Pedestrian Access to Collyer's

Update for Students



Changes to the college perimeter

• We've been making changes to the college perimeter over the last 12 months to make the campus more secure, for the benefit of students and staff.

Changes in 2022-23 included:

- Reinforced perimeter fencing
- Centralised entry point to the college
- Installation of full-length automated gates for vehicle entrance/exit points
- New route guidance through the car park

At each stage of the process:

- We've had to comply with health, safety and security guidance for public buildings and educational institutions
- We've consulted with security professionals, staff and students
- We've tried to consider the various needs of our whole community

Unfortunately, some of the changes have contributed to unintended consequences...



Health & safety concerns and social responsibility

- We've seen a significant increase in the number of students congregating on Hurst and Richmond Road during break and lunch times predominantly for the purpose of vaping/smoking (or hanging out with friends who are vaping/smoking). Where pavements are blocked by groups of congregating students, a range of concerns have been raised by students, staff, local residents and those trying to access the hospital:
 - Some students are stepping into the busy road to avoid large groups
 - Elderly people are at risk of being knocked into the road if students don't notice them passing by
 - People with pushchairs or mobility devices find it difficult to pass
 - Walking through a large group of congregating students can be intimidating
 - Having to walk through clouds of vape/smoke to access college is unpleasant and unfair
- Following communications from the Principal and supervision of the perimeter by our security team and senior staff, concerns remain. Therefore, we've made the decision to introduce further changes to pedestrian entrances/exits at Collyer's.

Changes to pedestrian access 2023-24

Gate	Description	Phase 1 - Temporary Access Plan from Mon 2 nd Oct	Phase 2 - Permanent Access Plan (to be introduced following installation of entry devices)
East Gate	Main student entrance located at top of the main car park on Hurst Road	Open all day for students	ID card swipe entry and exit for students all day – open and supervised at peak times
Main Gate	Entrance for visitors and students with disabilities only - located opposite main reception on Hurst Road	Temporarily locked awaiting reconfiguration (visitors directed to West Gate, individual arrangements for students with disabilities)	Intercom entry for visitors ID card swipe entry and exit for students with disabilities
West Gate	Second student entrance located near the Grammar School Building and the corner of Richmond Road	Temporary entrance for visitors – closed to students between 10.30am and 2.30pm	ID card swipe entry and exit for students before 10.30am and after 2.30pm

The Code of Conduct states: **Students must not congregate around the perimeter of the college on Hurst Road and Richmond Road.** Students wishing to leave the campus between 10.30am and 2.30pm should use the East Gate and move swiftly away from the college. Students with bicycles will be permitted to enter and leave via the West Gate. We will issue further guidance ahead of the introduction of Phase 2. Please work with us to implement the changes outlined in this communication, so that we can reduce safety risks and show consideration for our local and college communities.

