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STUDENT INDUCTION GUIDE



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What to expect during your induction

A very warm welcome to University Centre Rotherham!

We're excited to support you throughout your studies this year.

This guide is your one-stop shop for all things student support. Inside, you'll find information on the services available to you, as well as a look at some of the extra-curricular activities you can get involved in.

While your tutors will be your primary support for academic studies, our dedicated **Student Support teams** are here to ensure you have the best possible experience. This includes our **Student Voice** and **paid Student Ambassador** programs, **academic and additional learning support**, the **Library Service**, the **Progress Tracker**, and various **clubs and enrichment activities**.

If you have any questions or want more information, simply stop by our Main Reception or email us at ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

We can't wait to meet you!



UCR MERCH



**FREE
PIN BADGE**
WHEN YOU BUY A
A HOODIE AND
WATER BOTTLE

University Centre
Rotherham Hoodie
£25



University Centre
Rotherham
Water Bottle
£12



University Centre
Rotherham Pin Badge
£5

**Merch can be purchased
at UCR reception**

University Centre Rotherham is part of the RNN Group alongside Rotherham College, North Notts College, Dearne Valley College, and a number of ther subsidiary training organisations

This means that studying with us gives you access to a range of top-quality Higher Education courses at our excellent facilities across our campuses in South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire.

For more information about any of our Colleges, please visit:

Rotherham College
www.rotherham.ac.uk

North Notts College
www.nnc.ac.uk

Dearne Valley College
www.dearne-coll.ac.uk



Rotherham College

Rotherham College is a bustling campus based in Rotherham town centre.

Specialising in technical and career-focused training and education, Rotherham College ensures you gain high-quality training and hands-on experience to nurture the crucial skills needed for your future career.

We offer a range of higher-level qualifications at our town centre campus including Engineering and Hair and Media Make-up.

Rotherham College is proud to possess excellent facilities and state-of-the-art equipment for all students to access, including an on-site hair and beauty salon, multiple cafés and a training and commercial restaurant, The Wharncliffe, where you can enjoy a range of appetising cuisine prepared by catering students.



North Notts College

North Notts College is the leading provider of education and training in the North Nottinghamshire area, delivering courses in Worksop.

We offer a range of higher-level qualifications and degrees at North Notts College in subjects such as Early Childhood Studies, Health and Specialist Make-up.

More recently we also started delivering higher-level qualifications at the new Bridge Skills Hub just a short walk away from the main campus in Worksop, allowing access to higher-level courses within Worksop and nearby areas.

With free onsite parking and access to local train stations and bus routes, our courses, and your future, is easy to access in your local area.



Dearne Valley College

Dearne Valley College serves the communities of Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster, increasing access to higher-level courses and skills.

We deliver several higher-level qualifications in areas such as Animal Management, Counselling, Health and Land-Based Industries at our tight-knit, friendly campus.

Dearne Valley College is known for providing students with a first-class learning experience and helping prepare them for a career within their chosen industry.

Studying your qualification at Dearne Valley College will give you access to a suite of first-rate facilities. These include an on-site sports and fitness centre, low ropes, multisport cages, 3G AstroTurf pitch and specialist mammalian, reptilian, and avian housing.

With plenty of free parking and on-site nursery, our qualifications are easy to access and flexibly fit around existing commitments.



Be the Voice of Change with the HE Student Voice!

What's it all about?

As a Course Rep, you step into the role of your programme's student ambassador. You'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow HE Course Reps from different departments, along with our HE Achievement Coach. Together, you'll discuss course content, the learning experience, campus facilities and other important topics. Course Reps also serve as a bridge to gather feedback from your peers.

Why should you join?

Becoming a Course Rep means you actively shape the student experience, not only for yourself but for your fellow students. Check out the comments below in our 'You Said, We Did' document to witness the real impact our previous Course Reps have had.

When do we meet?

Student Voice meetings happen every term throughout the academic year, and each session lasts about an hour.

Questions or thoughts?

Contact us at: ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

Student Ambassadors

Do you want to be a Student Ambassador? You will have the opportunity to represent your university at open events, going out to schools or the local community and assisting with large-scale external events such as UCAS exhibitions.

What are the benefits?

Inspire future students. Part of your role as a student ambassador includes sharing your experiences of your time with us. Gain experience that can boost your CV. Develop key skills including teamwork, communication and public speaking. Get paid to work at events that fit around your University studies.

How to apply:

If you are interested in taking on this important role, please pick up an application from any careers service around the University. For more information, speak to your tutor or contact the events team on schoolevents@rnngroup.ac.uk



Student Academic Support

Our HE Achievement Coach, provides personalised support to our HE and Access to HE learners. They work closely with your Course Leaders to make sure you get the help you need, especially if you are ever identified as needing a little extra support to ensure your success.

Our coaches provides a range of services for HE learners on a one-to-one basis. This includes:

Academic/Study skills

- Research
- Interpreting assignment briefs
- Planning for assignments
- Time management
- Academic writing
- Referencing and citations
- Paraphrasing
- Structure

Pastoral guidance and referrals

- Information, advice and guidance on student support services available to HE learners.
- Referrals to the Student Support Team, Additional Learning Support and other appropriate services.

To schedule a one-to-one, you can reach out to these contact details:

Email: ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

Phone: 01709 722806

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support (ALS) Team is committed to tailoring additional assistance based on your individual, personal and learning needs.

Their aim is to evaluate your learning, access and exam-related needs, to devise a support plan tailored specifically to you. This could include reasonable adjustments in teaching methods, personalised one-to-one guidance or the incorporation of assistive technology. Remember, you're welcome to request a review of your support whenever needed as you progress in your studies.

Our ALS Team is also well-equipped to help you apply for DSA (Disabled Students' Allowance). This is an additional avenue of support you can explore.

Initiating the process is simple. You can refer yourself to the ALS Team by completing the Referral Google Form below.

In addition, HE learners can contact the ALS Team through the ALS inbox at: als@rotherham.ac.uk

We're here to ensure your educational experience is as smooth and supportive as possible.



Library Service

The Learning Hub Library here at the University Centre Rotherham is available to you. It is an ideal place for you to study independently with all the resources you would need.

There are Learning Hubs available at each of the RNN Group's campuses. Your student ID card grants you access to all of our Learning Hubs, so choose the one that is most convenient for you.

In our Learning Hubs, you will discover:

- PCs, laptops, Chromebooks and printers for your convenience.
- Quiet and group study spaces to cater to your studying preferences.
- A substantial collection of hard-copy books.
- Easy book and resource returns via drop-boxes scattered across our campuses.
- IT and Google support from our team.

Online resources and services for learners include:

- A virtual enquiry service available on LibAnswers and Google Chat.
- Online study skills resources to empower independent learning.
- A vast collection of online books and journals, with access to 12,000 e-books and 4,000 journals through EBSCO Discovery, accessible both on and off-campus.
- A range of useful online resources tailored to your course on our LibGuides site.

The Learning Hub team can support you with your studies during your time with us. As well as booked sessions, the team is available to answer your queries on a drop-in basis.

For any enquiries or assistance, please feel free to contact the library at:

Dearne Valley College

Email: library-dvc@rnnngroup.ac.uk

North Notts College

Email: library-nnc@rnnngroup.ac.uk

University Centre Rotherham

Email: library-ucr@rnnngroup.ac.uk

My Progress Tracker

To help you succeed, we've given you a personalised digital tool called My Progress Tracker. This tool is your central hub for everything related to your learning journey, from grades to goals. It's designed to give you a clear overview of your academic life and help you stay on top of your studies.

What Can You Do With Your Progress Tracker?

- **See Your Progress:** Easily view your grades, attendance, and overall performance for all your courses. This helps you quickly see what you're doing well and where you might need to focus more of your energy.
- **Set and Review Goals:** You and your tutors will work together to set personal learning targets. Your Progress Tracker lets you see these goals, track your progress toward achieving them, and celebrate what you've accomplished.
- **Get Ready for Reviews:** Your Progress Tracker provides a complete summary of your academic performance, making it the perfect resource to prepare for progress reviews with your tutors. You'll be able to easily talk about your achievements, challenges, and future goals.
- **Stay Organised:** By keeping all your key academic information in one place, My Progress Tracker helps you stay organised and informed, so you don't have to search through multiple apps or documents.
- **Essentially,** your Progress Tracker is a vital tool for taking ownership of your learning. It gives you a clear overview of your academic journey and helps you stay on track to achieve your goals.

For day-to-day work, like assignments and communication, you'll also be using Google Classroom. Think of these two as a team: My Progress Tracker shows you the big picture of your progress, while Google Classroom is where you'll handle your daily tasks.

Student Finance and Careers Support

Our Careers and Employability Advisors are ready to support you at every step of your career journey! Whether you need general career advice, help finding adult or distance learning courses, or interview preparation, the team is here to assist.

Here's how they can help:

- Career Advice: General or specific guidance tailored to your goals
- Adult & Distance Learning Courses: Find the right course for your skills and aspirations
- Community Courses: Access opportunities in your local area
- Interview Prep & Application Support: Boost your confidence with expert tips
- CVs, Personal Statements & UCAS: Stand out with professional assistance

To book an appointment email:
careerslounge@rnngroup.ac.uk

Student Finance

At the RNN Group, we want to make sure you are well informed about the various funding options available for Higher Education and Adult (19+) students. These funding opportunities are administered by Student Finance England, and they vary depending on your programme.

We offer various forms of financial support, depending on your specific programme of study, which are detailed in our comprehensive Student Finance Policy. Please note that not all learners may be eligible for financial assistance.

For further information or to reach out to the Student Financial Support Team, please use the contact details:

email: **StudentFinance@rnngroup.ac.uk**
or call: **01709 722823 / 01709 722877**

Student Finance (Continued)

Some students may cover their tuition fees independently or through their employers.

However, for most Higher Education students pursuing HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees, Bachelor's Degrees, Top-ups or Master's programmes, the typical route involves applying for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England (SFE).

Additionally, they may be eligible for Maintenance Loans and Childcare Grants from SFE. You can find comprehensive details and start the application process at **www.gov.uk/student-finance**.

For students enrolled on other Adult (19+)/Higher Education programmes like the Level 4 Diploma in Counselling, you can explore the option of applying for an Advanced Learner Loan at **www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan**.

We understand that not all students may have access to Tuition Fee Loans, and that's why we offer flexible repayment options to accommodate your needs.

If you have any enquiries or need assistance with Student Finance, contact our dedicated Student Loans Advisor:

Joanne Eagle
Email: **jeagle@rnngroup.ac.uk**
Phone: **01709 722875**



Enrichment and Activities

Join DVC Sports: State-of-the-art gym, multi-use sports centre and a variety of classes! Membership starts from just £14/month for RNN students.

**Fitness suite access for RNN students:
Free to use during lunchtime hours!**

Rotherham College:

The Fitness suite is located in the Clifton Building.

North Notts College

The Fitness suite is located near the Blyth Road entrance in Worksop

Momentous Football Academy

Are you a football enthusiast? Elevate your game with expert coaching and dedicated training. Learn more via the following link:

www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/momentous-football-academy

Stay active, stay healthy and boost your mental and physical wellbeing!



Clubs

Explore a wide array of personal development and enrichment opportunities available across all our campuses. These clubs and activities are designed to help you grow, learn new skills, and connect with fellow students.

What's on offer across our sites?

- Arts and Creativity Club
- Gaming and Technology Club
- Sports Club
- Academic Club
- Health and Wellness Club
- Social and Cultural Club
- And much more!

How to Get Started

For comprehensive details on all personal development opportunities, please log in to the Student Portal. Across the sites, we also have Enrichment Boards where you can check out the latest updates at your college site.

If you have any more questions

email: studentactivities@rnnngroup.ac.uk



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Website: rotherham.ac.uk
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North Notts College

Website: nnc.ac.uk
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Dearne Valley College

Website: dearne-coll.ac.uk
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