

Additional
Learning
Support

Careers in Health, Science and Social Care



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Welcome to Barnsley College



SciTech Centre

Welcome to the Additional Learning Support Guide for Health and Social Care.

Moving to college is an exciting but worrying time for everyone. We hope our guide will help ease any worries and give you assurance before you start your course in Health and Social Care and enjoy yourself whilst at Barnsley College.



Student Services on the ground floor at Old Mill Lane



Zest Café on Level 1 at SciTech

At Barnsley College, we care about you. We want to give you the knowledge, skills and experience that will help you to progress to the next stage in your career, whether that's university, an apprenticeship or employment. We pride ourselves on transforming lives.

Health and Social Care have a fantastic range of facilities and the opportunity to gain work experience so they can provide you with the best foundation upon which to build your future.

Getting to Health and Social Care



SciTech Centre Reception

The SciTech Centre is home to Computing and the Health, Science and Social Care Departments. SciTech is a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange. You will be greeted by a quiet Reception as you come in off Falcon Street. The SciTech Centre is easily accessible from our main site, Old Mill Lane.

The Health and Social Care Department is located on Level 4 with classes taking place on both Level 4 and 5. You will need to scan your student ID badge to get access through the barriers. You will be given your student ID badge as part of enrolment. While in college you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times. There are signs to help you find your way and lifts to each floor.



SciTech Centre entrance

Placement

During your Health and Social Care course you will be put on a placement. The placement will last 3 weeks, past placements have included care homes, Childcare settings, Drug Rehabilitation centres and Hospitals.

Whilst on placement the Health and Social Care Department will expect you to:

- Wear your uniform
- Arrive on time
- be professional

further information won't be shared with you during your interview.



As you will be working with vulnerable adult and children you will need to successfully pass a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS).

On your three week placement you will be expected to wear a uniform. This includes:

- Barnsley College Health and Social Care T-shirt
- Hooded top with Barnsley College logo
- Black trousers
- Sensible, black trousers
- Hair needs to be tied back
- No false nails

The Barnsley College Health and Social Care T-shirt and Barnsley College hooded top can be ordered through the college.

Different Learning Environments

Health, Science and Social Care

Classrooms



Simulator



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Level 2

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Student Profile

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Health and Social Care

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Science Laboratory



Student Profile

Annabella Taylor

Level 1 Health and Social Care

"I am enjoying the placements we get to go on which is really exciting. I enjoy the Health and Social Care course and have made a lot of friends since being at college."

Tutorial Room



Student Profile



Beth Martin

Level 2 Health and Social Care

“Since I started Barnsley College I have passed my GCSE English, developed new skills and have grown in confidence and I am now able to ask for help. I would recommend the college as it is easily accessible and has endless opportunities.”

Theory Lessons



Most of your lessons each week will be theory based. The theory lessons will be in a classroom, where you will learn about safeguarding, communication, dementia, policy and legislation as well as a lot of scientific content such as growth and development.

In theory lessons your tutor will guide your learning throughout the course. You will work through assignments for units with the guidance of tutors.

You will be assessed continually throughout your course by completing assignments.

Do I need to do English and Maths?

If you have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths. You will not have to do them at college.

If you have a GCSE in English and Maths below a grade D/3 you will need to attend two GCSE Maths and/or two GCSE English lessons each week. These will be on your timetable. If you are working below this level you can do functional skills instead.

If you have an EHCP it may be possible to exempt you from English and Maths. You can speak to your tutor or ALS about this.





“The college is flexible, offers a lot of independence and is good preparation for university. It was good to get real life experience during a three-week placement in a care home as part of my course.”

Freya Atkinson

Level 3 Health and Social Care
Former Barnsley Academy pupil

Before you start college

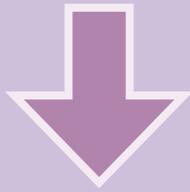
Application



Assessment



Interview



Enrolment

You can apply for your course at  www.barnsley.ac.uk/health or by using the application form at the back of the course guide. Your school may help you fill your application form in.

The ALS team will invite you for an initial assessment to discuss your support needs before you start college. This is before your course interview if you have an EHCP.

After you apply for your course in Health and Social Care, you will be invited into college for an interview with one of our tutors.

At your interview you will find out more about the course and details on the uniform you will need before starting college. You will also need to pass a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS).

After the interview, you will either be offered a place on the Health and Social Care course or referred to a more appropriate course.

The Health and Social Care Department will invite you in for an afternoon taster session so that you can get an idea of what you will be doing when you start in September.

You will be sent an invitation and enrolment pack will be sent out to you at the beginning of August 2018 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your study programme at the end of August 2018.

When you come to enrol you will have your photo taken for your student ID badge and will be told when your first day at college will be.

For more information contact our Admission team on  **+44 (0)1226 216 106** or  **interviews@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Support

If you have an EHCP, Additional Learning Support (ALS) will put support in place to help you during your lessons. Both support workers and your tutors will know your support needs and will help you achieve. Our support will depend on your needs and will be discussed during your initial assessment. If you do not have an EHCP, your support will be provided by the Health and Social Care team.



How do I get Support?

1. When you fill in the application form or you apply online at www.barnsley.ac.uk/health. You will be asked if you have a learning disability/difficulties. If you have your information will be sent to ALS.
2. When you declare a learning need ALS will contact you to organise an initial assessment.
3. The initial assessment is where you meet one of the ALS coordinators, who will discuss your learning needs and how to best support you while in college. A support plan highlighting the support that will be provided to you, will be produced.
4. This will be passed onto the Health and Social Care Department. We will also send you a copy home.

What to expect during your first week

In Health, Science and Social Care, your first two weeks will be induction. You will be expected to attend all the sessions. During induction:

- You will be shown around the college allowing you to become familiar with the college and shown the different services that are available
- You will have lessons where you will meet your group allowing you to make new friendships and meet your tutors
- You will work through your course handbook which will introduce the course to you
- You will complete your Disclosure and Barring service (DBS) check
- You will be given your timetable
- You will be introduced to key people such as the Safeguarding Representative and the Tutorial Learning Mentor (TLM)

HAPPY STUDENTS

Our students are the happiest in Yorkshire.*
*Department for Education
Learner Satisfaction
Survey 2017



During induction Support Workers will be in the sessions to provide support. Support will settle down once timetables have been finalised.

Do you have an EHCP?

Each academic year you will have an annual review of your EHCP which takes place at college. There will be yourself and family members/ advocate, TIAG, staff from the college and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. We will also review your EHCP to see if anything needs updating. The meeting can take anything from 1-2 hours.



Are you a Looked After Child?

You will have a meeting three times a year at College, which is called a Personal Education Plan meeting (PEP). There will be yourself and carers/ advocate, TIAG, staff from the College and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. The meeting lasts approximately an hour.

Every looked after child on College roll is entitled to claim the guaranteed bursary which is a payment of £1200 pro rata across the academic year. The purpose of the guaranteed bursary is to facilitate access to education and provide financial support towards such things as travel, food, equipment and kit.

Application for the guaranteed bursary is made through completion and submission of an internal application form into Student Services.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure you and everyone in college are kept safe and protected from harm.

At Barnsley College we pride ourselves on going above and beyond to make college a safe, happy and thriving environment for all. It is important to us that anyone coming into college is treated with respect and dignity and feel safe and listened to.



Reporting a safeguarding concern.

If you feel unsafe, you can contact our team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 142** or ✉ **safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Or you can talk to the Health and Social Care Safeguarding Representative if you are concerned about your welfare or someone else's. They will be introduced during Induction.

Tutorials

At Barnsley College all learners will have a detailed tutorial programme looking into a range of themes such as bullying, healthy relationships, mental health, radicalisation and cyber safety.

You will also have one to one meetings with the Tutorial Learning Mentor throughout the year to review your progress.

Old Mill Lane



Old Mill Lane

The Old Mill Lane site is a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange. As you come in from Church Street you will be greeted with a busy Reception. A quieter entrance is the Urban Park on the lower ground floor. The Old Mill Lane site is a short walk up from the SciTech Centre.

From September, all students will use the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor. This is easily accessible and is a short walk from the Church Street entrance.

The College services are found on ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. Computing learners also use the catering services and the independent study areas. To use the facilities at Old Mill Lane you will need to scan your student ID badge to get access through the barriers and while in college you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times.



Old Mill Lane Reception



Old Mill Lane entrance



Urban Park entrance

Learning Curve



The Learning Curve is the college's library which can be found on the ground floor and first floor of the Old Mill Lane site. It is an independent study area and has IT facilities on both floors for you to use. The Learning Curve has a quiet work space on the first floor.

IT Suite

Health and Social Care offer laptops which you can be booked out and use to complete your work. You can also work in an IT Classroom but you will need to ask a tutor to unlock it. In the Common room on Level 2 there are computers for you to use in your free time.

You will be given your own log on to access the computers during enrolment. There are printing facilities around SciTech Centre for you to print your work. There is charge for printing and photocopying.

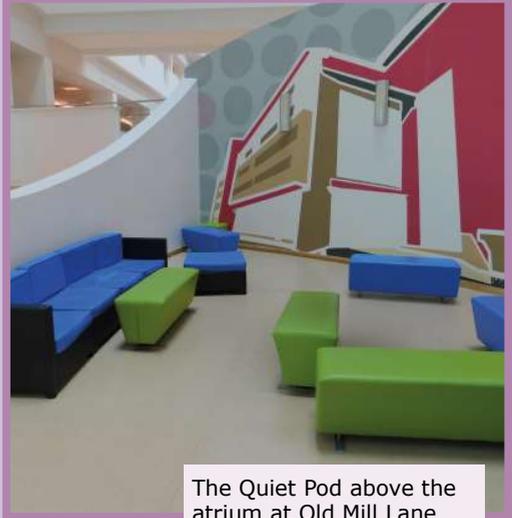


Social Areas

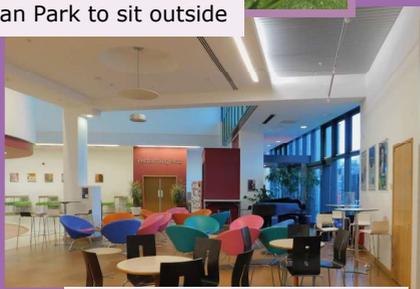
At the Old Mill Lane site there are lots of areas for you to sit and meet with your friends as well as quieter areas for you to go when you need some quiet time.



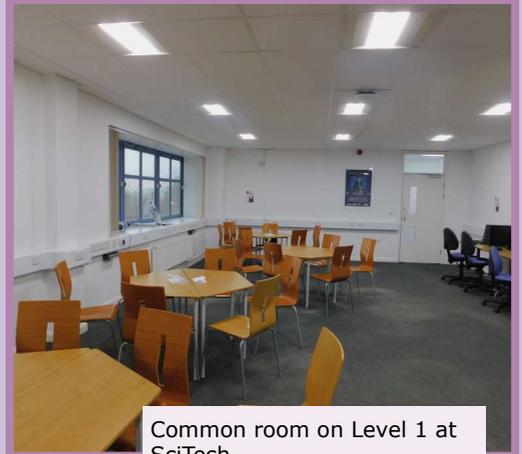
Urban Park to sit outside



The Quiet Pod above the atrium at Old Mill Lane



Plenty of areas to sit in the atrium but it can get noisy.



Common room on Level 1 at SciTech



Students' Union has a range of activities for you to take part in.

On Level 2 of the SciTech Centre there is an area where you can sit and meet your friends between lessons with a few computers for you to work on.

Places to eat



The atrium offers a range of hot and cold food



Cookie Crumbs Café



Crumbs Café



Starbucks Café



Zest Café on Level 2 of the SciTech Centre offers Hot and Cold Snacks.

Free Meals

If you are aged between 16-18 and have a household income of less than £20,000 per year you may be eligible for free meals at college, please apply to the Learning Support Fund.

College Services



On the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site we have a number of services which you can use. These are:

- Student Services
- Information Unit
- Wellbeing Centre

Health and Wellbeing Centre



Our award-winning Wellbeing Centre is available to everyone and offers confidential advice and a range of health services. We have a dedicated team of people including NHS nurses who will provide advice on counselling, Mental Health Access Team, diet and nutrition advice, contraception and sexual health services, smoking, drugs and alcohol support.

They also hold events across college throughout the year to raise awareness of health issues and update you about the services they offer.

You can speak to someone in confidence by contacting the Health and Wellbeing Team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 233**.

College Services

Information Unit



Please contact our friendly information team for more information on the Health and Social Care courses or any other course you are interested in. ☺ **+44(0)1226 216 123.**

Student Union



You will find the Student Union in the atrium on the lower ground floor at the Old Mill Lane campus. The Union runs lots of activities, societies and a volunteering scheme.



Student Services



Student Services is on the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. They will be able to help you with financial support through the Learning Support Fund, information on the free college bus services and the concessionary travel pass.

Did you know?

You don't have to carry cash on you.

You can load money onto your student ID and pay for food, drink and other items available at the college through our Way2Pay cashless system. For more information visit:

www.barnsley.ac.uk/way2pay

Learning Support Fund

If your household income is less than £35,000*, you could be eligible for financial support from the Learning Support Fund.

You can pick up an application form from Student Services.

Contact the Student Services Team:

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✉ studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk

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