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# Introduction



Welcome, we are delighted that you are considering studying with us. Hull College Group is a large college which offers higher education opportunities in the heart of the city of Hull. It has one of the largest HE provisions within an FE college in the UK.

The College offers a growing range of higher education provision that includes a choice of HNCs, Foundation Degrees, BA Hons Degrees and new Masters programmes in many specialist subjects. Our qualifications are validated by our Higher Education Partners, Leeds Metropolitan University, University of Lincoln and University of Huddersfield.

Previous students have a great record of academic achievement as well as wide ranging recognition in international and national competitions. The College's record of employer engagement is exemplary. The strong links that we maintain with national, regional and local businesses offers students opportunities for work placements on programme and supports our graduates to secure employment after completing their studies.

Our facilities have been recognised as amongst the very best in the country – this includes the specialist Hull School of Art and Design which celebrates its 150th year anniversary in 2011/12. The College's main campus in Hull is easily accessible and just 200 miles from London and Edinburgh, 100 miles by motorway from Manchester and less than one hour's drive from Leeds and York.

We are very proud of our College and its facilities. I hope that you choose one of our higher education courses to continue your studies and I wish you every success.

**Dr Elaine McMahon CBE**  
**Hull College Chief Executive and Principal**

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# Before leaving home

- don't forget your toothbrush

## Your essential checklist

The next few months are going to present a few new challenges. You may be moving away from home at a time when you need to focus on a new learning experience and a new environment. The last thing you need are any unexpected problems, and the best way to avoid them is by being prepared. Here's a checklist of the things you need to think about:

### Money matters

- Make sure that your finances are sorted before you leave for college. You don't want to end up with serious difficulties regarding paying for essentials such as accommodation, food, bills, course books and equipment. Also find out how and when to pay your tuition fee and accommodation payments.
- Set up a bank account that's right for you. Many banks offer special rates or incentives for students but it's worth forgoing a gimmick to get a longer-term benefit such as an interest-free overdraft or lower charges.
- Make sure you know how and when any awards, loans or bursaries (plus any parental contributions) will be paid.

## Legal issues

- Make sure any outstanding legal issues are taken care of. Insure your possessions in case the worst happens - many insurers offer special policies for students.
- If you are planning on taking or making use of a television (or PC with a tuner card) whilst at college, make sure that it is covered by a TV Licence.
- You should also make sure that banks are aware of your student status for tax purposes.

## Your new home

- Checking the suitability of your accommodation is vital as well as knowing how and when it needs to be paid for.
- Also check if the cost of accommodation includes electricity, gas, water and insurance and, if living with others, get agreement on how the bills will be split.
- Ensure that your accommodation has fire/smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and find out when any appliances were last checked. You should also check that doors and windows have secure locks on them.
- Find out what cooking facilities and equipment is provided and plan accordingly.

## Keep in touch

- Getting in touch with your parents can be vital. If you've not got a mobile and don't plan to have one, make sure a landline is installed.
- It would also be wise to set up e-mail accounts where both of you know the other's address, so you can keep in contact.

## Make a list

And start to do it soon! You are almost certainly going to forget something you need, but the sooner you start planning, the smoother your move is likely to be!

# Arriving at Hull College

Starting College can be a bit nerve-wracking, but remember everyone is in the same boat and the staff are here to help you and ensure you feel at home and fit in. If you have a problem, don't be afraid to ask someone for a bit of help. We have a team of specialists, dedicated to making your transition to and through the college environment a big success. We ensure our students achieve more by helping them in every way we can.

Our services include:

- Confidential Counselling
- Financial advice
- Welfare & Childcare advice
- Careers Information & Advice
- Additional learning support and help with numeracy and literacy

You'll also be allocated a personal tutor who is responsible for monitoring your progress and general personal well being throughout your time here.

The tutorial system provides encouragement, advice and guidance about your coursework, achievement, progress, development and careers. It's all about ensuring that you get the very best from your time here.







# Hull College

Based within the heart of a bustling city centre, each Hull College centre boasts specific facilities to support the learning opportunities that are available on the campus.

Queen's Gardens is the largest campus and includes the impressive Horncastle, Chesters and Maxwell Bird campus buildings. Here you'll find excellent facilities for Media and Performing Arts, including a 200 seat working theatre that hosts performances for students and the public throughout the year.

The new Energy and Climate Centre, based at the Queen's Gardens campus, offers an exciting new range of renewables-based qualifications that are designed to support individuals to develop a career within this emerging local industry.

The Hull School of Art and Design is situated at both the Park Street and Queen's Gardens campuses. The Hull School of Art & Design building at Queen's Gardens has undergone a significant remodelling programme making it a first choice environment for embracing a vast selection of creative disciplines.

The Learning Zone, based within the prestigious Kingston Communications Stadium, has fantastic learning facilities for full-time sport and leisure courses. The Learning Zone also includes a library with Internet access, a café and the popular Scholars Gym and Studio.

## **The New HE Centre**

As part of our commitment to providing outstanding facilities for our students, September 2011 will see the completion of our new HE Centre. This dedicated area will provide HE focused study and social areas, with access to our well stocked HE library.

## **Libraries**

The College's libraries are well stocked with reading and learning materials to support your course work: CDs, books, magazines, newspapers and journals, complement a great range of general interest and fiction titles. Internet facilities and additional IT resources are available at all library sites.

## **Cafés and Restaurants**

Open daytimes and evenings, the College's cafés and restaurant provide a fine selection of reasonably priced food and drinks. Charlotte's restaurant is a fully licensed, silver service restaurant open for staff, students and the general public.

## **Hair and Beauty Salons**

Hair and Beauty treatments are offered within the College's own modern, fully equipped training salons at excellent value for money. Students and members of the public are welcome to book within the modern industry standard salons for treatments. Open during term time only, the salons are accessible from Monday to Saturday, with late opening four nights a week.

## **Scholars Gym and Studio at the Learning Zone**

Scholars Gym and Studio is air conditioned and fitted with top of the range cardiovascular and resistance equipment. Qualified instructors are on hand to help you achieve a healthier lifestyle by developing your very own personal exercise programme. The mirrored studio with fully sprung floor is perfect for our exercise classes which include Spinning, Thai Boxing, Aerobics and Flexi-bars.



The New HE Centre

# Equal Opportunities



Hull College Group is committed to providing an environment that promotes and celebrates equality of opportunity and diversity for all. We expect and encourage staff and learners to work together to overcome all forms of discrimination and harassment. Through our shared college values every individual is respected as of right and this should always be reflected in our language, behaviours and actions. You can expect equality for all who learn, work and visit Hull College.

The College is fully committed to supporting its Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy by achieving the following objectives:

- That no unfair or unlawful discrimination will be applied in education, training or employment opportunities
- That our diverse college community will be fairly represented at all levels within the college
- That the needs and interests of our diverse college community will be fairly represented within the curriculum offered by the college
- That monitoring and review of this statement will be shared with learners

At induction you will be provided with further information about Equality and Diversity within the college and what you can do to make a difference.

A copy of the Hull College Group Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy, Disability Equality Scheme, Single Equality Scheme, Race Relations Policy, Personal Harassment Policy and Anti Bullying Statement are available for any learner to read in each of the Student Support Service Centres, the Student Handbook, Student Union Headquarters and website pages, and the Student Common Room.

These are also available in alternative formats upon request at these centres or from the Marketing department as well as via the college Moodle and Portal systems.

# Additional Student Support



Queen's  
Gardens  
Campus



The Additional Student Support Department exists to provide support to students who have additional needs which result from a disability.

The definition of a disability used is broad. If you consider that you have a disability and would like to discuss the possibility of additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Student Support Services are based in the Maxwell Bird building, which you are welcome to visit between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. No previous appointment is needed to make initial contact.

Additional Student Support can also be contacted by telephoning a direct line 01482 381932, or contacting the main College switchboard on 01482 329943 and requesting extension 2232 or extension 2524.

Alternatively students can contact the Learning Adviser responsible for support to students with disabilities studying HE courses. They can also advise on the process of applying for Disabled Students Allowances. These allowances can be used to meet needs for specialised equipment. It is essential that they are used to meet needs for support from a non-medical helper which result from a disability. This means that any student who is receiving support from a non-medical helper, or intending to ask for support of this kind, could apply for Disabled Students Allowances. The process of applying for Disabled Students Allowances can be quite lengthy. The Learning Advisor will be able to offer advice on the stages involved in applying for DSAs, in order to ensure that you receive all the equipment and support to which you may be entitled. It is recommended that students begin the process of applying for DSAs as soon as possible, in order that you may receive the equipment as early as possible during your course and you can commence the application process before the course starts.

# City of Hull

## A pioneering city



Take a place that's filled with a rich maritime past, add a confident and zesty cosmopolitan regeneration, and with spectacular and imaginative new developments and you've got the City of Hull.

Wherever you look, large scale iconic developments and challenging new buildings are springing up, whilst famous historic locations are being brought back to life.

This is the waterside city with excellent transport links. Full of pride, character and personality, it bustles with a broad mix of people who revel in the city and all it represents: the cobbled streets and charm of the old town, the striking, progressive architecture and developments that are emerging within it, the new shopping centres, cinemas and city living, the open spaces and public squares, the high street stores and boutique shopping, the bars, the restaurants, the music and the festivals.

As Hull continues to move forward in leaps and bounds, it's becoming an even better place to live, learn, work and play.

### **Shopping**

Students living within the city centre vicinity find that the majority of what they need is within easy walking distance, i.e. Princes Avenue/Beverley Road areas. There is an outdoor market on Wednesdays next to the KC Stadium where leather goods, clothing, jewellery etc can be bought. The fruit market on Humber Street has been brought back to life with new businesses offering everything from fish and chips to dinosaurs. There are ample shopping facilities within the City Centre with four main shopping precincts: St Stephen's, Whitefriargate, Prospect Centre and Princes Quay – all within easy walking distance of each other. You will also find many major department stores within the City Centre. Some shops offer student discounts on production of your students' union card... ask! Small specialist shops can offer Vegetarian, Vegan, Chinese and Indian Food.

### **Eating Out**

Hull offers a variety of places to eat and drink. Students can find, to list a few, restaurants catering to Vegetarian, Chinese, American, Greek, French, Indian, Italian, English and Mexican flavours. Many pubs serve meals or bar snacks and take-away restaurants are plentiful.

### **Pubs**

All pubs serve a selection of soft drinks, juices, and low alcohol beers in addition to the standard bar drinks. You are free to enjoy the atmosphere of an English pub, without any need to buy alcoholic drinks as many now serve food and coffee.

### **Entertainment**

A wide range of social events take place in Hull. With clubs, bowling, art galleries, museums, theatres and cinemas to concerts: students are never short of things to do at the weekend!

### **Clubs**

The City has several mainstream clubs and a strong underground/alternative music scene. All offer discounts and provide special club nights for students.





# Culture/events /activities

**UK National Windsurfing Championships** - late May, at Bridlington

**HOG on the Humber** - early June, on the Humber Bridge

**Beverly Folk Festival** - late June, at Beverley

**Hornsea Carnival** - mid-July, at Hornsea

**Driffield Show** - late July, at the Driffield Showground

**Northern Hydro Championship** - late July, at the East Park in Hull

**Yorkshire Thoroughbred Car Rally** - late August, at Sewerby Hall

**Hull Motor Show** - late August, at the East Park in Hull

**Maritime Festival** - early September, at the Hull Marina

**Jazz and Freedom Festival** - early September, at Queen's Gardens,  
Humber Quays and Queen Victoria Square, in Hull

**Jason Manford** - Friday 9 September and Saturday 10 September,  
7.30pm at the Hull City Hall

**Clipper Round the World Yacht Race** - late September, at Hull Marina

**The Kooks plus special guests** - Tuesday 4th October 2011 at the Hull City Hall

**Hull Fair** - mid-October, at the West Park in Hull

**Michaelmas Fair** - late October, at Burton Agnes Hall

**Fireworks Display** - 5th November, at the Hull Marina

**Humber Bridge Christmas Market** - mid-December, at the Humber Bridge

Visitors to Hull can head for the Museums Quarter, Ferens Art Gallery or explore the world's oceans at The Deep. Sports fans can get fired up at Hull City, Hull FC or Hull KR. You can keep in touch with the latest up and coming bands at venues like The Lamp, The Welly or Adelphi, whilst, some of the world's biggest bands including recently, The Who, REM, The Arctic Monkeys, The Killers, and Kings of Leon make appearances at The Hull Arena, The City Hall or the KC Stadium. If you fancy catching a play, try Hull New Theatre, Hull Truck Theatre - one of the UK's finest touring companies - or the College's own Riverside Theatre.

In recent years the city has welcomed the Clipper Round the World Yachts to Hull marina, introduced the hugely successful Global Food Fest and brought pirate mania to the streets of Hull as part of the Maritime Weekend.

And of course, with bustling streets brimming with everything from designer shops, major stores and trendy boutiques, to traditional pubs, café bars, clubs and great restaurants - every hour of your college days and nights are waiting to be filled right on your doorstep.



# Travelling

## to and from Hull



Perfectly positioned in the centre of the 'The City Region', Hull is just 200 miles from London and Edinburgh, 100 miles by motorway from Manchester and less than an hour's drive from Leeds and York.

The city has 2 international airports within an hour's drive, a thriving ferry terminal that handles over a million passengers a year and the beautifully restored Paragon Transport Interchange, which boasts an award-winning direct train service to London and delivers some 24,000 people to St Stephens' door each day by train, coach and bus.

Better still you can get back to nature with Yorkshire's Wolds, Moors and Heritage Coast a short drive away.

### **Train**

Travel to all destinations is made easy through a well-developed train network. Students are advised to purchase a Young Person's Railcard.

### **Coach**

In addition to traveling by train to UK destinations you can also travel by National Express Coach. A coach card is available from the Paragon Interchange. It also allows for a one-third reduction on fares, although it is not valid for use on buses in and around the city itself.

### **North Sea Ferries**

North Sea Ferries sail daily (overnight) from Hull (King George Dock) to Zeebrugge in Belgium and Rotterdam in The Netherlands. If you are contemplating a trip into Europe during a vacation, North Sea Ferries offer special fares on production of your Student Union Card.

# Getting around Hull



## **Buses**

This is a good method of travel in Hull and its surrounding area. There are two types of buses, distinguished by their colours and the area that they service. Both run frequently.

Any bus service showing its destination as Paragon Interchange will take you to the city centre.

If you're taking the bus on a daily basis, it may be worth buying a bus pass through the Student's Union. The service ends each night when the last bus leaves the interchange at 11pm.

## **Bicycles**

A large number of students cycle to the College. Cycle parks are available at a number of places throughout the College. It is advisable to keep your cycle securely locked at all times.



# Student Life at Hull College

## Students' Union

Once you enrol at Hull College you automatically become a member of the Students' Union.

Despite the common perception of Students' Unions, your SU actually do a lot more than provide you with loads of Student entertainment. Your Students' Union here at Hull College is currently going through a major development to become an independent organisation that is here to represent the view of the Students and offer a range of services.

We work very closely with a range of organisations including the College, residents groups, Police and local authorities to lobby for changes and developments that will be beneficial to the student body.

The Students' Union team is made up of a mixture of part time paid elected Officers. The Officers are all students of the College and were elected by the Student Body in the SU elections. This year's team is made up of 4 Officers and a student council which the officers are also involved in. The SU elections are held every year and anyone who is a member of the SU can run for a SU position.



Becoming a Part-time Officer is a great way to get to know how the Union works. The main election takes place early in March, followed by a by-election early in October should not all positions be filled.

Although there are a lot of fun aspects to the Students' Union such as big name gigs, music festival trips and days out around the country, we do also offer a range of professional services and guidance at the College.

So when you enrol at Hull College make sure one of your first visits is to check out the SU and what we have to offer.

The Student Union has a new base on the historic High Street in the old town near to the Queen's Gardens campus. Facilities include a meeting room, pool table, counselling facilities and much more. You'll also be able to purchase your N.U.S Card from here too.

Look for further details around the college on the Student Union noticeboards.

# Higher Education at Hull College Group

## Student Finance Update

As you may know the Government has recently announced significant changes to higher education/undergraduate tuition fees from 2012.

The Hull College Group has set its Higher Education fees at a level of £6000 per year from 2012 for new full-time undergraduate students at Hull, Goole and Harrogate. This tuition fee will apply to all new students who enrol on the first year of their course in September 2012.

This increase in fees has been brought about by a change in the way Government funds higher education institutions, which results in a reduction in the amount of public subsidy for study in higher education. The Hull College Group has worked hard to keep its proposed fees inline with the base levels proposed by Government, whilst ensuring that it continues to provide an excellent and high quality education experience for students. The Group will be offering a range of bursaries and scholarships to ensure that it continues to offer opportunities for students from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds to benefit from higher education.

This proposal will not affect existing students registered on undergraduate degree programmes at the Group who will continue to pay the same fees for the duration of their full-time course – currently £2,600 per year in line with our published higher education fees policy. For example, if you paid £2,600 for your first year of full-time study in 2011/12, your fees for the remainder of your course will remain the same.

Existing students that progress at HCUK to 'top-up' their Foundation Degree to Honours level will continue to pay the current full-time fee (£2600) until they complete their honours studies.

During this period of change, Hull College Group will work with all students to ensure that we continue to deliver the highest quality advice and guidance in respect of student finance and access and progression through our programmes. If you have any questions about Higher Education student finance and support, please contact student services on 01482 598942 or call into the Chesters reception foyer and speak to a member of our dedicated team.

We will continue to keep you updated with any new information.



# Accommodation



Hull College works in partnership with a number of commercial agencies and can help students to find suitable accommodation. Accommodation within Hull is cheap and plentiful; there is a wide choice available including private accommodation, student accommodation, shared houses/flats, bed-sit and bed and breakfast accommodation. Further details are available on request.

Accommodation fees are between £55 and £70 per week for self catering facilities. Residential accommodation which includes all costs (such as food) starts at £80 per week.

# Did you know?



- Hull College enrolled over 30,000 students last year
- Hull College has a simulated indoor building site for Construction training
- Hull College has a professional working theatre which presents monthly dance and drama performances
- Hull College's Queen's Gardens campus is one of the highest buildings in the city centre
- Hull College can boast of its routes as a technical college, over 110 years ago and celebrates the Hull School of Art and Design's 150th year in 2011
- Hull College offers over 1200 courses
- Hull College has a sister site in Goole and a campus in Harrogate
- Hull College was graded 'Outstanding' in all areas during its most recent Ofsted Inspection
- Hull College has students from over 25 different countries
- Hull College has over 1200 members of staff to support students
- Hull College has some of the best facilities in the country

# Health and Well Being



## **Medical Care**

Whilst you are living and studying in Hull you will be entitled to free medical care under the National Health Service provided that you stay for six months or longer. In order to obtain this service you should register with a local General Practice as soon as possible after your arrival.

## **Dental Care**

If students require any dental treatment whilst studying in Hull you should call into Student Support Services or look in the Yellow Pages and collect details of dentists willing to give treatment under the National Health Service.

## **Police**

Humberside Police are responsible for the city of Hull and the surrounding area on both banks of the River Humber.

All emergency calls to the Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance service are free. Simply dial 999 and ask the operator for the service you require.

**The 999 system must only be used in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.**

The Police telephone number for all non-emergency calls is (01482) 326111.





# Useful Contacts



## **Hull College**

**Queen's Gardens** Telephone +44 (0)1482 329943  
Fax +44 (0)1482 598733

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ask for the Cannon Street Centre)

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ask for the Park Street Centre)

**Learning Zone** Telephone +44 (0) 1482 381948

Hull College Website [www.hull-college.ac.uk](http://www.hull-college.ac.uk)

## **Immigration Advisory Service (IAS)**

Telephone +44 (0) 113 244 2460  
Website [www.iasuk.org](http://www.iasuk.org)

## **Immigration and Visa Information and Advice**

[www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)

## **National Rail Enquiries - for fees and timetable information**

Within the UK telephone 08457 48 49 50

From outside the UK +44(0)20 7278 5240

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