



Safeguarding | BRIT Challenge | CEO Campus Visit

Dear colleague,

I'd like to remind colleagues of your safeguarding responsibilities, which help ensure our campus remains a safe place to work and learn.

All colleagues should be challenging people on our campus and in buildings without visible lanyards - this is not just the responsibility of our Security colleagues. If the person claims to have a lanyard that they have forgotten, they must be sent to the nearest reception to get a sticker which they must display to enable access to the rest of the building.

During lessons, teaching colleagues should ensure that learners are wearing lanyards at all times. Should they need to remove them to participate in classroom activities, it is your responsibility to ensure they put them back on before leaving the classroom.

All visitors are to report to a reception to sign in and be given a visitor's lanyard. It is the responsibility of the reception colleague to hold the visitor at reception, and it is the responsibility of those who have arranged the visit to collect them from reception. Visitors can not be sent to meet colleagues at locations away from receptions.

Please see below for some more important reminders.

Best wishes

Scott Bullock

Principal

BRIT Challenge | Monday 23 January - Friday 27 January

A reminder to all colleagues that next week we will be taking part in this year's BRIT Challenge, providing colleagues and students with the chance to focus on mental health and wellbeing whilst raising funds for, and awareness of, important charities.

The Challenge runs nationally between **Monday 23 January** and **Thursday 23 March**. NCG will be participating as a Group, with each college taking part for one week and each raising funds for one chosen local charity. The 'baton' will then be passed to Professional Services to complete the final week.

Newcastle College will kickstart the challenge for the first week on **Monday 23 January** and will be splitting fundraising between the **British Inspiration Trust (BRIT)** and **Streetwise Young People's Project**. Donations can be made through our fundraising link here:

The theme for this year's Challenge is '23' and the aim is for teams of individuals to cover challenges related to the number 23. Heads of Curriculum and Departments have been asked to come up with challenges for colleagues and students to take part in over the course of the week and your own Head will share these plans with you directly.

All colleagues and students are reminded to collate and track all participation in activities using **this form**. Please share this link with your students through planned tutorial activities and/or Teams channels.

Our Marketing Team will be sharing activities on our social media channels throughout the week, please send photos and videos to **NCLComms@ncl-coll.ac.uk** (*Please remember that when you are taking photos of people, you must get them to sign the **Media Consent Form**.*)

I am looking forward to seeing everybody get involved in this fantastic initiative.

CEO Visit | Tuesday 7 February

Following the recent update from Liz Bromley announcing visits to all NCG colleges, you should have now received an invite directly from her to the Newcastle College event.

Due to the number of colleagues, there are two events scheduled, one face-to-face and one online via Teams. This will also allow colleagues based on satellite sites to attend.

Both events will be held on **Tuesday 7 February** and I ask that you take the time to attend one of them, unless you are unable to due to pre-existing commitments.

- The **online event** will be at **12noon** and the invitation, including the link to the meeting, should already be in your diary.
- The **in-person event** will be at **4pm** in the **Peter Sarah Theatre**. Places are first-come-first served and can be booked **here**.

During the session, Liz and other members of the Executive Team will provide updates on NCG's Strategy to 2030, what to expect in the year ahead and some information on key projects happening across the business, many of which will affect Newcastle College.

It is an important opportunity to hear about the direction of travel and the next steps for NCG and our college. It is also a chance to speak directly with Liz and the Executive Team about the issues that matter to you. If you have questions that you'd like to ask Liz, you will be able to at the session, or you can send them in advance to claire.kilmartin@ncgrp.co.uk.

The event should already be in your calendar so please do hold this time in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there.

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