes, coupled with close attention to detail and a supportive environment, which will help ensure a consistent culture across both colleges.

GIFTED & ABLE SUCCESS

We are delighted by the success of our Gifted and Able students. As well as illustrating their talent, discipline and commitment, it also illustrates that the Excellence Academy helps Gifted and Able students access the more competitive universities and the competitive courses.

Alison Nicoll
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
 Biology A*
 Maths A*
 Further Maths A*
 Chemistry A*

"The teachers were always very supportive."



Abigail Tankard
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
 Chemistry A* Biology A*
 Maths A Physics A

"Lovely time meeting new friends with helpful and supportive staff."



Kyle-James Condon
IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
 Maths A* Further Maths A*
 Economics A* Physics A

"New College has enabled me to reach my goals. The support and staff are incredible."



Martha Glover
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
 Biology A* Chemistry A
 Maths A Photography A*

"Really helped me get to where I wanted to go."



Thomas Clark
DURHAM UNIVERSITY
 Chemistry A* Maths A*
 Physics A Further Maths A*

"So much work but definitely worth it."

THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support

New College Doncaster will be characterised by the highest levels of student support. Building on the structures and systems of our sister college, New College Pontefract, we will ensure that students are challenged to perform at their best, whilst being given whatever additional help they need to help them do so.

Pastoral Support

Our Progress Tutors are there to maintain an over-view of student performance. They help to flag up any issues with attendance or achievement across different subjects, and act as the first point of contact for parents or students who need help resolving a problem.

Teaching Staff

Our enthusiastic and committed staff are post-16 specialists who know their subjects

really well. Working on A-Levels and Level 3 BTECs means they develop a depth of knowledge that sets them apart. They are happy to give up their time outside of the class to provide whatever extra input your daughter or son need, to help them get the grades to go on to the university or job of their choice.

Excellence Academy

Aimed at Gifted and Able students, the Excellence Academy helps our young people compete with students from across the country to get in to competitive universities and on to competitive courses like dentistry, medicine and veterinary science. This includes trips to Cambridge, Oxford and other Russell Group universities, additional workshops, interview training and extra support on completing the UCAS form and personal statement.



Corinne Hull

CAMPSMOUNT SCHOOL

I think the Progress Tutors are really excellent. Any little issues I've had, they'll sort them out the same day. Teachers are really flexible. You can go to the Teacher Access Periods even if you're not in that group. You can go and see your teachers at lunch or break, and they're always happy to help.



Sonny Day-Tennant

HAYFIELD SCHOOL

I'm doing an Extended Diploma in BTEC Sport. The staff are great as they all have the same interests as you. When you're at high school you have teachers who cover PE, but here they are dedicated to it. You can ask them any question and they just know it. They're specialists in their area. I play cricket and we're competing at Nottingham in the nationals. In high school you'd play a few local sides and that would be it.



Sarah Pippard

CAMPSMOUNT SCHOOL

The Excellence Academy gives you a lot of support about which universities you might want to go to. They give you lots of advice about how to get on competitive courses. They explain UCAS to you, and what grades you need to get in to university. Everything is easily accessible. People are always happy to support you.



Jarryd Rothmann

HAYFIELD SCHOOL

I'm taking an Extended Diploma in BTEC Art. It allows you to create things you wouldn't be able to do in school, learning new techniques. There are a lot of other students doing a lot of different creative things, which is great as you can learn from each other. The resources and facilities are better and the teachers really want to hear what you have to say about your work.

INTRODUCING THE NEW TEACHING STAFF

We are delighted to be employing over twenty new teachers from a range of backgrounds. Their talent will help to make New College Doncaster the leader in post-16 education in the region.

Many of them have experience of teaching in a range of different contexts, and many of them know the local area well. They are well-qualified specialists, who have studied at some of the best universities in the country. Here are a few of the latest people to join the New College community.



Laura Woodward

TEACHER OF HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

I am from Doncaster, and studied History at the University of Sheffield. Most recently I've taught History at Ridgewood School for the past two years. I am delighted to be joining New College Doncaster, and am especially looking forward to having in-depth discussions with students about current affairs.



Simon Pain

TEACHER OF MATHS

I was born in Doncaster, studied Maths at the University of Durham, and am currently teaching at Ridgewood School. I am excited about the opportunity New College Doncaster will offer to specialise in A-Level teaching, in a vibrant and modern environment. I am passionate about improving educational standards in the local area.



Brendan McMullan

TEACHER OF RS

I'm originally from Co. Antrim in N. Ireland, and hold degrees from Queen's University, Belfast, St Patrick's University College, Maynooth, and the University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome. I completed my PGCE at the University of Cambridge before teaching in Hertfordshire and Derbyshire. I am particularly looking forward to the chance to be part of a brand new college. It's exciting to be part of this venture from the off, and to be part of the community of staff and students who together will form the bedrock of something that will make a huge difference to the future lives of many young people in South Yorkshire.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Being at New College Doncaster is more than simply about studying for exams. Our students have a fantastic range of opportunities to get involved in extra-curricular enrichment, all of which will help you become a more rounded, developed young adult, giving you additional skills and confidence for life after college.

Often, in both the competitive world of university applications and the world of work, it is not just what grades you have achieved but your other qualities as an individual that make you the winning candidate. Students who have a broad experience of life, and who can demonstrate this with reference to what they have done outside of the classroom, will often have the advantage when it comes to securing a job or university place.

We want you to tell us what enrichment activities you want us to offer to New College Doncaster's first cohort of students. You can do this by following the link below, and letting us know what you want.
www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/enrichment-survey

What might this involve?

Some of the exciting enrichment opportunities we expect to offer in 2017 include:

Competitive Sports

- Basketball
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Men's football
- Men's rugby league and union
- Netball
- Women's football
- Women's rugby league

Recreational Sports

- 5-a-side football
- Badminton club
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Weight training
- Women's Fitness



Certified Awards

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Level 2 Award
 - Community Sports Leadership
- Level 3 Award
 - Higher Sports Leadership

General Enrichment

- Amnesty International
- College productions (Drama, Music, Dance)
- Creative writing
- Dance team
- Jazz band
- Music group
- Politics group
- Programming
- STEM club
- Student Assembly
- Student magazine
- Vocal group
- Work experience
- World Expedition

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