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WELCOME TO NESCOL

Whether you're a brand new student or returning for another year at NESCol we hope this academic session will be enjoyable and successful for you!

We're excited for the 2023/24 academic year and looking forward to a vibrant and engaging experience for all with access to our fantastic facilities on campus as well as the online tools we use to supplement learning and that vital hands-on experience.

We hope this booklet provides you with the key information you need for starting your course but if there is anything you can't find, please ask your Academic Tutor or refer to our student intranet My NESCol mynescol.ac.uk which contains everything you'll need to know about College during your time with us. You'll be able to check your timetable and student email from here so why not download the app so you have it handy on your phone?

23-24



YOUR CHECKLIST

Have you enrolled?

Applied for funding?

Found out about student
support services?

Know where to go for help with IT?

Know how to log onto NESCol network?

Know how to access Blackboard?

Collected your student card?

Know about our Students' Association
and Freshers' events?



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APPLY ONLINE NOW

This gives you access to great offers and discounts instore and online with a whole host of retailers, restaurants and other service providers.

WWW.TOTUM.COM

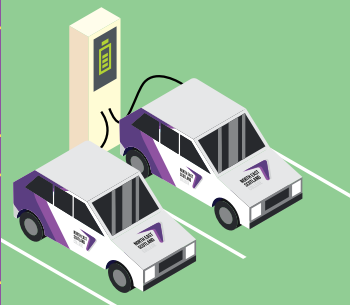
SUSTAINABLE *NESCOL*

North East Scotland College is committed to environmental, economic and social sustainability, ensuring that the needs of the present do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Read our pledge at nescol.ac.uk/sustainability

2019

Introduced electric cars and charging points for College pool cars



95%

LANDFILL
DIVERSION
RATE



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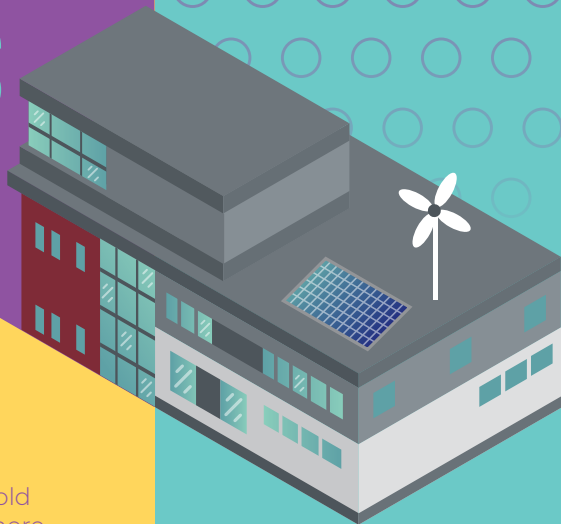
There's lots of information on your rights, our privacy notices and our data protection policy on our website.

Find out more at
nescol.ac.uk/data-protection



www.nescol.ac.uk

ABERDEEN ALTENS CAMPUS



GOOD TO KNOW

THE SKYLINER

You can enjoy hot and cold breakfasts and lunches here.

THE ENGINE ROOM

Located on the ground floor of F Block. Light snacks such as soup, sandwiches and paninis are available and a range of hot and cold drinks.

BUS LINKS

The College runs a bus to our Altens Campus to and from Aberdeen City Centre at Union Square Bus Station (excluding holiday periods).

Timetables can be found here.

Find out more:
nescol.ac.uk/altens



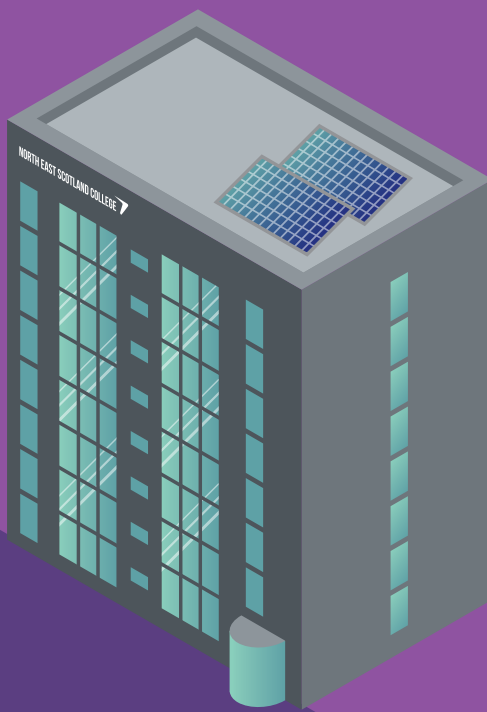
**FITNESS
SUITE**

2 CAFÉS

**THE SKYLINER
THE ENGINE ROOM**

LIBRARY PLUS

Located on the first floor of M Block
Computers with Internet access
Access to printers



ABERDEEN CITY CAMPUS

GOOD TO KNOW

DINO'S

Dino's is on the lower ground floor of the Tower Block. Light snacks such as soup, sandwiches, breakfast rolls, fruit, cakes, traybakes and paninis as well as a range of hot and cold drinks.

QUICK BYTE

Located on the first floor of East Block. Run by our Learning Opportunities students you'll be able to pick up a meal here for only a few pounds. Quick Byte is open two days a week. **Opening hours can be found here.**


THE KITCHEN

The Kitchen is located on the lower ground floor of the South Block. Here you'll find nutritious hot and cold food, snacks and a salad bar, as well as a range of hot and cold drinks.

THE REFECTORY

Located on the lower ground floor of the East Block. Hot and cold breakfasts and lunches are on offer here.

Find out more:
nescol.ac.uk/city



4,500+
STUDENTS



**FITNESS
SUITE**

4
CAFÉS

**DINO'S
QUICK BYTE
THE KITCHEN
THE REFECTORY**

LIBRARY PLUS

Located at the Gallowgate entrance
Computers with Internet access
Access to printers

FRASERBURGH CAMPUS



GOOD TO KNOW

THE REFECTORY

The Refectory is located on the ground floor. You'll find hot and cold breakfasts and lunches here.

THE BISTRO

Located beside the east entrance and serves affordable lunchtime meals on select weekdays. **You can find opening hours here.**

BUS LINKS

There is a College bus every weekday (excluding holiday periods) from various locations across Aberdeenshire, including Huntly, Aberchirder, Turriff, Fyvie, Cuminestown, New Byth, Tyrie, Peterhead, St Fergus, Crimond, Lonmay, Inverurie, Oldmeldrum, Pitmedden, Ellon, Hatton, Mintlaw, Buckie, Cullen and Portsoy.

Timetables available here.

Find out more
nescol.ac.uk/fraserburgh



950+
STUDENTS



**FITNESS
SUITE**

2
CAFES

**THE BISTRO
THE REFECTORY**

LIBRARY PLUS

Located on the ground floor
Computers with Internet access
Access to printers

STUDENT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2023-2024

AUGUST 2023

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FEBRUARY 2024

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MAY 2024

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JULY 2024

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Holiday



Resulting Week (No timetabled attendance is required by students during resulting week. However students may be asked to complete remedial work during this time.)

Block 1 | 28 August 2023 - 26 January 2024

Block 2 | 5 February 2024 - 21 June 2024

Find out more on our website

YOUR ESSENTIALS



You need to have completed enrolment to gain access to the following:

BLACKBOARD

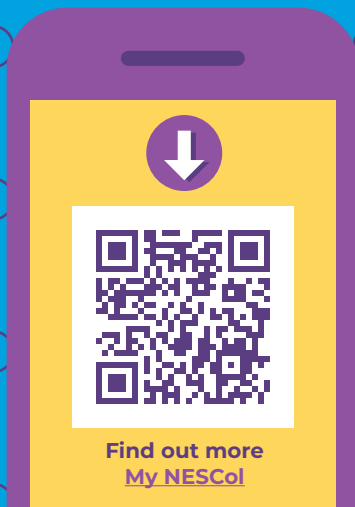
View your courses, see class announcements and submit assignments from your device.

MY NESCOL

My NESCol is your student intranet where you can access your timetable once it's available. You can also manage your absences and find important information and news updates.

OUTLOOK

Access your College email and calendar on the go.



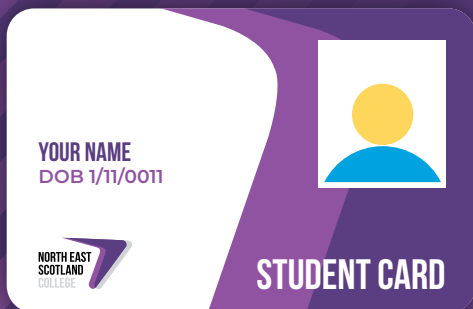
GET SMART WITH A STUDENT CARD

Your student card is your Library card and is also a smart card with lots of perks, including:

Access to College printers

Discount in shops and restaurants

Reduced fares on public transport



HOW TO APPLY

Keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation to apply for your student card.

Information on how to collect your student card will be sent to you.

Further information on student cards can be found here.

BYOD | BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

If you have enrolled on a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) course you are required to have access to your own laptop in class each day.

Depending on your bursary award, some non-advanced (any course that's not HNC or HND) level students have the option of being provided with a laptop that is funded or part-funded by NESCol.

Students who are enrolled on a non-BYOD course but who require a device can apply for a loan laptop which they will return to college at the end of the academic year. Any student who requires a loan laptop should contact the College Administration team at centraladmin@nescol.ac.uk for an application form.

Advanced Students (those studying an HNC or HND) are not eligible for College Bursary support and therefore must use their SAAS funding to obtain a device.

Information on collecting your device will be issued via email so please check your inbox and junk mail regularly.



Office 365

As a student at NESCol you will have on-demand access to Microsoft Office 365.

Free access to Office 365 applications – Word, Excel, Powerpoint and more!

Access your College email account

Use communication tools like Teams & Skype

1TB of cloud data storage to store all your College work.

BLACKBOARD

Access your materials from anywhere, at anytime.

Blackboard is the Virtual Learning Environment system used in the College. It will be the main platform that lecturers will use to make resources available to you, including interactive materials, videos, live lectures, assessments and feedback.

You can find information about your courses, including announcements, handouts and lecture notes, tests and quizzes, online assignment submissions, discussion boards, and blogs.

You will be expected to check on Blackboard on a daily basis and you can access it from a variety of devices.





STUDENT ADVICE CENTRE

Student Advice Centre staff provide impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of issues including:

Applications and course advice

Funding and money management

Careers, employability and enterprise

Transitions to college and university

Key skills and study skills support

Additional support for learning

Assistive technologies

Mental health and wellbeing advice

Tier 4 and international admissions

If you require support with any of these issues, you can speak to your Academic Tutor in the first instance, but you are welcome to speak to anyone in the SAC at any time.

Live Chat support is available on our website
www.nescol.ac.uk

Monday to Thursday
8.30 - 10am and 2.30 - 4pm
Friday
8.30 - 10am and 2.30 - 3:30pm

CONTACT US

Aberdeen City Campus

Located on the lower ground floor of the tower block next to Dino's.

T 01224 612284

E studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

Aberdeen Altens Campus

Located in the M Block reception.

T 01224 612704

E studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk

Fraserburgh Campus

Located opposite The Refectory in the main atrium.

T 01346 586129

E studentadvice@nescol.ac.uk



YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Our Student Advice and Support team, located within the Student Advice Centre, also offers a wide range of support to students who have additional learning or support requirements, including:

Physical or sensory impairments

Specific learning difficulties e.g. dyslexia, autistic spectrum condition

Physical/medical/mental health conditions

Support for student carers, estranged students and care experienced students

If this applies to you then you may already have met with the team for a support needs assessment. If not, please contact the team in the Student Advice Centre using the details on page 12.

The support needs assessment is a two-way review process with you and the team. Staff are highly skilled at putting people at ease and asking appropriate questions sensitively and professionally.

The support needs assessment process identifies where additional support may be required and reasonable adjustments made in the learning environment that will assist you when studying at the College.

Many students do not require any support beyond that which is provided within the classroom, but the Student Advice and Support Team also offers one-to-one or group support to students for key skills such as:

Communication

Research

Numeracy

Proof reading

IT

Presentation skills

Report writing

Revision techniques

ACADEMIC TUTOR

All full-time students will be allocated an Academic Tutor.

Your Academic Tutor will be your main point of contact for academic, welfare, wellbeing and support and you will have dedicated time with them each week.

Where appropriate they will refer you to specialist support services such as the Student Advice and Support Team and Student Funding Team.

They will have individual meetings with you to discuss your attendance, progress and achievement. They will make sure there is time for you to:

Access progression information

Participate in NESCol initiatives and events

Give and receive feedback through Course Committee Meetings and your Class Rep



IT.HELPZONE

The IT HelpZone is run by computing students for students.

The team can help with passwords, give advice on IT related issues, PAT Test your devices (which must be done before you can use them at College), and troubleshoot technical issues. Support can be accessed from any of our campuses and centres. The best way to reach the IT HelpZone is by emailing studenthelpdesk@nescol.ac.uk. Please include your name, student number, and full details of the problem.

Aberdeen City Campus

IT HelpZone is located next to Dino's soft seating area and near the Student Advice Centre.

Monday-Friday: 8.45am-4pm

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

T 01224 612510

Aberdeen Altens Campus

IT HelpZone is located in the Library within the Main (M) Block.

Monday-Friday: 8.45am – 4pm

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

T 01224 612510

Fraserburgh Campus

The IT HelpZone is located on the mezzanine floor of the atrium.

Monday-Friday: 8.30am - 3.30pm

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

T 01346 586123

LIBRARY PLUS

Tens of thousands of resources for study in our libraries and online!

In NESCol Libraries:

Super friendly, helpful staff

Books and magazines

PCs, Macs (City Campus only)

Study spaces, individual and with friends

Printers

Leisure collections: fiction, graphic novels, travel, cooking, gardening etc

Wellbeing and Sustainability Hubs

Online via My NESCol:

E-books and journals for every subject area

Databases for every subject area



NESColLibrary+



NESClib



library@nescol.ac.uk

WELCOME TO LIBRARY PLUS





NESCol understands the challenges faced by people living with mental, physical and social health issues and the impact this can have on their personal, working and academic lives.

Here at NESCol we want to create an environment where there is no stigma or discrimination related to mental, physical or social health, and awareness and understanding is raised through education, advice, information and training. Furthermore it is our intention to provide an environment where students' wellbeing is considered in all that we do and, where practicable, opportunities are available for the enhancement of personal wellbeing.

NESCol is committed to making a positive difference to the lives of students so they are able to experience positive mental, physical and social health and achieve their full potential as successful and confident individuals.



CONTACT US

Should you wish to discuss your mental health and wellbeing please book an appointment with our Student Wellbeing Advisers or our Student Support Tutors.

They can offer a range of advice, support or can refer you (where appropriate) onto a range of Counselling Services. Alternatively, please check out our Mental Health Toolkit for instant information and advice.

Book an appointment at

<https://my.nescol.ac.uk/pages/supportadvice/booking>

Mental Health Toolkit

https://rise.articulate.com/share/ale5u8ltRoajlt9fjzP_DftTcU93CWAw#/

MEET YOUR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



CARRIE BEATON

Students' Association
Regional President



ALINA ZAHIRA

Students' Association
(Altens/City) Depute President



DAN WATSON

Students' Association
(Fraserburgh) Depute President

WELCOME

We look forward to working with all of you throughout the year as your Students' Association President and Depute Presidents. Our main role is representing you, but we also hold events throughout the year, run campaigns, offer advice, information and support to students, and work closely with class reps.

A host of events and activities will run across our campuses during your first month at College to welcome you to NESCol and student life. We hope you will get involved with the Association and have both a socially and academically successful year ahead!

WHAT WE DO

Host Events

Offer Support

Campaign for you

Work with class reps



nescolsa@nescol.ac.uk

WHAT IS THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION?

If you are 16 and over, you are automatically a member of the Students' Association when you enrol at NESCol.

The Student's Association can signpost you to the relevant person or place should you require advice or help during your time at College and provide a place to talk and meet with other students.

To help us represent you, we need your feedback on your learning and general College experience we can work with staff and management to improve your time at College. Alongside all of this, awareness raising events and activities on campuses are an important part of the Students' Association's calendar, including Freshers' Fairs, health promotions, celebrations of equality and diversity, and end of year activities. We also welcome suggestions for new events!

Please visit: www.nescol.ac.uk/sa

GETTING INVOLVED

Come and ask how you can be involved.

It's a great way to become part of an active team and boost your CV at the same time! In early October you could also consider applying for one of the following voluntary officer positions:

Health and Wellbeing Officer

Communications Officer

Environmental Officer

Equality and Diversity Officer

An Executive Officer for the Aberdeen and Altens Executive Officer team

Information on these posts will be advertised at the start of the academic year. If you want to know more before then please get in touch with one of the Presidents at any time by emailing nescolsa@nescol.ac.uk

WANTED CLASS REPS

Every year, the Students' Association look to support an active Class Representative system and are keen to identify any students interested in being elected as a voice for their classmates.

The Students' Association will provide you with training and support to make sure you can do this to the best of your ability. If you are interested, talk to someone from the Students' Association or your Academic Tutor.



STUDENT PANTRY / BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club and The Pantry are two Students' Association initiatives designed to combat food insecurity among students. **Further info can be found on our website.**

FREE

SANITARY PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS

In response to the Scottish Government's commitment on menstrual dignity, NESCol has free sanitary products available at all our campuses.

These are provided free of charge in all of our campus toilet facilities and there are also bags for you to take a supply home. If you would like to order products on a regular basis **please complete this form.**

FUNDING INFORMATION



Funding for Further Education Courses

Non-advanced courses (any course that is not an HNC/HND)

A bursary is made up of a number of allowances, and is awarded based on your circumstances at the start of the course. You must apply to the College to see if you are eligible to receive a bursary.

The common elements are:

Fee Waiver Award

This is an award to cover the cost of course fees.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

A weekly allowance to cover general living costs while attending College. This funding is only available to students who are under 18 at the start of the course and does depend on the level of parent's income.

Course Materials Allowance

This is a sum of money (paid in one instalment) to the student or directly to the Curriculum for the cost of essential course materials.

Maintenance Allowance

This is an allowance to cover daily living costs.

Travel Allowance

This allowance is to pay for travel costs to attend College, if a student lives more than two miles from a Campus.

Care Experienced Maintenance Allowance

This allowance can be paid to Care Experienced students who have been in the care of the Local Authority.

Universal Credit Maintenance Allowance

This can be paid to students who are entitled to receive Universal Credit while attending college.

Students who are under 18 at the start of the course can apply for a travel or materials award. This award is not means tested on parents/guardians income. Under 18's may also be eligible for an EMA award, this is means tested on the parents/guardians income. Students who are over 18 at the start date of the course may be eligible for a Bursary award. Bursary awards are means-tested on the income of the student, and that of the household, whether that be parents/guardians or spouse/partner.

Funding for Higher Education Courses

Advanced courses (HNC/HND)

In order to receive funding for any HNC/HND course at NESCol you must apply to SAAS. You should apply to SAAS for your course fees, otherwise the College will invoice you for the cost of the course. The current course fees are £1,285.00. If you are a Young Student or an Independent Student, you are able to apply for a bursary and a student loan.

You can find out more information by visiting www.saas.gov.uk or www.studentinformation.gov.scot



Other available financial support for students

We can help students who are in financial hardship and help with living costs such as rent. We are also able to help students who need to pay for childcare whilst they are at College. Both of these funds are means tested and subject to eligibility checks.

If you would like any help with anything related to Student Funding, please visit your local Student Advice Centre where a member of the team will be happy to help.

studentfunding@nescol.ac.uk

nescol.ac.uk/funding

USEFUL LINKS

HOUSING ADVICE:

Shelter Scotland:

<https://scotland.shelter.org.uk>

Safe Deposits:

www.safedepositsscotland.com

SCARF:

www.scarf.org.uk

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY:

Grampian Regional Equality Council:

www.grec.co.uk

Four Pillars (LGBT+):

www.4pillarsuk.org

Equality Challenge Unit:

www.ecu.ac.uk

MENTAL HEALTH:

NESCol Mental Health & Wellbeing

<https://tinyurl.com/y3erh3kc>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Toolkit

<https://tinyurl.com/y3erh3kc>

GATE 63



Our fine dining training restaurant in Aberdeen City Campus, is located on the ground floor of the East Block.

It serves sit-down meals prepared by Professional Cookery students on Wednesday and Friday lunch times and Thursday evenings.

For more information visit nescol.ac.uk/gate63



BISTRO

The Bistro is a stylish eatery at our Fraserburgh Campus where our students can develop their hospitality and cookery skills in a realistic working environment.

The Bistro serves excellent lunchtime meals to students, staff and the general public during term time, on selected week days.

For more information visit nescol.ac.uk/bistro



your

Classmates
Colleagues
Classroom
College

nescol.ac.uk/respect



in:tuition the salon

Hair&Beauty@NESCOl

Hair & Beauty students at 'in:tuition' at Aberdeen City Campus and 'The Salon' at Fraserburgh Campus train in excellent, industry-standard facilities.

The salons are state-of-the-art, realistic work environments that allow our students to gain valuable, hands-on professional experience.

They also allow customers to receive hair and beauty treatments done in a professional environment at discounted prices.

Find out more, how to book and prices on our website.





www.nescol.ac.uk

