

# Newslink PLUS



## Principal's Welcome

Hello and welcome to Hopwood Hall College.

September is always a special time at Hopwood Hall College as we say a big hello to all new students joining us this year and welcome back our learners who are returning to continue their studies.

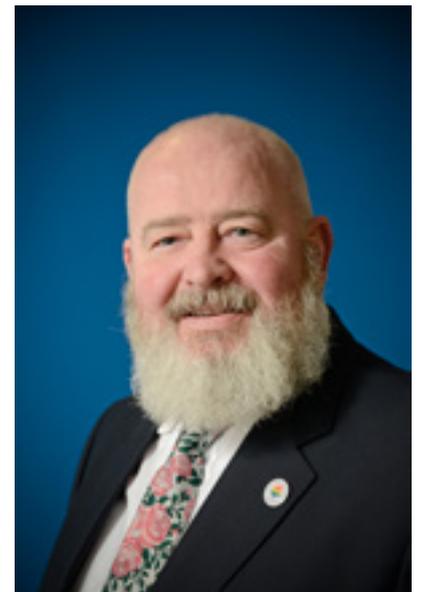
We pride ourselves on Hopwood Hall College being a welcoming environment and with the help of our staff and fellow students we hope your child is settling in well.

We understand that the move to college is a big step and we want to make the transition as easy and smooth as possible.

I hope that you find the information in this newsletter useful and encourage you to keep in touch by following the college on social media and signing up to our electronic newsletter.

Our experienced team welcome any questions you may have and I wish you and your child all the very best in your time with us.

**Best regards,  
Derek O'Toole**



## Welcome to College Life

It's fair to say that a Further Education college is a very different environment to a school.

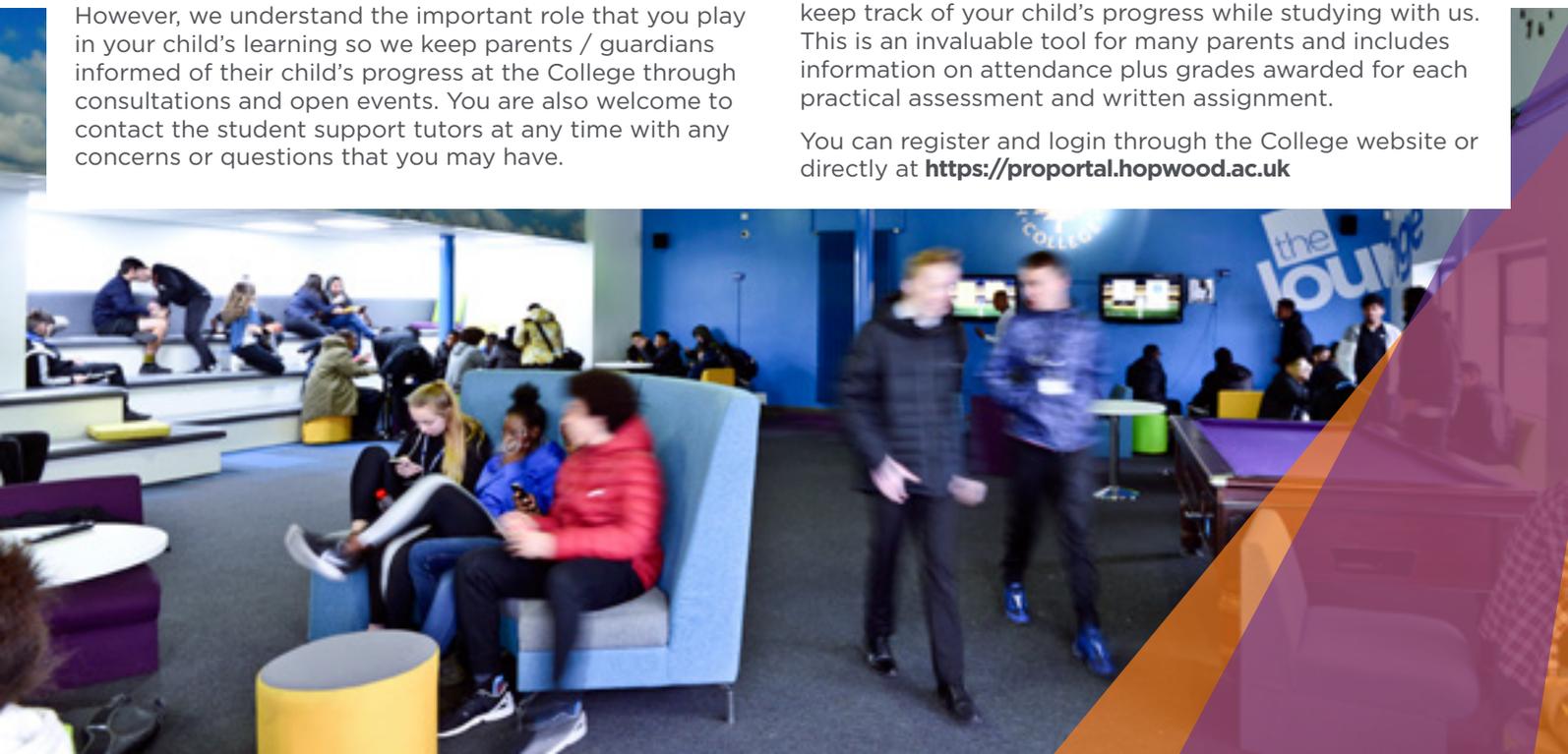
Your child will not be 'in class' all day, or even every day, as much more emphasis is placed on online learning and developing knowledge outside of the classroom.

However, we understand the important role that you play in your child's learning so we keep parents / guardians informed of their child's progress at the College through consultations and open events. You are also welcome to contact the student support tutors at any time with any concerns or questions that you may have.

## Parent Portal

You can register and login to our Parent Portal to help keep track of your child's progress while studying with us. This is an invaluable tool for many parents and includes information on attendance plus grades awarded for each practical assessment and written assignment.

You can register and login through the College website or directly at <https://proportal.hopwood.ac.uk>



## Key dates

Throughout the year there are lots of opportunities to visit the college and keep updated on your child's progress. **Our first Parent's Evenings will be taking place w/c 1st October.**

**Saturday 18th May 2019** - Community Fun Day at Middleton Campus. Our annual free event, the Community Fun Day gives people the opportunity to get together and take part in family activities based on the many courses and commercial facilities run by the college.

**Thursday 13th June 2019** - Further Education Awards Ceremony at the Middleton Arena. Last year 116 students from 66 different courses received awards for progress and achievement in their studies.

You can find the term-dates for the 2018/19 academic year on our website at <https://bit.ly/2o4Ht8o>

**Start of term:** Monday 3 September 2018

**Half term:** Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October 2018

**Term ends:** Friday 21 December 2018

## Student Support Tutors

All of our full-time students are allocated a Student Support Tutor (SST) who will support their progress throughout their time with us. Our SST's are committed to ensuring students are able to maximise their individual progress, performance and personal development. They will help students make the most of their time at the college by giving them support, guidance and lots of encouragement to help them flourish.

### Student Support Tutors will:

- Help students settle into college and ensure that learners are on the right course.
- Identify any individual needs and help develop learners' Individual Learning Plan.
- Undertake a termly review to look at progress and agree targets to support learners achievement and success.
- Provide support with personal or welfare issues.

Additionally, we have student advisors within the Reception area for students, staff and visitors who can assist with all aspects of student life, bursaries, transport, the nursery and room enquiries.

## Ofsted survey

The College was inspected in November 2016 with Ofsted grading Hopwood Hall College 'good with outstanding features', both in terms of its learners' achievements and in its leadership and management.

An area of particular pride for the college is the way we have continued to improve since our previous inspection in 2011.

On behalf of Ofsted we'd like to ask you to complete an online questionnaire for parents and carers of learners to help give Ofsted your views about Hopwood Hall College.

Inspectors will use the results during inspection to identify issues to look at in more detail.

Ofsted would be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire to help them understand how well the college supports its learners to ensure the best possible outcomes.

When you have finished answering these questions, your answers are sent straight back to Ofsted. Only Ofsted can use them.

You can complete the questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/2CzyCp4>

## Reporting an Absence

**If your child won't be able to make it to college, please do one of the following before 9am:**

- Text the keyword ATTEND to 88020 plus your name, student number and reason for not attending (e.g. ATTEND Joe Bloggs 12345 Migraine) and you'll receive a reply to let you know your message is successful.
- Email your name, student number and reason for not attending to [attend@hopwood.ac.uk](mailto:attend@hopwood.ac.uk)
- Or call us for FREE on **0800 917 4745**

## Welcome Week

This week has seen our students get involved in a number of activities as part of Welcome Week.

From Health Day to a Retro Games Corner, to National Union of Students information to Gym inductions there has been a lot going on.

Our learner engagement team organises a number of events and activities throughout the year and your child will be kept informed through their tutorials and information available at college.

## Get in touch

If you have any questions please do get in touch with us on 0161 643 7560 or email [enquiries@hopwood.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hopwood.ac.uk)

## Keep in touch

You can sign-up to receive our College newsletter at [http://eepurl.com/dr\\_4Hf](http://eepurl.com/dr_4Hf)

## Social media

You can keep up-to-date with College news and events by following us on social media.

