

Helping you start college



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North East



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Introduction

Starting college is a big change and can seem quite scary. It means you will be leaving school, the people you know and preparing to become more independent, as well as making plans for the future. This booklet will hopefully give you some information to make things easier.

Common questions

What does a typical week/day look like?

Typically at college you will attend for three to four days a week, but the days will be longer compared to school, usually from 9am until after 4pm.

What support will I receive in college?

Our team will work with you, your school, your parents/carers, and other people to ensure you get all the help and support you need before you start college and when you are here. The support could be in the

classroom, help with communication or specialist help when you are in college based on your support needs. You will be able to discuss with us what support you need.

Will I make new friends at college?

Starting college opens up chances to meet new people and grow your circle of friends. Trying out different activities and finding out what interests you will help you meet people and have fun when you are at college and while you learn new things.



My transition checklist



1. My first visit to the college is on:

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2. My Programme Leader is called:

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3. If I ever feel unsafe at college I can talk to:

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4. I have received a timetable and know what days I am in college:

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5. I know where to buy food and drink or have my lunch:

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6. I have met the Learning Support Team:

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7. I know how I will get to college:

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Transport



To get to college, you may be able to get support from the Local Authority. The college also has a bursary scheme which supports free and reduced travel. You can also have a look on the college website for information about bus routes and times and our bursary process. Deciding how you are going to get here will help make sure there is an **easy** and **reliable** way for you to get to college. Additionally, we provide independent travel training to assist you in becoming confident with travelling independently.

Our SEND Promise to you



We promise to provide high quality, personalised education in safe and inclusive learning environments.



We promise to involve all students with SEND in decisions regarding their choices, progress and next steps.



We promise to promptly identify any learning needs and support requirements, agreeing individualised goals and ambitions.



We promise to provide students with the necessary and required support, facilitating their journey to adulthood/independence.



We promise to provide students with real life experiences within the college, local community and workplaces.



We promise to support the dual professionalism of our staff by providing targeted SEND training, development and support.



We promise to be an equitable employer and provide work opportunities and experiences for young people with SEND.



If you need to speak to a member of staff there are various ways you can get in touch. The best way is to send an email to the relevant email address below:



sentransition@sunderlandcollege.ac.uk
sentransition@hartlepoolsixth.ac.uk
sentransition@northumberland.ac.uk

What will I be doing at college?



What could I do at college?

- > Vocational qualifications/T Levels
- > A-Levels
- > Apprenticeships
- > Supported internships
- > Specialist courses

What will I do when I am at college?

Your course/programme will include:

- > Your main qualification
- > Maths
- > English
- > Self, society and skills
- > Work experience
- > Tutorials
- > Lots of enrichment activities and visits/trips

Starting college

After you have enrolled at college, you will be invited in for an induction before you start, where you will meet your teachers and other students. You will also be given a tour of the college so you can find your way around.

Before all of this happens, the team at the college will meet with you and discuss your support needs and also confirm which course/programme is most suited to you.



Things I am excited about?

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Any other questions I have for staff at college?

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Open event dates

Open event dates this year are as follows–

Bede

14 October	5pm-7pm
11 November	5pm-7pm
24 January	9:30am-12pm

City

16 October	5pm-7pm
15 January	5pm-7pm
17 March	5pm-7pm

HICSA

13 November	5pm-7pm
12 February	5pm-7pm
23 March	5pm-7pm

Kirkley Hall

20 November	5pm-7pm
3 December	5pm-7pm
7 February	9:30am-12pm

Berwick

13 October	4:30pm-6pm
9 February	4:30pm-6pm

Ashington

4 November	5pm-7pm
2 December	5pm-7pm
3 February	5pm-7pm

Hartlepool

15 October	5pm-7pm
14 January	5pm-7pm
11 March	5pm-7pm



How to apply

You can apply on our college websites, or by emailing the transition email addresses in this booklet. Alternatively, you can find out more by attending one of our open events or coffee mornings.

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