

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see our new cohort of Y12 students start their sixth form journey over the last week. I hope that they are beginning to feel settled into life at New College and that they are enjoying their experience so far.

Invitation to Year 12 Parents and Carers Welcome Evening

We are very pleased to invite you to join the above event for parents, carers and students on **Tuesday 22 September** at New College Doncaster. During the evening, you will have the opportunity to attend a presentation delivered by the Senior Leadership Team, which will introduce you to the college's approach to teaching, learning and assessment and the support we provide for students. During the evening, key members of staff from our Pastoral Team are available to speak to and you are welcome to ask Senior Leaders any questions you may have about New College Doncaster at the end of each presentation.

A Senior Leadership presentation (approx. 30 minutes) will be available at **5.00pm** or **6.15pm**.

Booking Information

To enable us to plan a successful evening, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below to indicate the number of guests and time that you would like to visit.

[New College Doncaster Year 12 Welcome Evening for Parents & Carers – Fill in form](#)

There is no expectation for Year 12 students to come along, the evening is planned for Parents and Carers.

Work Experience and Volunteering

A college priority is for all students to engage in work experience as this is key in helping students develop employability skills and be ready for their next steps. With this in mind, we are always looking to expand the range of work experience opportunities available to our students and are asking all parents and carers to consider whether their place of employment may be able to accommodate students, even for a short visit. If you think you are able to help support this, please complete this brief [Expression of Interest](#).

In addition to the invitation to our Welcome Evening, please see below for some other messages about the weeks and months ahead.

Introducing Cedar – Our Online Portal for Parents

Cedar is an online portal accessible to teachers, students, parents and carers and you will find this invaluable over the next two years, helping you to check how things are going at college, and getting in touch with teachers and progress tutors directly if you would like to. We strongly encourage parents to regularly log into this system.

You can access Cedar by visiting <http://cedar.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/>. This web-based portal allows you to see:

- Real-time information about a student's attendance and punctuality.
- Details of how a student has performed in each of their formal assessments or mock exams and a comparison to their minimum target grades.

- A record of a student's pastoral log. This includes commendations – praise and celebration when things are going well. The pastoral log also details any extra help, support or guidance provided to students, and information about any concerns and actions taken to address them.

We have prepared a short video which introduces you to some of the key features which you can access using this link: <https://vimeo.com/250277026/c94b7bdab5>

Setting up your Parental Cedar Account

To set up your parental account please visit: <https://cedar.ncdoncaster.ac.uk/auth/account/create>

The email address used to create your account must be the same parental email address we have for you in our records – this will usually be the parental email address included in the student's original application. You will also need the student's reference number which starts with **D00** and is printed on every student's college ID card. If the email address and student reference match our records, an email will be sent to you with a link to finalise creating your account by setting a password.

If you are having difficulties, in the first instance it would be a good idea for the student to log into Cedar to check that the name of their next of kin / contacts and their email addresses recorded in the system are correct. Students can update this information by completing a 'Change of Details Form' at College Reception.

Study Support and Access Arrangements

Please check on Cedar that any implications for teaching and exam access arrangements are accurate. It is important that students get the right support and that they only receive Access Arrangements that have been officially approved. If you have any queries about this, please contact our SENDCo, Nathalie.Paish@nclt.ac.uk.

Student Bursary Fund

We would like to draw your attention to the Student Bursary Fund. Eligibility is assessed on household income, and support may be available to assist with access to IT, assisting with transport to and from college, and costs associated with college materials etc.

More information can be found on the college website <https://ncdoncaster.ac.uk/supporting-youfinancially/>

New College Doncaster Advisory Group

If you feel that you could contribute and support the governance of the college, please see the attached leaflet for further details and how to get in touch.

We are keen to hear how you feel your child has settled into college, in addition to gaining student feedback, please look out for a parent and carer *Settling-In Survey* that will be shared with you this half term. I look forward to working in partnership with you over the next two years.

Yours sincerely



Helen Jackson
Principal

SUPPORTING OUTSTANDING GOVERNANCE

Outstanding local governance is vital to the success of our colleges and brings an exciting opportunity to contribute to the local community. New Collaborative Learning Trust (NCLT) is looking for some special individuals, bringing their skills, passion, enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved and make a difference to the next stage of our extremely exciting journey. We are committed to ensuring that our Advisory Groups are inclusive and diverse, reflecting the communities we serve. We understand that bringing a range of perspectives makes for better decision making.



THE CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ARE:

- to ensure the aims, visions and values of the Trust are embedded and upheld at a local level; to
- hold local executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its students; to ensure
- students are safe, supported and well prepared for the future.



THE ADVISORY GROUP:

- meet around four times a year, with meetings taking place on site at 4pm and usually last approximately 1.5 hours.



APPLICANTS SHOULD:

- be good communicators and most importantly be passionate about education and the future of the college.

Being a member of the Advisory Group is a voluntary position and we are extremely grateful to the highly skilled group of people who commit their time and expertise to our academies.

New College Doncaster is a sixth form college which opened in September 2017, growing to approximately 1500 students and with a strong reputation in the region. The college achieved 'strong standard' in all categories in 2026.

New College Doncaster offers a wide range of almost 50 qualifications to full time students in the 16-19 age range, predominantly A level courses alongside a range of level 3 applied general courses. We are deeply committed to providing an inclusive learning environment and to supporting students from wide-ranging backgrounds.

If you feel you could make a contribution to the college, then we welcome an introductory conversation with you. Please contact a member of the team at clerk@nclt.ac.uk.

