

Welcome

to our KC Community



Hello from your Head of Department!

Hi, my name is Clare and I am the Head of Department for the Xplorer programme at Kirklees College. The programme delivers a personalised, inclusive and safe learning environment where you will find your learning challenging, enjoyable and thought-provoking. You will learn a lot on the Xplorer course and finish feeling ready to take the next steps in your education and career. The teaching team and I look forward to meeting you in September!

Xplorer



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Key Information and Opportunities

The Xplorer programme offers a personalised, inclusive, and safe learning environment designed to be both challenging and enjoyable. Personal goals and overcoming barriers to learning are embedded throughout the curriculum, alongside employability skills covering career exploration, workplace health and safety, personal finance, work preparation, and English and Maths GCSEs.



Students will receive career guidance to support future progression, identify their own strengths and qualities, and build the confidence to work independently and as part of a team. They will also develop a broad range of skills, including communication, ICT, decision-making, problem-solving, self-advocacy, teamwork, organisation, and emotional intelligence.

The programme encourages a positive attitude towards peers, mutual respect, and personal responsibility, whether in college or on a work placement. Students will also develop the ability to recognise and manage their own behaviours in challenging situations, helping to build the resilience and self-awareness needed for professional and personal success.



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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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.

Student Case Study: Katie



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to listen to Katie's story



Career Progression

Students on Xplorer will have underpinning careers guidance to support future career progression decisions. You will also learn about where to access different sources of help and support, identify your own strengths, skills, qualities and interpersonal skills and how these can be transferred into jobs or further education.

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.