

# WELCOME MESSAGE

Recognised as one of the strongest Further Education Student Unions in the country, we're here to support you to have an amazing time at college. We pride ourselves on offering a complete learner experience!

Once you are enrolled on your college course, you become an automatic member of the Students' Union, providing you with access to all trips, events and clubs. Opportunities include days out to places like Thorpe Park and even trips abroad to exciting destinations like India, Greece and New York. We can even give you the opportunity to volunteer abroad; this year our students are volunteering in Kenya for their 15th trip.



We also run lots of events in college, like our Children in Need and Comic Relief charity events. Last year we raised nearly £6000 for charity, which you can get involved with. In addition to this, we have historically raised over £100,000 to build a school for underprivileged children in Kenya. There are a huge variety of activities for you to get involved in every day of the week, which are all part of our #GetSomeXtra program.

The Student Union is not just about the social side of college life, it also plays a significant role in ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to feedback on their experiences and see services improve as a result.





The Students' Union is led by a Student President, who is supported by their Vice President. They are elected by the student body. The SU Officers lead a group of Student Executives at each college who are selected from the first Student Conference in October.

Student Conference is composed of student representatives from every course in the college. We are always looking for students who want to get more involved, whether it's by being a Student Representative, a Student Executive or by helping out with charity and social events. If you want to be involved then make sure you are elected as a rep for your course or pop in to see your Student Experience Team. For every college decision, policy or process that affects students, the Student Union and its students are consulted – make sure your voice is heard!



We hope you will get involved with the huge range of activities and services we have to offer and that you have an outstanding student experience with us. We've included a range of materials to help you make the most of your time at college. There is so much to check out, so don't miss out.



To keep up-to-date with college life, follow the social media pages for your college as detailed in the following pages. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Every course at your college has a Student Representative and it is a great role to take on, helping to ensure that you and the students you study with have the best possible experience while at college

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A STUDENT REP?

- Student Reps are elected within their class during week 3 of the academic year

## WHAT DO STUDENT REPS HAVE TO GIVE?

- Time & commitment by attending cross college student conferences and curriculum-specific meetings once a term.
- 'Your Voice' sharing your peers opinions and suggestions on any issue that they wish to highlight
- Ideas -These can be your own suggestions or ideas that have come from peers or friends. You can bring anything forward for consideration

## WHAT DO STUDENT REPS GET?

- Feedback from every meeting you attend
- A dedicated team available to answer your questions
- Lunch! Our way of saying 'Thank You' for attending conference and supporting student voice
- Connections with students from outside your course group, widening your social circle.
- New skills to enhance your CV.

**HELP TO RUN YOUR STUDENT UNION BY GETTING INVOLVED & SUPPORTING THE EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS!**



# STUDENT EXECUTIVES

Any Student Rep can put themselves forward to be a member of the Student Executive. Sign up at the first Student Conference.

## WHAT DO STUDENT EXECS HAVE TO GIVE?

- Time & commitment by attending weekly Student Executive meetings, Student Committees once a term with College Governors and cross college student conferences once a term.
- Opinions. Not necessarily your own as you are there to represent the whole student body. You will be required to go out and collect views via surveys etc.
- Get involved! You will be leading on engagement with Student Union and Xtra activities and trips.

## WHAT DO STUDENT EXECS GET?

- A free hoodie to help identify you as one of the Student Executives at events and activities throughout the year
- Connections with new people from across college and the wider CCG group are made through the opportunities created by your involvement in the Student Union
- CV enhancement by gaining skills, certificated training and experience in this unique voluntary role
- Additional support in your college journey through the student experience team.
- So many amazing opportunities to get young people's voice heard nation wide.





# WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SU?

Our Student Union Rooms are a fun, safe and chilled space for all students to use outside their lessons. We welcome all to enjoy the space, get involved and hang out with your friends.



There is lot's to do and get involved with in the Student Union's. You can grab a game of pool with your friends, meet new people, get involved in our events, play table top games and lot's more...

... Make sure you visit your Student Union to find out what is on offer at your college!





# LOCAL TRIPS AND EVENTS!

Your social life is an important part of your student experience and to support this, the union run a number of trips to local attractions and have an extensive enrichment programme.

## WHERE WILL THE STUDENT UNION BE GOING THIS YEAR?

- Fright Night at Thorpe Park
- Harry Potter Studios
- Kenya
- India
- New York
- and much more...



## THE STUDENT UNION ALSO OFFERS;

- Fresher's Fairs
- Charity fundraising events
- Enrichment program including clubs and sports
- PLUS much more



## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Visit your Student Experience Team when you start in September for details on what we are offering and how you can get involved.
- Follow your Student Union on social media.

# #GETSOMEXTRA!

