

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Principal's Autumn Term Update - 2025

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family have enjoyed a restful summer.

For our Year 13 students, this year is especially important. It marks the culmination of their sixth form journey and a time when focus, resilience, and support are more vital than ever. Whether they are preparing for university, apprenticeships, or employment, staff at college are here to guide them every step of the way.

College staff will continue to build on the strong foundations already in place to provide an outstanding post-16 experience. We remain focused on preparing students not only for exams, but for life beyond college.

There are only 30 teaching weeks left before we say goodbye to Year 13 students at their final Leavers' Assembly. Staff will be expecting students to attend well, work hard in lessons and show commitment to the independent work and study that is vital to achieving strong outcomes in their assessments and external examinations.

Over the course of the year, we will be keeping you regularly updated on your young person's progress, next steps, and the many opportunities that are available to them.

Some key dates and events are listed below, but we will provide more details as these dates approach:

- Year 13 Next Steps Evening (hosted online): Thursday 16 October 2025
- Year 13 BTEC Mock Exams: w/c Monday 17 November 2025
- UCAS Deadline (internal): Friday 21 November 2025
- BTEC and Applied General External Exams: From Monday 5 January 2026 (until 19-20 Jan)
- Year 13 Parents Evening (hosted online), an opportunity to discuss progress and plans for the future: Wednesday 21 January 2026
- Year 13 A Level mock Exams: w/c Monday 9 February 2026 **and** w/c 23 February 2026

College Closure Days and Term Dates 2025-26

College will be closed on the following dates:

- Wednesday 21 January: From 1pm due to online Y13 Parents Evening appointments from 1.15pm
- Monday 16 March: All day due to staff training
- Thursday 19 March: From 1pm due to online Y12 Parents Evening appointments from 1.15pm

Term dates for the academic year can be found at <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/term-key-dates/>.

Please note that family holidays in term time are a breach of the college's *Code of Conduct* and are not approved in any circumstances. We appreciate the support and cooperation of parents in ensuring that family holidays are consistently booked during college holidays.

College Bursary

A reminder of the financial support that is available to all students who have successfully applied for a bursary, and who meet the family household income criteria. This can be used to help cover the costs of equipment, travel and general living expenses. Please see www.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/supporting-you-financially for further details and advice on how to apply.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

Yours sincerely



Helen Jackson
Principal