

Welcome

to our KC Community



Hello from your Head of Department!

Congratulations on securing a conditional offer in the Engineering department. My name is Michelle and I am the Head of Department. I look forward to welcoming you to the Engineering Centre in September. You are starting in an industry that remains strong in Kirklees, and choosing a career in Engineering can open so many doors for you, locally, nationally, and internationally.



Engineering

Where will you be studying?

Take a tour of our centre.

Our £7.5m specialist centre boasts state-of-the-art equipment and workshops for CNC, manufacturing, maintenance, mechanics, fabrication and welding, as well as student recreation and breakout areas. There is also a dedicated automotive workshop designed to replicate a real-life Motor Vehicle workshop.

**Engineering
Centre Tour**



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to watch**



Key Information and Opportunities

Without engineering, the world would cease to function as we know it. The foundations of engineering underpin the very fabric of society, from the transport we use to the buildings we live and work in.



If you want to help create the technology and equipment that everyone relies on, every day, then a career in engineering is for you.

At Kirklees College, we are proud to be innovators of engineering and have a state-of-the-art, £7.5 million specialist Engineering Centre. Thanks to Government investment in the form of the Local Skills Investment Fund (LSIF), our Engineering Centre also contains 3D printers and VR headsets for students to use that will equip them with the skills they need to work in this increasingly digital industry.



As an Engineering student, you will be provided with safety glasses and gloves at the start of your course, but any further PPE needed will have a cost attached. You will need to purchase a pair of steel toe cap safety boots, which typically cost around £15 - £20 and can be bought from any construction retailer. We recommend students buy some work trousers. We also ask for a small contribution from students for trips and visits. You should also purchase a scientific calculator and writing equipment (pens, pencil and notebook) before you start your course.



Student life

Making the most of your student life is as important to your experience as the course you study. We are a collaborative, inclusive, supportive and fun college offering you the chance to make great memories as you prepare for a successful future.

- Student enrichment gives you opportunities to join clubs, community projects, trips, and other activities that build skills and confidence.
- There are opportunities to join the Sports Academy and combine sport you're your college studies.
- Student Services offers support with finance, careers advice, counselling, mentoring, wellbeing, and SEND.
- Additional help is also available through learning support, student voice, and the Students' Union.



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to find out more



Work Experience

Work Experience is embedded in every student's timetable at Kirklees College as part of the Personal Development Pledge. If you are on a study programme, you will have work experience built into your Skills For sessions, where you will discuss career progression, apprenticeships, higher education opportunities and take part in workshops for CV building and interview techniques.

You will also have visits from industry-related speakers about jobs in your sector of study, and will take part in either a work placement or Preparation to Work Passport as part of your programme.

Meet the Tutor: James Dean

James Dean is one of the tutors helping to create and inspire the next generation of engineers. In this interview, he discusses his experiences prior to joining Kirklees College as a valued member of the teaching staff and why the college is the ideal place to start your career.



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to read James' story



Career Progression

Throughout your time at our Engineering Centre, you will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on training, theory coursework, and real-world experiences that will prepare you for a successful career in the Engineering industry.

Many of our Engineering students apply to university or progress to degree apprenticeships. We have a dedicated Careers Team at Kirklees College who can help you apply for university, apprenticeships, and further training. You will be helped to find your next steps after college.

Potential career pathways in the Engineering industry include Mechanical Engineer, Welder, Automotive Engineer, Steel Fixer, and Rail Track Maintenance Worker.

Start of term

Timetables will be released on **Friday 4 September**. You will receive a text after 12noon to tell you when your timetable is available to view.

Term starts on
Wednesday 9 September 2026

Key enrolment information

The majority of students will enrol online for a September start. Our applications team will contact all applicants to check we have the correct contact information and to confirm what time you will receive your enrolment link.

Enrolment links will be sent out in batches on GCSE Results day (Thursday, 20 August), and this will need to be completed by 12 noon on Friday 21 August.

If you are on holiday or not available on GCSE results day, you will receive information from the applications team about what to do. If your results are different from what was expected, then again, the college's applications team will tell you what to do next.

If you haven't already uploaded a photo for your ID badge, then you will be able to do this when you enrol.