

InTouch Newsletter.

Spring Edition

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SPRING INTO COLLEGE

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Your questions answered
by our Admissions Team

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Hear from one of our students
about a typical College day

+ Get College Ready

Use our handy checklist to make sure
you're ready to join us in September

WELCOME

Welcome to our next InTouch newsletter!

This edition is jam-packed with lots of information and news to support and inspire you, as you look towards joining College in September 2021.

Read our news stories on what our students have been up to over the last few months and all the exciting things that have been taking place at College.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

You can hear from second year A Level student Chloe Shian on [page 17](#) on what a typical day on campus is like for her and how the move to online learning has helped to improve her independent study.



GET COLLEGE READY

You can use our handy 'College Ready' checklist on [page 14](#) to help you prepare!

FAQS

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Find your extraordinary.

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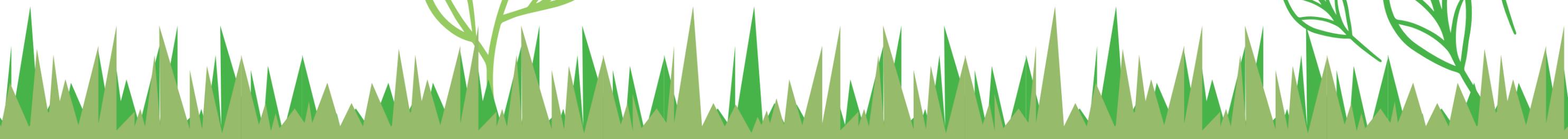
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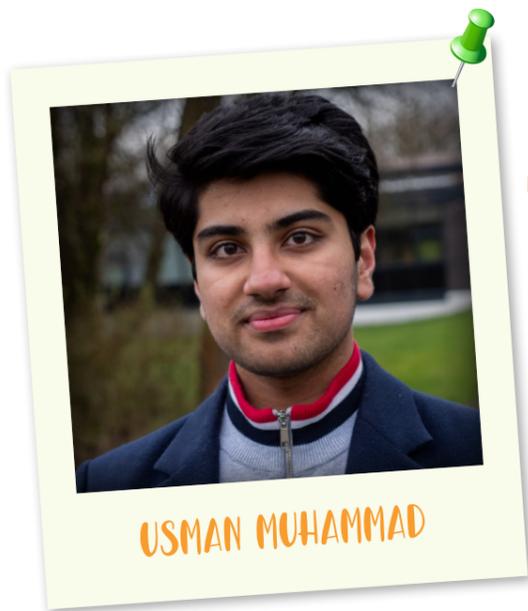
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NEWS

Student Hub members support Council's COVID campaign.

Student Hub members Usman Muhammad and Ellie Deed have fronted a Pendle Council campaign urging people to remain cautious as lockdown restrictions are lifted, and to receive the vaccine when they are offered it.



USMAN MUHAMMAD

Usman, formerly of Pendle Vale College and President of the Student Hub, said:

“As someone who wants to go and study Medicine, I have taken a strong interest in the vaccine development. The pandemic is not over yet, and we need people to continue to respect the rules and take the vaccine when invited.”



ELLIE DEED

Ellie, formerly of Park High School, said:

“It's great that we can meet people again, but we need to keep a safe distance from people we don't live with to protect our friends and family.”

Hot topic - Sustainability



Here at College, sustainability is important to us. We want all of our students to get involved in our campaign to improve sustainability, reduce carbon emissions and save the planet for ourselves and future generations. So what can you do? Read our latest blog post, sustainability and you, to find out our top tips on how to be more sustainable! www.nelson.ac.uk/college-blog/sustainability-and-you

Apprentices are celebrated during National Apprenticeship Week.



Apprentices making a difference in the world of work were celebrated during National Apprenticeship Week. For more Apprenticeship news, check out the Apprenticeship section on our website for our latest newsletter.



REBECCA PRATT

Business Administration Apprentice, Rebecca Pratt has praised her Apprenticeship for providing career progression. Rebecca, 21, works at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust and is a Directorate Secretary in the Medicine and Emergency Care Division at Royal Blackburn Hospital.

“I've loved my Apprenticeship and it is really developing me professionally. University was not for me, and I liked the idea of earning while learning. It has already supported my career progression and I am keen to keep learning by doing another Apprenticeship in the future...”

In my role, my tasks include managing diaries, taking meeting notes, etc. During the pandemic our department has become a Covid Central Control Centre where we have had to coordinate staffing - it has been challenging, but rewarding, and it is great to work for an organisation that is making a difference.”

National Careers Week.



Our College Group supported students during National Careers Week 2021 with an agenda of insightful and inspiring sessions. Alumni and members of the Board of Corporation at Nelson and Colne College Group were on hand to inspire current students working towards their futures.



ELISE MUNROE

Alumna Elise Munroe, who studied Hair and Media Make-up at Nelson and Colne College, delivered a session for Careers Week on building up a business.

Elise, who is also a part time lecturer in Beauty at the College, took the step of opening up her salon in Barrowford in September in the middle of the pandemic.

“It was really good to have the chance to speak to current students and to try and inform their future career decisions. It has been a bit of a surprise personal journey for me as I originally had a five-year plan to have my own salon. I didn't expect to have one at the age of 20 and into year one of that plan, but with COVID-19 and not wanting to invite clients to my house where I was set up, I took the plunge when an opportunity came up.”

STUDENT SUCCESSES

As you get ready to join our extraordinary College, hear more from some of our current students on their stories, why they chose our College and what they have to say about us!



MARIUM SHAFIQUE

"I loved the Business course and the opportunities it gave to me. I had passionate teachers who love their subject and were friendly and very supportive."

Marium Shafique
Triple Distinction* in Business
Now studying Business Management at Lancaster University

"The College's facilities are very good and the teaching is excellent - I had so much help and support from the teaching team in Engineering."

Lukas Papai
Triple Distinction* in Engineering
Now completing an Apprenticeship at Fives Landis



LUKAS PAPA



NIAMH WARD

"Not only was the teaching and support excellent, but the resources and College building itself provided a great environment for both independent and group learning."

Niamh Ward
A*A*A* in English Language,
English Literature and Media Studies
Now studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford

"The teaching at College is very good and I also had a fantastic working relationship with my teachers which made College an even better experience."

Jack Ridding
A*AA in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics
Now studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Nottingham



JACK RIDDING



AAMNA AHMAD

"I would definitely recommend Nelson and Colne College to others as I believe that I would not have received the same support from any other college or sixth form. The teachers are excellent and experienced, the workshops available are helpful, and the careers zone was very useful for me."

Aamna Ahmad
A*AA in Fine Art, Biology and Chemistry
Now studying Dental Surgery at the University of Sheffield

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AT COLLEGE

As you look to join our College in a few month's time, we're sure you want to find out everything you can about what you can expect when you get here.

Here is a taster of what we offer you, find out more by following us on social media!

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Extracurricular.

Go the extra mile - we're here to support you in developing and broadening your personal and professional skills with our extensive extracurricular offer. From volunteering to sport, Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to career and life skills, there is plenty to choose from.

Now outdoor sports are allowed again, we're once again back on the court, the pitch and the track to support our students in developing themselves, their teamwork skills and their fitness. Find out more about the extracurricular activities we offer, including our NEW Netball academy in partnership with Burnley FC in the Community, by following us on social media - @NCC_EXTRAC.



Support.

Here at College, YOU are the most important person and our phenomenal staff are on hand to support you through every aspect of your journey with us. Our extensive wraparound support service includes Additional Learning Support, financial support, health and wellbeing including our resident nurse, counselling, safeguarding and welfare and safety and engagement.

We understand that the past 12 months have been an unusual time and that all of us have been experiencing the ups and downs of living through a global pandemic, you're not alone. We're here to provide all the support, advice and guidance you might need while you're part of our College community.

Careers Advice.

We are a career focused College. We don't just want to help you achieve the best results you can get, we want to help you start your career journey and we always have your future in mind.

Our expert Careers Zone Team are able to provide you with individualised support designed to get you a step closer to your career goals. We also offer various industry days, careers expos and industry expert guest speakers to help inspire you and make those important networking connections.



You
Tube

If you want to find out more about what you can expect at College or more about your chosen subject, then head to our **YouTube channel (Nelson and Colne College)** to watch our sector videos or follow us on social media for regular updates.

BACK ON CAMPUS

What's been happening at College?

Our students and staff have enjoyed being back on campus following the latest easing of lockdown restrictions and are excited about a return to a sense of normality, it's been great to see our vibrant campus buzzing with activity once more.

The safety of our staff and students remains our number one priority and we have been doing plenty to make sure everyone in our College community stays safe, including supporting asymptomatic testing, both in College and now at home.

“ It's wonderful to feel the buzz on campus again as I walk round.

Our strict safety measures we have in place ensure our students' can enrich their learning in a safe environment. ”



AMANDA MELTON, PRINCIPAL



KEEPING SAFE



HOME TESTING



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING TESTED?



Shows if you are positive for COVID-19 even if you have no symptoms



Helps lower infection rates



Stops the spread of COVID-19



Keeps everyone safe



Gives you quick results

YouTube

Find out more by watching our video from our Assistant Principal Fionnuala Swann. Find it on our YouTube channel. Just search Nelson and Colne College.

GET COLLEGE READY

At this time in the school year, we'd normally be sending you some top tips to help with revising for exams, and while this year is a bit unusual with exams being cancelled, there is still plenty you can be doing to get ready to join us in September.

Use our College Ready checklist to make sure you're prepared!

- Have you sorted your bus pass?**
Read our latest travel guide on our website to find the best route to College
- Got a question?**
Use our LiveChat feature on the website - we're available until 5pm every weekday and until 7.30pm on Wednesdays to answer all your questions and queries
- Follow us on social media.**
Keep up to date with the latest College news and advice by following us
- Research your subject.**
Make sure you follow the latest developments, read any news around your chosen industry, and try to find out as much information as you can. This will help you when you join us in September
- Make sure you try your best at school.**
We know that it has been an uncertain and unusual time and that you might be worried about your grades but make sure you keep going with your studies and try your best. We will work with you to get you where you need to be and support you every step of the way
- Look after your health and wellbeing.**
It's important to take time for yourself and look after your health, both physical and mental. Visit our social media channels to read our top tips on looking after your health and wellbeing
- Find out about Extracurricular activities you can take part in.**
Follow our Extracurricular Team on social media to find out more about the activities we offer, including sports clubs, volunteering and more!

What happens next?

We host interviews every month so if you've not yet had your interview you'll be invited to this soon. You'll then be invited to our Transitions Day in June where you'll get all the information you need for enrolment as well as the potential for an on site tour of our College.



REGISTER
ONLINE
NOW!

BOOK A COLLEGE TOUR



Fully modernised campus



Industry-ready facilities



Flexible study spaces

Following our Virtual Open Events and to support you in making important decisions about your next steps, we are aware that some of you would like to come and take a look around the College in person.

Following Government guidelines we are putting plans in place to accommodate this safely so you can fully appreciate our campus and facilities.

Don't miss out!

Register your place on a personalised tour of the College today at www.nelson.ac.uk.

WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU



We hope to invite you into College as soon as it is safe to do so and look forward to helping you to find your extraordinary. We appreciate it's an uncertain and unusual time right now, but things are starting to look up and we are here to support you all the way – you are not alone!

If you want to talk to someone about any worries or concerns you have or just have a question you would like answering, then get in touch! We can offer expert advice and real-life experiences of students just like you. We'll work with you over the summer to give you tailored support and access to our expert tutors to help you prepare for College in September. We will be sending out plenty of resources and also invite you to our New Student Event where you can get to know your tutors and classmates before you start with us.

If you are worried about your grades and the situation around exams then rest assured that we will work with you to get you where you need to be and support you every step of the way.

Our NEW for 2021 Transitions Programmes are available to help you if you don't feel ready to study at Level 3. These programmes are available for A Level, Vocational and Apprenticeship students and will prepare you for your future, providing you with a direct progression route onto a programme of your choice, allowing you to begin your career journey. We offer a range of levels that you can start your course at, depending on the grades you get at GCSE. As part of these tailored programmes, you will receive individualised support and opportunities to prepare you for your next steps.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Chloe Shian

Chloe Shian is a second year A Level student at College, studying English Literature, Law and Sociology. She also takes part in our Pre-Professional Law programme and mock trials to help her learn more about how to achieve her dream of becoming a solicitor, specialising in commercial law. Hear from Chloe on what a typical day at College is like for her!



MY DAY

Morning

I have a lesson at 9am until 10.30am most days of the week, I enjoy learning in depth about subjects I have chosen as well as meeting people and becoming friends with others who have similar career paths and goals as me. Once my morning lessons are completed, I tend to go for a walk or do something active.

Afternoon

I'll then start my next lesson at 1pm usually, which finishes at 2.30pm. Once my lessons are finished, I'll work on my assignments for the day. I also like to prepare for any exams that I have coming up, either by revising or making revision schedules. As we've been online mainly, I've become a lot more independent. My confidence has also developed, as I have become more knowledgeable in each of my subjects. At first it was quite difficult to adapt to distance learning, but with the help of teachers and my tutor it got better. Everyone was getting used to a new method of doing things, so both teachers and students were learning together in that sense, which made things feel less scary, as I wasn't alone in adapting to online learning. Now, online lessons are the new normal, and I feel as though I have progressed in all subjects and don't feel disadvantaged. My tutor has definitely helped a lot, especially in preparation for my next steps. He offered me lots of guidance and support in terms of UCAS and personal statements.

Evening

Once I've completed my work and revision, it's usually around 5:30pm and so I take the rest of the day to myself.

We also asked Chloe:

If someone is reading this and thinking of joining College what would you say to them?

"A Levels may be perceived as challenging, but with hard work, effort and support of teachers, they are completely manageable. There's a great sense of community and you'll get a lot of support from your tutors!"

HEAR MORE FROM STUDENTS LIKE CHLOE BY FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FAQS

Can I change my course?

Yes, you can change your course at any time but you may need to have another interview. To change your course please email admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk.

What if my grades are lower than expected?

Don't worry if you don't achieve the grades you were expecting, we offer a wide range of courses at different levels which may be more suitable, please email admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk for further information.

When do I have to confirm my course choice?

You don't need to confirm to us your chosen course until enrolment. Once you have received your conditional offer from us there's nothing else you need to do!

My interview took place over the phone, will I have an opportunity to look around College?

We will be offering College tours and on site events when safe to do so. Please keep an eye out in your emails for further information.

If you have any questions about your application or starting College, please contact our Admissions Team at:

✉ admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk ☎ 01282 440 272

Our LiveChat function is available on our website www.nelson.ac.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Open Event

We invite you to confirm you've made the right choice with another chance to virtually look round our College!



New Student Events

Over the summer you may have the opportunity with your school to come to one of our Transitions Days. These events are designed to help you feel more comfortable about the transition to College, familiarise yourself with our campus and get all the information you need before joining us. There is also the opportunity for personalised tours, and a virtual New Student Event will be made available to you with useful resources and information for starting College.



Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team Trials

Trials are held on our 3G pitch at Nelson and Colne College from 12pm - 2pm.



Did you know?

We're #1 in the country for student satisfaction!

#1 in the country for A Level progress

We have a 100% Advanced Vocational pass rate!

Make sure you stay InTouch!

Simply head to www.nelson.ac.uk to start your application.

If you require any application support then please contact our Admissions Team:



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on our website to ask us
questions.