

The Exchange

Recovery College

PROSPECTUS



Terms 5&6
April-July 2023



Introduction to Barnsley's Recovery College


Barnsley Recovery College takes an educational rather than a clinical approach to improving mental health. We offer a range of courses and one-off workshops with the aim of improving wellbeing through learning. These are all co-designed and co-delivered by people with real life experience of mental health and recovery and work in conjunction with NHS professionals, education providers and trainers to share what works for them.

The aim is to offer subjects that would not be always available within mainstream education which includes:-


- Understanding mental health conditions
- Understanding recovery from mental health
- Personal health and wellbeing
- Mental health services and treatments
- Training, advocacy and peer-support skill
- Volunteering and moving on into further education
- Helping people back into work.

Our team consists of recovery coaches (professionals from social work and nursing backgrounds), mental health exercise specialists, community support workers and various volunteer roles such as co-producers, co-facilitators, editorial panel & gardening volunteers.

What some of our learners have said about us....




"It has given me help and advice to look after myself to make choices for my future"




"Courses are delivered with facilitators with knowledge and understanding and my mental health has improved by attending"



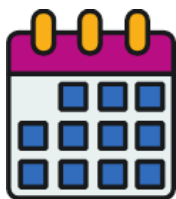
"I've never felt pushed to talk – it's very friendly, relaxed and has uncomplicated content"



"Everything was relevant and well delivered".



"This College has taught me so much and has given me courage to go forward"



Term 5

Mon 17 April - Fri 26 May – 6 weeks

Spring Bank Mon 29 May-Fri 2 June - 1 Week

Term 6

Mon 5 June – Fri 21 July - 7 weeks

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Courses & Workshops

Enrolling for the first time and want to know more about recovery from mental health? Try this short workshop:-

An Introduction to Recovery Workshop

At The Exchange, we recognise that the word Recovery can inspire all kinds of ideas and associations. Positive ones, negative ones and indifferent ones! We also understand that when challenges happen or our abilities change, the journey of Recovery can feel like a daunting and isolated one. In this workshop, we take a gentle approach to exploring what we mean by 'Recovery', from a mental health perspective. We will also explore the values that underpin this and discuss what they mean to us.

This Workshop would be a good starting point for anyone who:

- Would like to take a small step towards better understanding and normalising Recovery from a mental health perspective.
- Who is thinking of enrolling for the first time and would like to learn more, without the commitment of undertaking a full course.
- Has a desire to start living a life beyond illness.

Term 5

Intro to Recovery	Weds	24 May 2023	10-1pm	1 week
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Understanding my mental health & wellbeing



Feel the Fear: Exploring Anxiety

We can all experience uncertainty, panic and signs of anxiety at times in our lives. For some, these feelings can become overwhelming and have significant impact on daily life. If you experience anxiety for no obvious reason and want to develop your understanding of how anxiety can affect your mind, body and lifestyle – this course could be for you.

We will explore the causes and symptoms of anxiety, look at practical steps and techniques we can use to take more control.

Term 5

Feel the Fear	Thurs	20 April 2023	1-3pm	6 weeks
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Term 6

Feel the Fear	Mon	12 June 2023	10-12 Noon	5 weeks
Feel the Fear	Mon	12 June 2023	1-3pm	5 weeks



Assertiveness, Confidence & Communication

Using a blend of both theory and practice to help support your understanding and development of communication and assertiveness skills.

Together we will explore:

- Our understanding of the difference between confidence, assertiveness and self-esteem
- The different communication types and behaviours
- How and why we communicate with others
- Assertiveness tips
- Conflict management skills.

What one of our learners said about this course:-

“A brilliant course to build confidence and help you manage situations of conflict in a healthier way”

Term 5

Confidence & Assertiveness	Thurs	20 April 2023	1-3pm noon	6 weeks
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Term 6

Confidence & Assertiveness	Weds	07 June 2023	1-3pm	5 weeks
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Renew You!

It can be easy to fall into the trap of using negative and limiting labels to describe ourselves. In this exploratory course we will look at the values and qualities that are unique to us and consider how we perceive ourselves, view our self-image and the roles we adopt. By attending this course, we aim to provide you with the space and time to reflect on who you are and encourage you to develop a more realistic and balanced perspectives of yourself.

Please note attendance of the Renew You Pre-Course meeting is required before booking onto this six-week course. Due to the nature of this course your readiness and commitment to attend each session is essential. Pre course meeting for June's course will be held on **Thursday 8 June 2023 1–2 pm**. ***Please note that you must attend this before enrolling on the full course below.***

Term 6

Renew You	Thurs	15 June 2023	1–3 pm	6 weeks
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Managing Depression



Sometimes the simplest things are the hardest. Minor tasks such as getting out of bed, answering the phone, making a decision, what to eat, what to wear, what to watch or even leaving the house all take major effort. That's one of the many pitfalls with depression. Easy becomes complicated. The everyday becomes exhausting.

This course is not about stopping depression, but it may help you develop new ways to help better manage it.

We will give you practical information and useful tips to help you live your life and offer you a different perspective of how you view your depression.

This course is based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Term 5

Managing Depression	Weds	19 April 2023	1-3pm	6 weeks
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Term 6

Managing Depression	Mon	5 June 2023	1-3pm	6 weeks
Managing Depression	Weds	7 June 2023	10-12	6 weeks



WRAP - Wellness Recovery Action Planning



Wellness Recovery Action Planning is a self-management recovery system designed to decrease symptoms, increase personal responsibility, and improve quality of life. There is only one person who can write your WRAP – You!

You'll be required to attend a pre-course meeting before booking onto this course as your readiness and commitment to attend each session is essential.

Pre course meeting for January's course will be held on **Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 1-3pm**.
Please note that you must attend this before enrolling on the full course below.

Term 5

WRAP	Tues	25 April 2023	1-3pm	11 weeks
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Helpful Habits for Sleep

Sleep plays an important role in keeping us healthy, emotionally strong and better equipped to manage the challenges of daily life.

When we don't have good sleep, our concentration is affected, things become harder and we can feel less like ourselves.

Using a range of techniques and sleep tools, this course will support you to evaluate your sleep routine and look at some of the key principles of sleep theory. Each session will provide you with information on how to develop healthier habits to improve your sleep routine.

Term 6

Sleep	Tues	6 June 2023	10-12 Noon	4 weeks
Sleep	Thurs	8 June 2023	1-3pm	4 weeks



For Those That Give Too Much

Are you a giving person? Do you set limits to how much you give, or do you find yourself pouring from an empty cup or feeling resentful of how much you've given? In this three-hour workshop, we explore what it means to give and what is considered "too much". We will discuss the reasons for over-giving and explore the science behind why it feels so rewarding.

By the end of this workshop, you will have a greater awareness of the costs to yourself and others when you over-give, and we will conclude by exploring what makes someone effective at giving. This workshop is a good introduction or follow on from other courses at the college, such as the Confidence, Assertiveness & Communication course.

Helpful Hint!

This workshop links well with the Assertiveness course & Renew You!

Term 5

For those that give too much	Weds	17 May 2023	10-1pm	1 week
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LGBTQ+ Workshop



The Colours of the Rainbow

The Colours of The Rainbow workshop is based around raising awareness of the LGBTQ+ community and its history. It is a light-hearted 3-hour workshop for anyone who wishes to learn a bit more on this topic.

Term 5

LGBTQ+ Workshop	Weds	03 May 2023	9-12 Noon	1 week
LGBTQ+ Workshop	Weds	24 May 2023	1-4pm	1 week

Term 6

LGBTQ+ Workshop	Weds	05 July 2023	9-12 Noon	1 week
LGBTQ+ Workshop	Weds	19 July 2023	1-4pm	1 week

Understanding Self-Harm Workshop

Self-harm is one of the most widely misunderstood forms of mental distress in the UK, however it is also one of the most common. This 3-hour workshop aims to dispel some of the myths that surround this subject, help people to understand what self-harm is, offer people practical strategies to manage and control the urge to self-harm and/or learn how to support someone who self-harms.

Due to the nature of the topic please be aware that the workshop will be discussing and exploring a sensitive and emotive subject. The workshop is respectfully delivered by facilitators that have experience of self-harm and offer an environment which is inclusive, welcoming, and non-judgemental.

Term 5

Understanding Self Harm	Weds	03 May 2023	1-4pm	1 week
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Term 6

Understanding Self Harm	Weds	28 June 2023	1-4pm	1 week
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Limbic Reflexology for the management of Fibromyalgia

Limbic Reflexology has been found to be particularly suitable for Fibromyalgia. Indeed, the development of Limbic Reflexology in 2012 involved volunteers living with Fibromyalgia. This foot reflexology approach focuses on the reflex areas related to the brain, and disruption of the brain's pain processing pathways has been identified as the central problem in fibromyalgia. Many people have found seven weekly treatments helpful in greatly reducing the disabling features of Fibromyalgia and monthly treatments, thereafter, helps in maintaining the improvements.

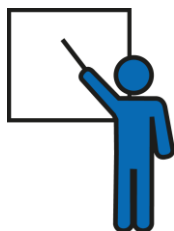
If you have a formal diagnosis of Fibromyalgia, preferably diagnosed by a rheumatologist and you can commit to all treatments, (any break affects the outcome) you can access treatment here at the Recovery College.

Term 1

Limbic Reflexology	Thurs	20 April 2023	10:00-10:45	6 weeks
			11:00-11:45	6 weeks
			12:00-12:45	6 weeks

Moving Forward

Facilitation Skills



This course will provide you with the opportunity to develop your own facilitation and training skills. We will explore how people learn, interact, and retain knowledge and develop our understanding and experience of facilitation and training delivery.

Delivered over six sessions, this course will provide you with some of the basic principles of learning and the opportunity to test out your skills.

There is an expectation for volunteers who complete this course to co-facilitate with the Recovery College.

Term 5

Facilitation Skills	Fri	21 April 2023	09:30-12:30pm	6 weeks
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Introduction to Volunteering Workshop



This workshop is designed to give you an insight into the role of an NHS volunteer within a Recovery College setting. It is ideally suited for people who are thinking of volunteering or for newly recruited volunteers who are stepping up into this responsible position.

The workshop covers the following areas of practice:

- Your motivations for volunteering?
- An outline of our volunteer offer at “The Exchange”
- To discuss whether your volunteer aspirations meet our own – are we a good match?
- To explore what is: professional and ethical practice?

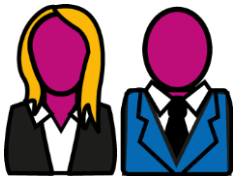
By exploring these areas, it is hoped that you will be able to reflect on whether you are ready for volunteering in terms of your own wellbeing, able to take on the responsibility of this important role and share a willingness to empower learners to meet their own goals.

Term 5

Intro to Volunteering	Mon	17 April 2023	1-3pm	1 week
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Term 6

Intro to Volunteering	Fri	09 June 2023	10-12 Noon	1 week
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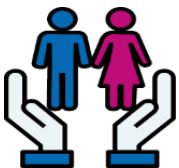
Professionalism Workshop

Professionalism describes the skills, qualities and competencies that are expected of all of us in our paid or voluntary roles. In this workshop we focus on the behaviours that we need to demonstrate.

Join us as we explore these key qualities within the healthcare and voluntary sector.

Term 5

Professionalism	Mon	24 April 2023	1-4pm	1 week
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Safeguarding Workshop

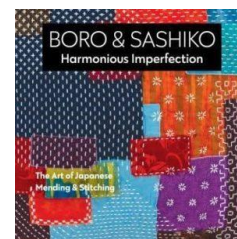
This workshop aims to provide you with an awareness of the topic. Together, we will explore:

- The definition of Safeguarding
- Who is considered an Adult at Risk
- The definition of risk and the limitations to confidentiality
- The different types and indicators of abuse
- Where abuse occurs and who from
- Who to contact if you have a concern

Term 6

Safeguarding	Weds	19 July 2023	10–1pm	1 week
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Interests for Wellbeing



Traditional Sewing Skills

WEA are back doing their creative thing at the College for old and new learners!

Sewing skills are historically a craft that Women used to Make do and Mend; this course is a opportunity to learn the skills that can turn your rags into riches by recycle discarded materials to create new and beautiful items. We will employ Boro and Sachiko techniques to embellish and repair fabrics, patchwork and embroidery to cover blemishes.

In this day and age we need to reset the throw-away culture to extend the life or re-imagine the things we once loved. It make financial, ecological and practical sense along with creating customised crafts that pass the time away.

If you are anything like me you will all have favourite fabric or sentimental items such as Children's clothing and so on, which can be used to create new and beautiful keepsakes or gifts with true meaning. Embellished Patchwork can become a unique blankets, bags, cushion covers and wall hangings.

Come to this relaxing course to enjoy working on your own project under the guidance of an experience crafting tutor. All are welcome and no experience is necessary in sewing skills.

Term 5

Traditional Sewing	Thurs	27 April 2023	1-3pm	7 weeks
Traditional Sewing	Weds	7 June 2023	10-12	7 weeks

Traditional Sewing and History of Textiles are on the same day, therefore learners are welcome to stay for the duration of the day or just enrol for one course!

Practical History of Textiles – Weaving and Sewing

Simple Weaving

Come and enjoy this relaxed and friendly introduction to weaving. You will learn some basic techniques, using a piece of cardboard, a small picture frame and/or a small frame which you can make out of twigs. You'll be able to weave a purse and a tapestry; also a small piece of cloth, which you can sew into a small purse or pouch. There will also be an element of the history of weaving.

As a relatively cheap and portable skill, it is possible to take the work home, should you so wish to do so. In understanding the principles of working with these different textiles techniques you can produce work that has a personal meaning to you.

Hand Sewing skills for pleasure

Come and enjoy this relaxed and friendly introduction to sewing, which will take you from threading a needle, to producing a finished article by hand. We will also look at upcycling or re-purposing: making one loved item into a new, more useful one.

As a relatively cheap and portable skill, it is possible to take the work home, should you so wish to do so. In understanding the principles of working with these different textiles techniques you can produce work that has a personal meaning to you.

Term 6

Practical History of Textiles	Weds	7 June 2023	1-3	7 weeks
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Managing Stress and Anxiety through Creative Writing

This course is designed to explore the creative writing process. Whether your ideas are imagined or drawing on personal experience, we will learn about putting together a narrative, creating characters and setting the scene. We will also explore different styles and formats all together, by sharing ideas and developing confidence with better understanding of the written work.

All are welcome from beginners to improvers in this relaxed and friendly environment. No experience necessary to enjoy creating written work and understanding the process.

Term 6

Creative Writing	Fri	09 June 2023	10-12	7 weeks
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Managing Stress through Painting & Drawing

Come and enjoy painting and drawing creative sessions with the brilliant Ruth Waterworth.

Term 3

Painting & Drawing	Weds	19 April 2023		5 weeks
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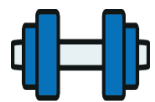


Physical Activity

Physical activity can be difficult, but we are here to help! Physical fitness is very important for good physical and mental health. It helps improve quality of life and reduces the risk of serious conditions. Regular exercise helps you to control stress and can help you to feel better about yourself and is very important for mental and physical health. We offer a unique course at the Exchange which will help you understand how your body works with nutrition and exercise.



Introduction to exercise, the gym and your wellbeing



This course is designed to get you moving and exercising more. It's twice weekly for each learner, each session lasting one hour and will incorporate:-

- A nutrition workshop
- An anatomy and physiology workshop
- Home exercise techniques

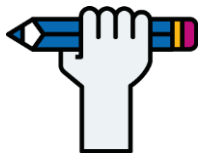
After your induction, you'll receive a bespoke exercise plan which is regularly reviewed. You'll be taught how to perform exercises safely and correctly whilst moving more, getting fitter and gaining knowledge of how diet and your body works. You'll be allocated a slot upon enrolment.

Mixed Gym – Mon & Wed's (attendance twice per week) - Terms 5 & 6

Mon and Weds	17 and 19 April 2023	10–12 & 1-3pm	13 weeks
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Ladies Gym – Tues & Thurs (attendance twice per week) Terms 5 & 6

Tues and Thurs	18 and 20 April 2023	1-3pm	13 weeks
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How do I enrol?

You're not referred to the Recovery College, you can simply enrol online yourself, or on behalf of someone for any of our courses that may be of interest to you. Our courses are open to all adults and we welcome carers, supporters and professionals too.

If you're new to the college, you'll need to enrol on an **"Introduction to the Exchange" session**, which is where you'll find out what kind of courses we offer, have a look around the building and ask any questions you may have. These sessions will be on a one-to-one basis and usually last around an hour. You can make an appointment for one of these by enrolling online through our website - then one of our team will be in touch to arrange an appointment. Alternatively you can call us on 01226 730433. **If you've been to the college before,** you can simply enrol online at:-

<https://www.barnsleyrecoverycollege.nhs.uk> or alternatively call us to do it over the phone.

Please note! by submitting your enrolment, it does not necessarily mean that you have been booked onto a course. You'll be contacted by text or email to let you know if you have gained a place. We can only offer a limited number of places on each course in line with COVID regulations, therefore some courses will fill up very quickly. Make sure you get your enrolment form in early to avoid disappointment!

We have also included within the enrolment process, two other forms – our Learner Charter and Equality Impact Form. We require you to complete these please for data collection purposes.

We understand that sometimes it may be difficult to attend a full course, but if you can't attend the very **first session**, or miss **two sessions**, we suggest that you re-enrol on a future date so that you can benefit fully from the course content.

Finally, please be aware that if you provide us with an email address and/or mobile number, confirmation of course bookings and reminders will automatically be emailed or text to you. Please let us know if you don't want this to be the case.

College Expectations

In accordance with NHS England and SWYPT our guidelines and expectations are as follows:-

1. Please inform the college as soon as possible if you aren't able to attend for any reason. We only have a limited number of places due to new social distancing restrictions and have a maximum capacity in each room that we have to adhere to.
2. All our classrooms have been risk assessed and deemed safe, clean and are ventilated. While you are in your classroom, we require you to keep 1m social distanced. Face masks aren't required in classrooms now, but you are required to wear one when moving around the building including in corridors, offices and communal spaces.
3. In the event of a fire, please can all learners exit the building calmly and quickly and make your way to the front lawn, remembering to always keep your distance.
4. It's important to stress that while we are relaxing the rules around the wearing of face masks, there's still a personal choice if you would prefer to wear one. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe so if you would prefer to keep your mask on then please do so. Please respect people's personal preferences and choices.

Frequently Asked Questions

'I don't want to go back to school or college. Is that what this is? How are courses delivered?'

Our courses aren't traditional college or school subjects and aren't delivered in a traditional way. We believe that we all have something to learn, and we are all on our own recovery journey.

If you attend a course you won't be sitting in a classroom listening to a teacher talk while you take notes. Instead, you'll have opportunities to discuss subjects that interest you, learn at your own pace and share your expertise.

'Can I access your courses online?'

We do offer online courses through Wakefield Recovery College
www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk enrol online as you usually would for Barnsley.

'I have some physical mobility problems – is the College accessible?'

Yes. Our classrooms are based on the ground floor and are fully accessible. If you have any concerns about your mobility and attending the College please contact us on 01226 730433. We now have a one way system due to COVID but if you inform us beforehand we can arrange different access.

'Do I need to be referred by my mental health team?'

No. You do not need to be referred. As a learner, you simply enrol and discuss with us the courses which best suit you.

'Will it affect my benefits?'

The Exchange is total independent from the DWP and we have no involvement in any decision made about your benefit entitlement.

'What happens if I'm not able to attend the whole course?'

We understand that it may be difficult to attend the full course and ask that you let us know if you are unable to attend.

If you cannot attend 2 sessions out of the full course, we will suggest that you re-book for a future date.

'What if I need some extra support with studying once the course has started?'

This may involve meeting with staff on a one-to-one basis to talk through and discuss the course content or to help you complete any work that you have found difficult to complete in the session.

‘Can I come on a course twice?’

No, this isn't usually allowed, only under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the course facilitator.

‘I'm worried about my IT skills, do I need to use a computer to do a course?’

No. IT skills aren't a requirement, however, if you would like to develop your skills in this area, then we offer a digital resilience course or we can signpost you.

‘Will I need to complete any tests or exams?’

No, there are no exams or tests. On occasion we may offer accredited courses – this may require some evidence of learning. This will be discussed with you at the time of the enrolment to make sure that you are aware of the course expectations.

‘Will I definitely get a place on the course I want?’

Due to popularity and restricted numbers due to COVID, some courses may book up quickly. Where this is the case, where possible, we will be able to offer alternative dates or suggest a different course.

‘What happens once I have finished my course?’

One of our key aims is to provide you with the time and space to decide on your next steps and build the confidence to take them. This may be moving on to another course with us, a course with someone else or thinking about other steps including moving into volunteering or paid work.

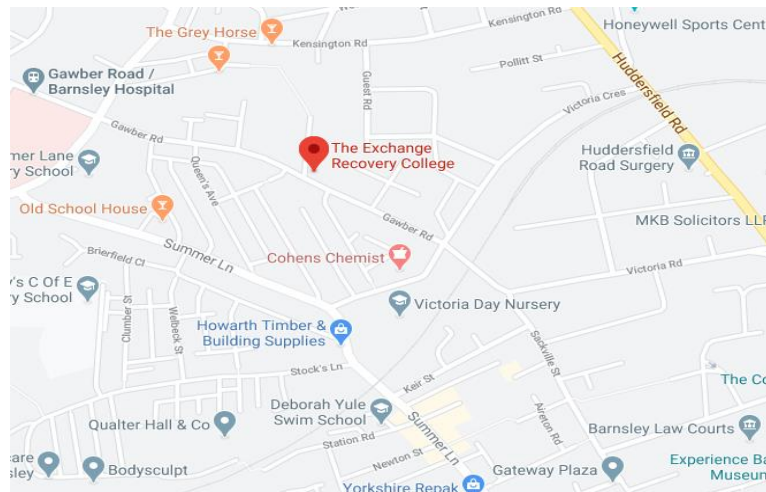
Whatever your next steps we have someone on hand who is happy to guide you in thinking about and accessing future goals.

‘Where can I find additional information?’

Our prospectus is available online at www.barnsleyrecoverycollege.nhs.uk and we regularly post updates about our courses and new course dates on social media.



How to find us



Bus Services

Buses leave Barnsley Interchange from stands 4, 5 and 6. Currently, bus number 95 is running every 15 mins until 23rd October 2020. You will need to get off at the junction of Victoria Crescent and Gawber Road immediately after the railway bridge and before Barnsley Hospital.

Please note that everyone is expected to follow government guidelines and wear masks on any public transport. Busses may fill up quicker due to distancing restrictions so please let us know if you're not going to make it on time.

On Foot

We are situated on Gawber Road. If you are coming from the town centre or from the bus stop on Gawber Road keep walking towards the Hospital (away from the town centre). You will pass Sykes Avenue on your right and we are on the corner of Wellfield Road. You will pass a row of residential terrace houses and The Exchange is set back from the road, behind a tree lined fence.

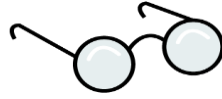
By Car

From the M1 exit at Junction 37 and follow the signs into Barnsley on Dodworth Road/A628. At the traffic lights turn left on to Pogmoor Road and stay on this road until you reach crossroads (Barnsley Hospital), turn right onto Gawber Road, we are on the left hand side.

Parking

There is no on-site parking at The College, we are based in a residential area and on street parking is available directly outside. When parking we ask that you respect our neighbours.

What you're looking out for



Our entrance gate.....



Path to entrance.....



Entrance door to your right



Welcome! Reception Hall.....



Get in Touch.....



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