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| **Study Programme Information** |
| Welcome! Here is your half-termly progress update. |

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| **Key Dates** |
| Functional Skills Exams Week commences on 31st March. Make sure your young person speaks to their teacher and knows the time and date of their exam.  GCSE Mock week will be week commencing 24th March. Make sure your young person speaks to their teacher and knows the time and date of their exam.  GCSE Exam dates are as follows:  Math's Paper 1 Thursday 15th May  English Paper 1 Friday 23rd May  Math's Paper 2 Wednesday 4th June  English Paper 2 Friday 6th June  For your information, the term dates for this academic year can be found on the college website: <https://www.accross.ac.uk/term-dates/> |

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| **Request For Action** |
| The College is required to collect two Emergency/Next of kin (NOK) contact details for students who are aged 16-19. Please access the Student Portal to provide details. Alternatively, you can complete the enclosed Emergency /NOK form then scan and email to admin.arc@nelsongroup.ac.uk or hand in at Student Services |

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| **Key Messages** |
| Did you know that we use current Labour Market Information (LMI) to make sure that your young person has the best quality information when they are thinking about their career choice?  If you would like to know more about LMI and how it can help to inform your young person's career choice, there is a section in the Careers Zone page of our college website, www.accrington.ac.uk. |

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| **What’s On** |
| As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we are introducing a series of training sessions for students covering lockdown procedures. These sessions are designed to ensure that our students are aware of key safety measures and are prepared to respond effectively in the unlikely event of an emergency. The drills will take place at both Accrington and Nelson Campus from week commencing 24th February 2025.  The drill(s) will be conducted in a way that minimises disruption while helping students feel confident in their ability to respond safely and calmly in an emergency. The drill will be supervised by trained staff, and students will be briefed in advance.  We understand that emergency drills and discussions of emergency situations can sometimes feel daunting, especially for those who may feel anxious. Our staff will prioritise creating a reassuring environment, emphasising that these measures are in place purely for precaution and safety. |