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Become your *best* self

PROSPECTUS 2024 ENTRY

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# About HNC

# Principal's welcome

**In choosing HNC you will be taking the next step in becoming your best self. If you are ready to commit to this journey there are no limits to what we will accomplish together.**

You will be warmly welcomed into our caring and aspirational learning community. You will be taught by passionate, innovative educators who will treat you as a young adult. You will be challenged and we will support you. You will learn and we will guide you. You will make friends with people from different backgrounds with alternative ideas and fresh perspectives. You will broaden your mind and learn to cherish difference. You will develop the self-discipline necessary to achieve success. You will come to understand the cohesive power of respect and empathy through your lived experiences in our diverse, inclusive community. Ultimately, you will be educated, enriched and enlightened.

When you leave us, you will be ready for the world. The world of university, of apprenticeships, of work. You will have the confidence to build an authentic life. A life of purpose and fulfillment. A life built on the progressive values, enriching experiences and alternative perspectives which are uniquely HNC. You will be empowered to shape a better future. Together we will have the courage to change our world.

Finally, to the only question that remains: are you ready to become your best self the HNC way? This prospectus and our Open Events will help you to answer this question. I hope to have the privilege of welcoming you into our learning community very soon.

*M. Smith-Connor*

**Marcus Smith-Connor  
Principal**



**Who are we?  
One HNC. Together we open  
minds, embrace difference and  
empower each other to shape  
a better future**



## What do we care about?

We are passionate educators, here to make sure you can take your next steps with confidence.

We achieve this through not only ensuring you secure your life-changing qualifications, but by making sure you have access to experiences and opportunities that enable you to secure your vision for the future.

If you accept a place at HNC then you signal your commitment to our ABC expectations and our values. You are expected to uphold these in your behaviours, conduct and attitude at all times. We share more about these over the next pages.

**Success  
is as  
simple as  
ABC**



**Attend punctually**




**Behave professionally**




**Commit completely**

# Our values

As part of HNC we expect you to embody our ASPIRE values.

 **A**  
**You will be honest and transparent**  
*You are authentic*

 **S**  
**You will be committed and self-motivated**  
*You are self-disciplined*

 **P**  
**You will be enthusiastic**  
*You are passionate*

 **I**  
**You will be resilient and courageous**  
*You are innovative*

 **R**  
**You will see the power of diversity and inclusivity**  
*You are respectful*

 **E**  
**You will take responsibility for your own actions**  
*You are empathetic*

*Libby Bowden*

“Your teachers encourage me to be ambitious, and help me to achieve my potential by being creative, engaging and interesting in lessons. My HNC experience has been an exciting and rewarding journey that has helped me to build my own future. You can make so many new friends and develop the life skills you need for the future. Everything I have learned inside and outside the classroom has given me skills I will use at university and beyond.”

**Studied:**

A Level English Language and Literature, Photography and Sociology

**Destination:**

Photography at the Arts and University Bournemouth



## What do we offer in return?

- A promise that if you meet our expectations and share our values you will reach your full potential and become your best self
- A unique experience where you will access life-changing opportunities
- Supportive challenge. We will help you to become the best version of you. If you need additional help we will equip you with the tools and strategies to develop your resilience
- A learning environment where you will be able to develop as a young adult, with the support of our passionate team
- You will learn more about the world around you and the opportunities within it, and leave with the confidence to pursue your dreams whilst being yourself



## We are proud of our *Class of 2023* results

While at HNC our priority extends beyond ensuring that you succeed academically, we understand the importance of excellent grades. We are proud of the results of our Class of 2023:

**97%**

Level 3 pass rate  
(A Level and Applied  
qualifications)

**66%**

of students achieved  
A\*, A or B  
(or equivalent)

**75%**

of students secured  
their first choice  
university



# Come along to experience HNC

Ahead of our application closing date of 2 February 2024 we have a number of opportunities for you to explore HNC. Attending an Open Event is recommended, and a great

way to experience all we have to offer. Booking for the Open Events is not necessary, but all students must be accompanied by a parent/carer or adult over the age of 18.





**OPEN EVENT**  
**Saturday 14 October**  
**9:15am - 3pm**  
*(last entry 2:30pm)*

# Open Events



**OPEN EVENT**  
**Thursday 30 November**  
**5:30 - 8:30pm**  
*(last entry 8pm)*

## Good to know.

Once you apply to HNC you will receive a range of additional opportunities to support you in ensuring you pick the perfect study programme for you. See the 'your journey' section on page 52 for further details!



**BOOKABLE  
LESSON  
TASTERS**  
**Tuesday**  
**23 January**  
**5:15pm onwards**

Applicants, or those intending to apply, are invited to experience their choices in action. Bookings open early December, visit the website for further details.

# Celebrating 50 years of excellence

In 2024, HNC is celebrating fifty years of being a dedicated provider of sixth form education – though the College, and its early predecessors, has been educating the young people of Kirklees and the surrounding areas since 1839. 1974 saw the College take its first steps into co-educational further education, and since the first sixth form cohort joined HNC fifty years ago, the College has continued to promote excellence and ensure that the young people it educates leave with the life-changing qualifications they need to progress to their dream careers. We hope you enjoy some of the interesting memories from the College's rich history.

## 1839

Huddersfield College opens its doors as a Boy's Grammar School



## 1974

Huddersfield New College becomes a Sixth Form College



## 1997

The Boiler House opens

## 1999

Main building altered, Sports Building opens



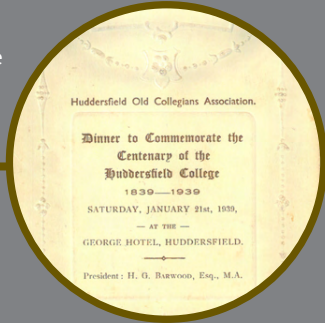
## 2008

The Art and Media Building opens



**1909**

Chess Master, Henry Ernest Atkins joins the College as Principal



**1939**

Dinner to commemorate a centenary of Huddersfield College



**1971**

Huddersfield New College Magazine building vector (L) and today's version (R)



**1968**

Advice from one Head of School to another



**1958**

Huddersfield New College Boy's High School is founded with the new building in Salendine Nook declared open by HRH Princess Margaret

**2012**

The Sports Barn and 3G Pitch open



**2016**

Officially Ofsted Outstanding



**2023**

The Larch building opens

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# Educate

**Our teachers are passionate about their subject and love to teach. Over the following pages you can explore how you can access and enjoy a wide range of courses and educational experiences.**

# Your study programme

You can access over 50 different courses at HNC, offering you an extensive range of options so you can create a study programme as unique as your ambitions. We recommend you take a look at your Pathway options alongside the courses on offer to help you build your bespoke study programme.

## Remember

- Your study programme will always total three A Levels or equivalent
- We recommend that you start by looking at our Pathways and matching your predicted grades to the right Pathway. At interview we will only be able to make you a conditional offer on the courses which match your predicted grades
- Certain courses have subject specific criteria attached
- We strongly recommend fully researching courses as part of your application journey.

## Good to know

Be open minded to some of the courses you may have not experienced at GCSE but also remember that even subjects you have studied at GCSE can be significantly different at post-16. By joining our Open Events and experiencing our lesson tasters you can apply for your course choices with confidence.



# Pathways and entry criteria

Here at HNC you can choose from a number of Pathways – your choice will depend upon your future ambitions. Please note, your predicted grades only form part of our entry criteria and at interview we will carefully review your attendance, behaviour and commitment to your studies.

It is important to understand that as a College we are looking for students who commit fully to our vision and values and the process of becoming their best selves. In addition to your predicted grades, we will need to confirm:

- Attendance is at a minimum level of 95%
- Your behaviour and punctuality is good, with no concerns in terms of your conduct or attitude

This is because when you join HNC you are committing to our expectations. You are a young adult with freedoms, and as part of our relationship based on mutual trust, we have high expectations of you. We also have to be confident that you are fit and well enough to engage with the demands of full-time, campus based study.

Naturally we understand that from time to time we may receive applications from prospective students who for a variety of reasons do not meet the above expectations. Please be reassured we review such applications on a case by case basis and if you don't meet our entry criteria in this area, it does not necessarily mean you will not be offered a place. We recommend you read our Admissions Policy for further information.

[Please click here for further information](#)



## Top tip

Before browsing our courses we recommend that you review which Pathway(s) your predicted grades make you eligible for – your predicted grades will determine the combination of qualifications you can study. Remember, you can opt for any Pathway where your grades meet or exceed the entry criteria.





# HNC Pathways

## A Level

On this pathway you will choose three A Levels. A Levels are traditional academic qualifications assessed largely by exams at the end of the two year programme.

### What you need

4 GCSEs at grade 5

2 GCSEs at grade 4

Maths and English Language must be at least grade 4

### How can I build my study programme?

1 A Level + 1 A Level + 1 A Level

### Will it suit me?

The A Level Pathway is best suited to those who are looking for a more traditional academic route, and those who are happy to be assessed mainly by exams at the end of their course.

*To pursue a 4 A Level programme, please visit our website for full details.*

## Blended

### Option 1

On this pathway you can choose to study an Applied qualification alongside two A Levels – helping to spread the assessment demands.

### What you need

3 GCSEs at grade 5

2 GCSEs at grade 4

Maths and English Language must be at least grade 4

### How can I build my study programme?

1 A Level + 1 A Level + 1 Extended Certificate

### Will it suit me?

This Pathway is best suited to those who want to experience choice, and want a mix of assessment – a key benefit is that some assessment is ongoing and via coursework, so it doesn't all happen at the end of your two years.

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## Blended

### Option 2

On this pathway you will choose a mix of qualifications to suit your aspirations and preferred learning style – helping to spread the assessment demands.

#### What you need

2 GCSEs at grade 5

3 GCSEs at grade 4

Maths and English Language must be at least grade 4

#### How can I build my study programme?

1 A Level + 1 Diploma

1 A Level + 1 Extended Certificate + 1 Extended Certificate

1 Extended Certificate + 1 Extended Certificate + 1 Extended Certificate

1 Diploma + 1 Extended Certificate

#### Will it suit me?

This Pathway is best suited to those who would prefer to study most, if not all, of their subjects via our Applied qualifications, allowing students to combine academic study with the application of theory in a real life context. The majority of assessment is ongoing and final grades are calculated through a mix of coursework and examinations.

## Applied

On this pathway you can choose one of our full-time Applied qualifications.

#### What you need

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including GCSE Maths or English Language.

You must achieve either 4 in GCSE Maths and/or English as resitting both is not permitted.

GCSE Maths and English Language must not be below a grade 3

#### How can I build my study programme?

1 Extended Diploma

#### Will it suit me?

This pathway allows students to focus on one full-time subject, combining academic study with the application of theory in a real life context. Assessment is ongoing and final grades are calculated through a mix of coursework and examinations.

# A Level courses

You'll need to meet the entry criteria for your chosen Pathway. You will also need to meet applicable subject specific entry criteria.

## Course A Levels

## Subject specific entry criteria

3D Design

Note; 3 Art & Design subjects cannot be studied together

Biology

Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and grades 6/5 in GCSE Combined Sciences

*\*\*If a student has been entered for the lower tier GCSE Maths paper and are predicted a grade 5, but are predicted to achieve at least a grade 7/7 in Science subjects, this will meet the entry criteria for the subject*

Business Studies

Chemistry

Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and grades 6/5 in GCSE Combined Sciences.

*\*\*If a student has been entered for the lower tier GCSE Maths paper and are predicted a grade 5, but are predicted to achieve at least a grade 7/7 in Science subjects, this will meet the entry criteria for the subject*

Computer  
Science

Grade 6 in GCSE Maths

Criminology

Drama and  
Theatre Studies

Economics

English  
Language  
and Literature

English  
Literature

Environmental  
Science

Grade 4/4 in GCSE Science

Film Studies

Fine Art

Note; 3 Art & Design subjects cannot be studied together

French

Grade 6 in GCSE French



## Good to know

HNC offers Core Maths as a fourth option. This is highly recommended for students studying subjects such as Applied Science and Psychology. This may be discussed as your Admissions interview.



## Course A Levels

## Subject specific entry criteria

Further Maths      Grade 7 in GCSE Maths Note; recommended as a 4th A Level subject

Geography      Grade 4 in GCSE Geography, if taken. If GCSE Geography is not taken, grade 4 in GCSE Science

Graphic  
Communication      Note; 3 Art & Design subjects cannot be studied together

History

Law

Mathematics      Grade 6 in GCSE Maths

Media Studies

Philosophy, Ethics  
and Religion

Photography      Note; 3 Art & Design subjects cannot be studied together

Physical  
Education      Grade 5 in GCSE Biology or Science. Evidence of strong practical performance in a named sport is essential.

Physics      Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and a grade 6/5 in GCSE Science.

*Note; students must also study A Level Maths*

Politics

Psychology      Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 4 in GCSE Biology or GCSE Science

Sociology

Spanish      Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish

Textile Design      Note; 3 Art & Design subjects cannot be studied together

# Applied courses

A number of our Applied qualifications can be studied as 1, 2 or 3 A Level equivalent(s). The qualification you opt for will depend upon the amount you want the course to feature in your study programme.

## Applied Certificate

- Equivalent to 1 A Level

## Applied Diploma

- Equivalent to 2 A Level

## Applied Extended Diploma

- Equivalent to 3 A Levels (therefore a full time study programme and will not be studied alongside any other subject). This is our Full time Applied Pathway.

*Luke Sunderland*

“My HNC experience has been brilliant. It has genuinely been the best two years in my educational journey. The academic and pastoral support is fantastic as it ensures you can achieve whilst developing your confidence. HNC has fully prepared me for my future, giving me independence whilst making sure I have gained lots of employability skills. I will remember my experience for a very long time!”

**Studied:**

A Level History, Law and Applied Business

**Destination:**

Business Management at Liverpool John Moores University



Course Applied	Subject specific entry criteria	Certificate 1 A Level equivalent	Diploma 2 A Level equivalent	Extended Diploma 3 A Level equivalent
Art and Design	Grade 4 in a relevant GCSE Art/Design subject			✓
Business		✓	✓	✓
Creative Digital Media (Digital Film and Video)	Cannot be studied alongside Digital Games	✓		✓
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Dance	Relevant experience will be required. Applicants will be requested to audition.	✓		
Health and Social Care		✓		
Human Biology	Grade 5 in GCSE Science, or a distinction in a vocational Level 2 Science qualification plus a grade 5 in GCSE Maths	✓		
Information Technology		✓	✓	✓
Law		✓		
Music Performance	Relevant experience will be required. Applicants will be requested to audition	✓		
Music (Digital Production)	Relevant experience will be required. Applicants will be requested to audition	✓		
Musical Theatre	Relevant experience will be required. Applicants will be requested to audition			✓
Psychology	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths	✓		
Science	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and two grade 4s in GCSE Sciences or a Distinction in a vocational Level 2 Science qualification			✓
Sport and Exercise Science	Grade 4 GCSE Science or a pass in a vocational Level 2 Science	✓	✓	✓
Sport	Grade 4 GCSE Science or a pass in a vocational Level 2 Science		✓	✓
Travel and Tourism		✓	✓	





## XL programme

Every student who joins HNC and commits to our values and works hard will achieve their potential. As part of our mission to ensure every young person is supported to take their next step with confidence, we also offer our XL programme. This is designed to support students to successfully apply to the country's most prestigious universities, including Oxbridge, where they have the academic grade profile to do so. Opportunities include:

- **A lecture series on a diverse and fascinating range of topics, often completely unrelated to a student's core study programme. Recent talks have questioned if there's life beyond Earth, how to fill your heart and the links between acid house music and drug use, amongst a range of others**
- **Specialist support for students interested in highly competitive degrees such as Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science or if students wish to apply to Oxbridge universities**
- **University visits and taster workshops**
- **An automatic opportunity to undertake the EPQ**
- **Support to secure summer school and high value work placements**



## Talented Athletes

Students who play a sport competitively at a national or international level may be eligible to join our Talented Athletes programme. This is designed to ensure that those with the potential to do so can excel in both their sport and their studies.

Elite athletes who are part of this programme receive support to ensure they can combine the demands of competing in their chosen sport with excelling in their studies. This includes supporting students if they are invited to represent their sport on a national or international level. As part of this, we will work with the education team at any relevant organisation to ensure our elite athletes are supported when they are competing.

[Click here to read more about our TA programme](#)



## Good to know

**There is no application process for XL. Students who meet the specified entry criteria for this will automatically have it added to their study programme upon enrolment.**





## *Ethan Clarke*

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“HNC has supported me as a student and as part of the Talented Athletes programme. This has genuinely enabled me to successfully combine my studies with competing. The support from staff has been amazing, and has meant I have achieved great results in both my sport and my qualification.”

**Studied:**

Applied Sport

Talented Athlete: Biathlete

**Destination:**

Leeds Beckett University to study  
Sports Performance Analysis

# Sports Academies

Students who are at the top of their game in football, netball or cricket may opt to trial to join our:

- **Cricket Academy**
- **Men's Football Academy**
- **Women's Football Academy**
- **Netball Academy**

Players on the programme train three times a week and compete in a variety of national league and cup structures. Professional level coaching is included within the student timetable. All students must apply to study a full time study programme at HNC in order to be invited to a trial. Please note, it is not necessary for students to be studying a Sport based subject to take part in the Academies programme.

It is important to note that students who are successful will have a high level of skill in their chosen sport, and are likely to be participating in this sport extensively outside of school already. Students who play these sports as a hobby are encouraged to take a look our enrichment programme which provides ample opportunity to enjoy these sports on a more casual level.

Performance and academic progress are constantly reviewed. A total commitment to becoming your best self is essential.

It is important to recognise that being part of an Academy is a significant time commitment. Students will attend timetabled training sessions, and compete in a range of fixtures which take place at a variety of locations. A proportion of these will run outside of the standard College day.

*Whilst we endeavour to include the Academies programme into the timetable of all student's who successfully trial, sometimes this is not possible.*

## Good to know

Being part of our Sports Academies is a high level commitment. If you enjoy sport but don't want to commit to an Academy, you can opt to choose from our enrichment programme which also provides a wide range of sporting opportunities.







# Student destinations

Our Level 3 study programmes support progression to a diverse and exciting range of destinations; our students to progress to a wide range of destinations including university, apprenticeships (including degree level apprenticeships) and the workplace.

While all students will complete the draft stages of the UCAS application process, this does not obligate them to submit an application – this also provides valuable experience and content for job or apprenticeship applications where this is a student's preferred choice.

## Scotland

### University of Glasgow

- Economics
- Sociology/Business and Management

### University of Edinburgh

- Religious Studies

### University of Aberdeen

- Business Management and Real Estate

### Queen Margaret University Edinburgh

- Nursing

### University of Stirling

- Law and Ps

## North East

### University of Newcastle

- Geography
- Architecture
- Mathematics and Accounting
- Sport and Exercise Science

### Northumbria University

- Social Work
- Law

### University of Durham

- Modern Foreign Languages
- Mathematics

## Midlands

### University of Warwick

- History and Politics

### University of Nottingham

- Environmental Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine
- Law

### Loughborough University

- Human Biology

### De Montfort University

- Film Studies

## Wales

### University of Aberystwyth

- Criminology and Criminal Psychology

### University of Swansea

- Law

### University of Exeter

- Physics
- French and English Law

### Norland

- Early Years Development and Learning

### University of Bournemouth

- Games Design

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## Yorkshire

### University of Leeds

- Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies
- Children's Nursing

### University of Huddersfield

- Optometry
- Midwifery

### University of York

- English and Related Literature
- Philosophy
- Law
- English and Politics

### University of Sheffield

- Aerospace Engineering

## North West

### University of Liverpool

- Human Geography
- History

### University of Salford

- Film Studies

### University of Central Lancashire

- Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies

### Lancaster University

- Law

### Manchester Metropolitan University

- History and Politics

### University of Manchester

- Architecture
- Mechatronic Engineering
- Sociology

### BIMM

- Electronic Music Production

### University of Chester

- Mathematics

## South East

### University of Kent

- Military History

### King's College London

- Comparative Literature

### University of Oxford

- Law

### University of the Arts London

- Fashion Marketing and Consumer Behaviour

### University of Reading

- Philosophy

### University of Cambridge

- History

### University of Westminster

- Architecture



# *Enrich* & Enlighten

Here at HNC we place a strong emphasis on your wider experience - we are passionate about ensuring you enjoy experiences beyond the classroom that will enable you to take your next steps with confidence. Over the following pages you can gain an insight into what you can expect.





## Independent learning at HNC

As a young adult, one of the biggest differences you will experience is the transition from school to independent learning. For every hour in the classroom, you will be expected to complete around an hour of work independently.

Although you will not be in lessons every hour of the day, you will be studying full time at College. We maximise face to face teaching time, and strongly encourage students to use the learning spaces outside of lesson or enrichment sessions for independent study.

Our facilities have been developed to ensure that they fully support your learning experience.



# HNC campus

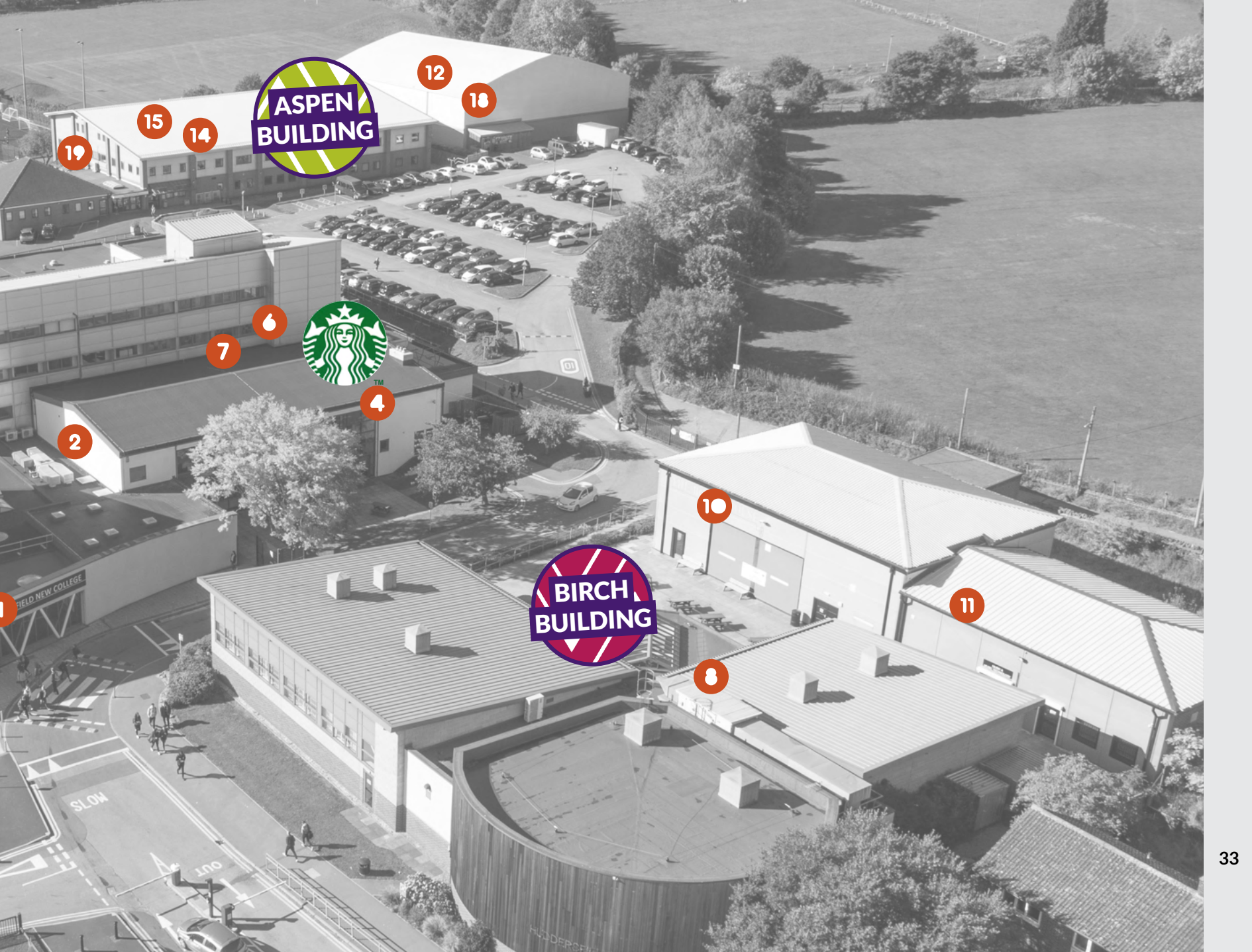
Here you can view some of the key spaces at HNC.

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| 1 Reception                | 11 Music Studios and rehearsal rooms |
| 2 Student Wellbeing Centre | 12 Sports Barn                       |
| 3 Learning Support Centre  | 13 3G Sports Pitch                   |
| 4 Learning Resource Centre | 14 Sports Hall                       |
| 5 Photography Studio       | 15 Sports Physiotherapy Laboratory   |
| 6 Starbucks Café           | 16 Costa Café                        |
| 7 The Junction             | 17 Art Studios                       |
| 8 Dance Studio             | 18 Indoor cricket lanes              |
| 9 Media Editing Suite      | 19 Fitness Suite                     |
| 10 Boilerhouse Theatre     | 20 Faith and Contemplation Centre    |



New for 2023 -  
Larch Building  
providing additional  
learning space





ASPEN BUILDING

BIRCH BUILDING





## Enrichment

All students take part in enrichment and this forms part of your timetable. You'll be encouraged to push your personal boundaries by taking part – there really is something for everyone! Participating in enrichment is a key way to develop your skills outside of the classroom, have fun and grow into a well-rounded individual with the experiences needed to shine in your next steps. We encourage all of our students to be open minded to the opportunities available to them and to try something new.

Here you can gain a flavour of just some of the ways we support your personal development and personal future goals. Please note that these are updated in response to student feedback, and further specific information is supplied upon enrolment.

[Want to know more?](#)

[Click here to take a look at our current enrichment offer](#)



*Odhni  
Shelter*

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A Level Politics  
Applied Law  
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**Destination:**  
Law at the University  
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**Studied:**  
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**Destination:**  
...fashion Marketing at the  
...iversity of Manchester



## A Green College

We are a College that wants to shape a better future – for our students and the world. As part of this we are working hard to be a greener HNC and protect our planet now and for future generations.

All students are asked to sign up to the HNC Green Pledge. These are small, simple life changes that if we all do collectively, can have a huge impact if all members of our community undertake them. Students can also apply to become part of our Student Green Council.

Some of the ways we are doing this include:

- Regular inspiring guest speakers and green events, along with our educational programme as part of **Aspire sessions**
- The HNC green pledge – encouraging everyone to car share, reduce the use of plastics, have a meat free day and recycle more
- Initiatives to help students to live a greener lifestyle, including via our Cycle Hub and repair station
- Digital marketing resources, and a commitment to issuing all communications electronically wherever possible
- Recyclable containers/cutlery in all dining areas
- We are committed to becoming a net zero carbon emissions College by 2038



## Trips and visits

As a student you will take part in a variety of trips and visits, including to overseas destinations. Some of these will be hosted as part of your learning experience to enlighten and expand your subject knowledge, whilst others you will be invited to opt in to. The gallery showcases just some of the trips and visits our students have enjoyed recently. Please see the course information pages on our website for details of trips connected to your courses.









# An inclusive and diverse HNC

We are incredibly proud of our inclusive, diverse and collaborative College community. Our students and staff come from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, and respect is at the heart of our College culture. Our community is vibrant, and reflects the diversity of the workplace.

Our approach to equality and diversity is embedded within our curriculum, with students given the opportunity to explore and celebrate their own differences inside and outside of the classroom. Students also explore their role in a diverse and modern Britain in all aspects of life at HNC.

We offer regular opportunities to celebrate this approach on a whole College scale, with a range of events. Opportunities include:

- Themed equality and diversity weeks each year, along with participation in events such as World Culture Day
- The chance to be a Student Equality and Diversity Ambassador and make a difference
- Guest speakers
- Participation in national weeks such as Anti-Bullying Week and UK Parliament Week
- Events to help you embrace and celebrate difference





## *Amber Milford*

“HNC has a very inclusive environment, and you meet people from all backgrounds and communities. It feels such a warm and welcoming place when you walk in. This is reflected in the classroom too – the teachers are really experienced, and explain difficult topics in a way that everyone can understand. I received so much help and support when applying for my degree, and this has helped me to stay focused. This challenge has helped me to stay motivated to do the best I can.”

### **Studied:**

A Level Mathematics  
A Level Chemistry  
A Level Biology

### **Destination:**

Veterinary Medicine  
at the University of  
Nottingham



# Meet our Head Students

Student Voice is key to the HNC experience. We provide a range of ways for you to use your voice and be a leader – and help create a better experience for you, your fellow students and the students who will join us in the future!

## Be part of our Student Council

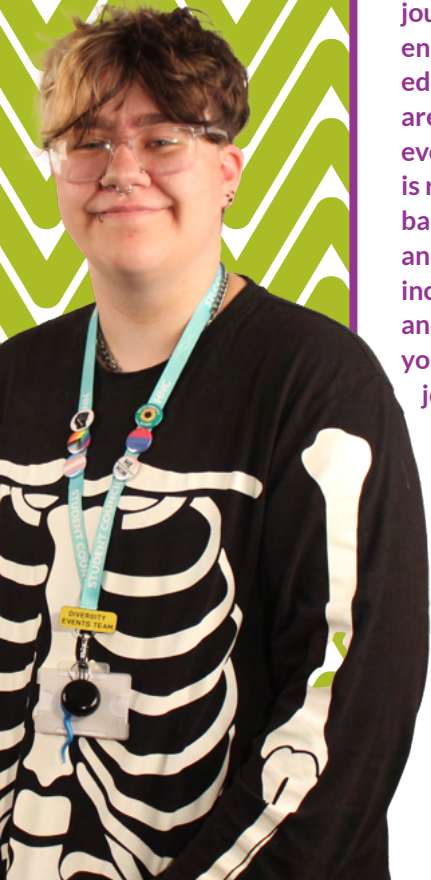
These prestigious positions will see you liaising with your fellow students, and bringing ideas forward to the senior leadership team. You'll get all the training and support you need for this role. The Student Council is headed up by our Head Students and Deputy Head Students who have specific leadership duties including interviewing senior staff and speaking at Open Events.

## Student Governor

You'll also have the opportunity to stand as a Student Governor, and be part of our Corporation. The Governing Body is incredibly important as it sets the strategic direction of the College, and being part of it is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference and gain an insight into how decisions are made and taken.

## Good to know

Our Head Students speak at our Open Events. You can meet the team at an event - see page 11 for details.



## *Anthony O'Connor*

"We are so excited to welcome you to the HNC family. If you join us you will be starting an amazing journey of self-discovery, engaging enrichment and educational achievement. We are an incredibly diverse College, every student and staff member is respected. No matter your background, you are welcome and appreciated at HNC. I am incredibly proud to be a student, and if you join us I can promise you that you will enjoy a fantastic journey!"



## *George Croft-Chesters*

"One of the key events in your life is starting College. HNC ensures you achieve your academic and personal goals. My top tip for any prospective student is to ask lots of questions about your courses and the opportunities on offer. This will help make your transition to College easier. Starting college may at first appear intimidating, but you soon find that feeling is shared by everyone around you, so try not to worry."



# Support at HNC

**Our aim is to provide 'supportive challenge' for all students. This means that while our help and advice is extensive, our key focus is on ensuring that we develop resilience in young people, and making sure they are equipped with the tools and strategies to take their next steps with confidence.**



## Aspire programme

Every student at HNC takes part in our Aspire programme. These sessions are designed to support students to prepare and plan for their future, and become well-rounded, responsible and resilient young adults who are ready for their life beyond HNC.

As a student you will experience a varied range of sessions from being supported to draft and submit a UCAS application and exploring the risks of vaping, to the importance of using your voice by voting. These sessions also underpin our careers provision, opening minds to the opportunities available. Aspire sessions also have a strong focus on building your employability skills.

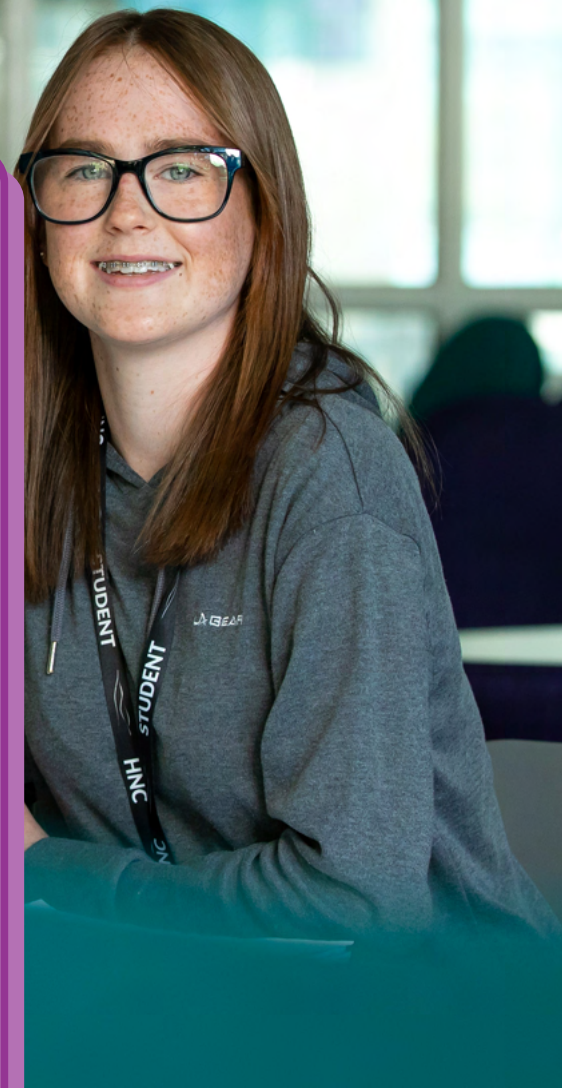
Each Aspire group is led by a dedicated Progress Tutor, who is also the main point of contact for parents/carers.

*Zareen Ahmed*

**“The one to one sessions with your Progress Tutor are brilliant. They will work with you to make sure that you are on track in your studies and that you are aware of all the opportunities on offer to you. They are also a point of contact, and if you have any worries – either big or small – you can speak to them and they will support you.”**

**Studied:**  
Applied Health and Social Care

**Destination:**  
Business Accounting with Finance at Leeds Beckett University





## Student Wellbeing

As an empathetic College we care about the wellbeing of students and understand that happy students are placed in the best position to succeed. Our Student Wellbeing support helps students to be in charge of their own future, and makes sure that they are equipped to deal with life's challenges.

This confidential service is available for students who wish to discuss any personal health and wellbeing concerns. You can book 1:1 appointments to be supported across a wide range of areas, and we also offer free period products and a contraception service. Our Student Wellbeing team also host a programme of activities that promote positive physical and mental wellbeing.

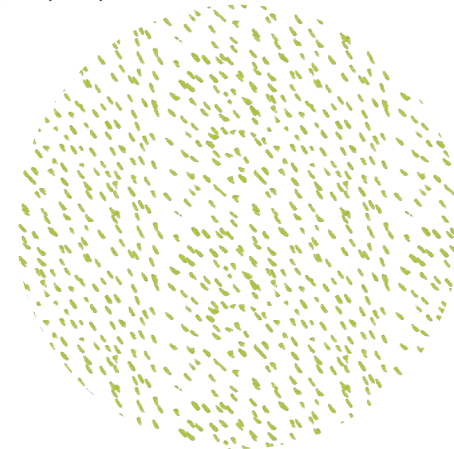
Our Safeguarding team work closely with students who have any safety, welfare and/or wellbeing concerns.

## HNC student finance

As a dedicated 16-19 College our courses are free at the point of delivery and all essential costs such as textbooks and course printing are covered by the College.

However, we recognise that there may be wider costs associated with attending College, which is why we are committed to ensuring that we remove any financial barriers to accessing our enriching and enlightening experience. Access to this financial support is dependent upon household income. We participate in the 16-19 Bursary and Free School Meals schemes.

If students don't qualify for either of these, they may be able to access our own dedicated Hardship Fund.





## Careers

We are here to help each and every student achieve their vision for the future. Our Careers team provide a wide range of support and advice to help you to progress with confidence to your chosen destination, whether this be university, an apprenticeship, or the world of work. You will have regular contact with the team throughout your HNC journey, and opportunities include one to one bookable appointments, workshops, support with job applications and weekly careers related bulletins. The team also host and arrange a wide range of experiences including regular visits and exhibitions from relevant organisations, employers and universities.

[Click here to watch a video about the Careers support available at HNC](#)



*Imogen David*

*“During my HNC journey I found my feet, and decided what I wanted to do after A Levels. This ended up being significantly different from my initial career plan when I started! College supported me to decide on the right next steps for me, and I benefitted hugely from the support of the careers team. They also helped me to secure work experience, and although I am a little nervous about starting my degree, I genuinely feel ready for my next steps.”*

**Studied:**

A Level Psychology  
Applied Health and Social Care

**Destination:**

Psychology at the University of Manchester







## Learning Support Centre

Our Learning Support Centre (LSC) supports all students, irrespective of academic grade profile, ambitions or learning support needs. The LSC offers a range of services, including a bespoke Exams Support Programme which helps students to aim for a higher than predicted grade. The team also arrange and implement Exams Access Arrangements (including additional time), support within the classroom, and support for learning needs. These include, but are not limited to, sensory impairments, physical disabilities and English as a second language.

The LSC focuses on self-advocacy, empowering and helping you to communicate what you need from HNC to ensure we can support you to shape your own future.

*Carly Brocklehurst*

“During my time at HNC I have gained confidence in myself and my abilities. My experience has been incredibly positive, and the College ensured that my transition from school to College was seamless – I felt comfortable from the moment I started. There are also so many people who will help you to prepare for your future – I really benefitted from the support of the careers team.”

**Studied:**

A Level History  
A Level Media Studies  
A Level Photography

**Destination:**

Photography at the  
University of Huddersfield



# Join Us

**The application process depends upon the school an applicant attends. Our website contains lots of information about the interview process including the questions you'll be asked.**

**[Click here to read more](#)**



## Applying to HNC

### **Attend a 11 – 16 school in Kirklees?**

The majority of schools in Kirklees opt into the centralised 'Get Into' application system. Your school will speak to you about this, and arrange for your application to be submitted with all the information we require, including your reference and attendance information.

### **Attend a school outside of Kirklees or a school not using the Get Into application portal?**

You'll apply online at [www.huddnewcoll.ac.uk](http://www.huddnewcoll.ac.uk). Ahead of an interview being booked you'll be contacted and asked to submit a copy of your latest school report showing your predicted grades, behaviour and attendance.

### **Important information**

Applications close on Friday 2 February 2024. Your application must reach us by this date.


### **Information about your interview**


In most cases an application and submission of supporting evidence will lead to an invitation to an interview. From time to time we may not offer an applicant an interview.





## What happens at interview?

We know that coming along to a College interview can be both exciting and nerve-wracking – sometimes a mixture of the two! It is important to understand that the main focus of the interview is making sure your study programme is the right one for you and your ambitions. We also spend time ensuring that there is a good fit between you as a student and the College's values. It is important to understand that there are no competency based questions or scores. Your interview will include the following:

 A significant part of your interview will be dedicated to looking at your application choices, and if these are a good fit for your career ambitions. We'll also check that your predicted grades meet the entry criteria for the course. If they don't, we'll discuss possible suitable alternatives

 We'll also review your attendance, behaviour and school reference. We need to ensure that you are in a position to meet our ABC expectations, and can only consider making a conditional offer where a student can demonstrate that they are ready for the demands of full time, post-16 study. If your reference identifies that your behaviour, attendance or commitment is below our criteria this will not necessarily mean you won't be offered a place, but you should expect to discuss this with your interviewer

 You will also be asked a question about how you align with the College's vision and values. This is because we want to ensure you understand what is expected of you as a HNC student

 You'll be given a decision at interview (unless we require additional information before we can decide e.g. an updated school report demonstrating your grades have changed). In most cases this is a conditional offer of a place – meaning you have a place at HNC as long as you achieve the published entry criteria on GCSE Results Day

Our team are friendly and welcoming – the interview is all about making sure HNC is the right environment for you and your ambitions. It is of course also your opportunity to ask any questions!

[Click here to  
apply now](#)



# Your journey to HNC

**September  
-December  
2023**

- Explore your potential study programme
- Maintain excellent attendance, punctuality and commitment at school
- Attend our Open Events and complete your research
- Applications open on Monday 16 October. You can apply at any point from this date up until the application closing date of 2 February 2024

**January  
-February  
2024**

- Book your space at our lesson taster evening on Tuesday 23 January. These are a brilliant way to ensure you experience your study programme in action to ensure this is genuinely the right choice for you
- Remember applications close on 2 February 2024 and applications received after this date cannot be considered
- Early applicants will be invited to interview – please remember however that there is no priority for places based on interview dates

**February  
-April  
2024**

- The majority of applicants will be invited to an interview evening here at HNC
- Course change advice sessions. Thinking of changing your application choices but need some advice? You can book an appointment to see our Admissions team on 19 March
- Acceptance deadline: Friday 12 April. You must accept your place online by this date, or your offer will be withdrawn. Remember if you need more time to decide on your final choice you can accept places across multiple providers

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- Good luck in your journey
- You'll be invited to an online College pre-enrolment session, complete some pre-enrolment tasks and upload your documents

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- Join us for Hudd Fest, our welcome event for all students who have accepted a place at HNC on Thursday 11 July
- Continue to prepare for life at College by completing the HNC @ Home activities

- Thursday 22 August: GCSE Results Day. You'll need to upload your results online as part of enrolment. This means that you don't need to come on Campus to enrol but you must be available via telephone for the duration of enrolment in case we need to contact you

- The compulsory Induction Day for new students will be Monday 2 September  
\*Please check our website for further information. All Year 12 students are required to attend the compulsory Induction Day







*Useful*  
**information**

# Travelling to HNC

## Bus routes

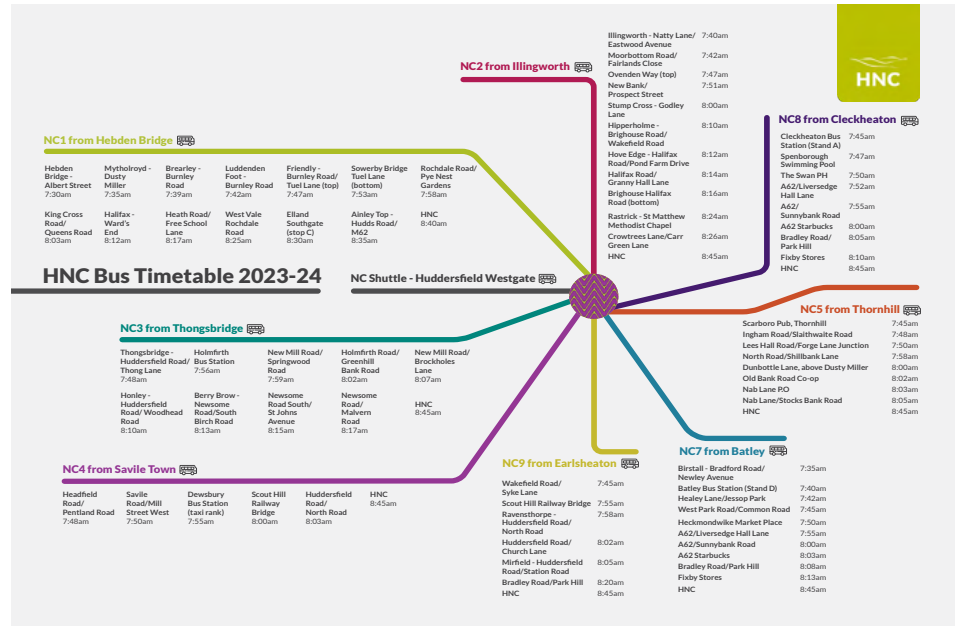
The dedicated NC bus service runs across Calderdale and Kirklees, making getting to HNC simple. The NC buses are a subsidised service, and are exclusively for the use of HNC students with a valid termly or annual bus pass. Our bursary scheme may be able to support students with the cost of travel to HNC. The route map opposite shows the NC routes available, and the current pick up times. All buses depart HNC at the end of the College day at 4.25pm and these routes are completed in reverse.

## Public transport

HNC is around 8 -10 minutes from Huddersfield town centre. Frequent buses operated by local providers run directly outside the College. This includes the direct shuttle service. Please note that the College does not subsidise or run this shuttle bus service, therefore the availability is determined by First Bus.

## Travelling by car

Limited onsite parking is available for students. Students can apply for a permit for the student carpark. Permits are issued on a termly basis, to ensure all students have the opportunity of obtaining a permit. Where the requests for permits exceed the number available, students are selected via a ballot process.



## PROSPECTUS 2024 ENTRY

*All the information in this prospectus is accurate at time of publication, any changes will be communicated via our website.*

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