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A Guide for Parents, Guardians & Carers



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Find your Son or Daughter's Future at Selby College – One of England's Top-Performing Colleges.

At Selby College, we appreciate how important it is for parents and carers to support and be happy with their son or daughter's choice of college and their choice of subjects, when they leave secondary education.

We also understand this can be an exciting but apprehensive time as there are so many options. You want to give them the best start in life. We know you want your child to go to a local college, that's safe, is easy to get to, has a wide subject choice, consistently achieves some of the highest results in the country, is graded Outstanding by Ofsted and has state-of-the-art facilities. All this and more is available at your local Sixth Form College, Selby College.

At Selby College we work hard to ensure all of our students are happy, supported in their learning and have access to a range of opportunities; all aimed at enhancing their future. It is no coincidence Selby College became the top-performing college in Yorkshire and second in England for learner satisfaction in November 2016.

This guide has been produced to answer some of the frequent questions that parents and carers ask us. It explains the types of courses available, including the different types and levels of qualifications, as well as some of the terminology you will hear and read in the different literature available from school or from the different Open Events you will attend.

98.4%
overall 'A' Level pass rate in 2017
(100% in 17 out of 21 subjects)



Selby College – your local college

Selby College, your local college, offers a wide range of choice yet is not a huge and impersonal institution. With around 1,300 full-time students of the same age, your son or daughter will quickly make new friends and get to know the lecturers and support staff well.

The college is academically ambitious. Your son or daughter will be encouraged to aim high, achieve and fulfil their potential. For students achieving high grade GCSEs, the college offers its Horizon Group helping those aspiring for a place at Oxford, Cambridge or another Russell Group University, by providing a programme of dedicated support to help them gain their place.

As a Sixth Form we offer a full range of 'A' Levels and as a vocational college, a wide range of work-related courses, both of which help students to progress into Further Education, Higher Education either at Selby College or a university, or directly into work.

We also have excellent links with local employers especially in the fields of Engineering, Construction and Healthcare, where we have become a "Centre of Excellence" for skills in the Power, Food Manufacture and Health & Social Care sectors.

The college provides first-class pastoral support through our Guidance and Support Tutors (GSTs) who work with every student to get the best from their education. All students are encouraged to participate in enrichment activities that provide a wide range of experience through volunteering, college sports, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, community projects, clubs and societies and the Students' Union.

We hope to see you at one of our Open Events, but if in the meantime, you have any queries about our courses, please contact Student Services Tel 01757 211040.

Allan Stewart OBE, Principal and Chief Executive

In 2016, Selby College had the largest number of students going to University of Oxford and other prestigious universities locally.





WHICH ROUTE TO TAKE?

There are three main choices available, 'A' Levels, Vocational courses or Apprenticeships

What is a Tertiary College?

Selby College is a special Sixth Form College that also offers technical and vocational courses. Tertiary colleges are mostly found in rural areas and are some of the highest performing further education establishments in the country.

Choosing a top-performing college like Selby College, means that whether your child wants to study 'A' Levels at our Sixth Form, a work-related vocational course or an Apprenticeship, their needs will be catered for. College is often a half-way house between school and university level programmes or work. Selby College also offers students the chance to progress to a Degree level course without creating the debt of studying away from home.

Selby College provides the perfect environment for those who want to study Higher Education. At college, your son or daughter will be given a sense of freedom and responsibility with strong guidance and support that helps prepare them for higher levels of study and for independent living, decision-making and studying.

Why Choose Selby College?

If you want your child to succeed, you could pick no better college than Selby College. Our reputation for student success is the envy of many other colleges, not just locally but across the country.

We were the first college in Yorkshire to achieve Ofsted 'Outstanding' status across all areas and Beacon status, a national recognition for our excellence and motivation in teaching and learning.

In 2017, our 'A' Level pass rate was 98.4% across all 21 subjects (100% in 17 of them), one of the highest of any college in the country, whilst our student retention record is equally one of the highest at 92%.

Our vocational course pass rates were equally high with students achieving 100% in 33 out of 39 subjects.

In the 2016 survey, the college achieved No.1 spot in Yorkshire and No.2 in England for student and employer satisfaction, finding learners work and for Apprenticeship provision, higher than any other college locally. In addition, 94% of students would also recommend the college to a friend.

Selby College student progression to positive destinations is 92%, putting the college in the top 6% of colleges and Sixth Forms in England.

1. 'A' Level

Academic qualifications are usually gained as a route towards higher education Degree level courses. These take one or two years to complete.

At Selby College, we believe there should be more to your child's 'A' Level experience than classrooms and text books. We know from past experience your child will excel in their studies through visits and activities that will enhance their learning experience. We organised 150 of them last year, virtually one every day.

This rounded approach ensures Selby College 'A' Level students' exam pass rates are some of the highest in the country in 2017, achieving an overall 98.4% pass rate, with students achieving 100% in 17 out of 21 subjects. We also enjoy this success because our teaching staff and facilities are some of the best in England.

We treat each student as an individual from day one and support them throughout their courses from day one. Our Sixth Form has some of the most up-to-date resources and learning aids available to any 'A' Level student in England. Our focus is to help your son or daughter to develop independent study skills while providing an environment that promotes academic advancement, in preparation for Further Education, Higher Education, an Apprenticeship or work.

We have excellent links with regional universities which will help your child decide on their next step if they intend to continue into Higher Education. These links include seminars by visiting subject specialists, regular visits to university open days and Higher Education events held at college with staff from various universities invited to promote the range of subject options available.

Our Horizon Group supports high-achieving GCSE students to prepare them for a place at Oxford, Cambridge or other Russell Group Universities of their choice.

Selby College now also offers a range of HNCs / HNDs, Foundation Degrees and Full Degrees that are validated by our partner universities – the University of Hull and Huddersfield University, should your child wish to continue their studies with us, but not want the expense of living or travelling away from home.

Providing comprehensive support to 'A' Level students is something that Selby College prides itself on. A personal Guidance and Support Tutor is assigned to your child to ensure that they get the help and motivation they need during their studies.

Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for each 'A' Level subject are slightly different. See our 2018/19 'A' Level Full-Time Guide for the new GCSE grading and entry levels in more detail, as well as the range of courses.

You will find a wider range of subjects in the 2018/19 Full-Time Vocational Course or Apprenticeship Guides or alternatively see the 16-18 courses section on our website www.selby.ac.uk.



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92%

of Selby College students progressed into Higher Education, a job, an Apprenticeship or a higher level further education place of their choice.

2. Vocational Courses

Vocational courses are an alternative access route towards Higher Education, an Apprenticeship or a job in a specific industry.

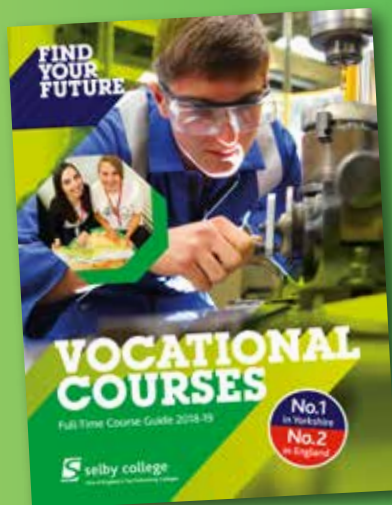
Vocational qualifications offer a more practical approach to learning that relates to specific jobs or industries. They tend to focus on developing practical skills and knowledge in a classroom-based environment, with real-life work experience being gained through industry placements.

Vocational courses vary in length, usually from 1-2 years dependent on the programme being followed, however it is possible to progress to the next qualification upon successful completion of the lower level. Students will be guided throughout the application process to ensure that they enrol on the level of qualification best suited to them.

There are many subject areas to choose from but it's worth bearing in mind that students can only study one vocational qualification at a time, so it's important to make sure it's something they're really interested in. At Selby College over half of our students passing their vocational courses progress to Higher Education with others going straight into employment or starting Apprenticeships.

These courses allow students to focus on a particular career. They will obtain in-depth knowledge of the area of their choice, and can study at various levels including BTEC Certificates / Extended Diplomas and National Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQ).

There is a wealth of vocational courses to choose from including: Art & Design, Business, Childcare, Construction, Catering & Hospitality, Engineering, Hair & Beauty, Health & Social Care, ICT and Computing, Media, Sports, Travel etc.



In 2017, students gained an impressive **100%** pass rate in 33 out of 39 subjects

3. Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are fast becoming the qualification of choice for ambitious young people.

Apprentices train, earn and learn at the same time. As well as providing paid employment, which will give your child valuable work experience, they will develop their professional skills and knowledge at college.

There are three levels of Apprenticeship which provide an alternative to the traditional academic route of GCSEs (Intermediate Apprenticeship), 'A' Levels (Advanced Apprenticeship) and Higher Education Level (Higher Apprenticeship).

Your child will gain a 'portfolio' of qualifications that will allow them to progress with their work placement or advance to other college or university courses.

The Selby College Apprenticeship programme is managed by our Business Services department who work alongside key local businesses, some are small family run firms whilst others are national or even global companies. The one thing these employers have in common is that they are keen to train and employ young people in important roles within their organisation.

The financial benefits aren't bad either: Apprentices, on average will earn over £100,000 more in their lifetime than other employees.

Selby College, the area's largest provider of these programmes, currently offers Apprenticeships in a wide range of careers – Accounting, Beauty, Business Administration, Catering & Professional Chefs, Children and Young People (incl. Early Years Educator), Construction, Customer Services, Engineering, Food & Drink (Industry Skills), Hairdressing,

Health & Social Care, Leadership for Health & Social Care, Hospitality, IT, Retail, Supporting Teaching and Learning and Team Leading/ Management.

Applying for an Apprenticeship place

Your son or daughter will be encouraged to take the initiative and find their own employer who is willing to take them on as an Apprentice. Alternatively vacancies are also advertised on the 'Find an Apprenticeship website'.

If your child finds work with a local employer please ask them to get in touch Tel: 01757 211097 as we can organise for them to receive free training, helping them to gain qualifications and further their careers.

For more information about Apprenticeships, please see our special 2018/19 Apprenticeship Guide, contact our Business Services department Tel **01757 211097** or email apprenticeships@selby.ac.uk.



Qualifications Explained

Level Description

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No formal qualifications required but subject to interview and assessment of individual needs. As the offer is made subsequent to these it would be unconditional.

1

Completed an educational programme with GCSEs to Grade 2, and/or pass grades in alternative relevant qualifications.

2

4 GCSE passes at Grade 3, one of which will be in English or Maths. Neither English nor Maths will be below Grade 2. At least 2 GCSE subjects at Grade 3 are required alongside alternative GCSE equivalent qualifications.

3

Vocational

5 GCSEs at Grade 4. At least one of Maths or English Language must be at Grade 4 and neither lower than Grade 3. At least 3 GCSE subjects at Grade 4 are required alongside alternative GCSE equivalent qualifications.

If the subject applied for has been taken previously then at least a Grade 4 at GCSE or Merit at BTEC or OCR Level 2 is required.

3

'A' Level/ BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

The minimum requirement is for at least six GCSEs at Grade 5, including Maths and English. Students must gain a minimum of a Grade 5 in any GCSE taken which is directly related to the subject, unless specified as follows.

Chemistry, Physics, Biology: Maths at 6, and 6 in the relevant single science or 6 in combined science GCSEs.

Note that to study 'A' Level Physics you should also be taking 'A' Level Maths. If taking Chemistry or Biology you should be taking Maths, or Core Maths as an additional subject.

Maths: Grade 6 in Maths

Further Maths Grade 7 in Maths

Languages: Grade 6 in the language taken



Seven Easy Steps

1

Look through the three 2018/19 Selby College course guides on 'A' Levels, Apprenticeships and Vocational Course choices to see what you are most interested in.

2

Come to one of our Open Events and bring along your friends and family to speak to staff and students about your choices.

2017 EVENTS

Sat 21 Oct 2017 09.30 - 12.00
'A' Levels

Mon 23 Oct 2017 17.30 - 20.00
Vocational & Apprenticeships

Mon 6 Nov 2017 17.30 - 20.00
All Subjects
(including Higher Education)

2018 EVENTS

Sat 3 Feb 2018 09.30 - 12.00
All Subjects (incl. Higher Education)

Mon 5 Feb 2018 17.30 - 19.30
All Subjects (incl. Higher Education)

Sat 17 March 2018
09.30 - 12.00 Taster Morning

3

Ideally apply for your place at college before Friday 15th December using the online form on our website or via UCAS. If you prefer a paper copy we can provide this at an Open Event. Once we receive your application, you will be sent a conditional offer. We will also arrange to interview you, most likely in school in February – April.

4

If you are still unsure about your choices after applying, don't worry you can still attend one of our February Open Events to talk about your choices.

5

Once we have received your application, you will be invited to our Taster Event on Saturday 17th March 2018, when you can sample your course choices to see if you like them.

6

We will continue to update you via social media, email and texts before you enrol, to tell you about exciting things happening at college and introduce you to some of our staff.

7

We will invite you to college to enrol in August/ early September depending on your course choice. Don't forget to bring your GCSE results with you. We look forward to seeing you!

Helping Your Child Choose the Right Course

At Selby College, we want to make sure that the course your child has chosen is right for them. Their college interview is as important for us as it is for them!

Helping your child make sure they're on the right course from the start means they will get settled quicker, and have every chance of succeeding.

To help your child and the college, we have put together some questions that they should think about before attending their interviews. Answering each of these questions clearly will help them to be more focused during their interview, and more confident in their approach.

Your child needs to consider:

- What do they hope to achieve by doing this course?
- What their career goals are?
- What are their expectations about how they will learn and the role of their tutor?
- What else do they hope to gain from college life?
- How do they expect to be treated at college?
- What will college expect from them as a learner?

And to ask at interview:

- Can I do the subjects I would like to study?
- How many hours a week will I be studying?
- What facilities are available in college to help with my studies?
- Am I able to access specialist equipment aids and adaptations for my course?
- Is there any work experience as part of my course?
- How will my learning be assessed?
- What happens if my work isn't quite up to standard?
- Is there anything I can be doing between now and when I start my course?
- What have previous students on my course gone on to do?

Course Offers

Under normal circumstances once your son or daughter has applied to the college, a conditional offer of a place may be made in writing soon afterwards.

Conditional

This means they will have a place on the course provided that they meet the necessary criteria. A conditional offer of a place will be made if your child is awaiting their exam results, or if other conditions have been stipulated. These conditions will be further explained to them at interview, which takes place usually in February - March at their school.

Please note that your child will need to take their exam results with them when they attend enrolment. Don't worry if their exam results are not as good as expected. We are committed to offering your child a place on a course that suits their needs, where possible and as your local Sixth Form we can offer a wide variety of options that others cannot match.

Acceptance Slip

Attached to their conditional offer letter will be an acceptance slip. This should be completed and returned to the Central Admissions team in Student Services in the freepost envelope provided. It is recommended that you ensure your child returns their slip as soon as possible. You can then be sure their place will be reserved for them, even if they change their mind later on.

Enrolment

Enrolment and induction for full-time courses will commence in August/September. We will contact your child just before the summer holidays by letter to arrange their enrolment date.

It is very important that they attend enrolment to ensure that they are placed on the correct course, and gain access and information about the support which is available to them while studying at college.



What we will provide

Selby College prides itself on offering a friendly, welcoming and safe environment for our students.

Our promises to you are:

- We will provide the best quality teachers and teaching
- We will provide up-to-date industry standard resources, facilities and buildings that are conducive to your child's learning
- We will provide honest feedback about progress and about how your child is doing
- We will provide information about attendance and punctuality
- We will provide the best advice about your son or daughter's next choices, progression routes into training, education or into work
- We will provide a range of opportunities to develop work-ready skills
- We will provide a careers exit interview for any learner choosing to leave their course
- We will push all students to achieve their best and challenge them to reach new heights.

See our website www.selby.ac.uk for details about Higher Education at Selby College.

What we expect from our students

- Attend classes regularly and on time
- Come with pen, paper and any other kit and uniforms they need and be ready to learn
- Show respect to other students, college staff and employer placements
- Behave respectfully towards our facilities and resources
- Wear their ID lanyard at all times whilst at college
- Turn off their mobile phone whilst in class
- Get the most from their college experience both in terms of their studies and wider activities
- Give honest feedback so that we can continually improve our services to them and other students.

We believe in working closely in partnership with parents and carers. You can help us by:

- Supporting learning at home, by making sure your child completes their homework, undertakes revision for exams and is fully prepared for their studies
- Giving us feedback on our service and how we can improve
- Supporting your son or daughter's attendance and punctuality
- Working with us to address any issues
- Attending parents' evenings and other events.



Help, Advice and Guidance

There is always someone available to offer help, advice and guidance, whatever the query or problem. Services available include:

Careers and Employability

Help with CVs, job vacancies for students, university/UCAS applications, careers advice and more.

Student Health, Welfare and Safeguarding

The college offers a range of support to help young people as they become adults, this includes: Safer sex advice, C-card registration (free condom service), information on drug and alcohol misuse, bullying/cyber bullying, domestic abuse, healthy eating support, study aids and adaptations, transport and allowances. We also have links with other specialist organisations who can help students. The college offers a full range of support options.

Other Cross-College Support

All students have access to a dedicated Guidance and Support Tutor (GST), who can help with mentoring, time management, study skills and attendance.

We also run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme at college, which is a nationally recognised scheme for 14-25 year olds.

It provides a chance to go on expeditions, try something new, gain skills and meet new friends.

Monitoring and Support

As a Selby College student, your child will have access to a comprehensive range of monitoring and support. They will also receive excellent teaching and learning with support from qualified and Ofsted-graded Outstanding tutors.

Our specialist team of Schools' Liaison Careers Advisers are always on hand to talk to current students and prospective students about course choices and college life in general. This team regularly goes to most local schools to speak to Year 10 and Year 11 pupils about their choices. They are also available to speak to you either at your child's School Parents' Evening or at one of the college Open Events. (See the back cover for dates and times of all our Open Events and Taster Morning.)

Student Services

All students at Selby College have access to a range of student support services aimed at making their time here as useful as possible.

Our dedicated team of staff are there to provide help whilst your child is on their course and prepare them for the career or progression route they choose when they leave Selby College.

The Student Services Team can help with transport, support on government bursaries for travel, food, equipment and trips and careers advice and guidance.

If you require any further information please Tel 01757 211040 or email info@selby.ac.uk

Additional Learning Support

At Selby College we offer additional support to students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

These are our promises to you:

- Learning aids and adaptations; a range of assistance technology, software and resources to enable access and inclusion
- A qualified and experienced team will provide support for learners with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties
- Dyslexia Support Tutors
- Counsellors
- Links with mental health workers
- Special exam arrangements

If your child has a learning difficulty and/or disability that you would like to discuss in a confidential manner, please contact the Additional Learning Support team at Selby College **Tel 01757 211018**.

Facilities & Opportunities Getting Involved

The Selby College Students' Union represents all students at college. It organises a wide range of activities and events, including a Fresher's event, fundraising for worthwhile causes, community projects and an end of year celebration for all students coming to the end of their time at Selby College.

There is an opportunity for students to become paid course representatives or Student Ambassadors who go out to schools to talk about their college experience, act as guides at college open events or take part in community initiatives. The Students' Union provides a voice for students, making suggestions to the college about the services it provides and key matters that need to be considered by staff, managers and college Governors. The President or other elected member of the Students' Union is also on the college Board of Governors.

Learning Resource Centre / Independent Study Centre

The college has a large Learning Resource Centre on the ground floor of the Sixth Form Academy Building with a wide selection of books, DVDs, newspapers and magazines available to borrow. Computers can also be used for college work or access to the internet. Specialist software is available for those with learning needs and staff can provide support with research or accessing information.

The Learning Resource Centre is also open during some evenings, to ensure the facility is there for students after a busy day in the classroom.



Acknowledging and Rewarding Achievement

Every year, as our students progress, we recognise their accomplishments at two special Student Awards events, held at Selby Abbey.

Parents and students are invited to attend the Higher Education / Apprenticeship event and Student Awards event. The Awards are important to the college and our students, and acknowledge how far they have come on their journey with us.

Your Child's Educational Progression

Selby College offers a comprehensive range of courses across a diverse variety of subject areas.

Whether your child wants to study Engineering, Hair and Beauty, Computing, Childcare, Creative Arts, Music, Tourism, Sports or Hospitality, we have state-of-the-art facilities and experienced staff available to help them prepare for their future careers.

Eating and Drinking

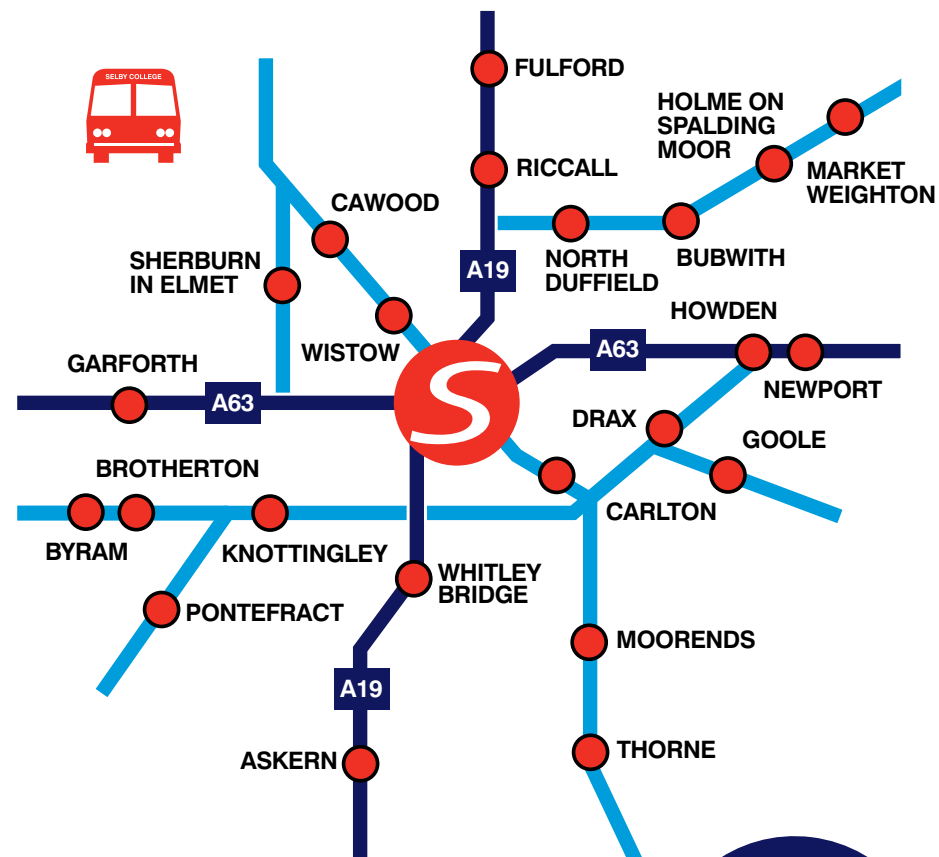
The college has a Refectory, Coffee Shop, Shop and vending machines across the campus for students' use.

Transport

Worried about how your child will get to college?

The map provides details of current bus services to and from college. As well as utilising Arriva services and contract buses for our students, we also have three minibus shuttle services to help some students from outlying areas, not on a regular bus route, to come to college.

If you cannot see the service on the local map that goes past your home, contact Student Services for advice **Tel 01757 211040**.



98%

is the average pass rate for students taking Level 3 vocational courses.

As well as these destinations the buses stop at **ALL** the local villages en route to the college.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. My son wants to study Medicine at the University of Cambridge, he is expected to achieve high grades at GCSE, what can the college do to help him gain a place there?

The college's Horizon Group is designed to support students who want to achieve so much more – achieving grades seven to nine at their GCSEs they will be selected to join the group. Our exam results consistently prove we maximise student potential including Medicine, Dentistry, Mathematics, Veterinary Medicine, Computing, Law and other highly competitive degree courses. To find out more about our Horizon Group, please speak to Student Services.

Q2. When should my child submit their application form to Selby College?

As soon as possible, ideally before 15th December 2017. Demand for places at our top-performing college is increasingly high for most courses, so we always ask young people to submit an application form as quickly as possible after deciding what they would like to study, to avoid disappointment.

Q3. What is Further Education?

Further Education (FE) is any form of education studied post-16 which is below university level. FE is versatile and includes academic and vocational study across a range of subjects and industries.

Q4. We only have a low weekly income but want our child to come to Selby College after they leave school. Is there any help available with transport costs?

The college operates a Bursary fund for low income families to help pay for course equipment costs, trips, transport costs and for meals. We also provide free meals to students whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. For more information speak to one of our Student Services staff about the help that is available, **Tel 01757 211040** or **email info@selby.ac.uk**.

Q5. How is college different to school?

Your son/daughter will notice immediately that at college they are treated like an adult. There are no uniforms, school bells or whistles. Selby College is a Sixth Form, but offers additional courses. We place emphasis on a comprehensive education experience and ensure that our students' time is enhanced with learning outside the classroom. This might include self-study periods in our Learning Resource Centre and Independent Study Centre, work placements, visits to the employment sector the students hope to work in, talks from experts and specialists in their subject area and trips and visits that enhance their overall learning experience.

We pride ourselves on the pastoral support we offer, which includes Guidance and Support Tutors helping to guide students through their studies, helping to build their motivation and time management. At the same time, our dedicated team of impartial careers advisers help guide students when making important decisions about progression, course and job choices.

Q6. What transport is available to help my child get to and from college?

The college utilises existing Arriva service buses, has contracted bus routes through Thornes and even has a fleet of four 16-seater shuttle minibuses to help support students who live some distance from any local transport routes. For more information on transport services to and from college, please contact Student Services **Tel 01757 211040**.

Q7. How will I keep up-to-date with my child's progress at college?

The college electronic tracking system (eTrackr) is accessible both for parents and students via the college intranet Moodle site. The software provides information about your child's progress, their punctuality and attendance record, as well as their progress against set targets. We also use this information to send progress reports and for discussion at Parents' Evenings.

Q8. How do you monitor the quality of teaching?

We have regular lesson observation visits arranged throughout the college year to monitor individual tutor's performance. Every tutor is also observed by a dedicated cross-college team during the year and graded. At the end of each year college student results are scrutinised by subject to identify any areas that need to be further improved.

Selby College currently holds Ofsted 'Outstanding' status in all areas and has maintained this grade since 2007/08, so you can be assured, when choosing Selby College, you are choosing the best college locally.

Q9. What are the entry requirements for Selby College?

Each course has its own entry requirements. We offer a variety of qualifications at different levels, so we have something to suit all abilities. For further details refer to the 2018/19 Selby College 'A' Level, Vocational or Apprenticeship Guides.

Q10. What happens if my son/daughter doesn't achieve the grades required for the course they have applied for?

Don't worry! One of our advisers will speak to your son or daughter and advise them of their options. If they don't achieve the required grades, we can usually offer an alternative. What is important for you to know is that at Selby College, we don't set young people up to fail by admitting them on to the wrong course, where we know from experience, they will struggle to achieve. We will look for the best option and recommend this when your son or daughter enrolls.

Q11. My son/daughter had support at school – will they get support at college?

Yes. The Additional Learning Support (ALS) team offers support, advice and guidance for students with a wide range of learning needs. Before, or when your son or daughter enrolls, please speak to one of our advisers about the support needed.

Q12. What catering facilities do you provide?

The Abbot's Road campus has a Refectory, Coffee Shop and Shop serving a delicious range of quality and nutritious meals, snacks and beverages. The college also has its own Training Restaurant, open to staff and students, serving a wide range of fine-dining meals to suit every palate. Vending machines are also located in the Sixth Form Academy, Jubilee, Renaissance and Innovation buildings.



Q13. What if my child isn't sure which course to take?

The college Open Events (see the back cover of this brochure for details) are designed to help your son or daughter to investigate the different options available.

As well as these, the college is holding a Taster Morning on Saturday 17th March 2018 for potential students to try out different course options, to make sure the courses they have applied for are right for them. Your son or daughter will be invited to this in February 2018, after submitting an application.

Q14. What support will my child receive?

As a Selby College student, your child will have access to a comprehensive range of monitoring and support.

The Student Services team provide advice on careers, transport arrangements, financial help and other aspects, whereas your son or daughter's Guidance and Support Tutor is there to give impartial pastoral advice on a variety of issues including motivation, bullying, sexual health and other issues affecting teenagers.

The Selby College Students' Union (SCSU) represents all students at college and is involved in a wide variety of activities in support of learners.

Q15. What Library facilities do you have?

The college has a large Learning Resource Centre (LRC) facility on the ground floor of the Sixth Form Academy building (opposite the main entrance), stocked full of e-resources, books, journals, DVDs, magazines, newspapers and much more. The LRC catalogue is available to students from any networked college computer, including over 60 bookable PCs located within the LRC itself. These have full internet access and Microsoft applications as standard plus some more specialist applications.

There are over 100 study places divided into areas both for quiet, individual study or group work. The LRC is open in the holidays as well as during term time and is also open some evenings.

Q16. Do you run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme?

Yes, the scheme is for 14-25 year olds, and provides a chance to go on expeditions, try something new, gain skills and meet new people. It will also look great on your son or daughter's CV.

Beat the Jargon

The world of education is littered with titles, phrases, abbreviations and other terminology that can often seem like another language. To try and make things a bit easier, we've created a jargon buster to explain some of the terms you might read or hear.

Apprenticeships

A Government-funded programme with on-the-job experience and college-based study, allowing you to earn while you learn.

Assessment

A way of judging how you have learned, through exams, practicals, multiple choice tests etc.

Construction Safety Certification Scheme (CSCS)

CSCS is the leading skills certification scheme within the UK construction industry. CSCS cards provide proof that individuals working on construction sites have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out.

DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service)

To enrol on some courses, we need to make sure you haven't got any past criminal convictions or ASBOs. An example would be Childcare where you cannot complete a placement if you have a criminal record.

Enrolment

When you come to college to enrol on a particular course or courses.

Extended Project Qualification

An optional qualification that can be studied in the final year of an 'A' Level / Extended Diploma programme to boost UCAS points.

Functional Skills

Covers Maths, English and ICT (computer skills). Often studied as part of a course if you haven't gained the relevant GCSE pass grades (9-4).

Independent Study Centre

A quiet study area for students, located in the Aspiration Building.

Initial Assessment

A simple test to assess the current level you are working at.

Learning Resources Centre (LRC)

Another term for a library, a place where you can access e-learning resources, borrow books, DVDs, journals and magazines relevant to your course and use college computers to undertake internet research, located in the Sixth Form Academy Building.

Literacy

Another term for English.

Numeracy

Another term for Maths.

Pass, Merit, Distinction

The grades given to the units on BTEC qualifications. Distinction is the highest, followed by Merit, then Pass.

Portfolio of Work

Evidence of what you have learned and achieved on your course. This could be written work, photographs, charts or reviews.

Practical Assessment

A way of assessing the 'hands on' skills you have learned on your course. For example, you may be asked to run a coaching session, if you study a Sports course, for which you will be judged and given a score or mark.

Unit or Module

A course is normally made up of a number of specific units or modules that will focus on one subject area, all of which need to be completed in order to gain the qualification. For example, you may study Photography as part of an Art and Design course, or Marketing as part of a Business course.

Vocational Qualification

A way of learning more about a specific job or industry. A vocational course will prepare you for a particular career or careers within an industry, eg. Joinery, Engineering, Fashion, Childcare etc.

Work-Related Learning

Learning topics that are specific to a job type. For example, learning how to create a presentation on a Business Administration course would be a skill you might use if you were employed as an Administrator.

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2017 EVENTS

Sat 21 Oct 2017

09.30 - 12.00

'A' Levels

Mon 23 Oct 2017

17.30 - 20.00

Vocational &
Apprenticeships

Mon 6 Nov 2017

17.30 - 20.00

All Subjects (including
Higher Education)

2018 EVENTS

Sat 3 Feb 2018

09.30 - 12.00

All Subjects (including
Higher Education)

Mon 5 Feb 2018

17.30 - 19.30

All Subjects (including
Higher Education)

Sat 17 March 2018

09.30 - 12.00

Taster Morning

Our Open Events have specialist subject areas so make sure you visit the correct event. You are welcome to visit more than one event.

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