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COLLEGE EXPERIENCE 2026!

We're really looking forward to welcoming local Year 10 students to our upcoming College Experience Days, taking place at the beginning of July.

Our teams are already busy planning exciting and engaging activities for the students coming along. These days give students the chance to experience college life first-hand, with practical lessons delivered by our enthusiastic teaching staff across both our North Star and Queen's Drive campuses. We'll be in touch very soon with further details for schools taking part. For any schools that may not be attending the Experience Days this year, we'd still love to support your students through our popular Taster Evenings for Years 9, 10 and 11, which offer another great opportunity to explore our courses and facilities in a relaxed, informative setting.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY TO NEW COLLEGE SWINDON

There's still time to apply to study at New College Swindon from September 2026. We will continue to offer a range of interview options, including daytime, afterschool and evening appointments, to ensure all applicants receive individual course advice.

When applying, applicants can either book an interview at a time that suits them. If an application is submitted without an interview being booked, the Admissions Team will allocate the next available appointment. If you are unable to attend your scheduled interview, please let us know in advance so we can arrange an alternative time.

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COLLEGE TASTER SESSION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 9, 10 AND 11:

ANIMAL CARE

SATURDAY 6 JUNE • 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Are your students in Years 9–11 and beginning to explore their future academic pathways? Our Animal Care College Taster Session at New College Swindon offers a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience what it's like to study Animal Management in a real college environment.

This engaging, hands on morning is designed to help students discover new interests, build confidence, and gain a clearer understanding of the subjects they may wish to pursue in the future. Students will take part in a range of interactive Animal Care activities, giving them a genuine insight into the skills and knowledge involved in this exciting field.

Highlights include:

- Interactive Sessions: Practical, engaging activities linked to Animal Management
- Meet the Experts: Insights from curriculum leaders and the chance to ask questions about college life.

Please note: This event must be booked, and places are limited. If the session becomes fully booked, students will be added to a waiting list for any cancellations. As this is a limited ticket event, parents/carers will be asked to drop students off for the duration. Unfortunately, additional guests cannot be accommodated.

The day will begin with a short Health & Safety briefing, followed by hands-on animal husbandry tasks completed alongside our technical team and current students. This experience helps young people understand the realities of working with animals and supports their decision making for future study.

What Students Need to Bring:

To ensure safety and comfort, students must arrive with:

- Old clothing suitable for practical work
- Outdoor footwear
- No false nails or long nails.

If any student has allergies, **this must be communicated in advance** to admissions@newcollege.ac.uk, who will forward this to the Animal Care team to complete the required risk assessment.



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COLLEGE TASTER SESSION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 9, 10 AND 11:

SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY

TUESDAY 2 JUNE • 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Our Services & Technology Taster Evening invites students to step into the world of Plumbing, Electrical Installation and Civil Engineering through a series of hands on, industry inspired activities.

This event is ideal for young people who enjoy problem-solving, practical work and discovering how the built environment is designed, constructed and maintained. From the first pipe they cut to the first circuit they wire, students will experience the technical skill, precision and creativity that these essential industries rely on. Students will rotate through three interactive sessions, each led by our specialist teaching teams. These activities are designed to give learners a real taste of the tools, techniques and thinking used by professionals across the sector.

Build and Test a Pipe Circuit (PLUMBING)

Students will assemble and test a working pipe system, gaining an introduction to real plumbing techniques and the importance of accuracy and watertight connections.

Wire a Working Lighting Circuit (ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION)

Learners will explore how electricians safely wire and control lighting in buildings, developing an understanding of circuits, components and safe working practices.

Design and Test a Mini Bridge (CIVIL ENGINEERING)

Students will discover how civil engineers design safe, efficient structures by creating and testing their own mini bridge. This session highlights the engineering principles that support roads, buildings and public infrastructure.

The evening will begin with an introduction from the Head of Faculty, Danny Shorter in the Main Hall setting the scene for the activities and giving students an overview of the pathways available within Services & Technology.

This taster evening gives students the chance to:

- Try real industry tasks in a safe, supported environment
- Meet expert tutors and ask questions about future study
- Explore three different technical disciplines in one event
- Build confidence and discover new strength.



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JUNE OPEN EVENINGS

We're excited to invite prospective students and their families to our New College Swindon Open Evenings this June.

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 17TH June and **North Star Campus** on 24TH June to see how New College Swindon can help you take the next step towards your future.



FOOTBALL ACADEMY TRIALS

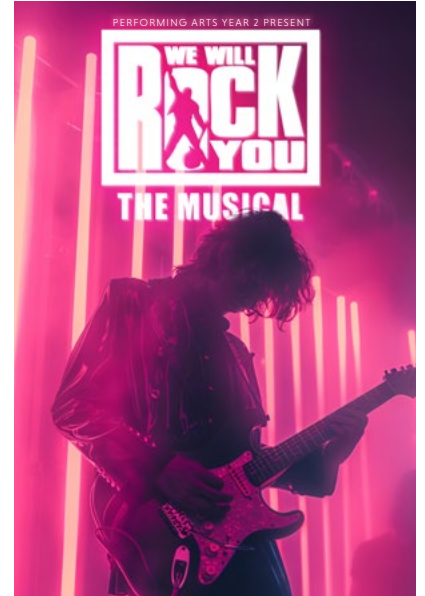
Here are the new dates for the May half term trial dates

Tuesday 26th May - 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday 28th May 3.30pm-4.30pm

If you're interested, please contact:

Luke.Adams@newcollege.ac.uk and confirm which date you would like to trial on.



END OF YEAR SHOWS

WE WILL ROCK YOU
WED 20TH MAY TO THUR 21ST MAY
TBC

NCS MUSIC SHOWCASE
TUES 19TH MAY
THE VIC, OLD TOWN

NEW COLLEGE MUSIC SHOW
THUR 25TH JUNE
QD THEATRE

**HND GRAPHIC DESIGN AND HND FINE ART
END OF YEAR EXHIBITION**
THUR 11TH JUNE TO SAT 13TH JUNE
BRUNEL PLAZA

**MEDIA MAKEUP
END OF YEAR SHOW**
THUR 18TH JUNE
STEAM MUSEUM

**BTEC LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY
END OF YEAR SHOW**
WAITING ON CONFIRMATION
DESIGNER OUTLET

**BTEC LEVEL 3 TEXTILES,
FASHION, COSTUME &
INTERIORS END OF YEAR
SHOW**
WAITING ON CONFIRMATION
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