



KendalCollege

Welcome to Kendal College

Your college journey starts here!

Inside this pack, you'll find all the key information you need to prepare for September 2026.

Remember, we're available all summer long, so feel free to reach out if there's anything you'd like to ask.





Hello <<name>>,
Your Enrolment Day is <<date>>

Please arrive between
<<time>> at the <<campus>>

Your personal student ID
number is <<student number>>

Welcome from the Principal

Firstly, congratulations on securing a place on your chosen course and thank you for choosing Kendal College.

We are delighted that you will be joining us in September for the next stage of your educational journey. Starting college is an exciting time and we hope you are already getting a sense of our welcoming and supportive community.

Kendal College has a strong reputation for excellence, creativity, care and achievement. As Principal, I am incredibly proud of the engaging courses we offer, the quality of our specialist facilities and the expertise and commitment of our staff. Our goal is to help every learner succeed, reach their potential and progress confidently to their next step, whether that is employment, an apprenticeship, higher education or further study.

Our values are central to everything we do. **We strive for excellence, act with integrity and lead with inclusion.** This means maintaining high standards while providing the guidance, care and encouragement you need to succeed. We want you to develop the skills, confidence and resilience to make the most of future opportunities.

College life is about more than your qualification. You will have opportunities to take part in enrichment activities, work with employers, build friendships and develop wider skills. We want you to leave Kendal College with strong achievements, greater confidence and a clear sense of what you can achieve.

Thank you again for choosing Kendal College. I look forward to welcoming you in September.

Jason Turton, Principal

Preparing for Enrolment Day

We are delighted that you have chosen Kendal College and look forward to welcoming you as a student.

Please set aside 2 hours for the completion of the enrolment process, although in most cases the time will be much less than this.

Please come to the Welcome Desk at your allotted time and bring with you:

- Your full exam results including English & Maths GCSEs (please bring your Candidate Statements of Provisional Results).
- Phone numbers for you and your emergency contact.
- Email addresses for you and your parents or guardians.
- Evidence of identification, e.g. bank card, driving licence, passport or national insurance card.
- Any fees and/or completed forms requested by your courses (if applicable) e.g. workshop fees for Art & Design, Performing Arts and Theatre, Event Technology & Stage Management.

Please note:

Due to summer refurbishment works at the Westmorland Campus, enrolment for Westmorland learners will take place at our Milnthorpe Road Campus.

What to expect on Enrolment Day

- Your exam results will be checked by the team - if you haven't met the entry requirements, you will be given information & advice about other courses available.
- Enrol onto your course.
- Receive your induction timetable.
- Have your photo taken for your identity card.
- Collect a car parking permit, £1 (if relevant).
- Pick up your bus pass (if relevant).

Tutors and Student Experience staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the day or are unable to attend your appointment, please email: hello@kendal.ac.uk or phone: 01539 814700.

Key diary dates 2026-2027

Autumn term:

Enrolment weeks
Weeks commencing 17th August & 24th August 2026

Induction week
Wednesday 2nd September 2026:
First Year students, A-level Year 2 and T-Levels return

Thursday 3rd September 2026:
A-Levels/Business & Health students based at
Westmorland Campus only return

Term starts
Monday 7th September 2026:
Other second year students return

Staff CPD Day (College Closed)
Tuesday 13th October 2026

Half term
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Wellbeing Day (College Closed)
Friday 4th December 2026

Teaching ends
Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term:
Inset Day (College Closed)
Monday 4th January 2027

Teaching begins
Tuesday 5th January 2027

Staff CPD Day (College Closed)
Thursday 28th January 2027

Half term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Wellbeing Day (College Closed)
Tuesday 9th March 2027

Teaching ends - Good Friday (College Closed)
Friday 26th March 2027

Easter Break (College Closed)
Monday 29th March 2027- Friday 9th April 2027



Summer term:

Teaching begins
Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday (College Closed)
Monday 3rd May 2027

Half term
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Teaching ends
Friday 18th June 2027

Getting to college

There are many transport options available to students, including:

- A Monday-Friday term time bus pass, available from College
- Flexible 7-day bus passes, available from Stagecoach
- County Council transport, criteria applies
- Car sharing, for 18+ students
- Driving - car parking permits are available for the Milnthorpe Road Campus (£1).
- For the Arts & Media Campus and Westmorland Campus, the Westmorland Shopping Centre offers an 'Early bird' tariff: £1 for all day parking if purchased between 7am-9am.
- Cycling: cycle bays available
- Stagecoach £3 single fares-

Find out more by scanning this QR code.



Travel Costs

We understand that travel costs can be a concern. Financial support may be available to help with bus and transport expenses for students from low-income households or those experiencing financial hardship.

For more information and application forms, head to: www.kendal.ac.uk/studentmoney or scan this QR code.



Our 3 Campuses

We have three campuses here at Kendal College for you to explore and enjoy throughout your time with us. Each of our campuses offers its own distinctive facilities, creative learning spaces and opportunities that help you develop your skills and build meaningful connections throughout your time with us. As you explore Kendal College, you'll discover where your studies will take place, the specialist areas available to you and the vibrant student community shared across all three sites.

Milnthorpe Road Campus

Our Milnthorpe Road Campus is our largest site - a dynamic hub for technical, vocational and professional training. From engineering workshops and construction bays to salons, kitchens and animal care facilities, the campus mirrors real-world workplaces. Students gain practical skills and confidence through hands-on learning and community engagement, with many departments offering public-facing services. It's a busy, purposeful environment that prepares learners for employment, progression and success in their chosen careers. This campus also includes our fantastic Learning Resource Centre (LRC), where you can study in a calm, welcoming environment with access to careers resources, books, and IT facilities to support your learning.



Arts & Media Campus

The Allen Building is Kendal College's creative heart - a lively, expressive space where heritage meets innovation. Housed in a distinctive Victorian building connected to Kendal Museum, the campus blends historic character with modern studios and performance spaces. Students here thrive in a hands-on, collaborative environment across disciplines such as Performing Arts, Music, Art & Design, Film, Photography and Games. With venues like The Box Theatre and Wildman Street Studios, it's a vibrant community full of energy, creativity and personality.

Westmorland Campus

Located in the centre of Kendal, the Westmorland Campus offers a calm, modern learning environment with a growing identity. As the home of KCSixth, it provides a focused, academic atmosphere for A-Levels, Access to Higher Education and professional courses, as well as a new Health Hub. Its setting within a commercial complex gives students easy access to town amenities while maintaining a professional, forward-looking feel. This adaptable campus continues to expand, as part of an exciting, ongoing development that will create even more specialist learning spaces, enhanced facilities and industry-standard environments for students in the years ahead. The artist's impression on the right gives a glimpse of what's waiting for you when you arrive.





Welcome to Milnthorpe Road Campus

Our Milnthorpe Road Campus is conveniently located to the south of Kendal and is just a 15-minute walk into town. The campus offers a wide variety of courses, as well as professional public facilities for the community to enjoy.



Here's an overview of the facilities and support available to you:

Ground floor:

Student Experience & Reception

Our Student Experience team can give you information, advice and guidance on any aspect of college, e.g. courses, finance, wellbeing, transport, childcare and much more.

The House of Hair and Beauty

The House of Hair and Beauty is somewhere you can come and enjoy a wide range of modern hairdressing and beauty treatments. Pamper packages are available. As a student, you will receive 25% off hairdressing services & beauty treatments and 10% off any products.

Book your visit by scanning the QR code or visiting:
<https://kendal.ac.uk/public-facilities/house-of-hair-and-beauty>



1st floor:

Learning Centre

The Learning Centre is the information hub of the college and has a range of printed and online materials to aid your studies.

Our Careers Guidance team are based here, and can support you with work placements, job & university applications and exploring your career options.

Network Team

The team are here to support you with any IT and technical issues.

Contact helpdesk@kendal.ac.uk
 or 01539 814783.

2nd floor:

The Café

In the Café, you will find comfy sofas and a large balcony with views of Kendal Castle. You are welcome to bring your own packed lunch or purchase food from the café. There is a wide choice of food including healthy, local and Fairtrade produce throughout the day. Every dietary requirement can be catered for, and they have a dedicated chef to ensure quality food is served. There are also various vending machines available.

The Restaurant

The college runs a fine-dining restaurant which is open for lunch Tuesday-Thursday and Tuesday evenings. Bookings can be made at Reception. It's the perfect place for a treat or celebration!

Book your visit by scanning the QR code or visiting:
<https://kendal.ac.uk/public-facilities/the-restaurant>





English & Maths

English and Maths are key to progressing into university, apprenticeships and employment. That's why we're committed to helping every student achieve a GCSE Grade 4 or above in both subjects.

If you're under 19 and haven't yet achieved a GCSE Grade 4, you'll study English and/or Maths as part of your programme, with 2.5 hours of lessons each week taught by specialist teachers.

Students aged 19+ or those who have already achieved a Grade 4 (C) or above can choose to retake GCSE English or Maths. Resits are available for £200 per subject.

Alongside your lessons, you'll have access to online resources through Microsoft Teams, plus revision and support sessions to help you achieve your best.

Just ask our Student Experience Team for more information.



Financial support

We understand that financial difficulties can sometimes be a concern. Support is available for students from low-income households or those experiencing financial hardship, helping to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to succeed in their studies. Financial support is available for things like transport, childcare, meals, equipment and trips.

Please read the guidance on our website before submitting your application:
www.kendal.ac.uk/studentmoney



Please return your completed application form, and copies of your relevant evidence, to Reception or post to: Student Experience, Kendal College, Milnthorpe Road, Kendal, LA9 5AY.

Childcare

If you need childcare or assistance with the cost of childcare for children up to the age of 15, funding support payment to nurseries, childminders or even an after-school club or babysitter. Please contact our Student Experience Team for advice and an application form.

Residential support

The Residential Support Scheme can help with accommodation costs if the course you want to study isn't available within reasonable travelling distance of your home. For more information, speak to our Student Experience Team or scan the QR code to visit the Government website.



Equal opportunities

Kendal College is committed to treating all students equally regardless of gender, marital status, race or colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, political or religious beliefs and unrelated criminal convictions, or other specific factors which could result in discrimination.

The College has an Equality policy to help us achieve equality for all, recognising the key protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010. Equality and Diversity will be an important part of your own training and we expect you to do all you can to support our culture of access to learning.

Please talk to a Student Adviser and/or tutor if you have specific requests or requirements in regard to any protected characteristic.

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage or civil partnership (in employment only)
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation



Find out more about our ethos, values and policies by scanning the QR code.



Bursary Application Form 2026-27

For full-time & part-time students on further education funded courses

This application should be completed by the student.

If you need assistance please contact us on: **01539 814700** or bursary@kendal.ac.uk

Section 1, About you:

Name: Address:
Date of Birth: Age (31st August 2026)
Contact Number:

Have you been living in the United Kingdom (and have settled status) for the past 3 years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Course Title: ☐ First Year ☐ Second Year

Personal Tutor (if known):

Please tick the statements that apply to you and please list anyone you live with, and their relationship to you:

☐	I live with a Parent or Guardian.	
☐	I live in my own rented or bought housing.	
☐	I live in supported housing.	
☐	I care for a member of my household.	
	Other, please specify:	

If you are 16-18 years old, tick the below if any of these apply:

☐	I am a young person in care.
☐	I am a care leaver.
☐	I am receiving Universal Credit because I am financially supporting myself (or financially supporting myself and someone who is dependant on me and living with me such as a child or partner.)

You will need to include evidence of the above with your application, for example, a letter from your social worker confirming that you are in care or a care leaver, alternatively a copy of your most recent Universal Credit statement.

If you have ticked any of these statements go straight to section 3.

Section 2, Personal finance:

If you are 16 to 18 and living with a parent or guardian, they should complete this section of the form.

If you are 19 to 25 and living with a parent or guardian and are unwaged or earning less than £7500, they should complete this section of the form.

If you are 19 to 25 and working (earning over £7500), you should complete the below based on your income.

If you are 25+, you should complete the below based on your income.

Do you receive income based benefits? If yes completed part A, if no complete part B:

Part A - Please tick if you receive:

- ☐ Income Support
- ☐ Jobseeker’s Allowance
- ☐ Employment and Support Allowance
- ☐ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☐ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ☐ Child Tax Credit
- ☐ Working Tax Credit
- ☐ Universal Credit

PART B – Please complete as applicable:

Your Net-Annual Income:

Your Partners Net-Annual Income (if applicable):

Evidence:

If you receive UNIVERSAL CREDIT this is the evidence we require, one notice must be from July onwards.

- Waged - Please send the last 3 UC monthly award notices showing the full breakdown.
- Unwaged - Please send the latest monthly award notice showing the full breakdown

If you are not receiving UC but receiving other UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS such as,

- Income Support
- Jobseeker Allowance
- Employment and Support allowance

We require your benefit letter, this should be dated from July 2026 onwards, If your letter is dated earlier in 2026 please submit this along with your latest bank statement, showing that you are still receiving the benefit.

If you receive neither of the above but receive CHILD and /or WORKING TAX CREDITS (even if you are working) please submit this as evidence, the letter should be for 2026-27 and include all pages.

If you are WORKING and not receiving any of the above, we require from you and your partner (if applicable):

- Two recent payslips (one of which must be July 2026 onwards)
- One month’s bank statement that covers July 2026 onwards showing the wage being received.

Section 3, Student bank details:

If you are awarded any funding we may pay this directly into your account, please complete the following:

This must be the students bank details.

Name of account holder:

Account number:

Sort Code:

Section 4, Other support:
You must answer all the following questions:

- Do you have an Education Health Care Plan?

☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you currently get Free School Meals

☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you have caring responsibilities and indentify as a young carer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 5, Assistance required:
Completing this application is not a guarantee of money being awarded.

Items bought through the Bursary Fund remain the property of Kendal College and must be returned in good condition upon the completion of your course. If your attendance falls below 85% any money awarded may be withheld, including childcare.

Please tick the item/s you are applying for:

☐ Childcare

☐ Meals

☐ Trip costs

☐ Laptop

☐ Course fees (19+ Students on a Level 1 or 2 Programme)

☐ Emergency living costs (if homeless or applying for supported housing)

☐ Rent, through the Residential Support Scheme (we require a copy of your tenancy agreement)

☐ Other (please specify):

☐ Bus pass

☐ Equipment

☐ Uniform

☐ Mileage

☐ Other (please specify):

Please let us know if you need any additional finance support to complete your work placement (travel)

Have you already made FULL or PART payment towards any of these items: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “YES” please state the full amount: (please provide receipts)

Evidence:

If you have made payment towards any of these items please provide receipts.

Bus pass information:

In order to apply for a bus pass you will also be required to complete an application form, these are available from Student Services or the college website.

Childcare information:

You will be required to ask your childcare provider to complete an application form, these are available from Student Services. Once complete, please submit this to us with a copy of your child’s/children’s birth certificate.

Section 6, Supporting statements:

Funding cannot be granted on the basis of income related evidence alone. There must also be proof of hardship; this means you must tell us why without financial support you may be unable to complete and succeed on your course. We require a statement from both the student and a Parent, Guardian or Support Worker. Without this we will not be able to process the application.

Student statement:

Parent, guardian or support worker statement:

Section 7, Declaration:
Please read all the following statements:

It is my responsibility to inform the Student Services Team if I withdraw from my course and/or if my circumstances change. I understand that I may be required to pay back some or all of the money awarded and any fees outstanding to the College, as per the college fees policy 2026/27.

I understand that if my monthly attendance level falls below 85%, I may lose payment.

I understand that if my application for financial assistance is unsuccessful or successful in part, I will be liable for all outstanding fees related to my course(s) and it is my responsibility to pay these outstanding fees upon request.

I understand that items bought through these funds remain the property of the College and should be returned to the College in a good condition at the end of the course.

Applications are only seen by staff involved in the delivery of these funds. From time to time it may be necessary for additional supporting information to be sought from other college staff in order for a decision to be made.

Kendal College is committed to compliance and to the protection of personal data as specified in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We only hold personal information relevant to your interest in the College, we will store the data securely and will only retain it for the duration required for the purpose of its capture or a statutory period as laid down by legislation or other formal obligation. Our full privacy statement is available at www.kendal.ac.uk/privacy.

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate. I am aware that I could face prosecution if I give false information and would need to repay any monies given.

If you accept and understand these statements please sign below:

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Date:

We are required to have these signatures before we are able to process your application.

Information:

Please return this application, in-person or by post, to Student Services, Kendal College, Milnthorpe Road, Kendal LA9 5AY.

We are unable to assess your application if it is incomplete or missing the relevant evidence, consequently, this will delay a decision.

Once all funds have been allocated, no further requests can be supported.

Students are advised that they can appeal to the Principal within ten-days of receipt of the letter notifying them of the decision if they are dissatisfied.

What happens next?

1) Your application will be assessed.

2) You will be notified of the decision by POST.

3) If you need to apply for additional items throughout the year you can collect the relevant forms from Student Services, you will be notified of the decision by COLLEGE EMAIL.

4) We are unable to give items to applicants prior to enrolment been completed.



Your feedback
& ideas

- Kendal College is YOUR college, so your views and ideas are fundamental. We encourage you to let us know what you think by:
- Completing surveys
 - Becoming a class rep and member of Student Council
 - Taking part in focus groups & meetings
 - Becoming a Student Governor
 - Gain experience, meet others and boost your CV.
- If you are interested, speak to your course tutor or ask the Student Experience Team. Elections for Class Reps & Student Governors take place in the Autumn Term.

Inclusion Services

We provide a wrap-around service, from application to qualification, for students with a range of disabilities or learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, a physical or sensory condition or a mental health need that impacts on learning.

Support is tailored on an individual basis depending on need, in order to access the most effective support for you.

Examples of support types we can offer include:

- In-class support
- Help with writing, spelling and reading at all levels
- The use of enabling technologies, such as software to scan and read back text on a computer
- Advice on planning and structuring essays and assignments and managing your time
- Developing confidence to study at a higher level
- Adaptation of learning materials
- Assessment for exam access arrangements

Contact us at learningservices@kendal.ac.uk or find out more by scanning the QR code:



Diversity & Inclusion
Student Group

At Kendal College, we want everyone to feel safe and seen, so they can come to study knowing they can be their best self. Nobody should ever feel like they have to hide a part of themselves, or worry about being bullied or mistreated because of something that makes them who they are.

Our Diversity and Inclusion Student Group meets once a month and provides a safe, confidential space for students to discuss any D&I concerns they might have, or ideas to promote Diversity and Inclusion within the college.

The Student Group works directly with the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee - a dedicated team of Kendal College staff who are here to listen and pro-actively address any issues students raise.

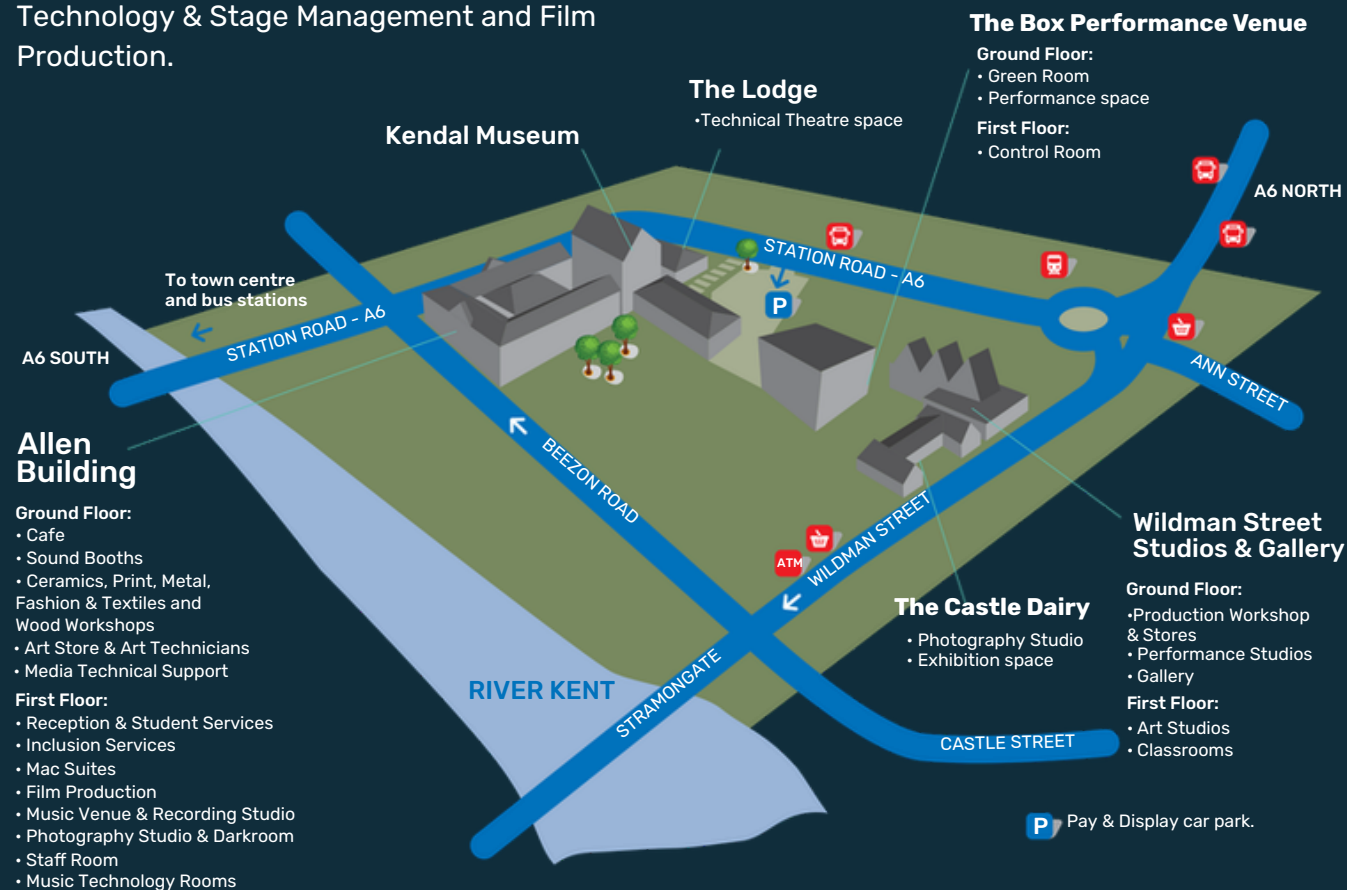
If you're interested in learning more, or if you'd like to be part of a more specialist group, please email diversity@kendal.ac.uk or talk to your tutor, or our Student Experience team.





Welcome to Arts & Media Campus

A vibrant and creative campus near the town centre, offering a range of courses within Art & Design, Games & Concept Art, Music, Performing Arts, Theatre Event Technology & Stage Management and Film Production.



Discover Industry-Standard Creative Facilities

Our Arts and Media Campus offers an inspiring creative environment packed with specialist facilities designed to help you develop your skills and prepare for a career in the creative industries.

Students have access to professional photography studios and darkrooms, a dedicated film suite, construction workshop, recording studios, music technology rooms, and performance spaces including The Box Performance Venue and Wildman Street Studios. For aspiring artists and designers, the campus features specialist workshops for ceramics, printmaking, fashion and textiles, metalwork and woodwork, alongside spacious art studios and dedicated exhibition spaces.

The campus is home to Wildman Street Studios & Gallery, providing real-world creative spaces for production, performance and showcasing student work, while The Castle Dairy offers additional photography and exhibition facilities. Modern Mac suites, media support services and industry-standard equipment ensure students gain hands-on experience using the tools professionals use every day.

Located close to Kendal town centre and the River Kent, the campus combines a vibrant creative atmosphere with excellent transport links, making it the perfect place to develop your creativity, collaborate with like-minded students and bring your ideas to life.

Find out more

Discover what life is like as a student with us by exploring our YouTube channel.



Student Wellbeing

What is wellbeing?

Wellbeing is all about how you feel about your life, your studies and your overall health. Everyone's wellbeing looks different and it's normal for it to change from time to time. If you're feeling stressed, overwhelmed, anxious or finding it difficult to focus on your studies, your wellbeing may need some extra attention and support. The good news is that you don't have to manage this alone.

How do we support your wellbeing?

At Kendal College, your wellbeing matters to us. Your Course Tutor is your first point of contact if something is affecting your learning, concentration or overall college experience. They are there to listen, offer guidance and help you access the support you need.

We also encourage all students to explore our wellbeing tab on the MyKC app, which you will gain access to once enrolled. Available 24/7, it provides a wide range of advice, resources and support tailored specifically for Kendal College students, including information on:

- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and accommodation
- LGBTQ+ support
- Money and budgeting
- Employment and work
- Relationships and much more

Wellbeing appointments

If you need a little extra support, our 1-to-1 Wellbeing Service is here to help.

Wellbeing appointments provide a confidential, non-judgemental space where you can talk openly about any concerns affecting your wellbeing. Our team will listen, help you explore your options and support you in finding the most appropriate services and resources to meet your needs.

Remember - reaching out for support is a positive step, and we're here to help you make the most of your time at Kendal College. Find out more by scanning the QR code:



Totum Card



The College is linked to the National Union of Students which means you can get the NUS Totum Card - giving you access to loads of savings on the high street and online. For more info and to purchase your card (£14.99 for 12 months) see: www.totum.com or scan the QR code to find out more.

Enrichment Activities & Clubs

Make the most of your time at college!

College is about more than just your course. Our enrichment programme gives you the chance to try something new, meet new people and develop skills that will benefit you long after college.

By getting involved, you can:

- Meet students from other courses and make new friends
- Develop new skills and discover new interests
- Enhance your CV, university applications and employment prospects
- Build confidence and gain valuable life experience
- Choose from a wide range of activities, including cooking, photography, car maintenance and much more!

Enrichment activities, including Clubs, begin after the October half-term break. Speak to your tutor to find out what's available and how to get involved.

Student Ambassadors

As a Student Ambassador you will:

- Make a real impact by supporting college staff in promoting the college
- Feel confident from day one with full training and ongoing support
- Enjoy team socials and activities, with expenses (like transport) covered
- Boost your CV and gain valuable, transferable skills
- Be part of a fantastic community and meet students from across the college
- Make new friends
- Represent the college at exciting events and opportunities
- Get exclusive merch - including T-shirts or hoodies

See the 'Student Life' pages at www.kendal.ac.uk/welcome for further information and an application pack, or scan the QR code.



Careers & Futures

Your Future Starts Here...

At Kendal College, we're committed to helping you explore your options, build confidence and take the next step towards a successful future.

Whether you're planning for university, employment, apprenticeships or something completely different, our dedicated Careers Team is here to support you every step of the way.

What support is available?

Throughout your time at college, you'll have access to a wide range of careers guidance and development opportunities, including:

- Inspiring careers talks and guest speakers
- Interactive workshops
- One-to-one careers guidance appointments
- Tailored careers sessions linked to your curriculum
- Support with applications, CVs, interviews and progression planning

Find out more



Everything we do at college is focused on developing your skills and experience for your future employment and further study.

The 'Your Bright Future' website includes information about all the opportunities available, how to make a decision and an online jobs board. Visit yourbrightfuture.kendal.ac.uk or scan the QR code.



The college also has a dedicated Student Experience Team who, along with your Personal Tutor, will support you to explore your careers options. We also work with a range of local organisations like Inspira - Inspira offer independent advice and guidance: www.inspira.org.uk, and Hello Future can support you to explore higher levels of study: www.hellofuture.ac.uk

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<<Address>>
<<Postcode>>

Open me for your
enrolment
information!



Find & follow us on our socials!