

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 – Edition 6

Welcome to the sixth RNN Group E-Newsletter for parents and carers.

This newsletter aims to ensure we communicate key information that is happening within the Group (made up of Rotherham College, North Notts College, Dearne Valley College and University Centre Rotherham) so you are up to date with all our news as a parent, carer or adult learner.

These newsletters will be sent out each term and we hope that they will provide a good spread of useful information for you so you can support your young person or indeed make the most of all that is available as an adult learner.

In this edition, there are bite-size pieces of information on each section with more detailed information included in links if you would like more information.

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Induction Programme: September & October 2025

Our induction programme has spanned eight weeks right through September and October. Learners had a programme ranging from talks, presentations, workshops and activities. Here's what we put on and we hope your learner benefited from these:

Week 1: 1st - 5th September

Getting to know college with introductions and tours of the key facilities and department, Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour information and making new friends... and lessons started!

Week 2: 8th - 12th September

September sign up week for activities and clubs and we hope your young person joined some activities and clubs here at College

Week 3: 15th - 19th September

We found our learners were enjoying their learning and college life and we invited you - parents and carers - in to find out more too

Week 4: 22nd - 26th September

Swap Don't Drop began with some students making the switch from one course to another rather than dropping out of College and now they have found the course for them!

Week 5: 29th September - 3rd October

Careers & skills Week with workshops, careers fayre and information sessions on Power Skills and Skills for Employment

Week 6: 6th - 10th October

Wellbeing week where our learners after a busy few weeks had some me time.

Week 7: 13th - 17th October

Higher Skills Information: workshops & guest speakers on Higher Education information as well as mock interview support.

Week 8: 20th - 24th October

Celebration week before starting the half term break.

FREE Webinars

These webinars are for adults, employers, partner organisations, school careers leads, Headteachers, prospective and current learners and parents who might be interested in some or all of the topics that we will be running.

Our next few webinars include topics such as distance learning opportunities, community courses and apprentices all of which parents and carers can benefit from, as well as learning new information to support your young person with college life so visit our page to find out more and book on.

[Click to find our more about our Free Lunchtime Webinars](#)



Applying for Degree Courses at University Centre Rotherham

Did you know we have a University right here in Rotherham? It was built to support the local community and not only is it cheaper to attend than other universities - as it is right here in Rotherham - there is no need to pay hefty accommodation fees.

Courses are full and part time so they can work around family and work commitments.

If you need convincing, then have a look at these adult learners who have moved on from Level 3 courses or returned to education to complete a degree:

[Click to find out more about what our adult learners say.](#)





Logistics TRAINING CENTRE

Our new Logistics Hub and CSCS testing centre!

We are delighted to have launched our new cutting-edge [Logistics Hub](#), providing hands-on forklift truck training and warehouse operations experience in South Yorkshire's first purpose-built simulation warehouse.

This marks a major investment in the region's skills infrastructure, supporting both learners and employers in one of the UK's fastest-growing industries.

The new training centre is a major boost for the Sheffield City Region, helping to close local skills gaps and strengthen the workforce that underpins the area's growing logistics economy.

Gaining forklift truck accreditation can be a powerful step forward for anyone looking to progress beyond an entry-level position. Not only that, the CSCS Test Centre will provide a convenient, local facility for individuals to complete the CITB Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) test required to obtain a CSCS card, the essential qualification for anyone working on UK construction sites.

[Click to find out more about our logistics training hub](#)



Upcoming Parents Evenings and Information

Information for parents as well as letters that are sent to parents can be found through the following areas:

Rotherham College

[Click here for Parent / Carer information](#)

[Click here for information about letters home](#)

North Notts College

[Click here for Parent / Carer information](#)

[Click here for information about letters home](#)

Dearne Valley College

[Click here for Parent / Carer information](#)

[Click here for information about letters home](#)

University Centre Rotherham

[Click here for Parent / Carer information](#)

Our next Parent / Carer Evenings

Invites will be sent out to parents / carers

Rotherham College

Wednesday 4th December 2025

North Notts College

Wednesday 4th December 2025

Dearne Valley College

Tuesday 3rd December 2025



Open Events

We have some open events coming up for prospective learners and current learners to come along to. If you want to consider your next steps at College and speak to a member of staff with parents and carers, these events are for you:

Rotherham College:

Saturday 15th November
10.00am-2.00pm

[Click to book your place at our Rotherham College open event.](#)

North Notts College:

Saturday 22nd November
10.00am-12.00pm

[Click to book your place at our North Notts College open event](#)

Dearne Valley College:

Saturday 22nd November
10.00am - 12.00pm

[Click to book your place at our Dearne Valley College open event](#)



Skills for Employment

One of the most important requests we get from employers is for the future workforce to be given transferable skills or Power Skills as they are now called. These Power skills are in high demand by businesses, and employees will achieve more with these skills. These cannot be taught; they are learnt. Academic qualifications get you the interview but Power Skills gets you the job.

The skills are:

- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Leadership
- Problem solving
- Being Proactive / Having resilience
- Self-Management
- Time Management

Therefore we have launched a new initiative called Skills for Employment whereby learners can develop and refine these skills so that when they leave College, not only do they have a solid academic foundation, but they will have developed these in demand skills that will see them through their career.

This scheme has been developed with and has the backing of local employers too as they are keen to see these skills.

RNN Group Information for employers_

[Click for more information about skills for employment](#)

Information for students

[Click for Rotherham College skills for employment](#)

[Click for North Notts College skills for employment](#)

[Click for Dearne Valley College skills for employment](#)



Parent Portal

We launched a brand new parent portal last year. This portal will have all sorts of relevant information for parents to support their young person with their educational journey at college and help them to achieve and be the best person they can be!

Your young person has to consent to you having this account but we have sent encouraging emails to learners to explain this is to help and support them with their college journey.

For more information or to sign up for an account:

[Click for Rotherham College parent portal](#)

[Click for North Notts College parent portal](#)

[Click for Dearne Valley College parent portal](#)



**North Notts
College**

What's Happening?

To keep up to date with all that is happening across the Group and the Colleges, click on the relevant news pages below.

RNN Group News and Events

rnngroup.co.uk/category/news

rnngroup.co.uk/category/rnn-group-blog

Rotherham College News and Events

rotherham.ac.uk/about/news

North Notts College News and Events

nnc.ac.uk/about/news

Dearne Valley College News and Events

dearne-coll.ac.uk/about/news

University Centre Rotherham News and Events

ucr.rotherham.ac.uk/about/news

Recommend Us

Finally, why not recommend a learner who might benefit from the RNN Group courses and programmes we have to offer. Contact the relevant college for you:

Rotherham College

Tel – 01709 362111

Email – info@rotherham.ac.uk

North Notts College

Tel – 01909 504500

Email – contact@nnc.ac.uk

Dearne Valley College

Tel – 01709 513355

Email – learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk

University Centre Rotherham

Tel – 01709 722806

Email – ucr@rotherham.ac.uk

Don't forget to follow our social media platforms

RNN Group



Rotherham College



North Notts College



Dearne Valley College



NEWS ROUND UP



Rising to the Challenge: North Notts College Students Win Construction Competition

Three teams from North Notts College competed in the Construction Lifting Equipment Challenge at Rethinking Futures last week, with T Level Engineering students taking first place.

[Click to read more: Rising to the Challenge: North Notts College Students win construction completion](#)



From Classroom to Dojo: Staff Member Selected for England Karate Squad

Outside of his role as a Learning Support Assistant, Joe Hicks will be representing England at the European Karate Championships in Romania next month.

[Click to read more : From class to Dojo: Staff member selected for England Karate Squad](#)



RNN Group launches new inclusive pathway to support learners

The RNN Group has introduced a new inclusive curriculum and three-year skills and progression plan designed to provide additional support for learners who may need more time and structure to successfully transition from school to college.

[Click to read more: RNN Group launches new inclusive pathway to support learners](#)