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Student Spotlight

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by Lucia Ismail
Student Welfare Officer

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by Mary-Jo Appaqaq
Employability and Progression
Assistant Manager

Salon Discussion

The Parisienne Salon discussions of the 18th century were legendary in socialite houses of Europe and contributed greatly to the Age of Enlightenment. The greatest minds of the time would hope for a gold-embossed envelope to arrive at their door, inviting them to the parlour of

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WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

For Your Children at
Nelson College London

At Nelson College London, we understand the challenges of balancing education and family life. As part of our commitment to supporting our students, we are excited to offer work experience placements for your children, aged 14 to 18, right here at Nelson College London.

For the past three years, we have been providing work experience opportunities to local schools, helping young students gain valuable skills and knowledge for their future. Across our three campuses, we have successfully hosted over 100 students, equipping them with real-world experience in a professional environment.

What We Offer

We are extending our work experience programme to provide your children with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional and educational environment. This two-week placement is unpaid but designed to help students develop key workplace skills, build confidence, and explore potential career paths.

How to Apply

If your child is interested in this fantastic opportunity, we encourage you to get in touch! Speak to Samir at the Gants Hill campus or email sn.hussain@nelsoncollege.ac.uk for more information and to apply.

Give your child the chance to gain invaluable experience and take their first step towards their future career-right here at Nelson College London!

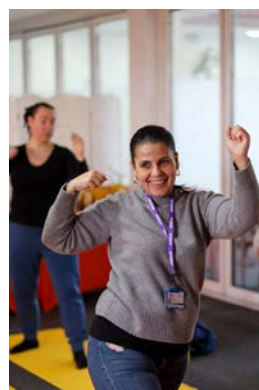
Why Choose Nelson College London for Your Child's Work Experience?

- Convenient location where your child can gain experience in a familiar and supportive setting.
- Practical exposure to real-world work environments within an academic institution.
- Development of essential workplace skills such as teamwork, communication, and time management.
- Mentorship and guidance from experienced professionals who are eager to support young learners.
- A valuable addition to their CV and future academic and career prospects.

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Student Welfare Department



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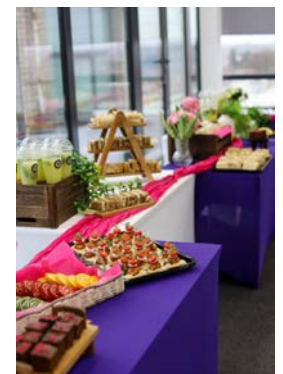
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Coffee Morning at Broadstairs campus

'In January and February, the Student Welfare team hosted a series of Coffee Morning sessions at the Broadstairs campus, creating a friendly, informal space for students and staff to connect.

The sessions gave students the opportunity to find out more about the support services available across the College, including wellbeing and academic guidance. Students were encouraged to ask questions, raise any concerns, and share feedback about their learning experience. A special thank you goes to Ruth from Reception, who organised the coffee mornings and helped



by Tatiana Russell
HR/Student Welfare Manager

create a warm and friendly atmosphere for everyone who came along. It was great to see students connecting, sharing their thoughts, and supporting one another, and we look forward to hosting more events that promote student voice and wellbeing.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Atul Krishna Ravikumar Priyanka recently had the opportunity to participate in a work experience program at Nelson College. He engaged in a range of activities across different departments. The experience provided him with insight of the college environment and helped him develop skills for future endeavours.





Nelson College London

World Cuisine Day

Grants Hill Campus Room 101

*Tasty food with delicious flavour
for the January 2026 Cohorts*

Set Up: 10:00am-11:00am

Show Time: 11:15am

Tuesday
24 Mar 2026



Employability & Progression Department

Salon Discussion



FROM FRONT PAGE

an aristocratic household.

Attendees could count on a night of spirited discussion, sumptuous food, and valuable exposure to other high-minded individuals. They would go to great lengths to prepare for these discussions, often researching the pre-selected topic for hours to formulate the most cogent and unique point of view.

With that in mind, the Employability and Progression Department has sparked our own version of the Age of Enlightenment, with a Parisienne Salon discussion that was held on February 4th in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Gants Hill campus. 12 student entrepreneurs were in attendance, and a very productive discussion was held over lunch.

To prepare for this event, the entrepreneurs were instructed to research the different funding types that are available for small and medium enterprises. These could be grants, loans, lines of credit or investor opportunities. There is a plethora of opportunities for businesses to access funding, so the goal was to find as many different opportunities as possible to present to the group.

Prizes were awarded for the most interesting, useful and unique pieces of information that are shared with the group. Another Salon Discussion will no doubt be held in the Autumn, so keep an eye on your inbox for an invite!

New Workshops Alert!



The Employability and Progression Department is always working on improving the slides we present in workshops, and mining the depths of the internet for new workshop titles. Our workshop on the subject of Multi-Level Marketing Schemes has been improved to include a host of different job scams. Have you ever heard of fake cheque job scam? Or the premium rate phone call scam? If not, then book your personal session today! When job searching,



by Mary-Jo
Appaqaq

Employability and
Progression
Assistant Manager

be on high-alert whenever you come across a job advert with skimpy details, poor grammar/spelling, a lack of information about the company, and especially any request for

payment. A genuine company will NEVER request payment for things like training, applications, equipment, visas or credit checks. Stay vigilant! Be wary of anyone trying to put pressure on you to apply now, or you'll miss out. Creating a false deadline is a way of getting you to think you are responding to a crisis. They're trying to remove your critical thinking skills. Any legitimate job will give you plenty of time to prepare for an interview and research their company.

Reading Books

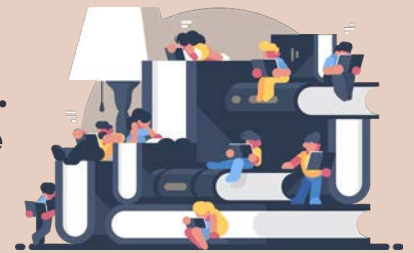
FOR REFERENCE

Reading books for reference offers numerous benefits for you as a student. Have a look below at some of the advantages of visiting our libraries and borrowing a book for your studies



**Many reference books are written by experts.
This ensures the information that you have
researched is reliable and credible.**

**You gain a deeper understanding of specific topics
with detailed information and wide-ranging insights.
There are a number of references that include case
studies and provide examples of real-life scenarios.**



**Using different books provides a variety of
viewpoints and perspectives which could
enrich your understanding of the topic.**

**Reference books develop critical
thinking, research, and comprehension
skills and expand your vocabulary.**



You may also be inspired to explore further research!



Library & Learning Resources Centre

Gamification

Many of us like to kick back with a good video game – but what about that nagging feeling that you could be doing something better with your time. Well, you can banish that guilt with the knowledge that even in your downtime, you're improving your skills.

Many companies are now using gamification as part of their recruitment, onboarding, and upskilling processes. These can include micro-learning, virtual reality, role-playing games, puzzles and much more.

Did you know you can hone many skills with video games? Cognitive skills such as problem solving, spatial awareness, pattern recognition and working under pressure; social skills such as patience, coping with failure and managing frustration; practical skills such as hand-eye co-ordination, resource management and reflexes. These skills can all be enhanced in your gaming time!

However – one thing to bear in mind is that the point of gamification in recruitment is not the same as in video games. In video games, your primary objective is to level up and progress. In recruitment, your objective should be to show consistency, not take risks, and use resources wisely. Remember this important distinction if you come across any form of gamification in the recruitment process. If you'd like to learn more about how you can improve your chances in gamification, set up a 1-2-1 session for the workshop through the CAS.

Psychometric Testing Questions

As part of the wider trend of skills-based hiring, psychometric testing is being used more and more widely to select the best applicants for the job.

The categories for these questions are:

Numerical Reasoning, Verbal Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning and Mechanical Comprehension. Here are a few examples to practice with:

Numerical Reasoning:

Job Prospects for University Graduates

Type of University	1990		2000	
	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed	Employed
Private	155	1475	125	1350
State	125	1610	150	1250

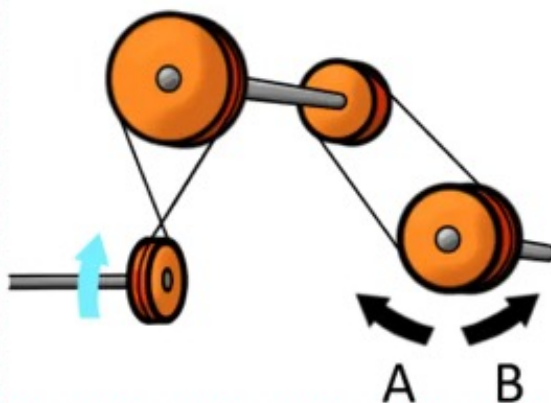
1. How many more employed were there in 1990 than in 2000?

- A. 75
- B. 360
- C. 485
- D. 100
- E. 135

Mechanical Comprehension:

Sample Question 7

7. In which direction will the wheel spin?



Verbal Reasoning:

In the past, home heating systems have been operated using different sources of energy such as wood, electricity, and kerosene. But these are expensive when compared to a more recently developed source - solar energy. Solar energy is an alternative, but its application for heating is limited to a small numbers of appliances. There is also the difficulty of obtaining solar energy for heating purposes in the winter time when it is most needed and its major resource, the sun, is hardly effective.

1. Solar energy is hardly available in the winter.

- True
- False

Student Spotlight

Rodica-Mariana Pasat

Moon Lash Studio

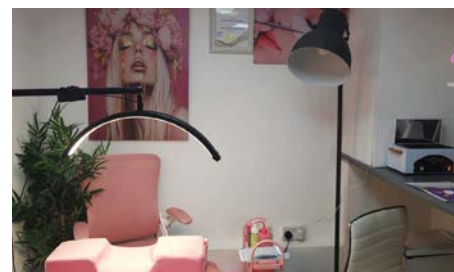
Rodica-Mariana Pasat is a resident of Colchester and a student at Nelson College London, where she is currently completing a Top-Up degree in Hospitality Management.

Since beginning her studies in 2022, Rodica-Mariana has developed a comprehensive understanding of entrepreneurship, business operations, and the responsibilities associated with running a successful enterprise. Her academic journey has equipped her with both theoretical insight and practical competencies, providing a strong foundation for independent business development.

In the summer of 2025, she chose to pursue her passion within the beauty industry. After undertaking professional training as a certified lash technician, she successfully established her own boutique salon,



Moon Lash Studio, in Colchester within just a few months.



Launching her business represents both a significant professional accomplishment and a personal milestone. Rodica-Mariana attributes her success to the knowledge, discipline, and confidence gained through her academic studies, which continue to support the ongoing growth and development of her brand.

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Graduate Progression Survey Guide



by Daniela Chitic

Employability and Progression Assistant.

Nelson College London Graduate Progression Survey

Please help us to understand your current situation and future plans now that you have graduated from a course with Nelson College London.

Section 1

Your information

Your answers will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

1. Please enter your student ID number. *

Enter your answer

2. Please enter your full name. *

Enter your answer

Between the end of July and the end of October, I led the delivery of the Nelson College London Graduate Progression Survey. This survey was designed specifically for students who had completed their course with us and progressed into their next stage.

The purpose of the Graduate Progression Survey is to help us better

understand our graduates' current circumstances and their plans following the completion of their studies. By gathering this information, we are able to evaluate the impact of the support provided during their time at the College, monitor progression outcomes, and identify ways in which we can continue to strengthen our

employability and academic guidance services.

Graduates were invited to share details about their employment status, further study plans, and career aspirations. Their feedback plays a vital role in helping us assess how effectively we are preparing students for life beyond college and ensures that we continue to enhance the student

experience for future cohorts.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all graduates who took the time to respond and share their journeys with us. Their engagement and openness are greatly appreciated and contribute significantly to the ongoing development and success of Nelson College London.

Entrepreneurial Support

The answer to our Career Advisory Service for all our budding entrepreneurs is now well under way, with entrepreneurial support available Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

You can book a virtual session so we can understand your business goals, and help you to unpick the maze that setting up a business can feel like. There's no shame in asking for help. If anyone tells you they "did it all" without help... they are lying either to

you or to themselves! Businesses are built on people, and people are social creatures. Just like in a family, or a friend group or in a relationship, we all need support! So, with that in mind, who are the key players, stakeholders or executives in your business? What is the structure of your C-suite. You may think that you don't need a fancy title such as "Founder" or "Director", if you are running a business of comprising of 4 people,



but remember that all big businesses started off with just a few people. Therefore, it's best to get that structure in place early, so your business has the hierarchy, or chain-of-command, ready for expansion.

Student Personal Development Plan 2026 - Saved

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Student Personal Development Plan 2026

The purpose of this survey is to establish how we, as a College, are best able to support our students to achieve their full potential and make effective Progression. Please answer all the questions as honestly as you are able to, as this will help us to identify how best we might support you as an individual. When we have received your response, we will follow this up with an action plan to help you to make sure that we provide you with all the relevant support needed.

1. Please enter your full name. *

Enter your answer

2. Please enter your student ID number. *

Enter your answer

Student Personal Development Plan 2026 survey

In January 2026, students commencing new courses were invited to complete the Student Personal Development Plan 2026 survey.

The purpose of this initiative is to help us determine how we, as a college, can most effectively support our students in reaching their full potential and achieving meaningful academic and career progression. Students are encouraged to respond honestly and thoughtfully, as their feedback enables us to identify individual needs and tailor appropriate support. Upon receiving their responses, we develop

follow-up action plans to ensure that each student is provided with the relevant guidance and resources necessary for success. Since the beginning of January, I have visited new classes at both our Ilford and Gants Hill campuses. During these visits, I had the pleasure of meeting many of our students, who have been welcoming, engaged, and enthusiastic. I introduced them to the services offered by our department and highlighted the importance of the survey in supporting their academic and professional development. I am pleased to share that, to date, 240 students have

successfully completed the survey. This strong level of participation reflects our students' commitment to their own development and their willingness to engage proactively with the support available to them.

It has been a privilege to meet and speak with so many of our students, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to listen, engage positively, and complete the survey. Their cooperation and openness are greatly appreciated and play an essential role in helping us provide the highest standard of support.

Upcoming Events

As we enter the warmer (and hopefully drier!) months, keep your eyes peeled for any local job fairs we will be promoting. The East London Job Fair will be held on Friday the 25th of April at the Gaughan Group Stadium in Leytonstone. This is a lively event featuring employers from East London.

For anyone located further out into Essex, don't worry – we have you covered too! The Colchester Job Fair will be held on the 12th of June, at the Job Serve Community Stadium. We'll promote these events and send booking links closer to the time, so if you're interested, make a note in your diary to ensure you don't miss out. Plans for the annual Employability and Entrepreneurship Forum are under way – so watch this space. This event promises to be the best and busiest ever!

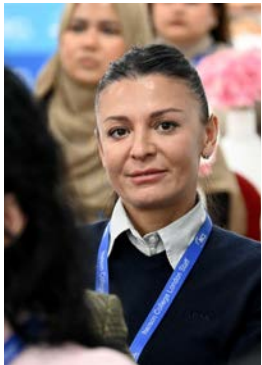
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MARKETING & RECRUITMENT DEPARTMENT

WELCOME BACK



by Luminita Agache

Marketing and Recruitment
Assistant Manager

The Welcome Back event at Nelson College London was successfully held at both the Gants Hill and Ilford campuses, bringing together new and continuing students from all programmes. It was a wonderful opportunity to warmly welcome everyone and help students



familiarise themselves with the campus environment, meet their teachers and staff, and build new connections. The event aimed to create a positive and supportive atmosphere where students feel comfortable and motivated to begin their academic journey. For the Marketing Team, it was also a chance to express sincere thanks for the incredible support provided throughout the recruitment period.



Valentine's student party



by Luminita Agache

Marketing and Recruitment
Assistant Manager

The Valentine's Party was held at the Gants Hill campus and brought together students from both campuses for a memorable celebration. Students from HND Hospitality Management and HND Business gathered to enjoy a fun and engaging event alongside staff and lecturers. It was a great opportunity for everyone to connect outside the classroom, strengthen relationships, and build a stronger college community. The event was filled with excitement, including raffle tickets, prizes, and plenty of fun activities. Organised collaboratively by both campuses and the Marketing Team, the party created a lively and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.



Break my Heart

Break My Heart was held on 13th February at the Gants Hill campus for FDA and Top-Up programmes. The event gave students the chance to relax, have fun, and forget their problems for a while. We offered small free gifts as a way of saying thank you for their hard work and dedication. The event was organised by the Marketing Team at Gants Hill. It created a positive and supportive atmosphere for everyone who attended.



Discover
the joy of
the journey.

Nelson College London

Athens

International Trip

5th to 8th May 2026

Hotel

Vincci Ever Eden Beach Resort

- 15 Deluxe Standard Rooms
- Bed & Breakfast included



From
£375
per person

Package Includes

- Return flights
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Private airport transfers
- Private return airport transfers included

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Athens trip

The Marketing Team is excited

to announce an upcoming trip to

Athens from 5th to 8th May. The package includes flights and bed & breakfast accommodation, starting from £375

per person. Everyone is welcome, and you are encouraged to bring your family and friends along for this fantastic experience.

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Petra, Lumi, or John. Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

New team member

GANTS HILL CAMPUS

Labe Tabassum Haider

Marketing and Recruitment Officer

ILFORD CAMPUS

Mehmet Aksu

Marketing and Recruitment Officer

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

Eva Krausova

Academic Administrator & Exam Officer (HND HM)

My name is Eva Krausova. My role is an Academic administrator & Exam officer for Hospitality. I'm new to this job so I'm just getting to know people and doing lots of training. I have studied law with criminology degree which I gained a bachelor's degree. I also studied health and social care level 3 at college, so I have good sense of academic life. This is something about me.



BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

Alana Jacob

Student Support Lecturer, HND Business

Hi everyone, I am Alana and I joined the team in September 2025. I work as a Student Support Lecturer at the Broadstairs

campus and have a background in Human Resources and Project management with experience in recruitment and administrative support. I enjoy working in a collaborative environment and helping things run smoothly behind the scenes. Outside of work, I enjoy travelling and trying new food.



BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

Monika Kelesova

Academic Administrator/Exam Officer

My name is Monika Kelesova, I joined Nelson College London – Broadstairs Campus in April 2025, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as an Academic Administrator and Exam Officer for HND Business. Being part of such a dynamic and forward-thinking institution allows me to support students throughout their academic journey, ensuring smooth operations and helping them achieve their goals. This role also gives me the chance to develop my professional skills, grow within the college community, and contribute to the ongoing success of our programmes.

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

Manob Basak

Student Support Lecturer- Trainee

Hi, I am currently working as a Student Support Lecturer in HND Hospitality at NCL in Broadstairs. I

strive to create an engaging and inclusive learning environment for students where new ideas are welcomed, energy is encouraged, and students feel empowered to recognise and re-alise their true potential. My professional journey was significantly shaped during my five years at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, where I worked in Teaching Support and Counselling Management. In this role, I supported university students particularly those within Mass Media and Communication. During my tenure I aimed to navigate both their academic progression and personal development. I encourage students to express themselves confidently while maintaining focus and enthusiasm in their academic journey. Beyond the classroom, I re-main committed to offering guidance and mentorship, helping students overcome challenges with resilience and determination. I see myself not only as a lecturer, but as a mentor who walks alongside students as they build confidence to refine their skills and shape their futures. If you are ready to grow, challenge yourself and move forward with enthusiasm, I warmly invite you to connect and begin that journey together. Thank you very much.



New team member

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

Laura Stephens

Student Support Lecturer
(University Programmes)



Hello, my name is Laura Stephens and I am delighted to have recently joined the Broadstairs team as a student support Lecturer. I am extremely enthusiastic about Education, learning and Development and hold a first-class degree in early learning and development and a master's degree in education. I have worked in education for, almost twenty years, during which time I have supported students of all ages and abilities, from nursery to primary schools, further education colleges, and universities, to residential SEND schools. Overall, I just love helping people to learn, grow and succeed in reaching their full potential and I am excited to be able to share my knowledge and passion for learning with the students here at Nelson's College. Aside from education, my other passion is art and photography. I love spending my days off exploring the local Kent coastline with my camera or sitting on the beach sketching or painting. I have even been lucky enough to have exhibited and sold my work in a few of the local galleries and markets in and around Thanet. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Exciting News for Broadstairs – New UWL Programmes Launched February 2026!

by Gabriela Carp

Assistant Academic
Manager

We're delighted to share some fantastic news! Two new programmes from the University of West London (UWL) have officially been approved for delivery

at our Broadstairs Campus, starting in February 2026:

- **BA (Hons) Hospitality Management (Top-up)**
- **FdA Hospitality Management**

These programmes have been introduced in response to growing

student demand and will provide clear, structured progression pathways for learners. With a strong focus on practical learning and career-ready skills, students will benefit from industry-relevant teaching designed to support their professional ambitions.

New team members

To support the expansion of our UWL provision, we're also pleased to welcome new lecturers to both the Broadstairs and Gants Hill campuses this month.

BROADSTAIRS

Fatima Ez-Zahra Abdelhak

GANTS HILL

Amina Ali

Dr Md. Sadeque Imam Shaikh

Najam Ul Zia

Each new team member brings valuable industry expertise, academic knowledge, and fresh perspectives that will strengthen our programmes and enhance the student experience.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new colleagues — we look forward to the positive contributions they will make to our academic community!

DO YOU
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ARE
AVAILABLE
AT NCL FOR
STUDENTS?

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ncllibrary@nelsoncollege.ac.uk

with a list of all resources available and accessible to students at NCL

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Nelson College London RESEARCH —CENTRE—

The Research Centre continues to grow as a dynamic hub for research, scholarship, and collaboration across Nelson College London. Through internal and external publications and presentations, research skills and ethics workshops tailored to programme-specific requirements, and semesterly Research Community Meetings, the Research Centre is creating exciting opportunities for students and staff to develop ideas, build research skills, and share their work with wider audiences internally and externally. Whether exploring a new research interest or developing existing research drafts, the Research Centre offers a supportive platform for engagement and guidance.

NCL Presents at AdvanceHE Conference

The Research Centre proudly represented Nelson College London at the 2026 AdvanceHE Artificial Intelligence Symposium with the presentation titled: *"Shaping Responsible & Ethical AI Practices: Insights from Nelson College London."* The presentation was led by Dr Husam Helmi, Research Centre Manager, with contributions from:

- Mr Sajeel Amin, Course Leader BA (Hons) Business (Top-up) / FdA Business
- Mr Sheikh Ziaul



by Husam Helmi

Research Centre Manager
/ Module Leader MA
International Business
Management / Hospitality

Haque, Course
Leader FdA / BA
(Hons) Hospitality
Management (Top-up)
• Emilia Elena
Salageanu, MA
Student

The Symposium brought together representatives from over 50 universities worldwide, providing NCL with valuable external exposure and showcasing its ethical AI practices. NCL's presentation drew strong interest, attracting thoughtful questions and discussions about its practical, collaborative support for mature students and ethical AI use.

Participation in this international forum highlighted the benefits for both the College and its students, reinforcing NCL's reputation for innovation and support for mature students, strengthening external visibility, and demonstrating how

student-staff research collaboration can contribute to sector-wide conversations on responsible AI.

NCL Students Producing Publications & Book Chapters

A major highlight has been the successful publication of seven literature review papers by seven former MA students in the Global Academic Journal of Economics and Business (GAJEB), which will appear in the latest journal volume in March 2026. With support from the Research Centre, these students turned their dissertations into publications, showing how their research can reach broader audiences. This benefits them by enhancing their CV and research skills.

The Staff-Student Book Project continues to provide exciting opportunities for NCL students and staff to develop dissertations into co-authored chapters. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Research Centre to participate. The book is planned to feature 8-12 externally published chapters on business and hospitality management topics, including both co-authored contributions and contributions from individual staff or students.

As a student, you can talk to your research supervisor or contact the Research Centre directly to see how one-on-one help can assist in turning your work into publishable results. This support can also be part of a collaborative research project involving staff and other students.

These opportunities

support students' research skills development, strengthen academic confidence, enhance CVs, and provide pathways for disseminating research and scholarship internally within the College and externally.

Increasing Numbers of Students & Staff Attending Research Surgeries

More students and staff are attending the monthly Research Methods and Publications Surgeries, which continue to provide an open and supportive space for students and staff from all programmes and departments to discuss research ideas with the RC Manager, covering ethics applications, research methodology questions, or publication opportunities.

Upcoming Research Methods and Publications Surgeries (1-2 PM):

- Wednesday, 25th of February 2026
- Wednesday, 4th of March 2026
- Wednesday, 8th of April 2026
- Wednesday, 6th of May 2026
- Wednesday, 3rd of June 2026

Online and face-to-face at Gants Hill Campus, Room 4.2

Join through the QR code or link below.



Students Participate in Private Sector Consultancy Projects

The Research Centre continues to support students and staff in engaging with real-world consultancy projects, strengthening links with industry and providing valuable applied research experience. A recent project with Reymini's was successfully completed, involving the Research Centre Manager and two MA students.

Building on this, the Research Centre has initiated two new Business Micro Research Projects with Canopy by Hilton, focusing on Integrating Wellbeing and Sustainability in Hotel Operations and The Future Hospitality Workforce: Engaging Generation Z.

These projects offer valuable opportunities to develop research skills, gain industry exposure, and enhance employability. Students and staff who are interested in participating in future applied Micro Research Projects are warmly encouraged to express

their interest and connect with the Research Centre.

What's New for Students and staff from the research Centre in 2026

The Research Centre continues to expand opportunities for engagement through publication mentoring, applied Micro Research Projects, research skills workshops, ethics support, and collaborative research initiatives that involve students and staff across programmes and departments.

Strong engagement in Research Community Meetings during Enhancement Weeks brought together students and staff across programmes. The Research Centre plans to hold more meetings in future semesters, offering opportunities to share ideas and get involved in collaborative research.

The Research Centre provides a supportive platform where students can explore their research interests, develop academic and employability skills such

as critical thinking, research design, academic writing, and communication, and turn ideas into presentations, publications, and other forms of dissemination.

Be Part of the Research Journey

The Research Centre welcomes students and staff from across the College to bring forward ideas, explore shared interests, and get involved in exciting collaborative opportunities. Participation helps build workplace-ready skills, including critical thinking, research, communication, and teamwork, while boosting confidence and providing hands-on experience in collaborative projects. It is also a great opportunity to strengthen your CV, develop professionally, and gain recognition through publications and other forms of dissemination.

Contact the Research Centre
For enquiries, expressions of interest, or to explore opportunities:

Email: researchcentre@nelsoncollege.ac.uk

PRACTICAL CLASS IN A ILFORD CAFÉ

On 6th February, 2026, the guest Lecturer Dr. K. Santayana took the students for a trip as an excursion and conducted Class partially in a Ilford Café with students. This Project was approved by NCL Director Shiraj Islam, Academic Manager Dr. Mudassar Mehmood and sponsored by Marketing and Recruitment Manager Shamshar Rahman.

While teaching 'Marketing Process and Planning' module for our HND students, the lecturer felt that it was essential for students to obtain simultaneously theoretical and practical understanding on 'Starbucks' marketing system as the



Assessment Brief has a case study on Starbucks. Among others, the most pivotal questions students comprehended are: New Plant Based Product, Sustainability, Third place between home and work, Statistics Based Operation, Promotion of

new products without causing damage to existing products, Working Strategy During Busy Hours. While having Starbucks beverages, students and (some staff) worked with the highlighted issues from the Assessment Brief, discussed few

issues with customers. Most importantly, the Store Manager 'Sid' very kindly attended the students for an interactive discussion followed by Questions & Answer session. Such practical education would enable the student not only to conceptualise, but also they would be able to capitalise the required theme. Students truly enjoyed such session, which ensured that learning had taken place through an interactive approach. ESL staff had scrupulously been maintained all ethical and health & safety issues during the excursion.

Inaugural Graduation 2025 A Milestone for NCL Broadstairs Campus



In 2023, Nelson College London inaugurated its campus in Broadstairs, a distinctive coastal town in Kent known for its strong community ethos and growing educational aspiration. The establishment of the Broadstairs campus formed part of the College's strategic commitment to widening participation, strengthening regional access to higher education, and delivering academically rigorous programmes aligned with contemporary professional standards. In 2025, we proudly celebrated the graduation of our inaugural HND Business cohort. This first graduation



by Jaishaal Santosh

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HND Business

ceremony represents not only the successful completion of a programme of study, but the fulfilment of a clear institutional vision established just two years earlier. Within a relatively short period, the Broadstairs campus has developed into a confident and credible centre of higher education, underpinned by robust academic governance, quality assurance, and a strong culture of student support.

The Class of 2025 holds a distinctive place in the history of the campus. As our founding cohort, they entered a learning environment in its formative stage and contributed meaningfully to shaping its academic identity. Through sustained engagement with the curriculum, they developed expertise across key business disciplines including strategic management, finance, marketing, and organisational leadership. The programme's emphasis on applied learning, critical analysis, and reflective practice ensured that graduates acquired not only subject knowledge, but also the intellectual discipline and professional

competence required within today's evolving business landscape.

It is a particular source of pride that the majority of our HND graduates have chosen to continue their academic journey with us by progressing to BA Top-Up degrees. Their decision reflects confidence in the academic standards, teaching quality, and supportive environment that define Nelson College London. It stands as clear evidence of the trust they place in the institution and affirms the strength of our progression pathways within higher education. At the same time, several graduates have chosen to advance directly within their professional careers, applying the analytical insight, strategic understanding, and practical skills developed during their studies. Their progression demonstrates the relevance and applied value of the HND Business qualification, reinforcing its alignment with industry expectations and workforce development.

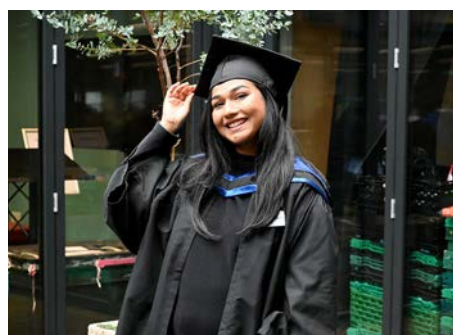
The graduation ceremony itself was a moment of considerable institutional pride. For many students, this qualification represents the first higher education achievement within their families. For the College, it signifies the successful establishment of a high-quality academic provision at the Broadstairs campus within a focused and strategic timeframe. As Programme Leader for HND Business, I regard this milestone as both a professional achievement and a defining moment in the evolution of our campus. The Class of 2025 will always hold a special place in the history of Nelson College London's Broadstairs campus. Their accomplishments have shaped our academic culture and established a strong foundation for future cohorts.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our academic staff, professional services colleagues, and especially the senior leadership whose collective expertise, commitment, and collaboration have made this achievement possible. Institutional success in higher education is never the result of individual effort alone; it is the outcome of shared purpose and sustained dedication.

This first graduation marks the beginning of a lasting academic tradition at Broadstairs. It affirms the credibility of our programmes, the strength of our academic community, and the clarity of our strategic direction. We move forward with confidence, committed to excellence, progression, and transformative higher education that delivers measurable impact for our students and the wider society.

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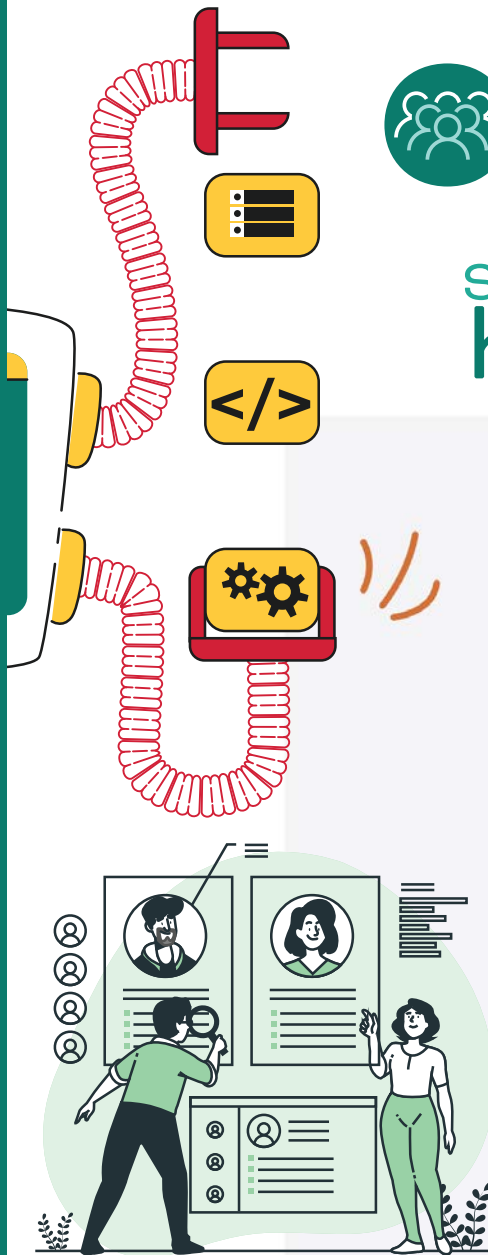


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New Degree Awarding Powers (NDAPs)

The journey continues...

NDAPs? Again? Haven't we done that yet? Why is it taking so long?

Gaining new degree awarding powers is a journey. It involves the whole College although most staff and students only see part of the picture – that's why there are teams for different functions.

Gaining NDAPs requires the Regulator, using a specialist team of assessors, to scrutinise everything we do, why we do it and what difference it all makes, in great detail for a long time! The College will be measured against a set of criteria. These are grouped into five categories called Criterion A, B, C, D and E. These criteria are woven into each day in the life of every student. How?

Academic Governance (A) – each class has a student representative, who is yours? Have they asked you for your opinion about the College? You might also know the Student President or Vice Presidents. They are part of the infrastructure to help NCL hear your VOICE. They speak at Committees about the issues that matter to you, from communal spaces to technical issues and classroom facilities.

The Committees and the College



by Kate Stoneman

Academic Project Manager (DAP)

operate to strategies and policies which are there to protect your learning experience and make sure the College is safe, financially sustainable and fulfilling its mission to help all students develop and achieve, both academically and personally.

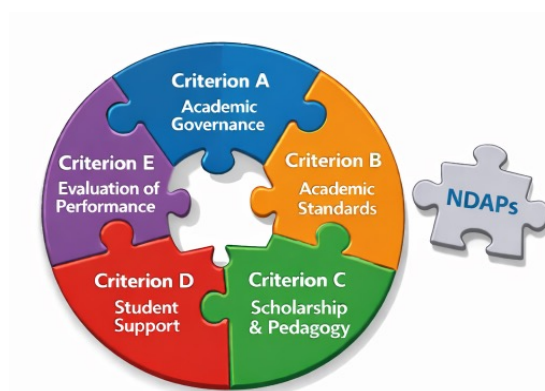
Academic Standards and Quality Assurance (B) – what are you studying? Every programme has a description, documents and processes to describe what you are studying and how you will be assessed. These documents are developed to meet employer needs to be industry relevant. The curriculum defines what your lecturers teach each week and how they test you each term, helping you demonstrate that you understand the subject. The College must uphold standards so that you can be confident

at the end of your studies that your qualification is high quality and is the result of all your hard work.

Scholarship and the Pedagogical effectiveness of staff (C) – How do you learn? Each class is taught by a subject specialist, your lecturers

They are supported by support lecturers and an administrative team. The lecturers have teaching experience, and professional practice where theory is put into practice. Lecturers stay up to date with their subject area to bring you the latest knowledge and they also set the assignments and give you grades. They even ask for feedback from you and each other, on what and how they teach, and listen to your opinions to improve your learning experience.

Environment Supporting Students (D) – Which campus do you study at? This is your learning environment, offering more than just lectures. You can buy a drink and a snack, sit quietly or chat with other students, use the library or the computers. There is other support too, including help to access additional funds, help with VLE or IT access, and support with



additional study skills or English language support.

Careers advice and guidance can provide career opportunities or introduce you to valuable networks. There are numerous employability workshops, and some modules feature guest speakers and field trips to demonstrate theory in real-world settings. Need some time out? There are yoga sessions and coffee mornings, an on-site therapist and an open-door policy that means there is always someone available to listen to you. There are even organised trips abroad for the adventurous. All of these opportunities enrich the student experience beyond the classroom.

Evaluation of Performance (E) – The College is made up of many parts, but they all interconnect. No student and no

staff member can work effectively in isolation. Collaboration is key to success for the College and for its students. NCL is always striving to reflect on its performance in all areas through surveys, feedback forms and discussions in formal Committees and other meetings. To grow and transform, we have to look at ourselves honestly and openly and change the things that need improvement.

So that's what NDAPs looks like in practice, every day across the College. We expect the Regulator to begin their assessment this year, so watch this space as the finishing touches are made to our submission and supporting evidence base. The journey continues... Nurturing Discovery, Achievement and Progress.

We now offer in-person counselling sessions!



Tola will be providing free counselling sessions to our NCL students.

Tola is a psychotherapeutic counsellor, and she is able to work on a range of issues such as self-esteem, anxiety, depression, abuse, bereavement, self-harm, motivation, and relaxation, among others.

To book your first session please contact your Student Welfare Officer.

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