

Parent and Carer Guide

**The support and care our students
can expect from us**

To find out more go to:
www.harrogate-college.ac.uk

Welcome and Introduction

We're delighted to welcome your child to Harrogate College and look forward to seeing them develop and pursue their passions.

This guide outlines what support our students can expect whilst studying here and how we ensure they are safe during their time at college. We have high expectations of our students and are committed to developing their vocational and personal skills and to help prepare them for their future careers.

We pride ourselves on offering a rewarding and engaging student experience in a respectful and supportive environment.

Danny Wild

Principal of Harrogate College

College Dates

If your child is unable to attend college, they are expected to call our attendance line: **0800 6520335** and provide their student ID number, reason for absence and their tutor's name.

INDUCTION WEEK : 9 / 09 / 19

TERM DATES	Last Day	Return Date
Autumn half term	28/10/19	04/11/19
Christmas	20/12/19	06/01/20
Spring half term	14/02/20	24/02/20
Easter holiday	03/04/20	20/04/20
May Bank holiday	08/05/20	11/05/20
Summer half term	22/05/20	01/06/20
End of the year	24/07/20	

Student Engagement

Whether you want to pursue a hobby, make new friends or help drive positive change across the college, we have lots of societies for you to get involved in.

We're always open to new ideas and suggestions, so if you have a great idea for a society, why not start your own?

Communication, consultation and representation are just some elements of engagement, but there are plenty of other platforms and methods for this to occur at Harrogate College including:

- Course representative meetings
- Frequent student surveys
- Focus groups
- Students' union president attendance at Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and governor meetings
- Attending impact assessment meetings
- Representation at cross-college meetings such as task groups and the Equality & Diversity committee
- Student governors
- Student conferences
- Student suggestion scheme
- Student intranet
- Competitions and national awareness campaigns
- College online social networking

Student Financial Support

At Harrogate College, students facing financial barriers can access a range of financial support to help them succeed with their studies.

- 16-19 Discretionary Bursary
- 16-18 Priority Fund
- 19+ Discretionary Fund
- 20+ Childcare Fund
- Care to Learn – a government scheme to help with childcare costs for under 20s
- Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

The funds could help you with:



Meals



Travel



Childcare

You may also be eligible for support with other costs such as books, equipment, educational visits, residentials and UCAS fees.

Careers, Work Experience and Progression

We provide an impartial careers service to help students plan their futures and achieve their career goals.

We offer drop-in sessions or they can book a careers guidance appointment by emailing:

studentadvice@harrogate-college.ac.uk

All full-time students gain work experience as part of their course. This may be a substantial industry placement, Leeds City and North Yorkshire Region or European work placement, work taster, simulated work environment or social action project. Students can speak to their tutor to find out what type of work experience they'll be taking part in.

The work experience team also deliver information sessions and work with students to either find a placement to match their interests or support them with finding their own placement, if requested by the curriculum department

College Values

British Values

The College is dedicated to promoting values which support our students to develop a strong sense of social and moral responsibility.

Students are prepared for life in modern Britain by developing an understanding of:

DEMOCRACY

How we can influence decision making through democratic processes such as the national electoral system, local elections or our own Students' Union elections.

THE RULE OF LAW

The rule of law, in its most basic form, is the principle that no one is above the law and that the law applies equally to us all, rulers and ruled alike. We are law abiding citizens and we are all accountable to the laws of our society.

College Values continued

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

We understand and exercise our human rights in a safe environment. Students are supported and encouraged to make informed choices about their future progression pathways.

MUTUAL RESPECT AND ACCEPTANCE

We promote the importance of mutual respect through our shared 'Acceptable Standards' of behaviour and we actively promote diversity and accept that people have different faiths or beliefs.

The College promotes these values through our Acceptable Standards charter, which can be found throughout the College.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

The college has a wellbeing and mental health team to support students.

The staff will help students to explore the different options available to them. These may be in college or through an external organisation such as a GP, or Harrogate Mind etc.

The college can offer up to six sessions of mental health support or counselling. We also have the Active Body, Active Mind programme to promote mental health and wellbeing through sport and physical activities.

In addition, Harrogate IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) is available. It is a free service for people aged 17 and over to help them deal with stress, anxiety, and depression.

To access this service, students can go to the website www.northyorkshireiapt.co.uk to self-refer or call **01423 852137**.

We also organise three main mental health campaigns during the year. In October we celebrate the World Mental Health campaign, in February we celebrate TIME TO TALK campaign and in May the mental health awareness week to focus on first prevention as well.

Wellbeing and Mental Health continued

This department also provides support to students struggling with stress before, during and after GCSE and A-level exams delivering tutorials in class (stress management, mindfulness and wellbeing), individual counselling focused on stress management for exams.

Key Contacts

If you have any questions please contact
01423 879466.

All parents and carers should have been provided with a telephone number on enrolment.

