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# A Guide for Parents



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# Parents

Welcome to Boston College!

This leaflet gives you information about the College which will support your son/daughter whilst they are here.


Boston College has expectations and values which all learners should follow while they are members of our learning community.

Boston College's values are underpinned by the word 'boston', for each other, staff and the College environment. The College actively promotes British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and acceptance of different faiths and beliefs.

## Safeguarding and Prevent

The College has a duty to ensure that all learners are safe. If you wish to raise a safeguarding concern or talk to someone about a problem regarding your son/daughter, the Safeguarding Team will be able to assist you.



Prevent is a government strategy to ensure communities and people are safe from all types of extremism and radicalisation, including terrorism. Prevent ensures that people are not drawn into terrorist activity. Whilst at College we expect learners to respect each other's beliefs and cultures and have a positive attitude towards British values.

If you are concerned that these issues are affecting your son/daughter, please call  **01205 365701** and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team.

## Attendance

Good levels of attendance are very important and there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement - the better the attendance record, the better the chance of achieving the qualification and high grades. Individual attendance records are closely monitored and learners are expected to strive for 100% attendance.

Should your son/daughter be unable to attend for any reason, please contact the College directly using any of the following methods as soon as possible on the morning of absence (ideally by 9.30am).

- ▶  **01205 365701** (and choose option 2)
- ▶  **absent@boston.ac.uk**
- ▶  Please text **BCABSENT** to **88020**

It would be appreciated if any non-essential personal appointments could be booked around the learner's timetable. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Work Experience


As you may be aware, a central part of the educational programme being pursued by your son/daughter is external work experience.

Your son/daughter will be required to secure a placement, which is relevant to their college programme and overall career aspirations. Any assistance you can give your son/daughter with this task would be appreciated, as the best placements are in great demand, and go really quickly.


## English and Maths

If your son/daughter does not hold a grade 4 or C in GCSE English and/or Maths, then they must continue with these subjects at college. They will take either GCSE or Functional Skills English and/or Maths dependent on their existing grades and/or assessment. Please visit our website for more information.

## Learner Services

This is a dedicated team that supports learners to achieve their goals whilst at college. This includes a counselling service, learner support and financial support. If you would like to speak to a member of this team then make an appointment by calling  **01205 313218** or drop into main reception.

## Inclusive Learning

If your son/daughter requires support at college, then please contact the Inclusive Learning Team on  **01205 365701**.

## Learner Voice


Boston College aspires to be an 'Outstanding College'. To achieve this, the College listens to learners at every opportunity - this is called 'Learner Voice'. The College takes feedback from learners in a number of different ways, which include:-

- ▶ Buzz the Boss
- ▶ Focus Groups
- ▶ Surveys

## Next Steps and Career Planning

Boston College will support your son/daughter in career and next steps planning. The College has a career programme outlining the support, please find this information on our website.

## How to keep in touch

There are several opportunities throughout the year for you to receive feedback regarding your son/daughter's progress. There are two parents evenings and progress reports sent out to parents at several points throughout the academic year. If you would like to discuss progress or concerns please contact the relevant area as outlined on the back of this leaflet. There is more information within our Parent Handbooks on our website  **www.boston.ac.uk**