

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Important Updated Arrangements for Induction Day**

The Prime Minister recently announced a delay to the easing of lockdown restrictions. In view of the delay, and having considered the guidance issued by the Department for Education, we would like to let you know about some important changes we are making to our planned Induction Day.

We know that our Induction Day is important for our students, particularly in a year in which we have not been able to run our usual face-to-face open events. It is a chance to meet teachers, to settle into college, to find out details of work to complete over the summer, to get used to our bus services, and to make any changes to course choices. For these reasons, we will still be running our Induction Day, but with a number of changes to help keep students safe:

- Rather than all students attending induction on one single day, we will now split students over three different dates, very significantly reducing the number of students on site each day
- We are inviting a small cluster of schools each day, rather than students from all schools, to minimise mixing
- We will be maintaining social distancing during lessons and taking steps to keep students safe and to minimise mixing during breaks and lunchtime
- We will ask students to wear a face covering in communal areas at break and lunchtime for extra safety,
- We encourage students to complete a Lateral Flow Test at home the day before Induction Day
- Arrangements will be in place to identify close contacts of any students attending the event that may test positive shortly after the event
- Extra cleaning will be in place during the day and students will be encouraged to use sanitiser around the site

Induction, originally planned for Wednesday 7 July, will now take place on **Monday 5 July, Tuesday 6 July, and Wednesday 7 July**. We apologise for any inconvenience these new dates may cause, but we know students, parents and carers will recognise that these changes enable the event to still go ahead, and ensure that it can be managed safely.

**We have written separately to students, by post, indicating which of these three dates they should attend.**

The day will start at 8.50am. Students will also need to bring some money if they wish to purchase lunch or any other refreshments throughout the day, or a packed lunch if they prefer.

If there's a good reason why students are not able to come to the Induction Day then they should not worry, but we would ask them to let us know by emailing [studentservices@ncdoncaster.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@ncdoncaster.ac.uk). Students should get in touch if there is a significant problem with the date they have been allocated. If a student does not come to Induction Day and does not let us know they cannot attend, we may withdraw their place.

### **Travelling to New College on Induction Day**

If a student lives near a college bus route, free buses will be running on Induction Day. Buses will return at the end of the college day, shortly after 4.00pm. Students can also make their own way to and from college, including via public transport. You can find our bus times for the morning here:

<https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/travel/>

### **New College Doncaster Annual Bus Pass 2021/22**

For college bus services from September 2021, the cost of an annual pass will be a one off payment of £280 for the year. This works out at approximately 75p per journey and we have frozen the price of the bus pass for the last 2 years. College buses are heavily subsidised and student passes make up less than 50% of the overall cost of buses. To support students in meeting this cost we are offering the following payment options:

- **Payment in Full**  
Bus passes can be paid for in full (£280) on Induction Days (5-7 July) or Enrolment Days (12 or 13 August).
- **Payment by Instalments**  
A 50% instalment (£140) may be paid on Induction Day. The remaining 50% (£140) to be paid on Enrolment Day.

Bus passes are sold on a first-come-first-serve basis and it is therefore a good idea to secure a pass at the earliest opportunity. You can find out more about our bus services at [www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/travel](http://www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/travel).

For public bus services, please check out <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/> for details of services, routes and travel passes.

### **Financial Support for Students 2020-21**

The college is able to offer financial support to some students, depending on their circumstances. We wrote to you recently with details, and you can find a copy of the letter here:

[https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/College-Bursary-Application-Letter\\_June-2021.pdf](https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/College-Bursary-Application-Letter_June-2021.pdf)

Further details about eligibility and how to apply can be found at <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/supporting-you-financially/>

Students that successfully apply for financial support may use the Travel Grant to pay for the cost of a college bus pass. We would therefore encourage students to apply for financial support as early as possible. In order to use a Travel Grant to secure the purchase of a college bus pass on Induction Day, 5-7 July, students will need to have submitted their bursary application by **Wednesday 30 June** so that it can be assessed in time. If a student applies after this date they will need to pay for a pass on Induction Day, but will be reimbursed if their application for financial support is successful.

### **Open Door Evening Event**

Unfortunately, the government delay to the easing of lockdown restrictions means that it is no longer possible for us to run our evening 'Open Door' events for parents and carers on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 July. However, we are planning a Year 12 Parents Welcome Evening early in the autumn term, which will include a welcome presentation from senior leaders and an informal opportunity for parents and carers to explore the college and meet staff. We will send further details at the start of the autumn term.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Student Services by phone or via email at [studentservices@ncdoncaster.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@ncdoncaster.ac.uk).

We look forward to welcoming students to college on our Induction Days.

Yours sincerely



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