

6 February 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 10 Taster Day

As you may already be aware, your young person has been given a fantastic opportunity to visit New College Pontefract and experience a Taster Day. The date of the **Taster Day is 21 March 2024**. A coach will collect students from school and will return them in time for the end of the school day.

The Taster Day is for all students who are considering New College Pontefract as a post-16 option (or would like to know more about a sixth form college) to be able to experience the College first hand before making their important choices early in Year 11. Students will receive a welcome from the Vice Principal, Neil Mumby, and the Principal, Vicky Marks. They will then experience four subject sessions, which they will have selected in advance of the day. The fifth session of the day will be a **Pathway to Progression Tutorial**, which will focus on the different career options available and the steps to take to achieve them.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 students to gain experience of what college life is like. Even if they are not considering attending New College Pontefract we would encourage them to go and gain an insight into what post-16 study can look like.

Please log in to your MCAS account and give consent for your child to attend the event under the 'Trips and the Available' tab for Year 10 Pontefract New College visits by 1 March 2024.

To select taster day subjects, visit <http://www.ncpontefract.ac.uk/tasterday/>

This page will close on Friday 1 March 2024 to give the College time to put together timetables. Any student who misses this deadline will not be able to attend the Taster Day.

Please note students should consider subject specific entry requirements before they make their choices (www.ncpontefract.ac.uk/subject-specific-requirements/).

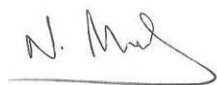
On the day, students are **not** required to wear school uniform and are advised to bring a pen.

Lunch will be provided by the College, but if students would like to purchase refreshments at break they will require some money.

I am confident this will be a valid experience for your young person and will hopefully play a part in the decision process of which post-16 option is right for them. It will also help them in terms of which A Levels/Applied General Courses they will choose to study post-16 and help them to consider their career options.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact New College Pontefract directly on 01977 702139 and speak to a member of the Student Services Team.

Yours faithfully



Neil Mumby
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