



THE  
**BEDFORD**  
COLLEGE  
GROUP

# Student Guide

2025/26

# WELCOME

## Here's some information to get you started!

We're excited for your journey with us and are here to help you become the person you want to be! We want to get to know the real you.

The Bedford College Group is home to people from many cultures and backgrounds; and a range of beliefs and identities. We embrace difference!



## Dates to remember!

[Click here](#) to see the term dates for this year!

Don't forget to wear your ID Card every day when you are at College, showing you are now part of our community, helping us all to stay safe and it's the first step in getting ready for work - we all wear them!

**Respect your college community -  
you're part of it!**

# WELCOME FROM THE CEO

Welcome to The Bedford College Group!

We are excited you've chosen to study with us! As the CEO, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to each of you as you embark on this exciting journey of learning, growth, and discovery. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning to continue your studies, you are now part of a vibrant community committed to excellence in education. This handbook is your one-stop guide to getting the most out of your time at The Bedford College Group, whether you are at Tresham College, Bedford College, Central Bedfordshire College, Shuttleworth College, The Bedford Sixth Form, or the National College for Motorsport.

At The Bedford College Group, we believe that education is not just about acquiring knowledge; it's about unlocking your potential, expanding your horizons, and preparing you for a future full of possibilities. Our dedicated staff are here to support you every step of the way, providing you with the resources, guidance, and encouragement needed to achieve your goals.

We are proud to offer a diverse range of programs and courses designed to meet the needs of today's dynamic world. Whether you are pursuing academic qualifications, vocational training, or professional development, you'll find that our facilities, teaching methods, and community partnerships are geared towards giving you a real-world edge

This year, we are particularly excited about the new initiatives we've introduced, which are designed to enhance your learning experience both inside and outside the classroom. We encourage you to take full advantage of these opportunities, get involved in campus life, and make the most of your time with us.

Remember, your time at The Bedford College Group is more than just a path to a qualification; it's an opportunity to build lasting friendships, develop new skills, and create memories that will stay with you long after you've left our doors.

## **Need help with careers, feeling overwhelmed, or just have a question?**

This handbook has got you covered! You'll find info on everything from career guidance and counselling to important phone numbers and building opening hours.

## **Looking for even more?**

Check out our online portal at [www.yourspaceonline.net](http://www.yourspaceonline.net) for tons of additional resources.

## **Our commitment to you:**

We're constantly working to make your experience even better.

Our friendly staff is always happy to answer your questions and help you succeed. Don't hesitate to ask!

I wish you all a successful, fulfilling, and enjoyable year ahead.

Welcome to the start of something extraordinary!

Best regards,

Yiannis Koursis OBE

Chief Executive Officer

The Bedford College Group



# Support

## SUPPORT

There are loads of support options available to you ranging from academic support to mental health and wellbeing support to financial support. Have a look [here](#) to see what's on offer:

[Additional Learning Support \(ALS\)](#)

[The Library \(LRC\)](#)

[Careers & UCAS Applications](#)



Need help with travel or buying course equipment? Apply for Financial Support through the Bursary [here](#).

**Safeguarding:** If you are worried about yourself or someone else, please talk to us – we want to help! Speak with your tutor or drop into Student Services at any campus.

TOTUM gives you access to over 250 student discounts and now acts as an official proof of age ID. – access it here:

[TOTUM UK | The #1 UK Student Discount Card and App](#)

**Stay Safe and help others to stay safe.**

# Get Involved

## MORE THAN STUDY... GET INVOLVED!

We offer a range of clubs and activities at the College - have a look here and let us know what you'd be interested in.

[The Bedford College Group](#) | [Student Services](#) | [Enrichment](#)

### L I V E Lounges

Our Live Lounges are communal student spaces where you can relax between classes and meet with friends - have a look at some of the College facilities [here](#).



We are keen to hear what you have to say and for you to help us make changes within our College community. The Student Union enables you to have your voice heard and to be involved in decision making processes - more information will be provided as part of your induction or click [here](#) for further details.

**Do your best and help others to do  
the same**

# Where to eat

## WHERE TO EAT

Munch & Mocha are available at all campuses and they serve a range of hot and cold food – if you have any dietary requirements please do speak to a member of staff – they'll be happy to help you.

We are a cashless College – you can either use a debit card to pay or put money onto your College ID page and use that (easy as you'll be wearing it!)

Download the Bedford College Way2Pay app here:

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Did you get free meals at school? If so, you might be eligible to continue at College, click [here](#) for more details and to apply.



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