

# Parents' Guide

Information, advice & guidance regarding applications for studying at Selby College from September 2020/21.





# Welcome to Selby College

This Parents' Guide will introduce you to your local college, the courses we offer and the support and enrichment opportunities we are proud to provide, as a highly rated Sixth Form and College with an excellent reputation for student success.

Our culture is one of high expectations, helping to ensure all students are focused on achieving their goals, whether it is to go to the university of their choice to find the career they want, or to progress to other learning options, including Higher Education courses offered here at Selby College.

In December 2017, Ofsted graded the college as 'Good' across all areas, including quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

Here at Selby College we can offer your son or daughter:

- ▶ **Academic excellence:** In 2019, we achieved a fantastic 99.7% A Level pass rate, with some great destinations including the University of Oxford. We also achieved a 100% pass rate for our Vocational Level 3 courses.
- ▶ **A strong team:** Our lecturers and support staff successfully challenge our students to achieve their best, while still offering caring pastoral support. We offer all our students excellent careers advice, coaching and support with UCAS.
- ▶ **Our stunning campus:** Modern, spacious and safe, with a great range of facilities, invested in the latest technology.
- ▶ **Good student transport support:** Competitive bus fare packages and ample parking on site for students with their own cars, so time and expense on the county's roads is reduced.

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## Student Services

At Selby College, the main point of contact for anything student-related lies with our expert Student Services advisory team.

The Student Services team can answer all your questions about courses and admissions, financial advice, Bursary and Learner Support Fund, transport and bus passes, free meals, attendance, timetables, counselling, careers appointments and a wide range of other issues too.

If you have any concerns, feedback or questions about your child's application or the application process please contact Student Services for more information on 01757 211040 or email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk).

Students starting Selby College after leaving school are able to study a range of courses from Entry Level right up to Level 3 depending on their qualifications, with the option to progress to a degree level course (Levels 4, 5 & 6) after successfully completing a Level 3 qualification, head to university, or go on to work.



# What is the difference between A Levels, Vocational courses and Apprenticeships?

- ▶ A Levels are the traditional academic route to university, and are largely exam based. Some combine coursework and practical assessments. The majority of students studying an A Level programme at Selby College will focus on three or four subjects over two years, which reflect the university, degree and career they want to progress on to.

To study A Levels at Selby College, the minimum requirement is at least four GCSEs at Grade 5, plus English Language at Grade 4. The Further Mathematics A Level or Core Maths Certificate are often taken as fourth subject options. We also offer some BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate courses which can be taken alongside A Level options. These have the same delivery mode and UCAS points as A Levels, but are more coursework based and in our view a better specification than the A Level alternatives.

- ▶ If your child already has their mind firmly fixed on a particular industry or career path, such as Nursing, Hairdressing or Engineering, then a vocational programme, including BTEC qualifications, may be right for them. We have a range of programmes on offer, from Hospitality & Catering, Business, Construction, Health & Social Care and ICT & Computing, and have strong links with industry to help them progress into their chosen career.

There are many subject areas to choose from but it's worth bearing in mind that your son or daughter can only study one vocational qualification at a time. We offer Vocational courses ranging from Entry Level to Levels 1 and 2, right up to Level 3 (the equivalent of studying A Levels). Please see our website [selby.ac.uk](http://selby.ac.uk) or prospectus for individual course entry requirements.

*Remember that your son or daughter can still apply to university if they choose to take a vocational course route.*

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- ▶ Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes designed for current and future employees aged 16 or above. They allow the individual to develop their skills and understanding in a real working environment whilst earning, which benefits both them and their employer.

An Apprenticeship is a framework of qualifications which includes an NVQ/Diploma (at a level relevant to the job role), Functional Skills at Level 1 or 2 (if applicable) and a technical certificate/knowledge. Apprenticeships are offered at three levels - Intermediate (Level 2), Advanced (Level 3) and Higher (Level 4 and above).

Following publication of the Government's latest National Achievement Rate Tables in 2019, we were delighted once again to come in the top 10% of Further Education Colleges nationally for our Apprenticeship provision.

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**To apply or register for vacancies offered through Selby College, email [apprenticeships@selby.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@selby.ac.uk), call the team on **01757 211097** or visit [selby.ac.uk/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/](http://selby.ac.uk/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/)**

**Please see our website [selby.ac.uk](http://selby.ac.uk) or 2020/21 Prospectus for individual course entry requirements and further information about applying for an Apprenticeship.**

## What are the College facilities like?

We have a wide range of facilities at College, from our extensive sports pitches, gym and Sports Hall to our onsite student Training Restaurant and our Hair and Beauty Salon, which also has a Spa. We have plenty of spaces to support your son/daughter's learning, including our Learning Resource Centre, Computer Suites and dedicated Study Areas. We also have a Refectory, Shop and Coffee Shop. Bright Start Day Nursery is located on the college campus for children aged three months to five years.

## What extracurricular activities could my son/daughter take part in?

At Selby College we realise that education is more than just studying, it's also about making new friends and having new experiences. That's why we go to great lengths to combine quality learning and success with a wide variety of enrichment activities.

We organise a wide range of days out and trips to places such as Flamingo Land, Castle Howard, London, Edinburgh, Blackpool, Dalby Forest, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the theatre, to name a few.

Last year our students went out on more than 150 trips and excursions. Your son or daughter will also have the opportunity to take part in a number of trips abroad - recent trips have included France, Germany, Iceland and New York!

Students can take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Gold and Silver level, join our Student Council, a range of clubs and societies - including a Gaming Club, or get involved in Sport with opportunities for all students to play Rugby, Football, Netball, Futsal, Basketball, Dodgeball, Indoor Cricket, Volleyball and Table Tennis. For the past two years Selby College has been working in partnership with Hull FC Foundation, providing the opportunity to train and play Rugby League for a Selby College team in the Yorkshire 2 League 13-a-side competition.

The Selby College Football Development Centre (FDC) gives a platform to those players who have previously been involved with professional clubs, as well as those who have yet to be given the opportunity to showcase their sporting talents.

Every summer the Sports department celebrates the successes of its Sports teams and individual students at the Sports Awards, which last year were held at Selby Rugby Club.

## Maths and English

If your son or daughter does not achieve a Grade 4 or above in both GCSE Maths and English Language they will continue to study these qualifications as part of their course.

**This is a mandatory requirement of their study programme and cannot be opted out of.**

Many University courses and careers require a GCSE pass in both Maths and English and failure to achieve these qualifications may restrict your son/daughter's career options.

## Student ID Cards

The College operates a student and staff identity card system as part of our commitment to provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment in which to study. Ensuring that all our students and staff are readily identifiable helps us to maintain such an environment.

Your son/daughter will be issued with their student ID card at Enrolment and they are expected to wear it visibly at all times when on College premises and using College facilities. Please support us by encouraging your son/daughter to bring their card with them every day.

## How does College look after students in terms of safeguarding?

Selby College recognises the importance of safeguarding and promoting the health, welfare and wellbeing of students. The College recognises its moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of students through staff training, policies, student inductions, tutorials and posters.

We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where students are respected and valued.

We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure our students receive effective support, protection and justice.

Selby College expects governors, staff, volunteers and partners working on behalf of the organisation to share this commitment.

If you have any questions regarding the information covered in this Parents' Guide please contact Student Services on 01757 211040 or email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk). Alternatively the Selby College website has full details of courses, online applications, bursary, transport and enrichment.

## What Pastoral Support is available while my son/daughter is at College?

At the start of their course your son/daughter will be allocated a Guidance and Support Tutor (GST) who is responsible for encouraging them to make the most of their time at College.

All full-time students have a named GST who will be the first point of contact for both students and parents for help and advice.

As well as taking regular group and 1:1 personal development sessions, the GST will monitor their progress and attendance and set targets through action planning.

They can also help with Careers Advice, CV writing, employment and Higher Education applications, as well as any problems, and personal or social issues.

**They also arrange UCAS Fair trips and university visits.**



## Does the College offer Careers Advice?

If your son/daughter would like guidance on planning their next steps, applying to University, pursuing a particular career, or if they are unsure of what to do when they leave College, our expert staff are available to help. Each year we help our students progress to some of the top Russell Group universities as well as supporting students into employment and onto Apprenticeships.

Our advisers will be able to support your child throughout their application, and when they have their interview at college or in school, they, alongside our experienced teaching staff, will discuss the best route for them based on their qualifications, expected grades and career goals.

Our qualified Careers Advisers are trained to talk through the different ideas your child may have and what they might want to study. The team regularly visit schools to talk about the many options open to them at Selby College and beyond. They also attend GCSE Results Day, Parents' Evenings, Careers Events at schools, Open Events at College and can be contacted via phone, social media or email with any queries you might have about your choice of course.

If students would like to discuss careers whilst attending college, they can contact their Guidance & Support Tutor in the first instance. From there, students can arrange appointments with our Careers Advisers. Alternatively, students can attend weekly 'Drop-In Sessions'.

*Your son/daughter may find the 'Pathways' careers software on our website useful for information about different careers paths and projected salary prospects - they are listed under each of our individual course pages.*

### Useful links:

- ▶ National Careers Service - The National Careers Service website provides careers advice and information on a wide range of jobs, training course resources and funding.
- ▶ Prospects - The UK's official graduate careers website, 1,000's of jobs and courses.



## My son/daughter is considering applying for Oxford, Cambridge or other Russell Group universities after college. What support do you provide?

Selby College offers a Horizon Programme which is designed for those students who want to achieve the very best - students who tend to be in the top 10% of pupils in any school year. If your son/daughter is an outstanding GCSE student with a high proportion of predicted Grade 7 to 9 GCSEs they will be invited to join the Horizon Programme, which operates on top of the college's Personal Development Programme.

We have an enviable record of success with our most gifted and able students, securing places at Britain's top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities across a range of disciplines including Biomedical Science, Chemistry, Computing, Human Sciences, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Physics and other highly competitive degree courses.

Students will receive additional support to ensure they are made fully aware of the opportunities available to them, including links to university study programmes, visits, talks, summer schools and work experience. They will also receive support in preparing a competitive UCAS application and for any interviews they secure.

Horizon Group members on A Level programmes will also be able to take an additional subject and study for an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) to develop their academic skills, as well as securing an additional qualification.



**To find out more please contact the Student Services team on 01757 211040 or email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk).**

## How will College help if my son/daughter needs Additional Learning Support?

Selby College is committed to working with all students to identify and meet their learning needs and goals. Additional Learning Support helps students at all levels and is provided by the Additional Learning Support Team.

This could include:

- ▶ Study Skills
- ▶ Exam Preparation
- ▶ Revision Techniques
- ▶ Assignment Skills
- ▶ Support for Literacy, Numeracy or English as a Second Language (ESOL)

If you have a learning difficulty or disability your tutor will work on special strategies and techniques that meet your needs, such as time management and organisational skills. We have a specialist team who will be able to support them throughout their time at College.

We can also provide specialist equipment if your son/daughter has a physical disability, visual or hearing impairment. We will do our best to provide you with all the support, equipment, access and learning resources they might need.

For further help and information, please contact the Additional Learning Support Manager Jon Phillips on 01757 211178 or email [phillipsj@selby.ac.uk](mailto:phillipsj@selby.ac.uk).

## I'm worried about the cost of going to college. How do we apply for Financial Support?

For some students aged 16-18 from households with a gross income of less than £27,500 per annum, your son or daughter will be eligible for a Bursary, which means they will be able to travel to college free of charge.

The Bursary also provides assistance with meals, necessary equipment and trips. For more details of the College Bursary, please contact Student Services Tel 01757 211040 or email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk).

# How easy will it be for my son/daughter to travel to College?

As well as using Arriva bus services and contract buses for our students, we also offer minibus services to help those students from outlying areas which are not on a regular bus route, to come to College.

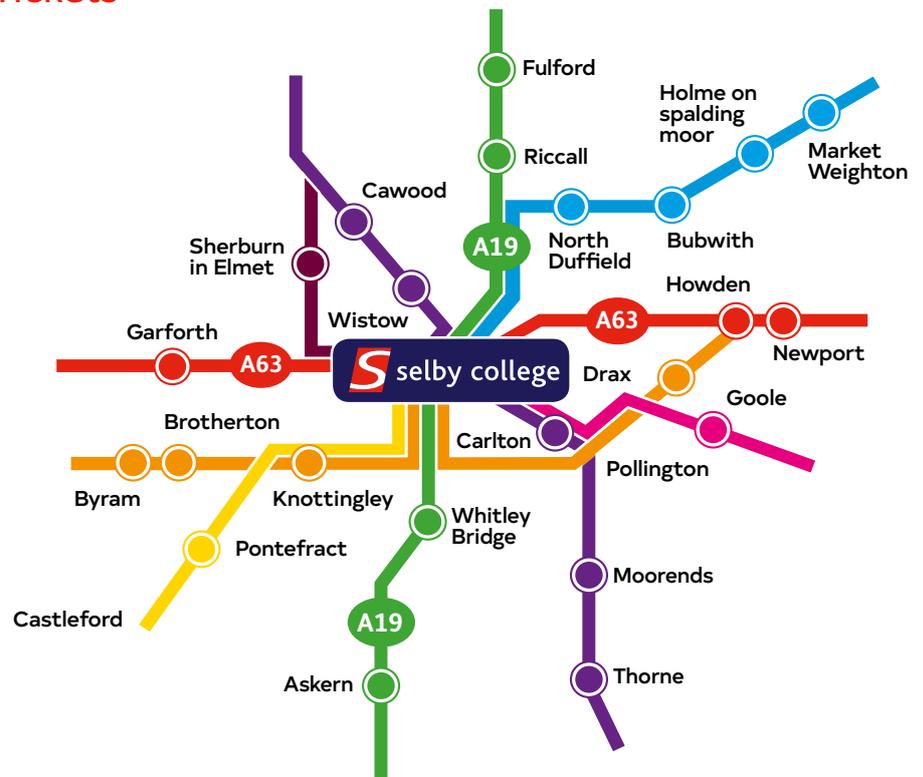
Once your child has applied to Selby College, we will send you details of how to get a bus pass, where your nearest pick-up point is and answer any questions you may have.

## Arriva Service Buses

The current charges for our exclusive Selby College Arriva Service Bus arrangements are the equivalent of £47.50\* per half term, which equates to £1.58 per day; this offers the added advantage to your son or daughter that they have flexible travel and can use their Arriva tickets to travel throughout the daytime, in the evening and at weekends depending on the timetabled services available on any Arriva bus across Yorkshire. The only time they are not valid is during college holidays.

## Arriva Selby College Student Tickets

This is a special deal negotiated with Arriva exclusively for Selby College full-time students. To travel using the ticket, as well as a valid ticket they must show their Selby College Student ID card which will be issued when they start college. The tickets are sold through the Arriva website: [www.arrivabus.co.uk/selbycollege](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/selbycollege) on a monthly direct debit basis and are issued as a reusable smart card posted direct to you by Arriva.



## Contract Buses/College Minibuses

In light of the reductions and in some cases, overall withdrawal of local authorities providing subsidised transport for the students, Selby College has taken the decision to provide its own subsidy and has decided to charge £285\* per annum for any 16-18 year old students travelling to college via either a contract bus or one of the College minibuses from September 2019. This charge can be paid in full or termly.

## Family Savings

We will only charge for only one ticket, where families have two or more siblings attending full-time Further Education at Selby College. If you have any queries or special requests regarding transport or are unsure how your son or daughter would be able to access Selby College, please do not hesitate to contact our Student Services Department, who can discuss the range of travel options and also further details of the College Bursary, Tel 01757 211040 or email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk).

\*Transport charges were last reviewed in September 2019 and are subject to change each academic year.



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## September to October

**School Liaison** – College staff visit your child's school to give a presentation on Selby College, their choices and why choosing their local college is their best choice. We will leave them with lots of information to choose the subject(s) they most want to study. They can then decide what they want to study at Selby College when they leave school next summer.



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## March to June

During the spring and exam time, we will be available to answer any questions you or your child may have and will keep in contact with them to tell them what is happening at College. Make sure you **follow us on social media** to keep up to date with college life.

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## October to November

**Open Events**  
Visit one of our Open Events which take place in October and November.  
**Sat 19th Oct 2019**  
9.30am - 12noon  
**Mon 11th Nov 2019**  
5.30pm - 8.00pm

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## December

Submit their college application (ideally these need to be in by February Half Term). You can apply through the Selby College website [www.selby.ac.uk](http://www.selby.ac.uk). If they prefer, they can complete a paper application, please contact Student Services Email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk) or Tel 01757 211040.

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## January

We will acknowledge their application and either offer them a conditional place straight away or advise we need a little more information about them from their school to process the application. We will also offer them an interview date.

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## February

**Open Event**  
If you want to visit the College again there is another chance on **Sat 1st Feb 2020** 9.30am - 12noon.

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## January onwards

**Your child will attend an interview**  
– bring details of their expected grades and the courses they have chosen.

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## March

**Taster Event**  
Once they have applied they will be invited to take part in a **Taster Event on Sat 7th March 2020**, where they can try out the different courses they have chosen to make sure they are happy with their choices.

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## June

**Open Event**  
**Mon 29th June 2020**  
5.30pm - 7.30pm



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## July

**New Student Day**  
**Thursday 2nd July 2020**  
Your child can come and meet their tutors and new classmates.

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## July to August

We will send lots of information about joining College in September, including **enrolment dates** and what to bring with you when you enrol.

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## August

**GCSE Results Day - Thursday 20th August 2020**  
When your child goes to their school to pick up their results, we attend most schools in the area to offer advice and guidance and answer any questions they/you may have. Alternatively they can always get in touch about their course choices – contact Student Services: Email [info@selby.ac.uk](mailto:info@selby.ac.uk) or Tel 01757 211040.

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## August

**Attend enrolment**  
Enrolment starts the week commencing Monday 24th August. They will finalise their course and officially register as a student at Selby College.

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## September

College starts the week of Monday 7th September 2020.