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Note from Student Union President



We here at the Student Union give Students a voice. The management of the College liaise with us to see if collectively we are happy with the way the college is run and the service it provides.

Any ideas or suggestions for improvements can be put forward through the **Voice boxes** that are found in Reception areas.

If you would like to become an active member of the union, you can become a course rep or you can stand for election as a candidate for the Exec.

Luke Sherlmerdine, Student Union President.

For more info contact one of the SU officers 01606720505 su@midchesh.ac.uk or call into the SU room Hartford.

Duke Of Edinburgh Award



In April, 23 students visited Snowdonia on the DOE expedition. This was the last part of their Bronze award.

If you would like to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, you can take part in the Bronze Expedition during Enrichment Week. You will complete the training and trial expedition in October and the final expedition in January. You will also need to complete three other sections in your spare time either at College or outside of College. Any sport you undertake (football, pool, golf, darts etc), volunteering (babysitting, caring for someone, TA, Cadets, Scouts etc), learning a new skill or developing one you already have (piano, guitar, mountain climbing etc), all these can contribute to an award.

For more information contact Tracey Ashe 01606 720505 tashe@midchesh.ac.uk Bronze and Silver can also be achieved at the College but the expedition will be done with the Youth Service who we liaise with on your behalf.

Peer Mentors



We understand that sometimes College can be a little daunting, which is why we have Peer Mentors who aim to give you the best possible experience here at College. We are now recruiting for Peer Mentors. If you are interested contact Avril at abarnett@midchesh.ac.uk

So if you need a friend or just someone to talk to, e-mail: peermentors@midchesh.ac.uk or you can ask your tutor or Avril in the Conservatory.

'Clinic in a Box' & 'Take Control'

'Clinic in a Box' is a full sexual health service, which is run by the NHS.

Available every Tuesday lunchtime between 11.30am and 2.30pm in the first aid room at Hartford.

There is also 'Take Control', a confidential service offering advice on pregnancy, morning after pill, STIs, Chlamydia testing and free condoms.

Please see Jenny White, Avril Barnett or Tracey Ashe in the conservatory at Hartford 10am - 12pm Mon-Fri or Katy Owen in the Rec Zone at Verdin. Days are yet to be confirmed at London Road.

LGBT Club

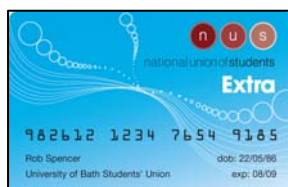


The Student Union are starting a LGBT club/support group this year. LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgender.

If you think you would like to join the club or get support please contact lgbt@midchesh.ac.uk

or contact Jenny White jwhite@midchesh.ac.uk 01606 720513.

NUS Extra



The NUS card is available to all students and for just £10 has so many benefits.

Don't delay get your card asap and start saving yourself money with the great discounts and offers available. To purchase this card see Jenny White in the Conservatory or go online at www.nusextra.co.uk

Vinspired



If you are looking to get more out of your time at College becoming a volunteer is something you should consider.

You can become a Course Rep, help out at Open Evenings or become a Peer Mentor and you will receive a certificate at the end of the year for your hard work.

See Jenny White in the Conservatory for more info or e-mail jwhite@midchesh.ac.uk

Award Ceremony

In June we gave out over 200 certificates to students who either took part in the DOE, were student ambassadors, course reps or peer mentors. Through our link with Vinspired we can sign up any student who does volunteering in or outside of college.

If you are volunteering outside of college, for example:

- helping out with a football team,
- cadets,
- guides,
- babysitting,
- caring for someone etc

contact Jenny White on jwhite@midchesh.ac.uk or 01606 720505 or pop into the SU office Hartford to sign up.

You could be eligible for a V Thank You, V50 or V100 award depending on what you are doing.



Student Union Team Building



Once the Student Executive Committee had been elected they went to Boreatton Park in Shropshire, for a residential team building exercise.

This enabled the Committee to get to know one another and to work as a team. Together they took part in the following activities: high swing, challenge course, swimming, aeroball and raft building.

Student Services

Here at Mid-Cheshire College we aim to give our students the best possible advice which will enable you to get the most out of your experience with us.

Our Student Services department offers information on:

- **Financial Help:** For example we may be able to offer help towards the cost of materials and kit for your course, under the Learner Support Fund.
See Sue Johnson or call 01606 720504
- **EMA/ALG:** This is money that you may be entitled to receive from the government to help towards your studies, depending on your household income.
See Claire Ashbee or call 01606 720750
- **Transport:** For College buses, bus passes and information on Student Travel Grants.
See Tracey Ingham or call 01606 720750.
- **Childcare:** Information on the Hartford Nursery and advice on any help available to parents studying at the college.
see Angela Simpkin or call 01606 720649
- **Counselling and Welfare:** For support with any issues you may have or advice on finance please make an appointment with Elaine Mort via Student Services or e-mail emort@midchesh.ac.uk

If you have any other enquires please don't hesitate to ask and we shall point you in the right direction.