New College Durham

Careers Programme







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Principal's Foreword

ANDY BROADBENT // PRINCIPAL AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A message from the Principal.

At New College Durham, we are proud to create an environment where ambition is encouraged, potential is realised, and every student is empowered to progress with confidence. Our Careers Service is central to this commitment, providing high-quality guidance, meaningful opportunities, and personalised support that helps every learner make informed decisions about their future.

We understand that planning the next step can feel both exciting and challenging. That is why our approach combines expert, impartial careers advice with strong pastoral and academic support, ensuring students feel valued, supported, and inspired throughout their journey with us. Through a carefully planned programme aligned to the Gatsby Benchmarks, learners benefit from meaningful employer engagement, exposure to a wide range of progression pathways, and opportunities to develop the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to thrive in an ever-changing world of work.

Our broad and dynamic curriculum, spanning A Levels, vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, and T Levels, is developed in close partnership with employers and industry to ensure students gain relevant knowledge, experience, and career-ready skills. Learners study in exceptional facilities, including our Institute of Technology, the innovative T.H.E. Hub (Technical and Higher Education), our state-of-the-art Multi Use Games Area, the pioneering Battery Training & Skills Academy, and our Construction Centre of Excellence, all of which



reflect our continued investment in creating industry-standard learning environments that prepare students for future success.

At New College Durham, our goal is simple: to ensure every student leaves us ready to take their next step with confidence, whether that is progressing into employment, an apprenticeship, higher education, or further training. Supported by a dedicated Careers Service and an inclusive college community, our students are equipped not only with qualifications, but with the ambition, adaptability, and self-belief to succeed.

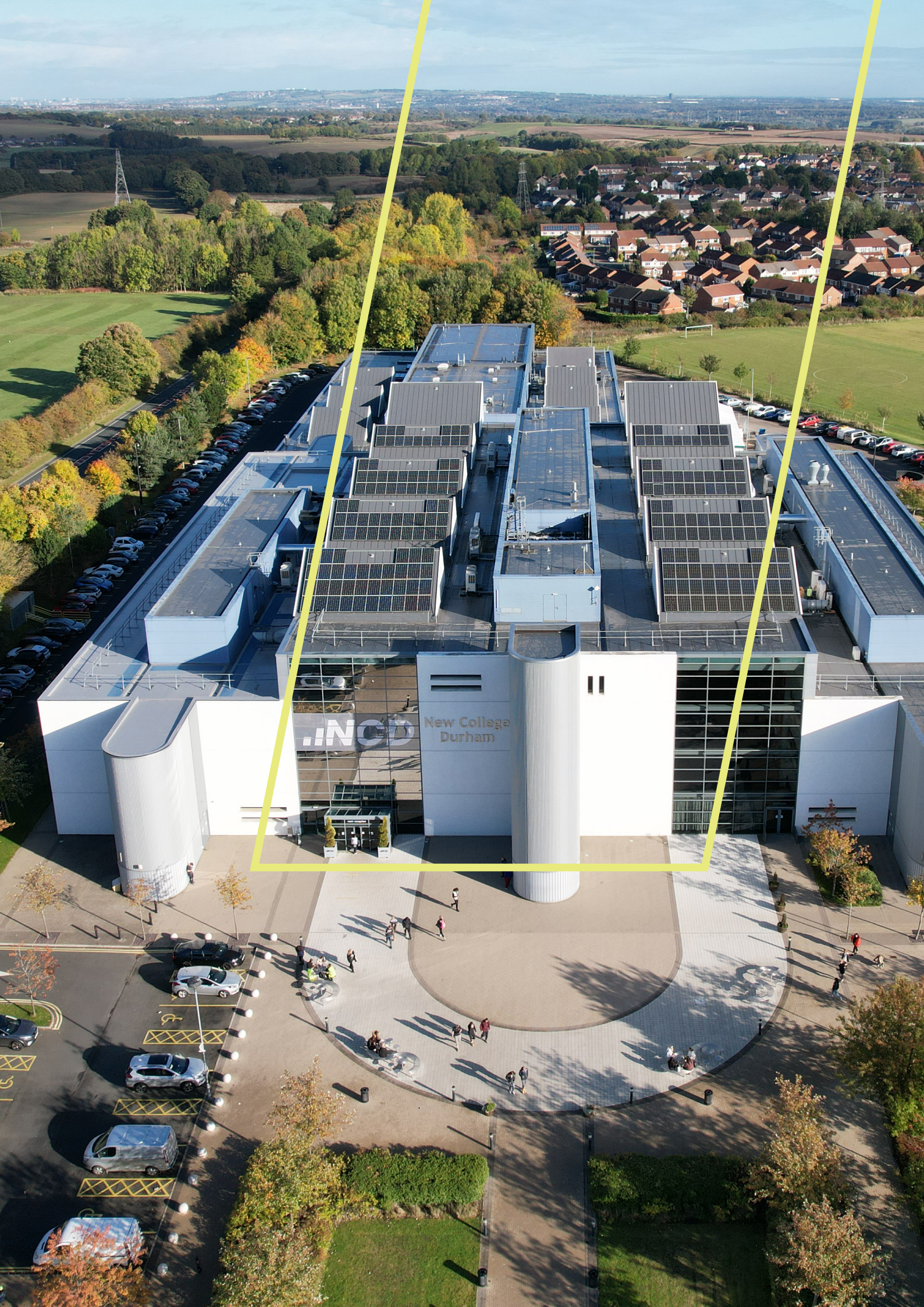


ANDY BROADBENT
Principal and Chief Executive

Top Performing College in Durham!

We achieved top 10% national performance for Further Education, for the second year running.*

*National Achievement Rate Table 24/25


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Your Career Support at New College Durham



At New College Durham, we're committed to supporting your career journey every step of the way.

Whether you're studying full-time, part-time, or as an apprentice, you can access a wide range of career support designed to help you succeed.

Here's what you can expect:

- Clear information on available support from both the ASC (Advice Support Careers) team and your course tutor, starting from induction and continuing throughout your studies.
- 1:1 Careers Guidance Appointments: Book a 45-minute session or drop in for a 20-minute chat, whichever suits you best.
- Personalised Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG)
- Progression Interviews to ensure you're on track and moving toward your goals.
- Relevant work placements and employer encounters aligned with your studies and career aspirations.
- Careers education, labour market information and employability skills delivered by Careers Advisers and Personal Development Coaches.
- Guidance on university and apprenticeship applications and support with application processes.
- Enrichment opportunities that help you build the skills needed for the workplace.
- Access to a variety of careers resources to support your development.


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Meet the team



Operational Careers Leader
EMMA CROSSKEY, HEAD OF ASC AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Emma is the Operational Careers Leader and she ensures that the careers programme is well planned, managed and quality assured.



IAG Practitioner
CARL ROBERTS



IAG Practitioner
MAIRI BELL



IAG Practitioner
ELLEN SCHRAMM

Our team is highly qualified, Matrix Standard Accredited, and committed to providing free, impartial, and confidential guidance to:

- Potential students
- New starters
- Current students
- Former students

Whether you're considering further education, an apprenticeship, higher education, or entering the workforce, we'll help you take a practical, realistic approach to career planning. Our goal is to ensure you feel confident and prepared for whatever path you choose.

What We Offer to Students, Parents, and Carers

- **Support in choosing the right course, apprenticeship, or higher education option**
- **Guidance on employability skills:** CV writing, cover letters, job applications, interview techniques, and how to leverage labour market information (LMI)
- **Access to resources** like the CiCi Careers Chatbot
- **Referrals to specialist agencies** for welfare and personal support
- **Information on available funding:** including the Access Fund, childcare support, and external financial assistance
- **Advice on funding options** for further and higher education courses
- **Dedicated support for Home, EU, and Overseas students**
- **Face-to-face or remote career guidance** with experienced advisers



Personal Development

At New College Durham, Personal Development is at the heart of everything we do.

Our dedicated Personal Development framework empowers students to grow beyond their qualifications—building the confidence, resilience, and life skills needed to thrive in education, employment, and everyday life.

Through engaging sessions, workshops, enrichment activities, and one-to-one support, students explore topics such as wellbeing, relationships, respect, citizenship, money management and future aspirations just to name a few.

We aim to shape well-rounded individuals who are informed, inspired, and ready to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Work Placement

Work experience and placements are an essential part of every student's journey.

We believe learning goes beyond the classroom, and our strong employer partnerships provide students with valuable opportunities to apply their skills in real-world settings.

Whether it's a short-term placement, an industry project, or ongoing work experience, students gain practical insight, develop professional behaviours, and build confidence for their future careers.

Our dedicated Work Placement Team supports every step of the process, ensuring each experience is meaningful, safe, and tailored to students' individual goals and pathways.

Impact & Evaluation

The careers programme is assessed for its quality and positive impact on students through a number of methods:

- The destinations of students after leaving their courses.
- The numbers of students accessing the services on offer.
- Student feedback after 1:1, tutorial sessions and via student voice.
- Matrix Quality Standard re-evaluation and accreditation.

Review

Parents, employers and stakeholders are encouraged to contact the Careers Leader for further information or to provide feedback. The careers programme will be reviewed in August 2027.



Careers Programme Calendar 2026-27

Personal Guidance Appointments	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1:1 Guidance Appointments / Drop-ins	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Career Guidance for A-Level / GCSE Result Day	•											
EHCP Plan Students	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Events	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Information and Enrolment Event	•	•										•
Information and Advice Events			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Get NCD Ready											•	
Sixth Form Centre Open Days			•				•					
Support Services Open Day								•				
Progress Week			•	•	•		•	•		•		

Employability	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Work Experience Placements/Activities		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Student Participation in Inter College, Regional and WorldSkills Competitions		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Trade and Industry Insight Days		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Guest Speakers Industry Talks		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Identifying your Skills and Experience		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Applying for a job		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Interviews		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Planning for your future		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Volunteering & Work Placement		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Self-employment & Enterprise		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Looking after your money		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
LMI		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

Higher Education	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Everything UCAS		•	•	•	•							
HE Student Funding						•	•	•	•	•	•	
HE Campus Visits		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	

KEY EVENTS

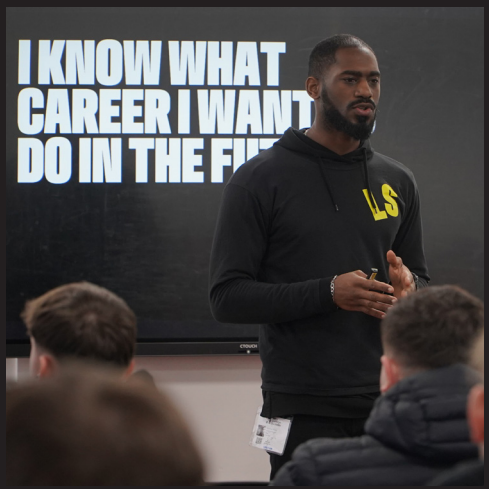
- HE Progression
- National Students Money Week
- National Apprenticeship Week
- National Careers Week
- Get into Volunteering
- Women into Engineering Day













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