

June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Induction Day: (8.40am – 4.00pm)**

We are very pleased to invite students to attend their Induction Day on either Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Each student has been sent a personalised letter in the post advising them which day they should attend.

This is an important day to help students get settled into college before our enrolment days on 22 and 23 August. At the Induction Day, students will meet their tutor group and teachers and it will be an opportunity to confirm that their chosen courses are still the ones that they wish to study. We will also be able to share with students details of the Summer Independent Learning activities (SIL) we'd like them to complete over the summer break to help them get off to a really good start. Please note that students have been invited to attend one of the two different dates on which we are hosting Induction Days, so they may have friends in different schools who are attending on a different date.

This is a day for students only and they should arrive at 8.40am to collect their timetable for the day. They will need to bring some money or a payment card with them if they wish to purchase lunch or any other refreshments throughout the day.

**If your child cannot attend Induction Day**

If there is an important reason why they are unable to attend, please let us know by scanning the QR code or using the link below to complete the form as soon as possible. If they don't fill the form in to let us know that they can't make it we will assume they are no longer interested in their place at New College Doncaster and will withdraw their application. By letting us know, we can also make sure that they are able to access important information about the Summer Independent Learning activities (SIL) that they will need to complete over the summer.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MvPKijHea0>



**PayMyStudent**

We are pleased to be introducing a new app called PayMyStudent which students and parents will use for all payments in colleges, for example for trips and visits, for fees at enrolment, or for bus passes. It will also allow the college to make payments to students that are eligible for financial support, for example for free college meals.

We will provide information to students at the Induction Day so that each student can set up their account.

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

If you live near a college bus route, free buses will be running for students 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/>. Please note that for the Induction Days we are operating this year's services rather than amended services for September.

Bus passes for the autumn term will be available to purchase on **enrolment day**, once students have completed the enrolment process. It is not possible for new Year 12 students to purchase a bus pass prior to enrolling.

### **Our Final Open Event and High Achievers Presentation – Monday 8 July**

If you and your family would like to visit New College Doncaster again in the evening, we do have one final Open Event of the academic year taking place between **4.30pm** and **7.00pm** on **Monday 8 July**. This may also be of interest to any siblings that are currently in Year 10.

We are also delivering a presentation on this evening for high achieving students who are typically expecting to achieve grades 7, 8 and 9 across their GCSE courses. Because there are often extra hurdles when applying to very competitive courses, such as medicine, or to certain universities or specialist providers, we are keen to showcase the support we can provide. This 20-minute talk will take place at 5.45pm, if you'd like to come along.

### **Financial Support**

Please remember that financial support is available to all students who meet the family household income criteria. This can be used to help cover the costs of things such as equipment, travel, course fees, music tuition, clothing and to provide free college meals.

Students that successfully apply for financial support may use the Travel Grant to contribute to the cost of a college bus pass. We would strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible if you believe that you meet the eligibility criteria so that financial support can be provided as early as possible when students begin their studies, and to help pay for a college bus pass when they enrol.

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

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 the day.

Yours sincerely



**Brendon Fletcher**  
Principal