



# WELCOME TO NESCOL

ACADEMIC YEAR **26|27**



Everything you need to know before starting your School-College course or Foundation Apprenticeship

## PRE-ENTRY CHECKLIST

Make sure you have checked everything on this list before you start your course:

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Have you completed the Code of Commitment Form? <a href="http://www.nescol.ac.uk/school-college-code-of-commitment-form/">www.nescol.ac.uk/school-college-code-of-commitment-form/</a>	
Are you aware of the PPE requirements for your course? Find out more: <a href="http://www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-ppe">www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-ppe</a>	
Have you informed your guidance teacher if you are entitled to Free School Meals?	
Do you know your Student number?	

# ATTENDANCE

This course will form part of your timetable throughout the year and should be treated like all your other school subjects. You should attend on the days and times stated in your offer letter.

You will be expected to attend College throughout the full year, including during Prelim study leave, but not including school holidays.

It is important that you attend regularly. You will be continuously assessed throughout the year within the classroom, and missing classes might mean missing assessments. Your attendance will be monitored and any absences will be reported to the school.

## When do courses start?

### Before summer:

Before summer, the courses end Friday 19 June 2026\*

\*Girls in Energy, finish Friday 26 June 2026.

### After summer:

Courses recommence from Monday 24 August 2026.

## When do courses end?

### Foundation Apprenticeships:

If you are studying a Foundation Apprenticeship, you will continue classes until the end of May 2027, including during study leave.

### HNCs:

If you are undertaking an HNC, your course will run until the end of June 2027.

### All other courses:

Your course will continue until the start of your SQA Exams in April 2027.

## How do I get to College?

Where travel arrangements are required to attend College, you will be provided with more information by your Guidance teacher.

## Enrolling on your course

It is important that you enrol on your College course as soon as possible. During your induction, you will enrol in class with the support of your lecturers.

To enrol, you will need

- Your student number, found on your offer letter, and password (your lecturer will supply this)
- Your full address including postcode
- Contact details for your parent or guardian



# GETTING LOGGED IN

## You have enrolled on your course, what next?

To log into your college email, Office 365 applications, or MyNESCol, you will need your student email and password.

- The first time you log into a College system, you will need to enter your email and your default password. Your lecturer will give you your password.
- Your email address is '**yourstudentnumber@nescol.ac.uk**' for example: 12345678@nescol.ac.uk and is used for all communications while you are at college.
- You will be prompted to change your password, and it will need to comply with the following.
- Password length: minimum of 16 characters. Password change only once per year.
- This format reflects modern cybersecurity recommendations that longer passwords are more effective than frequent changes.

## Accessing College Systems

Once you've logged in and set up your password, you will be able to access our virtual learning environment, **MyNESCol**. This is where you will access your course materials, find useful information and get NESCol updates online. It is also where your lecturers will share assessments and feedback, and make resources available to you for coursework.

You will also be able to use your college log in for Microsoft Office 365, and access your College emails – it is important that you check these regularly as this is how your lecturer will communicate with you.

# WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

## Devices

You may be required to bring a laptop or device to classes to support your learning. Information about this should have been included in your offer letter, and you will receive more information about this at your induction in June.

## Protective clothing and uniforms

- You are not required to wear school uniform when attending College.
- Some courses require you to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

**You will not be allowed into Salons or Workshops without the required PPE**



You can find out more about the PPE and Uniform requirements on our website at [www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-ppe](http://www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-ppe) or by scanning the QR code.

If you are a Foundation Apprentice, you will be provided with any PPE requirements by the College at the beginning of your course.

## BREAKS AND LUNCH

### Breaks

If you are given breaks during your College class, you will not be supervised by College staff. It is expected that you will behave in accordance with the adult learning environment you are attending.

### Lunch Facilities

Canteen facilities are available at all College campuses to purchase snacks, drinks and meals for pupils who are in College over a break or lunch time. You are also welcome to take a packed lunch if you wish.

If you are entitled to Free School Meals your vouchers should be available for you to collect from the School Office prior to attending College.

**Make sure your guidance teacher knows you are entitled to free school meals so they can inform the College.**



## HAVE FUN!

Studying a College course while you're still in school is a fantastic opportunity. You'll be learning from industry experts in specialist facilities with other people who share your passion. It's a great place to start your career journey, or just study something a bit different.

The lecturers and our support teams are here for you. We want to make sure you get the best experience possible at NESCOL, so if you've got any questions during your course, don't be afraid to ask.

## WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

More information about our Schools-College courses and Foundation Apprenticeships is available on our website, including a guide for logging into our IT systems and Virtual Learning Environment.

Find out more at [www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-welcome](http://www.nescol.ac.uk/schools-welcome)

If you have any queries please speak to your Guidance Teacher or email: [schools@nescol.ac.uk](mailto:schools@nescol.ac.uk)