

Strode's Student Plus+

Strode's Student Plus+ is all about supporting students to get the most out of their time at College. There are a range of activities and enrichments open for students to take advantage of, a selection of which are listed below. More information is available from Student Services in the Student Centre, or you can get in touch via email to studentservices@strodes.ac.uk.

CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY ADVICE



If you are unsure about the future or just want to be better informed about what is out there for young people either with jobs, apprenticeships or university, our Careers team can offer you an individual appointment to support you in a number of ways, from your UCAS application, to CV building, help you with job searching skills or just helping you to get a better understand your future pathway options. The Careers team can be contacted for more information via careers@strodes.ac.uk.

FREE MEALS

Eligible students can benefit from £3.00 every day towards either breakfast or lunch in our canteen, Ed's Café. Information about eligibility can be found on our website, by emailing welfare@strodes.ac.uk or by speaking to a member of the Student Services team.



PARKING FACILITIES

Students will have access to a designated student car park, so when you get your wheels, whether a motorcycle or a car, you can purchase your own space in our car park. Student bicycle racks are also available on-site.

FREE GYM ACCESS

Our onsite gym is currently available at break times and after College for students to use. There is a range of equipment available, all that is needed is a short safety induction and then your fitness regime can begin.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES & SOCIETIES



Each year the College offers students the opportunity to get involved in a number of additional non-curricular activities as part of their part of their programme. Some are subject to entry requirements, but most are just for fun.

Activities in the past have included:

- Team Sports
- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- A*spire Programme
- Debating Society
- Politics Society
- The College Play
- Stride Dance Company
- The Student Union Executive
- LGBT+ Group
- Student Ambassador Opportunities
- Plus more...

Available activities will be advertised to students at enrolment.

We also run a series of student focussed events including the Student Parliaments, Fresher's Fair, Christmas Fair and a Higher Education Evening. Events are advertised throughout the year and are always really well attended.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Strode's College has two available schemes to support students from low income households.

Information about the application process is available online, in Student Services or by emailing welfare@strodes.ac.uk.

The Student Services team can also offer advice and guidance relating to additional support that can be found from outside of the College for those who require it. For those in immediate difficulty, we are able to offer short term emergency loans to students.



TRAVEL DISCOUNTS



The cost of travel can be expensive. The Student Services team are here to support students in making smart choices when it comes to the travel options. In addition to looking at financial support, we can help students to ensure they are utilising all discounts available, either through season tickets, child fare discounts or a combination of travel options.

FREE Wi-Fi



Strode's College offers all of its students free access to Wi-Fi. You can get online anywhere in the College from a designated computer room or your mobile device. To get yourself set up, please visit Student Services or the Resources Department.



CELEBRATION EVENTS

Here at Strode's College, we want to celebrate our students, not just their academic achievements but also their achievements along the way. Each half term we hold a Celebration Event to recognise students who have 100% attendance and those that have been nominated for any form of excellence by a member of staff. Each student is invited and entered in a draw for a chance to win a prize as our way of saying 'Well Done!'

GUEST SPEAKERS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, we will arrange for guest speakers to visit the College to talk to students on topical issues or offer advice and guidance around a range of themes from sexual health, fitness, nutrition, self-defence and stress awareness workshops to talks about higher education and jobs stands from key employers.



NUS MEMBERSHIP

Strode's College is part of the National Union of Students or NUS, as it is more commonly known. From just £12 students will receive an NUS Extra Card which offers savings on over 160 brands such as ASOS, New Look, Jack Wills, Accessorize, Pizza Express and Odeon (to name just a few).

SEXUAL HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIP ADVICE

Each week we run a free condom service, supported by the C-Card campaign. Students can register to collect free condoms, register for STI testing and seek relationship guidance. More information about C-Card is available at <http://c-card.areyougettingit.com/>



COUNSELLING SERVICES



We all need someone to talk to sometimes and our experienced Counsellors are here to talk to students about anything that might be causing them concern. Appointments are made during the College day around student's timetables and can be made by either emailing counselling@strodes.ac.uk or by posting an appointment slip in our confidential mailbox in Student Services (based in the Student Centre).

SUPPORT 4 LEARNING



The Support4Learning team are here to guide and assist students in a number of areas from examination arrangements to dyslexia and dyspraxia support. Based in the Learning Centre, they can offer a quiet, calm space but can also see students who need support on a one to one basis. In addition, throughout the year they offer workshops covering areas such as:

- Stress and time management
- Revision and study skills
- Written essay skills
- Students should visit the Learning Centre or email nlevy@strodes.ac.uk for information.

SAFEGUARDING

Our dedicated Safeguarding Team are here every day to ensure the wellbeing of our students. If students or parents / carers have concerns at any point, the team can be contacted in Student Services or by emailing safeguarding@strodes.ac.uk.



ONSITE STUDENT CAFÉ



Ed's Kitchen is our onsite student café, offering freshly prepared hot food, sandwiches, drinks and snacks. Food can be made to order or purchased from a wide selection over the counter. There is a selection of healthy choices including jacket potatoes, salads, wraps and fruit, plus a range of more naughty homemade snacks and treats! Our café operates on a cashless basis making topping up and monitoring usage easy for both students and parents.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about any of our services or facilities, please contact the Student Services team, based in the Student Centre, email studentservices@strodes.ac.uk or call 01784 228606.