

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024 - Edition 3

Welcome to the third RNN Group E-Newsletter.

This newsletter aims to ensure we communicate key information that is happening within the Group (made up of Rotherham College, North Notts College, Dearne Valley College and University Centre Rotherham) so you are up to date with all our news as a parent, carer or adult learner.

These newsletters will be sent out each term and we hope that they will provide a good spread of useful information for you so you can support your young person or indeed make the most of all that is available as an adult learner.

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Induction Programme: September and October 2024

Our induction programme has spanned eight weeks right through September and October. Learners had a programme ranging from talks, presentations, workshops and activities.

Here's what we put on and we hope your learner benefited from these:

Week 1 (2-6th Sept) - Getting to know college with introductions and tours of the key facilities and department, Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour information and making new friends... and lessons started!

Week 2 (9-13th Sept) - September sign up week for activities and clubs and we hope your young person joined some activities and clubs here at College

Week 3 (16-20th Sept) - We found our learners were enjoying their learning and college life and we invited you - parents and carers - in to find out more too

Week 4 (23-27th Sept) - Swap Don't Drop began with some students making the switch from one course to another rather than dropping out of College and now they have found the course for them!

Week 5 (30-4th Oct) - Careers Week with workshops, careers fayre and information sessions

Week 6 (7-11th Oct) - Wellbeing week where our learners after a busy few weeks had some me time.

Week 7 (14-18th Oct) - Skills for Everyone: workshops and guest speakers on Power Skills (find out more below!)

Week 8 (21-25th Oct) - Celebration week before starting the half term break.

FREE Webinars

RNN Group has recently launched a new webinar series which are totally free. These webinars are for adults, employers, partner organisations, school's careers leads, Headteachers, prospective and current learners and parents who might be interested in some or all of the topics that we will be running.

Our next webinar is for parents who want to support their learners with college, **visit our page to find out more and book on.**



#MyTime for University Centre Rotherham

Did you know we have a University right here in Rotherham? It was built to support the local community and not only is it cheaper to attend than other universities, as it is right here in Rotherham there is no need to pay hefty accommodation fees.

Courses are full and part time so they can work round family and work commitments. If you need convincing, then **click here** to have a look at these adult learners who have returned to education to complete a degree.

Our new Commercial Services Website is now up and running

We are delighted to have launched our new Commercial services website that aims to promote the amazing fine dining, fitness and hair and beauty services across the Group.

As well as showcase the talents of our students who in many of the venues are trained by our experts to deliver you and members of the local community top class services alongside a five star customer experience.

Whether you want to enjoy a haircut followed by business lunch at the Wharncliffe, put in a session at the Dearne Valley gym followed by a sports massage or organise a hair and beauty treat at the North Notts College salon, there is something for everyone. It also promotes the arts scene at Rotherham, so look out for exhibitions, performances and concerts by our learners at Rotherham College.

Skills for Employment

One of the most important requests we get from employers is for the future workforce to be given transferable skills or Power Skills as they are now called. These Power skills are in high demand by businesses, and employees will achieve more with these skills. These cannot be taught; they are learnt. Academic qualifications get you the interview but Power Skills gets you the job.

The skills are: Communication, Creativity, Critical thinking, Decision making, Leadership, Problem solving, Being Proactive / Having resilience, Self-Management and Time Management

Therefore we have launched a new initiative called Skills for Employment whereby learners can develop and refine these skills so that when they leave College, not only do they have a solid academic foundation, but they will have developed these in demand skills that will see them through their career. This scheme has been developed with and has the backing of local employers too as they are keen to see these skills. For more information visit:

Group Information for Employers:

rnnngroup.co.uk/partner-with-us-for-employers/skills-for-employment

College information for Students:

- **Click here for Rotherham College**
- **Click here for North Notts College**
- **Click here for Dearne Valley College**

Student Awards

We are launching some Student Awards. As the RNN Group of Colleges we have four key values:

- We are inclusive
- We have integrity
- We deliver
- We are one team

Awards will be given daily and build up to termly awards for learners to win a prize based on the number of points they have scored against a value within the College.

Parent Portal

We have launched a brand new parent portal this year. This portal will have all sorts of relevant information for parents to support their young person with their educational journey at college and help them to achieve and be the best person they can be!

Your young person has to consent to you having this account but we have sent encouraging emails to learners to explain this is to help and support them with their college journey.

For more information or to sign up for an account, please visit:

- **Click here to access the Rotherham Portal**
- **Click here to access the North Notts Portal**
- **Click here to access the Dearne Valley Portal**

Parents and Carer Events and Reports

Information for parents and carers as well as letters can be found through the following areas:

Rotherham College

rotherham.ac.uk/information/parents-and-carers
rotherham.ac.uk/information/letters-home

North Notts College

nnc.ac.uk/information/parents-and-carers
nnc.ac.uk/information/letters-home

Dearne Valley College

dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/parents-and-carers
dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/letters-home

University Centre Rotherham

ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/information

Open Events

You and your young person are welcome to attend any of these if you need any help and support with the next steps.

Rotherham College:

Saturday 16th November, 10am-12noon
To book on, visit: rotherham.ac.uk/event/november-2024/

North Notts College:

Saturday 23rd November, 10am-12noon
To book on, visit: nnc.ac.uk/event/november-2024

Dearne Valley College:

Saturday 23rd November, 10am-12noon
To book on, visit: dearne-coll.ac.uk/event/november-2024

What's on at College?

To keep up to date with all that is happening across the Group and the Colleges, click on the relevant news pages below.

RNN Group News and Events

rnnngroup.co.uk/category/news
rnnngroup.co.uk/category/rnn-group-blog

Rotherham College News and Events

rotherham.ac.uk/about/news

North Notts College News and Events

nnc.ac.uk/about/news

Dearne Valley College News and Events

dearne-coll.ac.uk/about/news

University Centre Rotherham

News and Events

ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/about/news

Recommend Us

Finally, why not recommend a learner who might benefit from the RNN Group courses and programmes we have to offer. Contact the relevant college for you:

Rotherham College

Tel – 01709 362111

Email – info@rotherham.ac.uk

North Notts College

(Worksop and Retford Campuses)

Tel – 01909 504500

Email – contact@nnc.ac.uk

Dearne Valley College

Tel – 01709 513355

Email – learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk

University Centre Rotherham

Tel – 01709 722806

Email – ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

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NEWS ROUND UP



Hair and Beauty Department Wins Client Experience Award for Third Consecutive Year

We are thrilled to announce that the Hair and Beauty department at Rotherham College has been awarded the Client Experience Award for the third year in a row! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the team, which includes both staff and students.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Local Talent Shines in SkillsBuild UK Competition

Apprentice Matt Lee from North Notts College has clinched first place in the regional SkillsBuild competition for bench joinery. The event was held on 14th May at Barnsley College's Cube campus, a renowned facility dedicated to construction and sports education.

[Click here to read more.](#)



T Level Students Embark on Forest School Adventure

Early Years and Education recently engaged in a hands-on learning experience at Blyth Tournament Ground. Designed for year one and two T Level students, the trip emphasised building practical skills while fostering teamwork through outdoor activities.

[Click here to read more.](#)



The Wharncliffe Hosts Charity Coffee Morning for Macmillan

On Friday the 27th September, The Wharncliffe Restaurant hosted their annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

From 10am to 12pm, guests were treated to a selection of homemade cakes, pastries, and freshly brewed coffee, all prepared by the talented students and staff of Rotherham College's catering and hospitality department.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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Rufus Brings Joy to Dearne Valley Campus

Meet Rufus, the therapy dog who's transforming the mental health landscape at Dearne Valley College! With his wagging tail and gentle presence, he's become a beloved companion, providing comfort and support to students during stressful times like exam season.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Dearne Valley College Esport Department Gains New Sponsorship

The Dearne Valley College Esport department is celebrating after gaining a new Esport Team Sponsor as well as a Shirt supplier for their team the 'DVC Minotaurs'.

[Click here to read more.](#)