

PROTECT STUDENT CHOICE

We have pledged our support to a important national campaign which is working to protect student choice, and the long term prospects of young people.

The government has been consulting on the future of Applied General Qualifications - which many of you study as this type of qualification includes BTECs. The result is a proposal where students would choose either the A Level or T Level route, and funding would end for BTECs.

This will severely limit the options available to young people, and in turn their career prospects. Although this does not affect you if you are studying a BTEC now, it would mean students applying for College in 2023 would find this option isn't open to them - so your younger friends and siblings will be affected.

It is really important that BTECs continue to be available, and we are asking you to also support the national Sixth Form College's Association's (SFCA) #ProtectStudentChoice campaign. This is also being supported by key organisations including unions.

Supporting the campaign is easy you can:

- Share your BTEC story on social media, or retweet @SFCA_info please use the hashtag #ProtectStudentChoice
- Write to your local MP. Template letters and details of your local MP can be found on the SFCA's website: <https://tinyurl.com/524untf8>

If you are keen to get more involved, the link above will share more about how you can!

PROTECTING YOUR WELL-BEING

We understand that many of you will have been disappointed by the news that we will need to live with restrictions for a little longer. It continues to be even more crucial to protect our physical and mental well-being.

Please do continue to take a look at the Student Well-being information in Teams, and remember you can book appointments with our Student Well-being Manager if you need any help or support.

This week we'd like to share a couple of useful resources:

Men's Health Week

This week is the national Men's Health Week. This year's theme focuses specifically on mental health, and aims to raise awareness of the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on male mental health. The campaign also asks people to share their thoughts on the support that is needed. Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8643vdj>

Take care of yourself

Self-care is a key way of supporting your personal well-being, and protecting your mental health. Self-care is very much about you - some people like to run, ring a friend or get out into the fresh air whilst for others, it means curling up with a hot drink and a book!

Take a look at: <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/> for some fantastic ideas, and to read more about the benefits of some activities, along with access to some sources of support and simple strategies that if you feel anxious or worried.



FREE EVENT THIS SATURDAY

Kirklees is home to some of the great innovations in textile science. Textiles influence almost every part of our lives from medical textiles to climate change, our landscape and leisure! This weekend Woven is inviting you to learn more, and join free live performances taking place in Greenhead Park:

11.00 - 11.40: with Paraskevi Fotoglou of Camira Fabrics
12.00 - 12.40: with Charles Ross & Mark Taylor of Leeds University
2.00 - 2.40: with Julia Roebuck of Upcycle Fashion
3.00 - 3.40: with University of Huddersfield Students

Find out more and book here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2br223b4>

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LIBRARY SERVICES

We are currently asking all students to help shape the future of our library services by completing our short survey.

Perhaps there is something you would like to see offered, or you think we could do better? This is your chance to tell us what you think! The survey can be accessed via the homepage of Moodle - please do help us improve what we do by having your say!

STAY SAFE ONLINE

Did you know that you can see documents that have been shared with you in Office 365 by going to the OneDrive section and choosing the 'shared' function? This shows a list of files shared with you and who they are from, this avoids going through links in emails. Remember to only open files you are expecting - check with who has shared the file if you are unsure.

ENRICHMENT

Don't forget that you can take a look at the latest enrichment, including a wide range of work experience opportunities, via the Enrichment section on Moodle