

March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we move into the final phase of Year 13, we would like to begin by expressing how proud we are of the commitment and maturity students have shown so far. We hope that the recent A Level mock examinations went well for our A Level cohort, and that our BTEC and Creative Arts students are acting on feedback as they work towards the final components of their courses. The coming weeks offer a crucial opportunity for all students to reflect, refine, and act on the feedback they have received. Those who make the greatest progress between now and the summer are the students who fully engage with feedback and the support available in college.

For a small number of Year 13 students, BTEC mock examinations took place last week. These are an important milestone, giving students a clear picture of their strengths and the specific areas that require further focus ahead of the summer BTEC assessments. We encourage all students to approach these assessments with determination and professionalism.

We have now launched our **Revision Countdown** for all Year 13 students studying examined courses. This marks the beginning of a focused and purposeful period of preparation. During this time:

- Staff will share weekly revision strategies and subject-specific guidance.
- Tutors will offer wellbeing support and practical advice to help students manage pressure positively.
- Student-facing staff are wearing *Revision* T-shirts to promote a strong culture of ambition and focus.
- Students are being directed to high-quality revision resources to support their independent study via the Student Hub on SharePoint.
- After the Easter break, students will be able to remain on site to study in the LRC (ground and first floor) until **5.30pm** each day.

Consistency from this point forward will make a significant difference. We recommend that students complete a minimum of **five hours of independent study per subject per week**. Links to further support, study advice, and guidance can be found here: <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/study-advice/>

Final Term Arrangements

Students who stay engaged in college achieve stronger outcomes, there will therefore not be a formal period of study leave. Following May half-term, students will be expected to attend their timetabled lessons right up until the final exam date for each subject.

Revision workshops across many subjects are taking place after college and during the Easter holidays. These sessions are targeted, focused, and designed to boost confidence and performance. Your encouragement and support in ensuring your child attends both these sessions and their timetabled lessons after May half-term will make a real difference.

College LRC spaces will be available during the Easter Break so that students can access quiet areas to work and use the college PCs. **You can find the full timetable of sessions at the end of this letter.**

Year 13 Celebration Assembly

We are delighted to confirm that our Year 13 Celebration Assembly will take place on **Friday 19 June, 1pm to 2pm** in college. This student-only event will be a special opportunity for the year group to come together one final time. Subject awards will be presented, and teachers will share farewell messages.

We hope you will encourage your young person to attend and celebrate all they have achieved during their time at New College Doncaster.

The weeks ahead are important, but they are also full of opportunity. With focus, resilience, and support from home and college, our Year 13 students are well placed to finish strongly.

Thank you for your continued support at this important part of the college journey.

Yours sincerely



Helen Jackson
Principal

College Open

Ground Floor and First Floor LRC are open 10.00am to 3.15pm for students to revise and study during the Easter Break on the following days:

WEEK ONE: Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April

WEEK TWO: Wednesday 8 April, Thursday 9 April and Friday 10 April

Easter Revision Timetable – Week 1

Date	Subject	Staff	Start Time	End Time	Room
Mon 30 Mar	Sport	Sorraya Kitchener	10.00am	12.15pm	G.18
Mon 30 Mar	English Language	Matt Sugars	10.00am	3.15pm	1.07
Mon 30 Mar	Digital Design & Commercial Photography	Sally MacDonald	10.00am	3.15pm	2.05
Tue 31 Mar	English Lang / Lit	Amanda Walker	10.00am	12.15pm	1.08
Tue 31 Mar	English Language	Matt Sugars	10.00am	3.15pm	1.07
Tue 31 Mar	Graphic Design	Sharon Davies	10.00am	3.15pm	2.05
Wed 1 Apr	Photography	Rebecca Farmer	10.00am	3.15pm	2.01
Wed 1 Apr	Games Design	Mike Jones	10.00am	3.15pm	1.29
Wed 1 Apr	BTEC IT	Nigel Hopkinson	10.00am	3.15pm	1.27
Wed 1 Apr	Dance	Gemma McArthur	10.00am	3.15pm	Dance Studio

Easter Revision Timetable – Week 2

Date	Subject	Staff	Start Time	End Time	Room
Wed 8 Apr	Sport	Sorraya Kitchener	10.00am	12.15pm	G.18
Wed 8 Apr	Fine Art	Natassja Barker	10.00am	3.15pm	2.02
Wed 8 Apr	CTEC IT	Nigel Hopkinson	10.00am	3.15pm	1.27
Wed 8 Apr	A Level Media	Andrew Hill	10.00am	3.15pm	1.31
Wed 8 Apr	Geography	Jeanette Shipley	10.00am	3.15pm	1.21
Thu 9 Apr	English Lang / Lit	Amanda Walker	10.00am	12.15pm	1.08
Thu 9 Apr	Textiles	Phoebe Land	10.00am	3.15pm	2.03
Thu 9 Apr	Performing Arts	Emma Skelton	10.00am	3.15pm	Drama Studio
Thu 9 Apr	BTEC Law	Rebecca Parry	10.00am	3.15pm	2.14
Fri 10 Apr	Health & Social Care	Kim Knowlson	10.00am	12.15pm	2.23
Fri 10 Apr	Economics	Scott Faulkner	10.00am	12.15pm	2.28
Fri 10 Apr	Spanish	Rubi Lopez-Cordoba	10.00am	3.15pm	2.15
Fri 10 Apr	A Level Media	Andrew Hill	10.00am	3.15pm	1.31

After-College Revision Timetable

Date	Subject	Staff	Start Time	End Time	Room
Wed 15, 22 & 29 Apr Wed 6 May	Sociology	Debbie Briggs	4.00pm	5.00pm	1.18
Wed 15, 22 & 29 Apr Wed 6, 13 & 20 May	Sociology	Nik Jones	4.00pm	5.30pm	1.20
Tue 17 & 24 Mar Tue 14, 21 & 28 Apr Tue 5, 12 & 19 May	PE	Chris Davies	4.00pm	5.00pm	G.20
Wed 18 & 25 Mar Wed 15, 22 & 29 Apr Wed 6, 13 & 20 May	Biology	Geetha Narayanan	4.00pm	5.00pm	G.06
Mon 23 Mar Mon 13, 20 & 27 Apr Mon 11, 18 May Mon 1 Jun	Biology	Ruth Tyler	4.00pm	5.00pm	G.07
Tue 14, 21 & 28 Apr Tue 5, 12 & 19 May	History	Heather Sherman	4.00pm	5.00pm	1.15
Wed 15, 22 & 29 Apr Wed 6 May	A Level Business	Rochelle Bagshaw	4.00pm	5.00pm	2.27