

Welcome Pack for Care Experienced Young People

2026/2027

Welcome

The Wellbeing Team

Welcome to Chesterfield College. A warm welcome to new students, and a friendly welcome back to everyone returning.

We're proud to support you as you take your next steps in learning.

We know starting something new can feel a bit worrying, but we're here to help you feel safe, calm and ready to learn.

We want you to enjoy your time here, try new things and succeed in your own way.

College is a kind and supportive place where your voice matters.



Inspiring futures
changing lives

Personal Education and Training Plan (PETP)

All young people in care have a PETP. This plan helps make sure you get the support you need during your time at College so you can learn well and move towards your goals.

We work closely with other services to help you feel safe and supported while you study.

Your PETP meetings happen 2–3 times a year. The people who support your care will come along. In these meetings we will:

- Talk about your academic journey to date including your views.
- Celebrate successes and achievements.
- Identify any support or interventions you may need.
- Set targets.
- Discuss and prepare for next steps.

Bursary and Financial Support

A bursary is financial support provided to students to help them pay for things such as:

- Travel
- Uniform
- Kit/tools
- Materials
- Free meals
- Trips/residentials

You will need to apply for Bursary and your Social Worker will need to provide a supporting letter confirming your status as a Care Experienced Young Person.

For more information about Bursaries and how to apply, visit Student Services in C007. Or visit the bursary page on the college website.

College Enrichment Programmes

At Chesterfield College, your learning is only one part of your experience. The Empower programme gives you support with your future career and everyday skills, and encourages resilience.

Our Safeguarding team run regular Awareness Days on key topics. Visit our Safeguarding and Wellbeing page on our website www.chesterfield.ac.uk for updates, information and support.

Talk to your Personal Development Coach, check the Heartspace chalkboard or the TV screens around college to find out more about planned events and activities.

Absence Reporting

For details on how to report absences please see our website - <https://www.chesterfield.ac.uk/study-with-us/absence-reporting/>

2026/2027 Term Dates

- Monday 14th September 2026 - Friday 23th October 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 22nd February 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027 - Friday 28th May 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027 - Friday 2nd July 2027

College and the Safeguarding office will be closed on:

- Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027
- Friday 26th March 2027
- Monday 29th March 2027
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Tuesday 1st June 2027

The Wellbeing Hub

The Wellbeing Hub is a calm and safe place in college where you can learn about support available to you both here and outside of college. It is on the ground floor of South Block, just before the lifts.

The Safeguarding Team are based in the Wellbeing Hub for safeguarding support; including advice, guidance, and signposting. The SEND Team is also based in the Wellbeing Hub for any queries regarding additional education support, adjustment permits and exam arrangements.

There is a quiet space if you need a calm environment.

More information and useful links for safeguarding and wellbeing can be found on the VLE in the Wellbeing Hub Online section.

Personal Development Coaches and Personal Tutors

Your Personal Development Coach and Personal Tutor, from your academic area, will support you to develop;

- Personal skills
- Social skills
- Academic and study skills
- Employability skills
- Physical health
- Mental health
- General wellbeing

You will meet your Personal Development Coach and Personal Tutor as part of the induction programme.

Your Personal Development Coach will support you to overcome any barriers related to your Learning, Engagement, Achievement and Progress.



Your Student Checklist

Your student number

Your student email

Applied for your bursary?

Collected lanyard and student ID?

Accessed the VLE?

Your Key Contacts

Personal Tutor

Vocational Lead

Curriculum Manager

Personal Development Coach

Safeguarding advocate

Designated Teacher Sally Smith

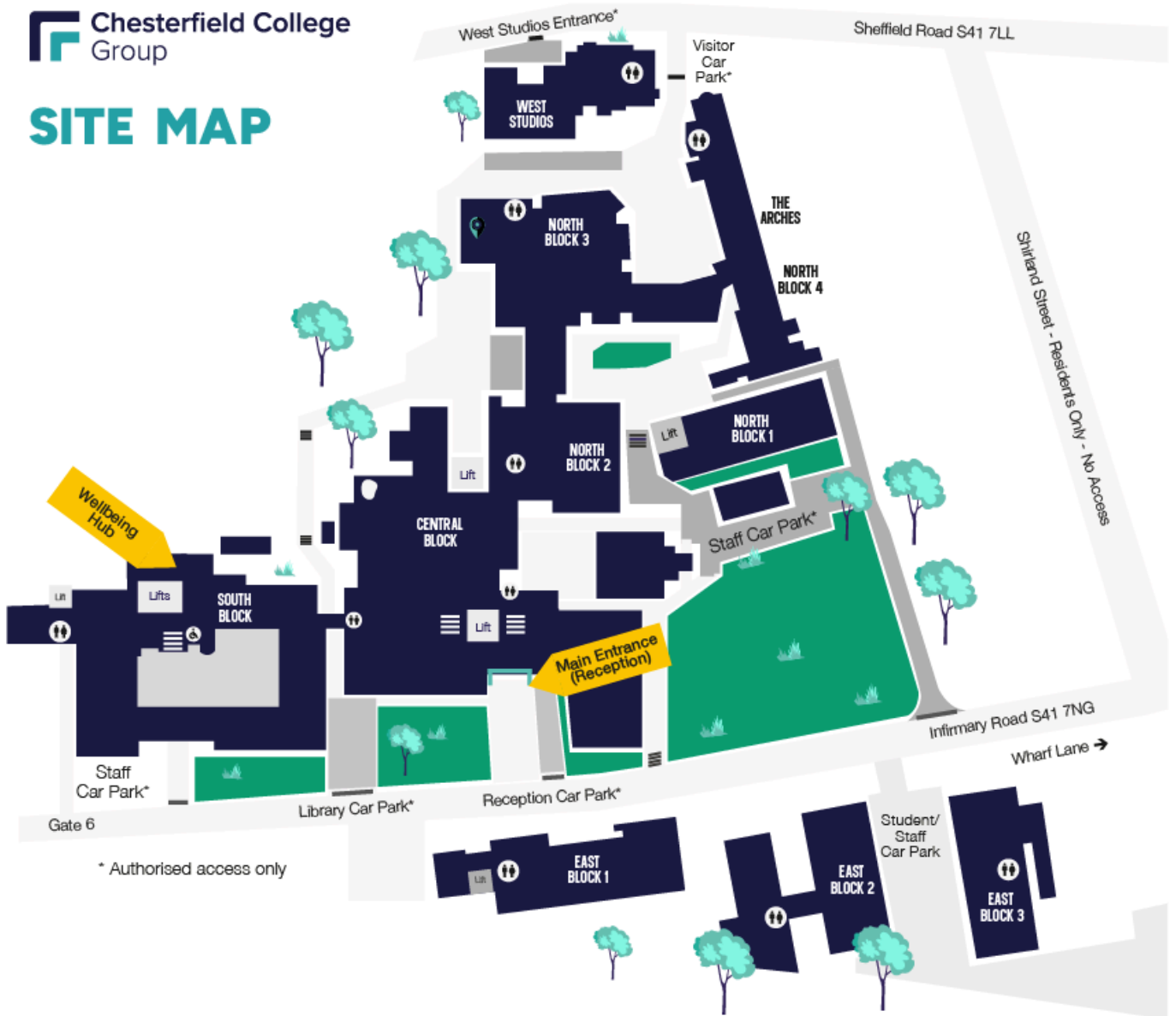
To speak to Safeguarding,
please come to the
Wellbeing Hub or

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