

# SCHOOLS LIAISON SERVICE

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*Everyone*







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# Welcome

As a leading education provider across South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire regions, the RNN Group; incorporating Rotherham College, North Notts College, Dearne Valley College and University Centre Rotherham, are committed to providing a comprehensive service to all schools, sixth forms, local authorities and the wider community.

The Schools Liaison team aims to raise young people's aspirations and awareness of the opportunities that further and higher education can offer. Our goal is to enable young people to make informed choices about their future.

Our team are all experienced and qualified in delivering Information, Advice and Guidance in order to ensure we are providing young people with comprehensive information about the different study routes we offer by delivering a range of careers-related activities.

We can deliver a variety of sessions at any of our campuses or at your school.

This includes:

- Taster days
- Assemblies
- Careers fairs
- Application sessions
- Tours
- Mock interviews.

Our team can also support with:

- Sending regular application and interview reports to help track students applications, all the way through to enrolment
- Support students to apply, change any application details and request further interviews

**To arrange an activity or to find out more, please contact us on:**

**01709 513333 Ext 1010**  
**[schoolevents@rnngroup.ac.uk](mailto:schoolevents@rnngroup.ac.uk)**





# What does the college group offer?

## VOCATIONAL COURSES

We offer a variety of career-focused courses where students select one course, and study this in detail. Students build practical knowledge, skills and behaviour to prepare them for their career progression and next steps into industry.

Benefits include:

- A range of assessments throughout our programmes such as coursework, practical work and group-work, meaning students are assessed throughout their time at college
- Industry-standard facilities including The Wharnccliffe restaurant, Hair and Beauty Salons, Sport Centres, construction workshops and a studio theatre to allow students to learn in real-life working environments
- Industry-experienced tutors

## APPRENTICESHIPS

Our apprenticeships combine a real job with quality education. Apprentices will typically work four days a week in industry and one day a week they are provided with off-the-job training to enable them to gain the knowledge and skills they need in their workplace.

Applicants are expected to actively seek an employer to complete their apprenticeship with, while our Apprenticeship Team supports applicants in this process. Our Apprenticeship Team assesses applicants, submit applications to relevant employers on their behalf and hold events to prepare applicants for interview.

## T LEVELS

We will be delivering T Levels from September 2023. These qualifications offer students a mixture of classroom learning and an industry placement of 315 hours (45 days), where students are fully integrated into the workplace.

We will be delivering T Levels in Construction, Digital, Education and Health.

Please check our website for the latest information.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

University Centre Rotherham is a modern, state-of-the-art campus in the heart of Rotherham, providing an affordable, friendly and flexible route to gaining top-quality degrees.

Our Level 4 to Level 7 courses allow students to develop sought-after skills in a range of sectors through our departments.

Our higher level and degree qualifications are accredited by partner universities including Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Hull and the University of Huddersfield. We understand that not everyone wishes to move away to study, so we provide high-quality degrees on the doorstep of our local communities.

We offer some of our degree programmes at our College campuses, in order to make best use of our fantastic facilities. For example, Sport Science and Animal Management are hosted at Dearne Valley College. We pride ourselves on our industry-experienced lecturers, excellent employer links and diverse student experience through guest lectures and educational trips.



# How we can help you meet your Gatsby benchmarks

There are eight benchmarks set out as a framework for improving school careers provision. We can help support you to meet the benchmarks, allowing you to deliver good careers guidance to your students.

## 1. A stable careers programme

We can offer a range of activities in your school and in college to add to the variety of careers activities your school provides.

## 2. Learning from career and labour market information

Our website is full of useful information on careers including an interactive quiz to suggest suitable careers.

## 3. Addressing the needs of each pupil

Support needs to be tailored to the needs of each student. We can meet with students on an individual basis for college tours to speak to them about how college can support them.

We challenge stereotypes by celebrating the success of all of our students and can share examples of

what your students have gone on to do since leaving your school, in the form of posters and success stories.

We aim to raise aspirations through promoting our local university offer, showing students that they can access high quality and supported higher education without moving away, which can help to remove barriers.

We are able to provide schools with information on students from application to enrolment to help schools track the destinations of their pupils.

## 4. Linking curriculum learning to careers

Our tutors have worked, and/or continue to work in the industry that they are teaching. This enables them to pass on the first-hand knowledge, skills and behaviours that are required for industry. Our programmes are closely linked with industry requirements, to give students a real impression of that sector and what it takes to pursue their career aspirations.

## 5. Encounters with employers and employees

We are proud to be part of the local communities we serve. Through our Colleges and University Centre, we work closely with local and regional employers to ensure that our offer reflects the relevant needs of employers and that our students are prepared for their bright futures.

## 6. Experiences of workplaces

Unlocking students' potential, through hands-on experience and knowledge is an integral part of our offer. By offering work experience placements for our students, at all Colleges as well as University Centre Rotherham, we provide students with a competitive edge in their field and offer them an insight into their future careers.

### AN EXAMPLE OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN OUR LAND BASED TEAM

Dearne Valley College had the pleasure of welcoming William from Eckington School to spend a week in our animal care and land based team.

He said:



I really enjoyed meeting and working with the Animal Care Team and seeing all the different types of animals the College has is very interesting.



## 7. Encounters with further and higher education

We can offer a range of activities in your school and in college to add to the variety of careers activities your school provides. See page 10 for more information.

## 8. Personal guidance

We offer personalised tours of our College campuses and University Centre, providing information and guidance on how we can support students' next steps in education and beyond.

# Activities we can offer

## TASTERS

Our College tasters are a great way for students to get a feel for college life by experiencing subject areas through practical sessions. This can assist with decision making for next steps in education, as well as inspiring, motivating and engaging students for further and higher education.

Tasters can be tailored to fit your school's requirements, whether that's an entire year group or smaller group of students, to try a specific subject area.

To support schools to bring students for College tasters, we are able to cover transport costs. The funding is available on a first come, first serve basis and will be prioritised for year 11 and year 10 students in the first instance.

We are holding taster days throughout the year.  
To book your school a place email [schoolevents@rnngroup.ac.uk](mailto:schoolevents@rnngroup.ac.uk)

## TOURS

Students can gain an insight into college life by having a tour of our facilities.

This can be bespoke to individuals interests or can be an opportunity for a group of students to view the entire college.

## OPEN EVENTS

We host Open Events throughout the year, giving students and parents the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet our industry-experienced tutors, discuss your future options and explore courses and apprenticeships that are suited to you. Students can apply for college on the day and can learn about how they will be supported from additional learning support through to finance.

Schools can also bring in a group of students which can include a presentation about college below allowing them to explore the event.

We also have on demand open event websites allowing students to view videos of tutors speaking about their courses at any time.



## CAREERS FAIRS AND PARENTS EVENINGS

We can provide support for your careers fairs, where we can offer a wide variety of services, including general information about our colleges to curriculum specific information through interactive activities.

We can also attend your school's parents evenings, where we can speak to parents and carers about their young person's future.

## GCSE OPTIONS

Choosing GCSE options is often the first major decision students will make. We can be there to support this decision making, including delivering sessions in schools with activities to get them thinking about their strengths and interests and attend parent option evenings.

## MOCK INTERVIEW SUPPORT

We are happy to support school mock interview days. We understand how important these are in providing young people the experience to practice and demonstrate key employability skills, and provide feedback so they can improve during the real thing.



# Higher education activities

University Centre Rotherham can support Schools and Sixth Forms with a range of events including parents evenings, mock interviews and careers and progression events.



## OPEN EVENTS

University Centre Rotherham hosts Open Events throughout the year, which are a great opportunity to explore our dedicated higher education campus. Visitors can take part in a tour, speak to industry experienced tutors, meet current students and receive advice on careers and student support.

More details can be found at [ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/open-events/](http://ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/open-events/)

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## CAMPUS TOURS

We offer bespoke tours on both an individual and a group basis. Students can view our fantastic facilities, which include viewing our various subject area classrooms, Mac suites, lecture rooms, social spaces, learning zones, library and our outdoor amphitheatre.



## PRESENTATIONS

We have a range of presentations that we deliver on campus to our visitors and can also share for use in Schools and Sixth Forms. We also create bespoke presentations to suit.

## HIGHER EDUCATION MASTERCLASSES

These sessions are delivered on our campus, and can include a higher education jargon buster workshop (understanding Higher Education terminology, and activities to inspire students about progression), or subject taster sessions, where students can select from a range of subjects at degree level to try.

## HIGHER EDUCATION AWAY DAY

We invite Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms to visit our University Centre to get a real feel for our campus and what we can offer. This would include presentations, tours, meeting staff and students and activities.

**To request any of the above activities, please contact us on**

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