



GETTING STARTED AT

North Devon College



WELCOME TO COLLEGE

Congratulations! By enrolling today you've started your journey with North Devon College. You're now part of the North Devon College community and we'll support you to make sure you have the best possible experience.

In this short guide you will find all the information you need to get started with us.

Read on for lots of advice for new starters from current learners, a handy first day checklist and lots more. Remember you can also visit the Welcome page on our website (scan the QR code below) for more information and resources to help you prepare for becoming a student here.



YOU'VE ENROLLED - WHAT'S NEXT?

All new students will have an induction on Friday 4 September and must attend college on that day.

For your induction, please go to room _____ in the _____ building at _____

Your tutor is _____

Your faculty is _____

*Not sure where to go?
See the map at the back.*

Your ID card

All staff and students at North Devon College are issued with an ID card to show that they are a member of the North Devon College community. We expect students to have their North Devon College ID with them at all times.

This is important as you will need your ID card to access the Learning Resource Centre, to print and photocopy and for your exams.



YOUR FIRST DAYS AT COLLEGE

Friday 4 September: 10am – 4pm

Your first day at North Devon College is your induction day. When you arrive, there will be plenty of staff ready to welcome you and help you find your way around. Look out for anyone wearing a lanyard, and some staff in green too.

During your induction day you will:

- Meet your tutor and tutor group.
- Hear from the College Principal and find out more about the college.
- Learn more about your course, your tutorial sessions and the wide range of support on offer for both your studies and your wellbeing.
- Visit the Extra Fair to discover all the Extra activities you can get involved in.
- Take part in orientation activities to help you find your way around the buildings.
- Pick up your individual timetable, so you know exactly where to go on your first day of lessons on 7 September.

It's completely normal to feel nervous about starting college and about making new friends. Your tutors know this well and will be there to support you through the first few days. They'll run plenty of activities to help you get to know each other, settle into the buildings, and feel welcome and confident as quickly as possible.

And if you are feeling nervous, remember that everyone around you is in exactly the same boat, just as keen to find their feet and make friends as you are.





YOUR FIRST WEEK OF LESSONS

Your first full day of lessons will be Monday 7 September.

Use the timetable you were given on your induction day to find where you need to be for your lessons.

Our Helpzone will still be running on your first teaching day, with staff on hand throughout to help with any questions, however big or small.

Questions? Not sure where to go?

Visit our Helpzone outside the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

EXAMPLE TIMETABLES

You'll receive your timetable during your induction days. How it's structured depends on the type of programme you're studying, and it will probably look quite different from what you were used to at school. Below are example timetables for a few different programmes. Please note these are subject to change for the 2026/27 academic year.

A Level

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Subject 1	Subject 3	Study period	Study period	Subject 1
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Study period	Study period	Subject 3	Extend	Study period
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	Subject 2	Lunch time	Extra	Subject 2	Lunch time
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch time	Group tutorial	Lunch time	Tutorial 1:1	Study period
13.45 - 15.00	Study period	Subject 2	Subject 1	Lunch time	Subject 2
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Subject 3	Study period	Subject 1	Subject 3	Study period



Flying Start is work set by our A Level lecturers to introduce you to your A Level courses and help you start building the skills you'll need at college.

Scan the QR code and select your course or courses. Follow the instructions there to see what your A Level lecturers have set, then bring your completed work along to your induction day.



T Level

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Lesson	Lesson	Industry placement	Lesson	Lesson
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Lesson	Lesson	Industry placement	Lesson	Lesson
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	Lesson	Group Tutorial	Industry placement	Lesson	Study period
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch time	Lunch time	Industry placement	Lunch time	Lunch time
13.45 - 15.00	Lesson	Study period	Industry placement	Tutor 1:1	Study period
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Lesson	Lesson	Industry placement	Study period	Study period

Technical full time programmes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Lesson	Study period	Lesson	Study period	Work Experience/ Study period
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Work Experience/ Study period
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Study period	Work Experience/ Study period
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Work Experience/ Study period
13.45 - 15.00	Group Tutorial	Lesson	Study period	Lesson	Work Experience/ Study period
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Study period	Tutor 1:1	Study period	Lesson	Work Experience/ Study period

YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Alongside your course and tutorials, you can join clubs and societies, plus pop-up events run by our Extra Officers.

We call this Extra. Come say hello at the Extra Fair on 4 September.

Your voice matters

At North Devon College your feedback helps shape your experience. As a student you can get involved in Learner Voice, the college-wide platform for student feedback and representation.

You can put yourself forward as Rep for your tutor group, apply to join the Learner Leadership Team, or simply share regular feedback through your Rep. Whichever you choose, your voice is heard.



SUPPORT FROM YOUR TUTOR

How your tutor can help you

Your tutor is your first point of contact throughout your time at college. Through the academic year they will deliver the E.C.H.O.E.S* personal development programme as well as guiding you towards the right support, including one-to-one sessions. Talk to them about:

- Possible course changes (do this as early as you can).
- Progression after your course.
- Your workload.
- Anything else at all. If they don't have the answer, they'll point you to someone who does.



Engage



Community



Health and Wellbeing



Opportunities for next steps



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



Skills for the Future

*E.C.H.O.E.S stands for: Engage, Community, Health and Wellbeing, Opportunities for next steps, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Skills for the Future.

GETTING YOU TO COLLEGE

Some students are eligible for financial support towards the costs of college and their chosen course.

Financial Support

Scan the QR code to check whether you're eligible for help from the bursary. If you are, make sure you apply for the bursary before you apply for a travel pass.



Travel Pass Scheme

All full time 16-18 learners who live more than 3 miles from college can get a subsidised travel pass, whatever their household income. Not applied yet? Follow the guidance in the travel email we sent over the summer.

Important: check whether you're eligible for discounted or even free travel through our bursary fund first.



KEEP US UP TO DATE

It's important we have your most up to date details, so we can reach you and your next of kin when we need to. Once you're logged into your college account, check the information on your eILP. Look out for any typos in email addresses, mobile numbers and the like, so you don't miss anything we send.

Please also make sure you've completed a Health Declaration Form, either as part of your application or during induction.

The College Nurse reviews every form to make sure the right support is in place and that key staff know about any relevant health information.

If you'd like to speak to the College Nurse about any health conditions, get in contact: 01271 447525 or nurse@ndc.ac.uk



TOP TIPS FOR NEW STARTERS, FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

Want some more insights to really help you get started at North Devon College? We have been out and about asking current learners to give us their best bits of advice for new starters, and this is what they said.

- * Always keep your ID card on you.
- * Outfit repeating is totally fine.
- * You won't get lost, promise.
It only takes a couple of days to find your bearings.
- * Get the travel pass.
So much easier than buying a ticket every day.
- * We use Microsoft Teams loads here, so get comfy with it early.
- * It's far less scary than you'd think. You settle in quickly.
- * Don't panic about the 15-minute break.
It really is long enough to get where you need to be.
- * It's a step up from school, but you get used to it fast.
- * Don't be nervous about using new equipment.
You'll be shown how.
- * Stay on top of your notes from day one!



FIRST DAY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Apply for your financial support (if applicable)
- ✓ Apply for your travel pass (if applicable)
- ✓ Complete your Flying Start work
- ✓ Pack your bag: pens, paper, your Getting Started Guide, packed lunch or money, water bottle, Flying Start work (A Levels only).
- ✓ Choose your first day outfit
- ✓ Pack your North Devon College student ID card
- ✓ Check your route to college
- ✓ Get an early night

MORE QUESTIONS?

For further advice about starting college, contact:

**College Advice Team on
01271 447300 or cat@ndc.ac.uk**

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