

Parents

Welcome to Boston College!

This leaflet gives you information about the College which will support your young person whilst they are here. Boston College has expectations and values which all learners should follow while they are members of our learning community.

Boston College's values are underpinned by the word 'respect', for each other, staff and the College environment. The College actively promotes British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and acceptance of different faiths and beliefs.

Safeguarding and Prevent

The College has a duty to ensure that all learners are safe. If you wish to raise a safeguarding concern or talk to someone about a problem regarding your young person, the Safeguarding Team will be able to assist you.

Prevent is a government strategy to ensure communities and people are safe from all types of extremism and radicalisation, including terrorism. Prevent ensures that people are not drawn into terrorist activity. Whilst at College we expect learners to respect each other's beliefs and cultures and have a positive attitude towards British values.

If you are concerned that these issues are affecting your young person please email safeguarding@boston.ac.uk or call **01205 365701** ask speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team. If this is out of college hours please call **01522 782333**

Attendance

Good levels of attendance are very important and there is a direct link between attendance and achievement - the better the attendance record, the better the chance of achieving the qualification and high grades. Individual attendance records are closely monitored and learners are expected to strive for 100% attendance.

Should your young person be unable to attend for any reason, please contact the College directly using any of the following methods as soon as possible on the morning of absence (ideally by 9.30am).

- ▶ ☎ **01205 365701** (and choose option 2)
- ▶ ✉ **absent@boston.ac.uk**

It would be appreciated if any non-essential personal appointments could be booked around the learner's timetable. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Work Experience

As you may be aware, a central part of the educational programme being pursued by your young person is external work experience. On some courses work experience forms a significant part of the programme.

Your young person will be required to secure a placement, which is relevant to their college programme and overall career aspirations. Any assistance you can give your young person with this task would be appreciated, as the best placements are in great demand. and go really quickly.

English and Maths

If your young person does not hold a grade 4 in GCSE English and/or Maths, then they must continue with these subjects at college. They will take either GCSE or Functional Skills English and/or Maths dependent on their existing grades and/or assessment. Please visit our website for more information.

Learner Services

This is a dedicated team that supports learners to achieve their goals, supporting mental health and wellbeing whilst at college. This includes a counselling service, learner support officers and financial support. If you would like to speak to a member of this team please make an appointment by calling **01205 365701** or drop into main reception.

Inclusive Learning (SEND)

If your young person requires support at college their support needs will be assessed by the SEND Team and a range of support and strategies will be explored to meet the individual needs. Please contact the SEND Team on **01205 365701**

Learner Voice

Boston College aspires to be a 'Brilliant College'. To achieve this, the College listens to learners at every opportunity - this is called 'Learner Voice'. The College takes feedback from learners in a number of different ways, which include:-

- ▶ Student Council
- ▶ Focus Groups
- ▶ Surveys

Next Steps and Career Planning

Boston College will support your young person in career and next steps planning. The College has a career programme outlining the support available, please find this information on our website. You can also use our 'career coach' tool on the website.

How to keep in touch

There are several opportunities throughout the year for you to receive feedback regarding your young person's progress. There are two parents' evenings and progress reports are sent out to parents at several points throughout the academic year. If you would like to discuss progress or concerns please contact the relevant Director of Learning as outlined on the back of this leaflet.

Course Area Contacts

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