

Our commitment to the Stand Alone Pledge

At Bradford College it is important to us that our students feel welcome and supported. Our mission is to transform lives through education, which we do by getting to know each student and their ambitions. We offer advice, guidance and support throughout their learning journey to help our students aim higher, set goals and fully reach their academic potential with confidence.

We are 100% committed to the Stand Alone Pledge in supporting our estranged students in accessing and succeeding in higher education.

Our Access and Participation Plan 2020-25 sets out how we are ensuring our college is open, sympathetic and welcoming to students from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. We understand the exceptional challenges our estranged students face and therefore focus our efforts in offering and raising awareness of support available to them and encourage their active participation and involvement in higher education activities.

We are offering dedicated support to estranged students including the following aspects:

Financial Support

- In 2020-2021 we launched a £500 Estranged Student Grant, available to all estranged students studying an undergraduate degree.
- An accommodation grant upto £5,500 is also available for students to apply and benefit from.
- The College's Hardship Fund also prioritises applications received from estranged students.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- An independent Counselling Service which offers confidential space to talk and discuss emotional and mental wellbeing issues is available to our estranged students.
- Our Student Welfare Support Team provides a dedicated support package for estranged students and all our departments have fully trained staff as Mental Health Champions supporting students as required.

Outreach

- Working with the Student Recruitment, the QUEST Team provides pre-enrolment support for estranged students which covers all aspects of the application and enrolment process. We also provide personalised tours of the College and subject specialism advice for all estranged students.

We look forward to working closely with Stand Alone and welcome the opportunity to sign this pledge that commits us to supporting estranged students.

Yours sincerely,



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