



SCHOOLS LIAISON ACTIVITY GUIDE

SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNERS WITH THEIR POST-16 CHOICES,
SUPPORTING YOU TO MEET GATSBY BENCHMARKS.

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weelcome

At Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) our Schools Liaison Team is here to ensure that students have the correct information and advice to make an informed choice about all of their post-16 options.

Our established team are committed to offering you high level information, advice and guidance that you come to expect, in order to help you meet your Gatsby Benchmarks and support your students.

Meet the team



GEORGINA MANIFOLD, SENIOR SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

Georgina started working at NSCG as an apprentice within Newcastle College's Information Point, before moving in 2017 to work within our Schools Liaison Team. Now our Senior Schools Liaison Officer, Georgina enjoys forging strong links with schools, nurturing these relationships and providing the outstanding service that schools have come to expect from NSCG. Georgina is passionate about ensuring all students have access to reliable advice on their next steps and that they feel confident in making choices about their future.



MARTYN WILLIAMS, SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

Joining the Group in 2013 as a Personal Tutor within our Academic and Creative faculty, Martyn has a wealth of experience providing academic, pastoral and progression advice to post-16 students across both Newcastle and Stafford College campuses. He provides a detailed insight into further education and has extensive experience in advising young people on their next steps into education and beyond.



NATHAN NOLAN, SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER

Nathan's ability to inspire students to achieve stems from his years coaching young people in sport. Having joined the Group in 2022, his time spent working in industry has given him the experience and skillset to challenge students expectations of college life, and more importantly the expectations of themselves.



MEGAN CLAYTON, SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER / LEGO PRIMARY LIAISON

Megan has a hybrid role working with primary and secondary schools as the Co-ordinator of our LEGO Education Innovation Studio, where she organises and delivers taster sessions for schools as well as large scale STEM-based LEGO Education events for learners aged 5-16 years (needless to say she absolutely loves all things LEGO!). You'll also see Megan out and about in schools, providing advice and guidance at careers events and parents evenings. She loves organising events and will be a familiar face at our College Taster and Open Events.

Get in touch with the team by emailing: schools.newcastle@nscg.ac.uk (Newcastle Campus) or schools.stafford@nscg.ac.uk (Stafford Campus).

Supporting your schools careers programme

We have strong relationships with many schools across Staffordshire, South Cheshire and Shropshire, working with them to plan activities that provide learners with comprehensive advice and guidance on their post-16 options, whilst supporting the schools in meeting Gatsby Benchmarks and the revised Baker Clause.

In addition to the Schools Liaison Team, we have our own curriculum specialists, support staff and a vast network of employers who can be called upon to deliver a broad-range of 'off-the-shelf' and bespoke activities to support you and your school with the task of meeting the Gatsby benchmarks. We are also one of Staffordshire's Ofsted 'Outstanding' colleges, so look no further.

Our Schools Liaison Officers work to provide your students with the knowledge they need to make a positive and informed choice when planning their progression to post-16 education or training.



The 8 Gatsby Benchmarks

- 1 A stable careers programme
- 2 Learning from careers and labour market information
- 3 Address the needs of each student
- 4 Linking curriculum learning to careers
- 5 Encounters with employers and employees
- 6 Experiences of workplaces
- 7 Encounters with further and higher education
- 8 Personal guidance

Provider Access Legislation

- 1 Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- 2 Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- 3 Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend.

Our Services

Session	Description
Assemblies	Often the first introduction to college life for a student, these short sessions are a great starting point to excite and engage students in exploring their post-16 options.
Parents Evening	Our careers and schools team can support your parent's events' with information and guidance on life beyond school and give an invaluable insight into FE pathways.
Taster Days & College Visits	Bespoke to you and your students. Whether small subject specific group tasters, or full cohort taster experiences, our dedicated staff are on hand to deliver interactive introductions to college education.
Apprenticeship Week	Usually taking place in February, the ever popular Apprenticeship Week activities will make a return to support you and your students in or around National Apprenticeship Week, whether it is assemblies, activities or bespoke sessions, let us know what you need.
Introduction to College	This small group session gives an interactive insight to life beyond school by exploring key pathways and differences of FE. It encourages students to give thought to how to choose their pathways (A Level, Vocational, T Level, Apprenticeship or Higher Education) and the steps they need to take to get there.
Study Skills	Developed in collaboration with our college lecturers, this interactive workshop aims to prepare students for further study. The sessions covers topics such as independent study, revision tips and note taking.
Careers Quiz	This fun-filled interactive session seeks to identify key skills and interests and how they relate to different careers.
LEGO Tasters	The LEGO® Education Innovation Studio can be booked out by school groups to facilitate curriculum relevant lessons involving STEM through LEGO® robotics.
Application / Interview Support	This drop in session is aimed at helping students turn plans into actions and finalise applications for their planned destinations after their GCSEs. We can also further support with mock interview sessions for your students.
Results Day Support	An informal advice session to reassure students and tackle any pre-results anxiety. The session is aimed at advising students in relation to their results and providing the best plan of action accordingly.
T Level Week	Usually taking place in October, T Level week is a key campaign period to share and celebrate this new post-16 pathway. Designed in conjunction with employers, we'll be on the road during this week and look forward to visiting.

All services are subject to availability and staffing levels.

Year Group	Duration	Session Type	Gatsby
8, 9, 10 & 11	20 - 60 Minutes	Presentation	7
8, 9, 10 & 11	Flexible	Interactive	7
10 & 11	Flexible	Interactive	4 & 7
10 & 11	Flexible	Interactive	7
Flexible	20 - 60 Minutes	Presentation	5 & 7
9 - 13	Flexible	Presentation or Interactive	2, 5 & 7
9, 10 & 11	40 - 60 Minutes	Interactive	2, 3, 4 & 7
Flexible	60 Minutes	Interactive	4
11, 12 & 13	Flexible	Interactive	3 & 8
11	Flexible	Information Support & Guidance	8
10 & 11	Flexible	Interactive	7

The College's dedicated Schools Liaison team is here to provide a comprehensive service to schools, pupils, parents and careers advisors to help update prospective learners about the opportunities available at NSCG both at Newcastle & Stafford College.

This isn't an exhaustive list of what we can offer. To discuss our availability for these or any other ways that you think we could support you please get in touch by calling **01782 254347**.



Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

NSCG is rated Outstanding in every area.

Our offer

The Further Education sector has been through a number of changes, most recently with a bigger focus on technical education. As the largest provider in Staffordshire we are always reviewing our curriculum offer and adding more courses, to meet the needs of our learners and the skills needed by employers in the region.

We are the only college in the area to provide an offer in each of the four main post-16 routes.



A Level & A+ Programmes

These are great options for those students happy doing independent study and research outside of the classroom.

Most students choose to study 3 subject areas, but those with a high-track record of academic achievement, might decide to study four A Level subjects or take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Students taking these subjects must be comfortable studying for, and taking, external exams.



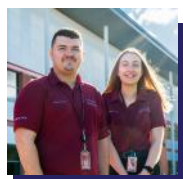
Honours Programme: As part of our A Level & A+ pathways, learners will have the opportunity to join our Honours Programme. Through super and extra-curricular activities learners will accelerate their learning, confidence and develop exceptional academic and social skills. All with the aim of improving their chances of securing a place at a world-class university.



T Levels

T Levels are a two year qualification, designed as an alternative to A Levels and Vocational programmes.

They are the **equivalent to 3 A Levels** and **include a placement of at least 45 days**, giving students valuable work experience alongside their studies.



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great route for **those looking to jump straight into a career**, earn a wage and pick up technical and practical skills alongside studying a nationally-recognised qualification.

Vocational Programmes

Our Level 3 BTEC courses are equivalent to 3 A Levels, with Level 1 & 2 pathways also available in most subject areas. Our vocational pathways focus on coursework with a balance of hands-on practical experience, a great choice for those who know what area they wish to work in.



Record breaking

2023 results.

84%

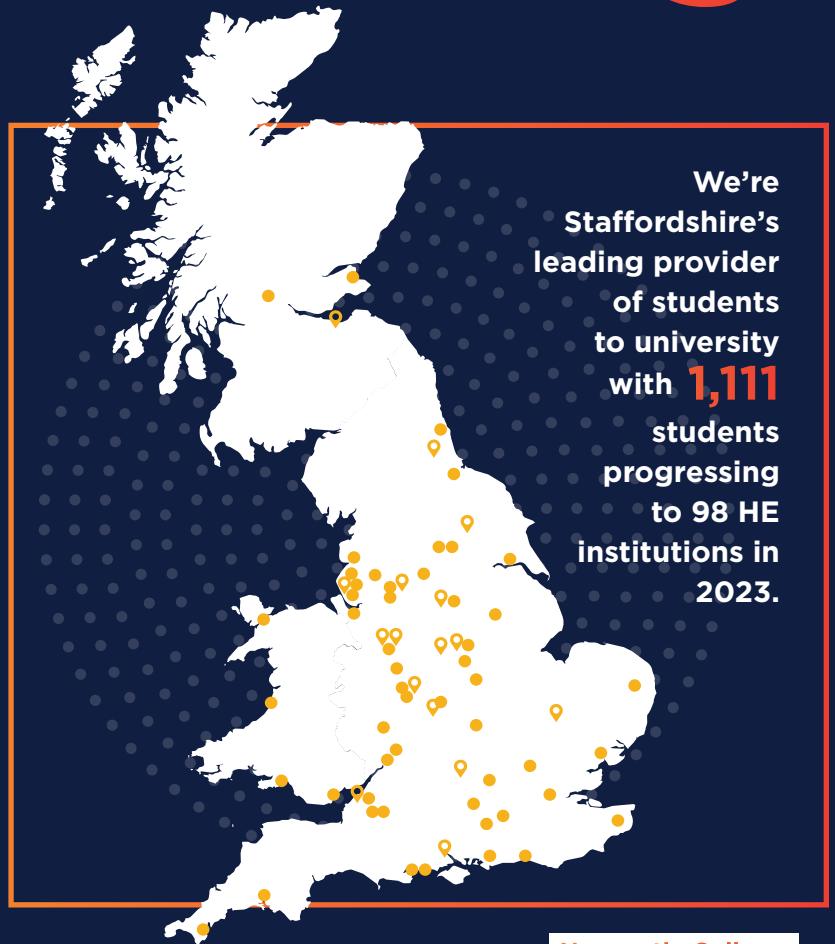
A* - C grades at A Level

100%

pass rate in 28
A Level subjects

47%

BTEC Extended Diploma
grades DDD or above.
(equivalent to three A's at A Level)



Open Events

Our Open Events are designed for learners to find out more about studying at NSCG. They provide the opportunity to meet our staff, talk to current students and take a tour of our outstanding facilities. At NSCG, we believe in providing our students with welcoming support and the best opportunities to achieve their full potential.



Check out our latest events at
nscg.ac.uk

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