



Welcome back!

**... to this Autumn Term
2025**

Welcome to the new term



- We hope you've had an enjoyable and relaxing break and you're looking forward to the coming term!
- Find out what is coming up for you over the next half term – take advantage of all the events, opportunities and activities through the term!



Gateway College is a community where we want you to connect and belong!

- **You should now have completed your attributes self-assessment! (330 students so far, to complete in Tutorial)**
- **Read your personalised report**
- Enhance your knowledge and broaden your skillset with content, events, and experiences created for you.
- Phoenix+ is designed to fit in around your studies and help you work towards your goals.
- **Complete the digital content in Tutorial and when you have study time**

Phoenix⁺

Giving you the support to
succeed in life and work

- Gain your attributes digital badges by completing online content from your report, access the live sessions (more coming soon!)



Level 1 Award

Awarded on 11 Jul 2025 by Coventry
University – Phoenix+



Remain Positive – Level 1

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- Book on some of the exciting guest speakers, events you will see coming up on the platform!
- Live sessions will be led by Coventry University staff.

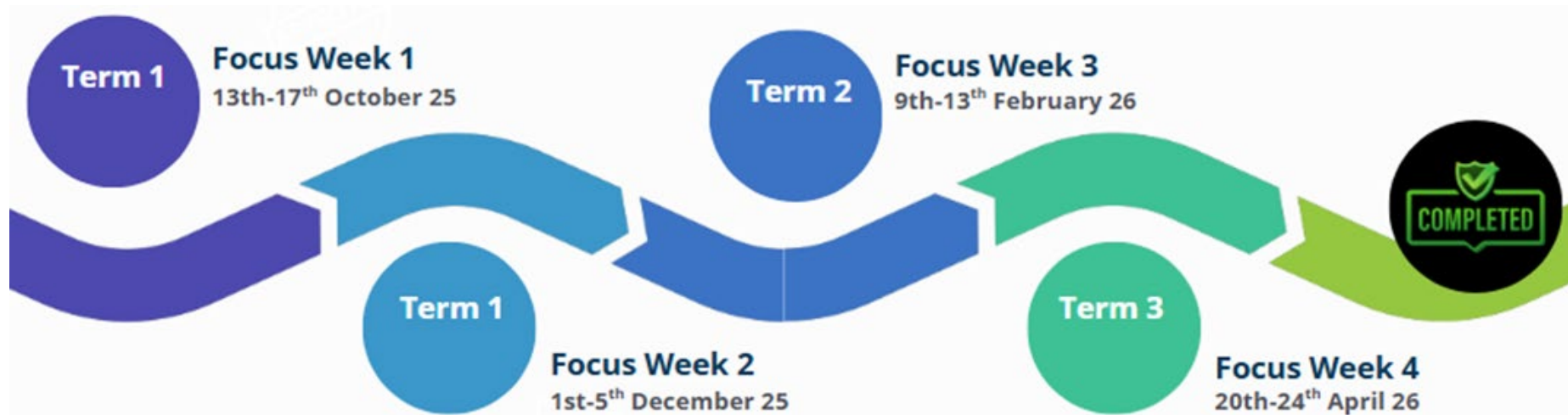
Online safety and expectations:

- Show respect to all participants, both staff and students, in your language and behaviour.
 - Follow the instructions of the session leader at all times.
 - Engage positively and contribute to the session as appropriate.
- Inappropriate behaviour (including disruptive or disrespectful actions) may result in removal from the session.
- Remember that the college's Acceptable Use of IT and Social Media Policies apply at all times

Swaya – Student Feedback



- Students give feedback by completing a survey in the Swaya app
- They complete college experience questions and ones relating to subjects
- During the year there are 4 focus weeks where surveys are done in class to feedback on the subject
- Staff make use of the feedback to help improve the student experience



What's happening Student Experience Team – all taking place in B Block



- Social Mobility Foundation presentation- 29th October
- Anthony Nolan Foundation Talk- 6th November
- Anthony Nolan Donor recruitment event -7th November
- Parents Intervention evening- 7th November
- Save The children talk- 12th November
- Child Financial Exploitation - 25th November
- Healthy Relationships- 2nd December
- Loros Bag packing- 9th December
- Christmas Celebration awards Monday - 15th December



Student Experience Team Trips



Christmas Trips:

- Wednesday 17th December- Ice Skating and Bowling
- Thursday 18th December- Birmingham Christmas Markets
- For those students with good attendance and on track with all work submission!

• Be a student that can and does

Remembrance Day Event



Tuesday 11th November

Join in our Remembrance Day event in the Street area at break time through to 11.10. Lessons will begin slightly later.

Working with a local Community group to deliver.

Please ensure you: On Remembrance Day, it is a time for quiet reflection and remembrance.

Upcoming Work Experience Dates – Are you on a course taking part?



- L2 Health & Social Care – 01/12/2025 to 05/12/2025
- L2 Business – 15/12/2025 to 19/12/2025
- Supported Internship – 08/12/2025 to 12/12/2025

Careers Padlet – access to further support. Take a look



- Scan the QR code to access the Careers Padlet
- Gain access to valuable information such as WEX dates, job profiles, LMI, University information and much more
- The Padlet will be regularly updated, so remember to keep coming back

To book a careers appointment reminder:



- You can scan the QR code to book a Careers one to one appointment
- Posters will be placed around the college with this QR code
- You will be directed to 'Calendly' to book the appointment
- All you'll need to do is choose an available date and time and confirm using your college email address
- You will receive an email reminder 24 hours before your appointment

Would you be interested in becoming a Careers ambassador?



We will be hiring! Play an essential role in our College.

Support and organise events

Attend meetings

Write a careers blog

Lead in assemblies or workshops

Focus group with employers

Read the job description

Complete the short expression of interest form

Attend a short interview and complete Spring Pod training

Bursary and Free College Meals (FCM)



The bursary is designed to remove or help towards combatting financial barriers to learning for students. It is confidential and is assessed online, based on your household income. FCM are assessed at the same time.

If you are a returning student and you received the bursary last year, you will need to activate your Pay My Student account and update your records for 2025-26. Scan the QR code to apply:



The closing date for all applications is Friday 31st October 2025.

Have you set up your Wise pay?



You should have received log ins and passwords to access this!

You won't be able to pay for any Christmas trips if you haven't.



WISEPAY ON DESKTOP

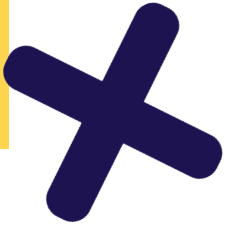


WISEPAY ON ANDROID



WISEPAY ON APPLE

Wisepay



- Download Wisepay app.
- Login using the Organisation Code - 79759388
- Your username will be Firstname.Surname (eg. John.Smith) - Make sure the first letter of First name and Surname are Capital letters with a full stop in the middle.
- Your Password will be sent Via email at the beginning of the year.

Please contact finance@gateway.sch.uk or go to the Finance office based in A103 In case of any issues with Wisepay.

Safeguarding: Meet the team and share a concern



Meet your Safeguarding Team

Kerry Reeve
Lead DSL
Specialism:
Child Looked After (CLA)

Nilpa Jethwa
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
Entry to Work provision

Katy Middleton
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
DFN Project Search and
off-site provision

Helen Herries
Operational DSL
Specialism:
Mental Health



Patsy Hamer
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
Filtering and monitoring

Asiya Malek
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
Welfare and
general safeguarding

Kiran Kaur
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
Welfare and
general safeguarding

Marcus Benjamin
Deputy DSL
Specialism:
Events, guest speakers
and themed weeks

DSL = Designated Safeguarding Lead

**For any concerns,
call: 0116 274 4561**



Safeguarding Reporting a Concern

- Sometimes it might feel difficult to raise a problem.
- If you need to reach out, but feel scared to step forward then you can contact our anonymous Email Helpline :

help@gateway.ac.uk

Vaping reminders:

- Thank you using the designated smoking area for smoking and vaping.
- Anyone found to be smoking or vaping in college will be suspended and could lose their place at college.
- Please be respectful of the college environment and the wider college community

Ebikes



IT'S ILLEGAL

It is against the law
to ride an e-scooter
on a public road or
pavement.
You can ride one only
on private land, such
as your driveway or
garden.

 @RoadSafeLeics
 Speed or Safety
 SpeedOrSafety.com

 **POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicestershire
Leicestershire & Rutland

 **Road Safety
Partnership**
DRIVING CASUALTIES DOWN

 **Leicestershire
Police**
Protecting our communities

Be safe! Student Lanyards



- Your safety is important to us.
- Please always wear your lanyard on site.
- All staff and students must be identified as part of the Gateway College community.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Friday 10th October: **World Mental Health Day.**
 - Wear something yellow.
- 3rd to 7th November: **International Stress Awareness Week**
 - **Exam stress workshop:** Wednesday 5th Nov at 10:30am with invitation. Contact Isabelle or Gurinder in E007
- 17th Nov to 21st November: **Self-care week**
- 2nd to 8th December: **National Grief Awareness Week**

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Mental Health & Wellbeing Drop-in sessions

with Isabelle & Gurinder

Monday to Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 pm

In A003

**You are welcome for a chat to share your worries
and, see how we can support you.**

Free Breakfasts!

8.15am – 9.00am

Free
Toast
&
Porridge

Every morning
In the
Canteen.



Attendance and Holidays



- **Exemplary attendance is important at Gateway.** Your wellbeing and future life chances are enhanced by full attendance (all lessons, all opportunities).
- We expect full commitment from students to their study programmes.
- Holidays during term are not approved and will result in intervention, extra costs re exams missed and removal from College. (SET for online request form)
- You must report any unavoidable absences to reception ideally by parents/carers.
- If you are late to lessons – please don't forget to apologise for being late



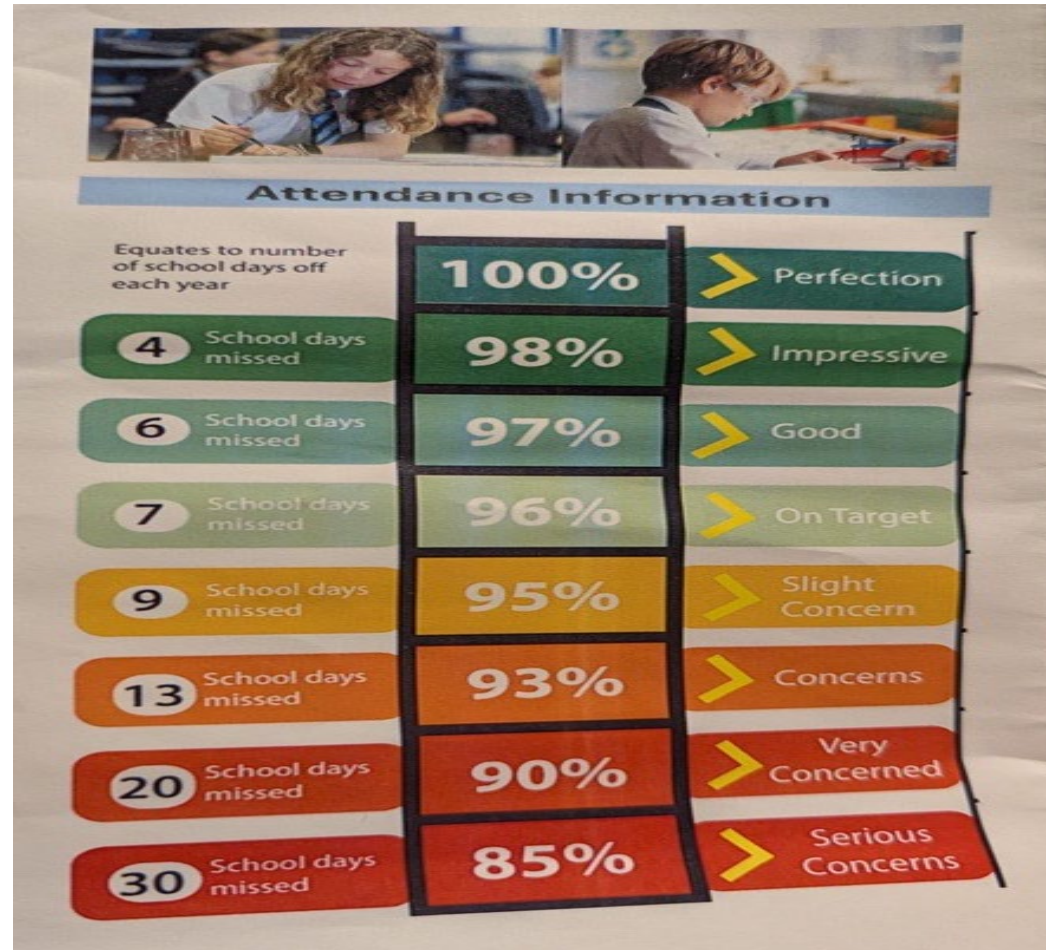
Attendance part 2 reminders



- Students who feel unwell during the college day should report to reception. This list is monitored.
- Use Teams and other platforms to catch up with work missed through absence and check on any independent learning set.
- You should not be organising work or driving lessons which clash with your timetabled lessons.
- You must attend any meetings, additional workshops or twilights arranged by members of staff.



Attendance: Where is yours? Where would you like it to be?



Approaches to learning this term



- Remember the code of conduct rules
- Work hard and make positive contributions daily
- Be prepared and bring the right equipment with you
- Plan your time and meet deadlines
- Keep your phone on silent and keep it out of sight – unless instructed by your teacher
- Communicate well with all staff politely
- Consider the needs of others in the classroom
- Seek understanding if you need it
- Be quiet in and around the building and respectful in the wider community



When things go wrong restorative conversations and practice



What is Restorative Practice?

It's like shifting the focus from "Who messed up?" to "What happened, and how can we move forward together?"

- **It's about talking it out:** Instead of blaming someone, restorative practice brings everyone involved in a problem together to talk openly about what happened and how everyone's been affected.
- **Repairing harm, not punishing:** Restorative practice looks at ways to move forward, like getting more support or apologising for the impact on those who have been hurt, and thinking about what should happen next.
- **Building stronger connections:** By understanding each other better and working through problems, restorative practice helps strengthen relationships between students, teachers, and the whole college community.

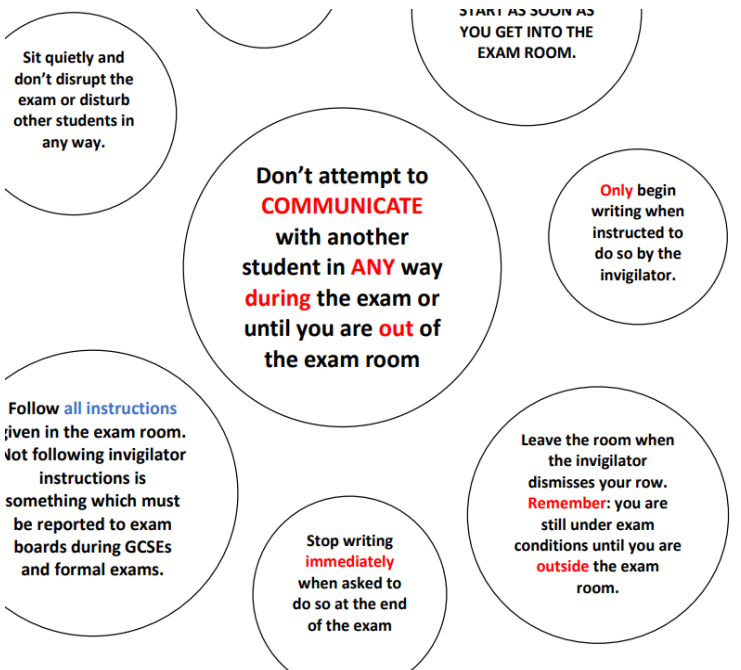
STUDENT LIFE



Exams: be ready for any exams



- Do you have all the necessary equipment you need?
- You will need to be 15 minutes early for your exam



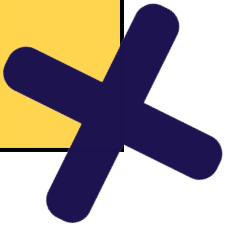
No food, chewing gum or sweets in the exam room

Place all bags and coats at the back or side of the room

Take your seat quickly and only speak to a member of staff if you need help finding your seat. They will know the seating plan and be able to help

Raise your hand if you have a question and someone will come to you

What's Happening in Business



- **World Class Basics!** Each lesson you should be bringing your folder, equipment and a calculator.
- Level 1 Business Trip to Coventry University – **Weds 29th October.**
- Level 2 Work Experience:
 - **Group 1 & 2 – Week Commencing 8th Dec.**
 - **Group 3 & 4 – Week Commencing 15th Dec.**
- **A Level Accounts – Check the schedule on our noticeboards for DURs A Level Grade Booster Workshops.**
- **A Level Business Grade Booster Workshops – Will start with SBR this Half Term – Focussing on Theme 1 & Theme 2.**
- **BTEC L3 - Do you know when your January exams are?**
Check the noticeboards to schedule your revision.

Health and Life Sciences



- T – Level Education
- 15th – 19th December T-LEVEL EDUCATION MOCK WEEK
- Year 1 placement commences – Monday 27th October 2025

Mock exam week for A level and BTEC Science

- 24th – 28th November

IT



- **T-Level 1st Years Trip to Computer Science Museum (20/11/2025)**
- **Guest Speaker – Muumbe Hapenga (Gateway Alumni)**
- **Coventry Uni – Cyber Security Masterclass (Date TBC)**

Maths and English



GCSE Nov exams (for select students only):

- Extra Friday Grade Booster Sessions – 12.20-1.20pm in E210/E211.
- All equipment will be provided in the exam for you.
- All exams are in the morning. Check Cedar for room/seats info.

Exam Dates:

• Maths

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Wed 5th Nov 2025 (am)	Fri 7th Nov 2025 (am)	Mon 10th Nov 2025 (am)

• English






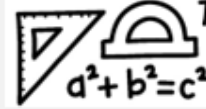
Paper 1	Paper 2
Tue 4th Nov 2025 (am)	Thu 6th Nov 2025 (am)

Maths and English








Grade Booster Sessions are now available – Come along and boost your chances of success – It's FREE tuition!

MATHS

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9.00 – 10.30			Junaid E208	Saima E208 9.45-10.30am	
10.40 – 12.10			Kajal E205 10.40-11.40am		
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.55 – 14.25					
14.30 – 16.00		Zeena E205 2.30-3.30pm	Tim E208		

For A levels – go to Tim/Saima/Mayur's sessions

ENGLISH

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
9.00 – 10.30	Tazeen G005 9.30-10.30am	Tazeen G005 9.30-10.30am			
10.40 – 12.10					
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.55 – 14.25		Emma G004			
14.30 – 16.00					

Creative Arts and Media



- •Media Apprentice Job Deadline – End of November
- •Experience Psychology Day – 29th October at Nottingham Trent University
- •Psychology Tutor2U Trip – 25th November at Star City, Birmingham
- •BA Entertainment Talk from BCU – 3rd December in B Block/D210
- •Experience Social Science Day – at Nottingham Trent University December.

College closed dates



Thursday 6th November – lessons will finish at Lunch time no lessons in the afternoon due to Open Evening.

Friday 7th November – No lessons all day due to staff CPD day.

Friday 19th December – No lessons all day. Thursday 18th December last day of term for students.

Sweet Market Enterprise



Our Sweet Market Enterprise is open for all snacks and refreshments.

Please keep a look out on the board in the Street area for themed events running this term to purchase special sweet bags as gifts.

