

Welcome to the RNN GROUP New Parent / Carer Briefing



Our colleges



Our Expectations

We aim to support every learner to develop their knowledge, skills and behaviours to allow them to progress.

We expect all learners to:

- Wear their ID badge/lanyards at all times
- Not to smoke and vape
- Attend and be punctual (may affect bursary payments)
- Behave professionally at all times
- Be ready to learn with the correct resources and PPE / uniform
- Meet all deadlines and engage in all activities and opportunities presented
- Represent the college with pride and excellence
- Be the best they can be every single day and reflect...to be better the day after.

All staff and students are required to wear their own ID badge and lanyard, whilst on campus, **for your safety and security.**

£2

Temporary lanyard

£5

Replacement lanyard



**NO SMOKING
NO VAPING**



**THIS IS A SMOKE
& VAPE FREE SITE**

THANK YOU

Our Values

We Deliver
We have Integrity

We are One Team
We are Inclusive



Kind, Human and Harmless

How we treat each other defines our college experience. We use a "Relational Approach"—meaning we respect that everyone has a unique story. Remember, the little things count, and a simple hello can make a huge difference. We all have a part to play in building this community, including you.



Kind

We choose empathy and support first, rather than rushing to judgment, focusing on positive daily interactions.



Human

You and Your Young Persons unique journey and voice are important and valued here.



Harmless

We work to create a safe space where you and your young person feel respected and secure.

Our Simple Goal

To support your young person in being the best version of themselves every single day

What Teaching, Support and Development you can Expect from us for Your Learner

Your young person can study in a safe environment to allow them to develop and succeed in life.

We will do this by:

- Building confidence, resilience and self-worth
- Offering a blended learning approach
- Access to world class employers
- Completion of work-related activities, assessments, work experience and placements both local and international
- Opportunities to take part in competitions inc. inter-college, World Skills & College Competition Weeks
- Work with the local community on charity events, fundraisers, local projects & trips / visits
- Access to an extensive pastoral support and health & wellbeing services and activities
- Access to impartial careers advice and guidance including writing CV's, UCAS applications and interview techniques
- Learner voice - have their say on college life.



College Induction

College Induction lasts eight weeks which we hope will ensure your young person has everything they need to get the best out of College life during their time with us.

- Week 1 (2-4th Sept) - Getting to know college, tours, KSB information, lessons start
- Week 2 (7-11th Sept) - September sign up week for activities and clubs
- Week 3 (14-18th Sept) - Let us know how you are doing / parents evenings
- Week 4 (21-25th Sept) - Swap Don't Drop begins formally
- Week 5 (28 Sept-2nd Oct) - Careers & Skills Week - workshops, guest speakers, careers fayre, focus on Power Skills and Skills for Employment
- Week 6 (5-9th Oct) - Wellbeing week
- Week 7 (12-16th Oct) - Higher Education & Skills Week
- Week 8 (19-23rd Oct) - Celebration week before the half term holidays

Academic Course Programme Induction

Their academic programme has started with an induction / assessment period which will include:

- An introduction to the course including assignment, projects and work-related activities
- Team building activities and icebreakers, as they meet new friends, students and staff
- Navigating around campus
- An assessment schedule and what to expect
- Starting point assessment to establish them as an individual and how we can best support them in their learning journey
- A one-to-one target setting review and 'Right Course Review'

If, at any point your young person changes their mind or are undecided on their study programme within the first six weeks, they will be able to access the 'Swap Don't Drop' opportunity, which will assess their options and have a taster in another area until they find one more suitable.



Careers & Employability Hub

Contact: careersleader@rnngroup.ac.uk

- Our careers team is there for your young person when they need to make decisions about future career plans, choices and career interests. We have a team of Careers Advisers, who are committed to providing high quality, impartial and individual careers information, advice and guidance.
- Our careers and enrichment programmes are designed to engage and empower your young person by providing a variety of activities that expose them to the world of work and enable them to develop transferable / power skills. They will have the opportunity to meet a range of employers, university representatives and apprenticeship providers and to undertake work experience.
- Gatsby Benchmarks:
 - A stable careers programme
 - Learning from career and labour market information
 - Addressing the needs of each student
 - Linking curriculum learning to careers
 - Encounters with employers and employees
 - Experiences of workplaces
 - Encounters with further and higher education
 - Personal guidance



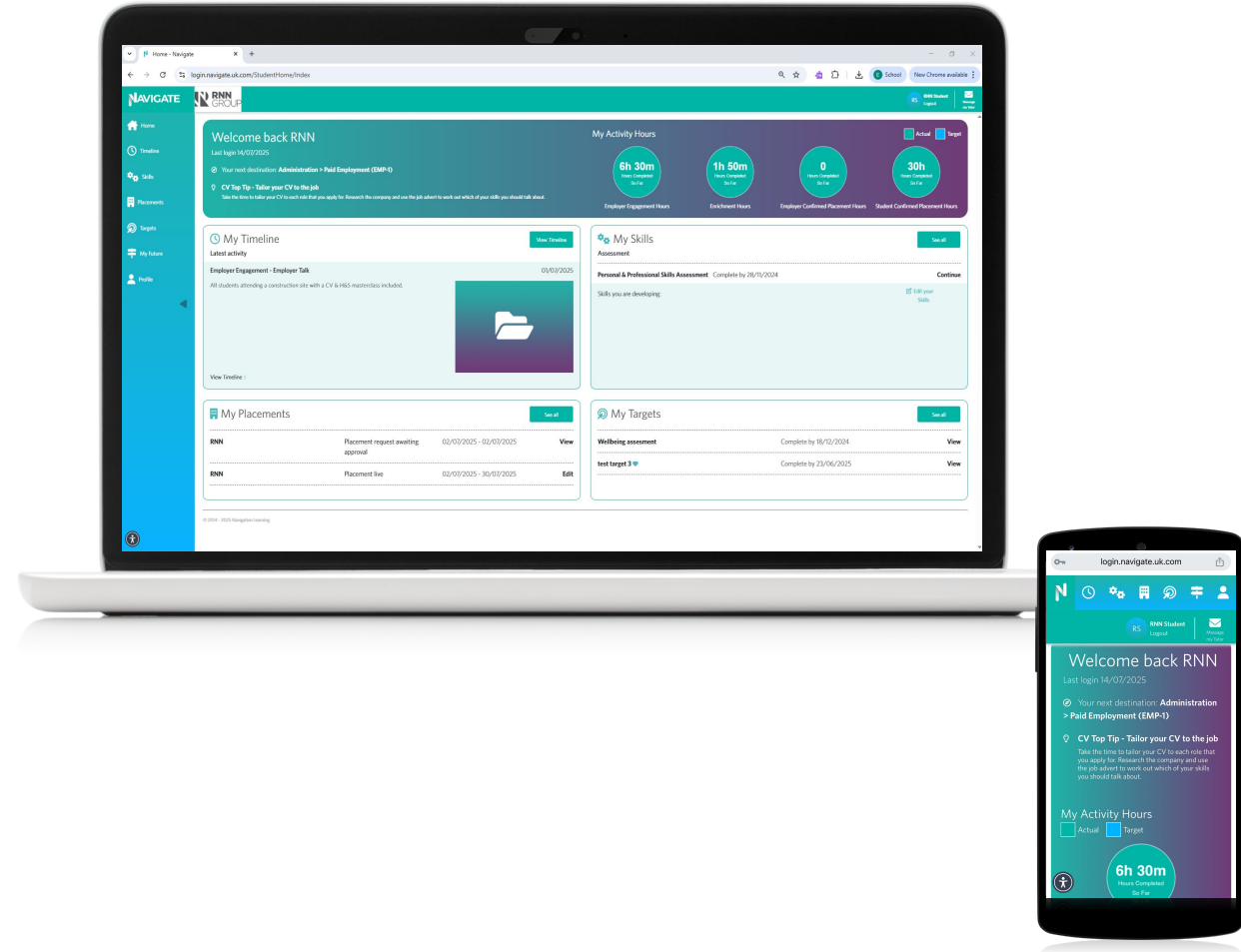


Navigate

Navigate is an online platform for students (and staff) to record any personal development throughout the year. This includes work experience hours, careers guidance, enrichment activities, employer workshops, visits or guest speakers.

Students will have a dedicated time on their timetable to review this weekly and confirm attendance at activities and work placements.

This information can be used to help with job applications, interviews, or personal statements for university.



Skills for Employment

SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Skills for employment are crucial for the future of the workplace and your place in it, for your future.

Skills for Employment is a new initiative promoted by the [RNN Group](#) to develop students' power skills / transferable skills in the workplace, developing you to be first rate employees for local businesses.

You will work to complete ten skills for employment – power skills – which will include the following skills:

- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Leadership / adaptable / flexible
- Problem solving
- Proactive / shows initiative
- Resilient
- Self-Management / hard worker / reliability
- Time Management



English and Maths

English and Maths are vital for learners to achieve their qualification. They are essential skills and required by employers and for everyday life.

If your young person has not yet achieved a grade 4, we will support them to achieve this.

If they have not got the marks/grade they want - we will help them make progress, whatever their starting points

It is **mandatory** that students attend their English and / or Maths sessions.

Sessions will work on any gaps in understanding and prepare them to sit exams either in November or June. It is **mandatory** to attend all exams.

We offer accessible catch-up coaching sessions throughout the academic year and revision classes during the half terms. **We are here to help.**



Personal Development

Personal Development is an important part of your young persons time at College and will help them develop the key (power) skills that employers will look for.

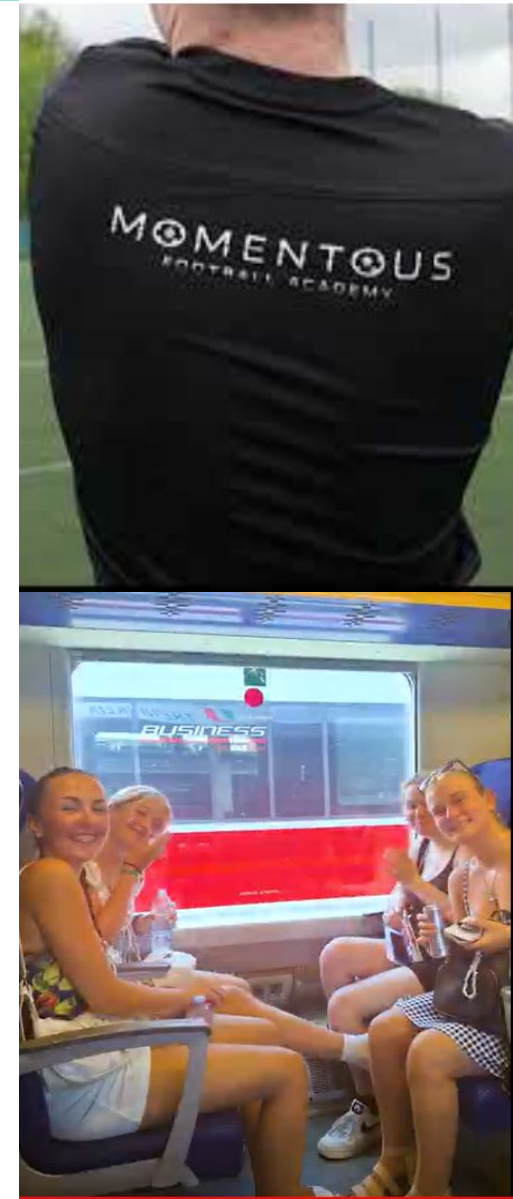
Personal Development can take many different formats and will include **taught sessions, enrichment clubs and activities, events, guest speakers and trips.**

Some of our events include September Sign Up, First Aid sessions, Macmillan coffee mornings, Inclusion week and Celebration week. Our enrichment clubs and activities start this week and we hope your young person signed up to a number of clubs during last weeks 'September Sign Up' Week.

If your young person did not see anything they wanted to be involved with they can email for any clubs/activities they would like to see on site studentactivities@rnngroup.ac.uk

They can also visit the **student portal** to keep up to date with all events and activities (QR code to access the portal can be found on the back of the card they were given at enrolment.)

Work experience is an important part of the educational experience here at the Group.



Duke of Edinburgh Award



Licensed Organisation to deliver Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

Open to all students aged 14-24.

Help to develop key skills through the 4 sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition.

Students have until Friday 25th September to apply (via the student portal).

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BRONZE AWARD			
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION
3 months	3 months	3 months	2 days 1 night
Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			

SILVER AWARD			
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION
6 months	6 OR 3 months	6 OR 3 months	3 days 2 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months			
If you didn't do BRONZE, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.			

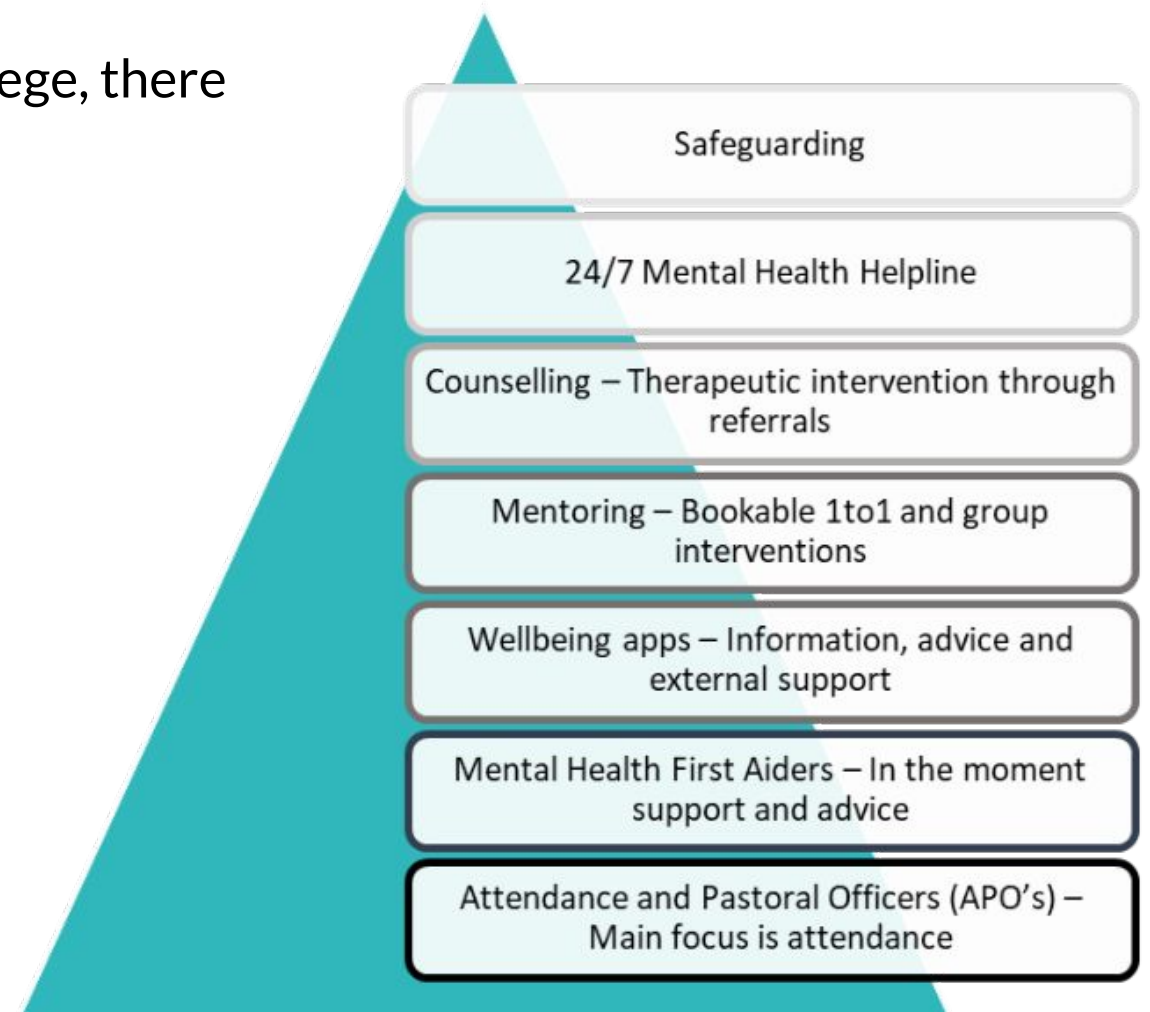
GOLD AWARD				
VOLUNTEERING	PHYSICAL	SKILLS	EXPEDITION	RESIDENTIAL
12 months	12 OR 6 months	12 OR 6 months	4 days 3 nights	5 days 4 nights
Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months				
If you didn't do SILVER, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.				

Health & Wellbeing

To ensure your young person stays well whilst at college, there is a range of wellbeing support you can access.

These include:

- Wisdom wellbeing app
- 24/7 helpline - 0800 028 3766
- Mentoring and counselling
- Wellbeing resources
- Wellbeing dogs
- Condoms and period products
- Student gym access
- Personal development activities
- Sport clubs
- Football and Golf academy
- Health and Wellbeing events



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: Additional Learning Support (ALS)

Based on a graduated response, we offer outstanding support for our learners

This could include (depending on your young persons needs):

- Person-Centred teaching and learning strategies
- Assistive technologies to develop independence in learning
- Exam Access Arrangements
- LSA out of class assignment support
- LSA in-class support
- Personal Care
- Sensory support for learners with hearing or visual impairments

Please speak with your tutor to ensure we have captured everything to provide you with every opportunity of excelling.



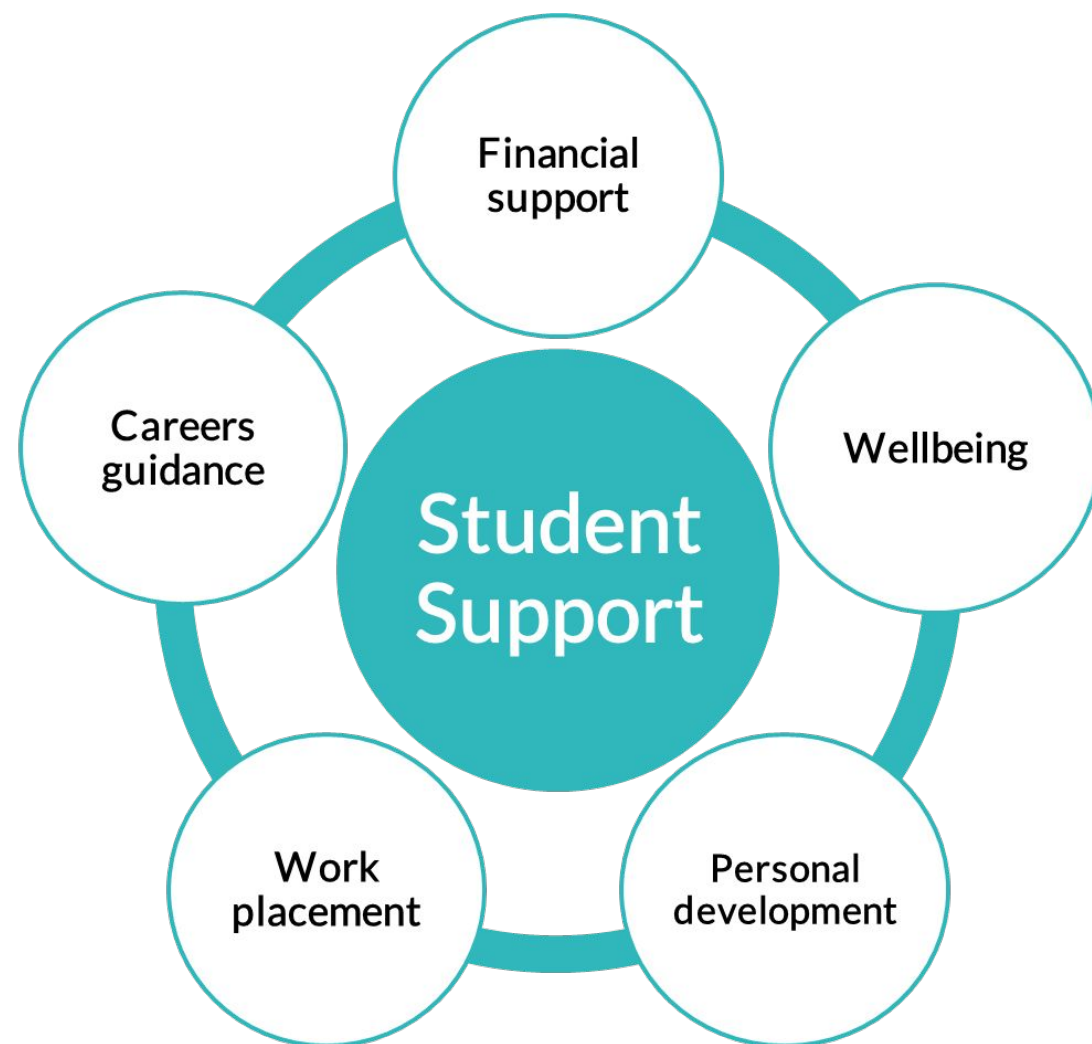
Support for Students Overview

We offer a comprehensive package of support for the learners that require it.

This includes:

- Bursary support
- Mentoring and counselling (already covered)
- Clubs and activities (already covered)
- Employability support (already covered)
- Safeguarding (more information in the next slide)

All information can be found in the **student support guide** : [Student Support Guide](#)



Safeguarding

We are dedicated to ensuring learners are protected from harm (self and others) and that we provide a safe learning environment where abusive behaviours are not tolerated.

As part of our safeguarding duty we monitor all learner devices.

We also work closely with outside agencies such as social care, police and CAMHS to offer wrap around support to our learners and their families when required.

All staff have a safeguarding duty, so please raise concerns to any member of staff or you can report directly to the Safeguarding Team

Call: 01709 722722

Email: safeguarding@rnnngroup.ac.uk

Confidential google form:



Support for Parents / Carers

We offer support for parents and carers too:.

This includes:

- Parents Evenings
- Reports
- Parent Portal
- Termly newsletters
- Dedicated parent area on the College website

All information can be found in the **parent and carer guide online:**

<https://www.rnngroup.co.uk/about-us/publications/>



Dates for Your Diary!

2026/2027 EXAM DATES

November 2026 re-sit:

English P1- 3 Nov 2026

Maths P1 – 4 Nov 2026

English P2 - 5 Nov 2026

Maths P2 - 6 Nov 2026

GCSE Exam Dates:

Maths P1 - 14 May 2027

English P1 - 24 May 2027

Maths P2 - 27 May 2027

English P2 - 8 June 2027

Parents / Carers Evenings

December 2026

DVC – Tuesday 1

December 2026

RC/NNC – Wednesday 2

December 2026

March 2027

DVC - Tuesday 23 March
2027

NNC/RC - Wednesday 24
March 2027

Open Day Dates for your Diary – 2026/7

Rotherham College

- Saturday 14th November 2026 9.30am-1pm
- Saturday 23rd January 2027 9.30am-1pm
- Saturday 13th March 2027 9.30am-12pm
- Wednesday 2nd June 2027 3.00-6:30pm

University Centre Rotherham

- Wednesday 30th September 2026,
4.30-6.30pm
- Wednesday 10th February 2027, 4.30-6.30pm
- Wednesday 19th May 2027 4.30-6.30pm

North Notts College / Dearne Valley College

- Saturday 23rd November 2026 9.30am-1pm
- Saturday 30th January 2027 9.30am-1pm
- Saturday 20th March 2027 9.30am-12pm
- Wednesday 9th June 2027 3.00-6:30pm

Thank you for listening.
Over to you for
Questions

