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HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO A 'MEET THE CURRICULUM TEAM' EVENT?

If you have recently been to an interview with one of our admissions team, you will have been told about our 'Meet the Team' events and given the date for the next event happening in the relevant curriculum area. These events are an important part of your journey towards becoming a New College Swindon student.

WHAT IS A 'MEET THE TEAM' EVENT?

These evening events last between one and two hours and allow students who currently hold an offer with New College Swindon a unique opportunity to speak to the lecturers and peers for their chosen course. It's also a great chance for us to be clear about what we all expect, so everyone feels confident, supported, and on the same page. These events are also a chance for our lecturers to get to know you, and what makes you passionate about studying in a particular area.

WHY DO I NEED TO ATTEND?

This event is mandatory for all learners holding an offer to begin in September. If you have previously attended a 'Meet the Team' event this year, you are not required to attend again, unless you have changed your course. We find that these sessions help us to ensure we have the right students on the right courses and give new students realistic understanding of the programme they have chosen. If you are unable to attend the event you have been invited to, please let us know and you will be invited into the next event. If you are wishing to study a creative subject, we ask that you bring a portfolio or examples of recent art/design work. Digital formats or photographs are also welcomed.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT DURING THE EVENING?

First you will head to reception where you will be met by a member of the curriculum team who will take you to the presentation by your Head of Faculty. Following this, there will be course specific information delivered by curriculum teams, and a chance to ask any questions you may have. Topics such as attendance, methods of assessment, summer projects, and expectations for behaviour are usually covered, however this does sometimes depend on the course. We will also discuss various aspects of the course including any uniform requirements, work placements, and specialist equipment.

HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OUT OF THE SESSION?

- Keep an eye on your emails - occasionally the dates given at interview do change, and you will receive an email confirmation at least 10 days ahead of the event you are expected to attend.
- Come prepared to ask questions about the course and college life.
- We kindly request that only one parent/carer accompany each learner. If more than one person attends, additional guests may be asked to wait outside to help reduce congestion during the event.
- Don't be afraid to speak to new people (peers and lecturers) - everyone is in the same boat and nervous too!

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SPOTLIGHT ON: APRIL COLLEGE TASTER EVENTS

If you are a student in Years 9, 10 or 11 keen to get a real-life taste of what Construction at college is all about, why not join us for our 'College Taster Evening' in April? These events are designed with you in mind and are a unique opportunity to join in with a practical construction lesson. Whether you are a budding builder, crafty carpenter or just looking to have a go at something you have never considered before then check the sessions below!

BRICKLAYING & CARPENTRY – TUESDAY 21ST APRIL, NORTH STAR

Hear from our Head of Faculty, Danny:

"From the first brick you lay to the first piece of timber you shape, our Bricklaying and Carpentry & Joinery programmes transform raw potential into skilled, job-ready tradespeople. From workshop to worksite, learners develop the craftsmanship, confidence and professionalism that today's construction industry expects."

BRICKLAYING INTERACTIVE SESSION

Build Your First Brick Panel-Try real bricklaying by building a small wall section just like you would on a construction site.

CARPENTRY INTERACTIVE SESSION:

Make a Wooden Phone Stand- Design and build a simple wooden product using the same tools and skills real carpenters use.

Please note practical clothing must be worn.



NEW COLLEGE SWINDON HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPRENTICESHIPS FAIR - SAVE THE DATES!

New College Swindon are running two Higher Education Fairs in April 2026. We invite your Year 12 Sixth Form students to attend.

This year is bigger and better than ever!

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026

Queens Drive Campus 10am-2pm

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026

North Star Campus 10am-1pm

Students will be able to speak to a range of local University and Apprenticeship providers.

Please **RSVP** via email to careersadvice@newcollege.ac.uk to confirm your Sixth Form's place.

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MARCH OPEN EVENINGS

QUEENS DRIVE NORTH STAR
WED 11 MAR 2026 5PM - 7PM THU 19 MAR 2026 5PM - 7PM

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We're excited to invite prospective students and their families to our New College Swindon Open Evenings this March. This is a great opportunity to explore our courses, meet our expert teaching staff, and experience what life at New College Swindon is really like. Visitors will be able to tour our facilities, ask questions, and get advice on courses, careers, and student support.

Join us at **Queen's Drive Campus on 11th March** and **North Star Campus on 19th March** to see how New College Swindon can help you take the next step towards your future.



YOUR LOCAL UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE IN SWINDON!

Whether it's
promotion or
passion driving
you – don't wait!

APPLY NOW



NORTH STAR WELCOME HUB

We're also excited to launch the new North Star Welcome Hub, the main entrance to New College Swindon and a central space for student support.

This welcoming hub brings key services together in one accessible place, helping students get the right support, at the right time.

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APPLICATION INTERVIEW IN SCHOOLS

Interviews in schools offer students a full college interview experience without disrupting their school day. By carrying out interviews at the school, students avoid travel, keep their learning time, and still receive personalised support.

The Schools Liaison Team can see multiple learners in one visit, speeding up the application process. Overall, on campus interviews remove barriers and help students feel confident about their transition to college. If you would like the team to visit your school, contact us at admissions@newcollege.ac.uk to arrange a day and time to suit. If you would like the team to visit your school, contact us at admissions@newcollege.ac.uk to arrange a mutually convenient day and time.

THIS MONTH YOU WILL SEE THE SCHOOL LIAISON TEAM AT:

UPLANDS

Fri 6 Mar 2026 09:45 - 11:00

MELKSHAM OAKS

Tue 10 Mar 2026 09:00 - 15:00

ABBNEY PARK

Thu 12 Mar 2026 08:30 - 11:30

S' BARTS

Wed 18 Mar 2026 08:15 - 12:30

MALMESBURY SCHOOL

Thu 19 Mar 2026 09:00-12:35

MATRAVERS

Thu 19 Mar 2026 8:30-15:00

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Fri 20 Mar 2026 8:30-15:00



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