



# Online Guide



# Hello from the Principal



My name's Joanna and I'm the college Principal. I wanted to write a few words by way of a welcome to our guide for students during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our world has been turned upside down by this crisis and at a time when I would be ordinarily be helping with arrangements for students taking exams and welcoming Y11 applicants to the college for transition events I am sitting at home on my laptop and hoping that you are holding on to your dreams of studying at the college in September.

Despite these difficult circumstances we are determined to make the best of things and show you all that the college has to offer by whatever means are available to us. So whether it's through the college website, our Bridging the Gap platform, our social media posts or live chat facility you can still find out everything you need to know for your future studies.

When I welcome prospective students at our transition events, I say that they are designed so that you can familiarise yourself with your teachers, the campus layout and college systems. Most importantly, of course, you sample your chosen courses and experience the methods of teaching and assessment that will be used in those subjects. All of this so that when you enrol with us in August

and start college you are that much more familiar with what's in store and hopefully get off to a flying start.

Later this term we are staging an online transition day with the same aim. You will be able to join and participate in live lessons through Microsoft Teams and, wherever possible, your teacher will be in the classroom to make for an authentic experience.

In case you haven't yet visited the college in person, be assured that when we do go back to studying on site we have the advantage of spacious accommodation inside and out and as a relatively small college you will have plenty of room to learn and enjoy yourself safely in the 'new normal'. Whatever you're feeling about the cancellation of the summer's exams and the effect on your GCSE grades, remember your place with us is guaranteed and we have programmes to suit all circumstances. In other words – your dreams are intact at Stockton Sixth Form.

I really look forward to meeting you soon.

*Joanna Bailey*

# Where to find us



We are right on the doorstep of a lot of schools in the area which makes us your local sixth form. All students have access to our **FREE** college bus but some might want to take advantage and walk or cycle to college.



- 1 **Acklam Grange**  
4.5 miles
- 2 **All Saints**  
5.4 miles
- 3 **Grangefield Academy**  
0.5 mile
- 4 **Ian Ramsey**  
1 mile
- 5 **Ingleby Manor**  
6 miles
- 6 **Northfield**  
5 miles
- 7 **North Shore**  
2.3 miles
- 8 **Our Lady and St Bede**  
Next door
- 9 **Outwood Academy**  
**Bishopsgarth**  
2 miles
- 10 **St Michaels**  
5.2 miles
- 11 **St Patricks**  
4 miles
- 12 **Thornaby Academy**  
4 miles

## Bus Routes

### Route 1

Middlesbrough  
Acklam  
Thornaby

### Route 2

Billingham  
Norton

### Route 3

Yarm  
Eaglescliffe  
Ingleby Barwick  
Heartburn

### Route 4

Wynyard  
Stillington

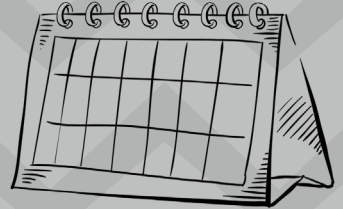


# Virtual Open Events



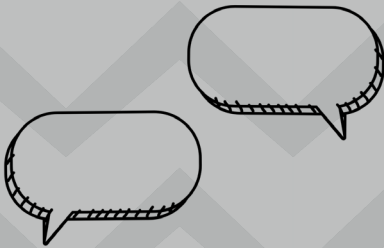
## Bouncebackability Week

6th - 10th July



Our popular preview week has moved online this year for the first time ever you can enjoy the best parts of Stockton Sixth Form College from the comfort of your own home.

Bouncebackability week will give students the chance to meet subject teachers, take part in online lessons over Microsoft Teams and to find out more about the college ahead of enrolment in at the end of summer.



## Online Drop Ins

Fancy a chat? During lockdown we have moved our school drop ins online with our new LiveChat feature on our website.

Each weekday students can go onto [www.stocktonsf.ac.uk](http://www.stocktonsf.ac.uk) from 1pm - 3pm and speak to our dedicated team who are on hand to answer any questions you might have about our courses, bus routes, high flyers or any general enquiries about our successful college. Missed our drop in? No problem! With the LiveChat you can leave us a message and we will get back to you promptly.

# Bridging the Gap

We know how important it is to feel like students are supported during their transition from school to sixth form. To help aid this we have come up with Bridging the Gap, an online resource for Year 11 students who want to get ahead and to settle into the next chapter in their learning journey.

Each fortnight the website [vle.tvc.ac.uk](https://vle.tvc.ac.uk) is updated with new and exciting content from equations in Maths to case studies in Psychology students are able to check out what every subject at Stockton Sixth Form College has to offer.

It is a great resource if a student is undecided on which courses to study at A Level. This will allow them to sample the kind of work they will be studying and see if it's the right choice for them. We even have study tips, information on careers and much more! Take a look...

Click here

<https://vle.tvc.ac.uk>







# Careers, Work Experience & Industry Placements

At Stockton Sixth Form College we are passionate about Careers Guidance and Students progression. We will support you to make an informed decision about your future and explore career options open to you from applying to university to helping you find an apprenticeship whatever is right for you.

You will get one to one support from our careers advisor (Lauren Greenwood), Youth Direction and your personal tutor as well as your subject teachers. You will be invited to attend careers events such as University Open Days, The Careers Fair, Apprenticeship Talks, Employer Talks and Visits and much more.

We also have an online employability course which you will undertake during your first year to help you make decisions about your future. It includes looking at Labour Market Information, CVs and the different career choices which are open to you.

We also encourage you to gain work experience in you chosen field to enhance your CV and university application if you chose to go. We have close links with local hospitals, primary schools and law firms. You will also get the chance if you wish to undertake an industry placement this is 350 hours of work experience which runs alongside your studies. The placement is an opportunity to put your learning into practice and develop technical skills and they will enable you to finish your course with the skills, knowledge and expertise that employers want – giving you a leg up over others!

We have a dedicated are for careers in our Learning Resource Centre, where you can source information about universities, HE Progression routes, apprenticeships and much more. We display information on Local Labour Market information as well up and coming careers in the local area.





# School Liaison

At Stockton Sixth Form College, we pride ourselves on having bespoke packages for all schools in the area. With our strong links we work to support student needs with tailored programmes. No one size fits all approaches.



## College Presentations

As we are unable to get out into schools and deliver our engaging assemblies for students in the short term we have replicated this online for all to see at your convenience.

## College Interviews

Our college Interviews are currently being held over the telephone by our School Liaison Team. This is an opportunity for us to find out about prospective students career aspirations and their planned study programme.

Our team is friendly and has specialist knowledge about the college and variety of courses, therefore will be able to answer any questions that your students have. If you are unable to have a phone interview, please contact us so we can arrange an alternative for you.



## Future Me

Stockton Sixth Form College is part of a national programme- North East Collaborative Outreach Programme, which aims to support young people in England to progress into higher level education/ apprenticeships.

There are several opportunities that we can discuss to help students who fall into this category progress with their studies. This may be financial help, progression specialist meetings and bespoke careers advice.



# Connect with us...

Make sure you follow us on social media for all of the latest news about our successful college. We keep students up to date with events, course information, competitions, local work experience opportunities and much more. We don't shy away from trying out the latest craze on our new TikTok account so make sure you follow us there!



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