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WHAT'S ON

Careers & HE Fair

Tuesday 16th March 2010
10.00am-2.00pm

HE Student Funding Information Evening

Tuesday 16th March 2010
6.00pm

Advice & Enrolment

Monday 19th April 2010
3.30pm-7.00pm

HE Information Evening (Current Learners)

Tuesday 4th May 2010
6.30pm

Open Evening

Thursday 20th May 2010
4.00-7.30pm

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NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE WINS PRESTIGIOUS AOC BEACON AWARD

North Lindsey College is named as an Association of Colleges Beacon Award winner for its excellent approach to employer engagement.

This is the third Beacon Award to be won by the College in the last four years with the College having previously picked up honours for its provision for 14-16 year olds and commitment to Health and Safety.

The Awards, which this year celebrate 16 years of rewarding outstanding teaching and learning in further education Colleges, were announced at a ceremony hosted by comedienne and author Shappi Khorsandi. Sponsored by the Learning and Skills Council, the Award recognises exemplary practice in the development of provision that is responsive to the needs of employers.

With it being widely accepted that many businesses prefer to work with private training providers as opposed to further education Colleges, North Lindsey College overcame this hurdle by creating

a subsidiary company, Kingsway Consulting Limited (KCL). KCL provides training assistance and business support to local, national and international businesses. The company prides itself on working closely with businesses to identify their training and education requirements. All staff employed by KCL are recruited for their business expertise and appropriate experience.

The UK-wide Beacon Awards provide national recognition for excellence and innovation as well as acknowledging the talents of staff at all levels. They highlight the breadth and quality of education in the College sector.

North Lindsey College will host a local celebration event later on this year and will be presented with their Award by the Rt. Hon. Kevin Brennan MP, Minister of State for Further Education, at a national presentation ceremony due to be held at Westminster in February 2010.



North Lindsey College Principal Professor Roger Bennett with Janice Elliott (Director of Enterprise and Innovation)



Learners enjoyed their time spent at the Waters' Edge Visitors Centre

COLLEGE LEARNERS HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Eight learners help save over 1000 trees at Waters Edge Visitors Centre, Barton upon Humber as part of a community project.

A celebration of achievement took place at the College thanking the learners for their hard work and commitment to the centre. Sarah Carre (Ranger at Waters' Edge Country Park) attended the celebration, gave out certificates and personally thanked the E2E learners for their much valued volunteering contributions at the centre after taking off over 1000 tree guards.

Tree guards are used for the protection of seedling trees. They stop animals from damaging or destroying seedlings and can greatly increase the success rate of tree plantings by reducing wind damage. Tree guards are also of great use in public areas, streets and parks to help prevent damage to both new and established trees.

The V-Involved team, hosted by Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire help to support the learners on the E2E programme by finding learners a range of interesting volunteering activities in the community to help the development of transferable skills. The learners also have the opportunity to develop their confidence and self esteem at the same time as helping others in the community.

Learners at the College have also been involved with other community groups including a project for Scunthorpe United and hope to continue supporting further conservation work in the community due to its success.



Learner Ryan Knapp taking off the tree guards at the Waters' Edge Visitors Centre

ENGINEERS FLY HIGH WITH THE RED ARROWS!

Engineering students became the envy of their friends after bagging a fantastic five day work experience with the Red Arrows.

The Red Arrows flying squad, traditionally known as the Royal Air Force Acrobatic Team, are based at RAF Scampton, Lincolnshire and were formed in 1964. The Red Arrows have performed over 4000 displays in 53 different countries and represent the RAF at shows throughout the Summer months.

Four lucky Advanced Diploma in Engineering learners had a once in a lifetime opportunity, provided by North Lindsey College, when they got the chance to gain some real hands on experience working with RAF aircraft engineers as they maintained the hawk aircrafts ready for next year's display season, for which they are already in training.

Learners experienced some fantastic opportunities during their week long placement including seeing the planes fly out everyday and meeting the pilots at the RAF base. Each learner embarked on a health and safety course, got to grips with what they could expect from a career in engineering, worked on some of the most recognisable planes in the world, learnt about the history of RAF Scampton, the former home of the Dambusters, and had the opportunity to hang out in the crew room with all the staff working at the Lincolnshire base.

Work experience at the base enabled the learners to marshal the hawks on the aircraft dispersal when they landed, assist in the changing of a Ram Air Turbine and one learner also helped replace a hydraulic airbrake jack.



(Back row) The Red Arrows Team: Graham Duff, Dave Davies, Mike Ling, Ben Murphy, Kirsty Moore, David Montenegro. Front row: Connor Burnett, Alex Chapman, Chris Toyne and Alex Hasselby

SMOOTH TALKING WITH GORDON BROWN

Social Sciences student pitches his social enterprise idea to Gordon Brown and his cabinet.

Kieran Pettitt (20), who is currently studying for a Degree at the College, recently entered a competition hosted by internet site Bebo called 'The Big Think - Take Your ideas to the Top'. Kieran had an idea to operate a mobile smoothie bar which he would run on a not-for-profit basis that would give the young and unemployed an opportunity to boost their CVs and gain vital work experience whilst offering healthy drink choices.

Bebo organised for the six finalists to take a trip to Downing Street to present their ideas to the Prime Minister and his Cabinet. Each of the finalists received vital coaching beforehand by expert mentors Henry Bonsu, co-founder of Colourful Radio and Andy Hamflett, Chief Executive of the UK Youth Parliament. Kieran also got the opportunity to have his photo taken on the steps of 10 Downing Street.

Following his visit to Downing Street, Kieran commented, "We had a tour around the place. The three winners presented their ideas in full. The other three, including me, got to give a brief piece about ours. Some of us got to talk to members of the Cabinet and we all talked to Gordon Brown, he came out to greet us, he's obviously a very busy man. Tessa Jowell indicated there might be a few people interested in funding my idea."

Kieran, who unfortunately didn't make the final three, also spends time working as a regular volunteer with groups such as V-Involved project with VANL and continues to succeed at the University Centre at North Lindsey College.



Kieran Pettitt with his smoothie idea



Professor Roger Bennett (College Principal), Harry Barrowcliff (Technical Instructor) and David Clelland (Unipart Business Development Manager)

DRIVING TRAINING FORWARD

Young mechanics at North Lindsey College are in the fast lane to success as they celebrate the opening of a new Car Care Centre on the Kingsway campus.

The fully equipped garage means students can now learn and work in a fully functioning car garage – the first of its kind in North Lincolnshire and one of only a handful in the country.

The Centre is a replica of what students can expect to find when they enter the industry and will help to enhance the students' learning – making the transition from College to career much smoother.

Staff at North Lindsey College are able to book their vehicles into the Car Care Centre for services, repairs and warranties, which are all carried out by the students under supervision.

Professor Roger Bennett, Principal of North Lindsey College, said the garage is a brilliant asset to the motor vehicle department and shows FE and industry partnership working at its best with the garage being fully fitted by Unipart, the UK's largest independent supplier of after-market components in the UK.

Mechanic tutor and technician Harry Barrowcliff said: "Seven weeks ago this garage was an empty shell, it's amazing to see it all finished and kitted out with wonderful modern equipment. This will help to inspire students and give them the best start to their future careers."



Learner working in the new Car Care Centre at North Lindsey College

STUDENT SUCCESS RATES SOAR!

North Lindsey College is celebrating an outstanding year of success across all curriculum areas as more and more learners leave the College with the qualifications they need to succeed in their chosen careers.

The College has shown a consistent improvement in success rates over the last five years and now has an overall success rate of 78.5 per cent – 3.5 percentage points above the national benchmark, with more and more learners progressing on to university proving that the vocational route is a real alternative to traditional A Levels. Last year the College saw more than 120 applications to universities, plus many more applications to midwifery, nursing and foundation degrees.

Behind the overall success figure lie a number of courses that are breaking all the boundaries and achieving 100 per cent success with many more achieving results well above national benchmarks. Courses with 100 per cent success include: Level 3 Certificate in Using ICT, Level 2 Diploma ICT Systems Support, Level 2 First Certificate IT Practitioners, Level 1 Diploma Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Level 2 Resort Representative, NVQ 3 Sport

& Recreation, NVQ 3 Beauty Therapy, National Certificate in Health, BTEC Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care, Life and Vocational Skills, NVQ 2 PEO Mechanical, NVQ 2 Vehicle Refinishing, NVQ 2 Vehicle Body Repair, IMI Technical Certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanical and the Foundation Construction Award – Carpentry & Joinery.

The College has set itself the ambition of becoming an outstanding College when it is next inspected by Ofsted in 2011. Over recent years the College has made a huge investment in learning opening a whole host of new facilities to benefit learners including a new car care centre, spa treatment room, reconstructed aircraft cabin and the acquisition and transformation of Global House to create some of the best facilities for construction learners to be found at any college in the country. With the purpose built Dransfield building and dedicated facilities within Global House, the College has also invested heavily in facilities for its higher education students enabling more people to access higher education courses such as HNC's, HND's, foundation degrees and degrees without having to leave Scunthorpe.

TOP BRICKIE'S BUILD UP THEIR SKILLS

Fifteen dedicated lecturers in the building industry came from far and wide to North Lindsey College to build up their skills.

The skilled lecturers were put to the test when the tables were turned as they became learners for the full day of training. The training provided a fantastic opportunity for each of the already highly qualified brickwork lecturers enabling them to be eligible to judge for the Guild of Bricklayers at national competitions.

The day was organised by the President of the Guild Julian Walden (Construction Curriculum Area Manager at North Lindsey College) and the days itinerary began with a focus on the technical elements in the morning. The afternoon was focused on practical application of their skills. Two national judges, Malcolm Thorpe and Mick Pearce from the Guild of Bricklayers, joined the learners for the day, overseeing the training.

The prospective judges came from across the country to undertake the training, with representatives from East Berkshire College, Bradford College, Wakefield College, Newcastle College, Calderdale College, Leeds College, Barnsley College, Dearne Valley College, and Accrington and Rossendale College.



Left to Right: Julian Walden (North Lindsey College Construction Curriculum Manager) with team members Sean East and Damian Coates

COLLEGE EXTENDING ITS CARE FOR ANIMALS

North Lindsey College officially opened its staggering £65,000 Animal Care Training Centre extension.

Animal care learners were delighted with the investment as the extension created a new state of the art grooming salon which doubles up as an animal handling room and a new classroom. Modernisation to the centre has also enabled three dedicated rooms for exotics and aquatics, domestic mammalian species and an exotic mammal and bird room. Externally the extension has allowed four new superior rabbit houses and a large purpose built aviary.

Tree frogs, a bearded dragon, giant African millipedes, snakes and chinchillas are to name just a few of the animals homed within the Animal Care Training Centre at the College and the reason why Animal



Professor Roger Bennett (College Principal) with Richard Morley (Chair of Governors at North Lindsey College) open the Animal Care Extension

Care is becoming increasingly popular at North Lindsey College, particularly with the vocational route allowing students to progress onto University.

HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Following the success of its existing collaborative arrangements with the Universities of Lincoln and Hull, North Lindsey College has signed a collaborative agreement with Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln.

The signing of the agreement marks another step forward in the expansion of Higher Education opportunities within North Lincolnshire.

Formal institutional approval for the academic partnership was signed at the Kingsway campus by Professor Muriel Robinson, Principal of Bishop Grosseteste and Professor Roger Bennett, Principal of North Lindsey College.

The first programme to be available in Scunthorpe is the foundation degree, FdA Children's Services (Early Childhood). This foundation degree provides a 'platform for developing new standards of practice in Children's Services' and further provides a pathway to Early Years Professional Status through progression to the final year of the BA (Hons).

There are approximately 40 students currently enrolling onto this new foundation degree, joining a further 60 students currently studying for a foundation degree in Early Years at the University Centre at North Lindsey College in Scunthorpe. Professor Roger Bennett also hopes the programme can help attract more students to the College.

Following the signing of the agreement Sally Bentley, Dean of Culture, Education and Innovation at Bishop Grosseteste commented: "The agreement represents an exciting development in the delivery of HE in North Lincolnshire. As well as extending opportunities for learners, the agreement also provides scope for staff to work together and share expertise. There is also the possibility of working together in the future to offer further foundation degrees and progression routes."



Back L-R: Maxine Butler-Holmes (North Lindsey College Head of Higher Education), Sally Bentley (Dean of Culture, Education and Innovation of Bishop Grosseteste), Janice Keithly (North Lindsey College Assistant Principal) and Joy Clews (Bishop Grosseteste Vice Principal of External Affairs). Front L-R: Professor Muriel Robinson (Principal of Bishop Grosseteste) and Professor Roger Bennett (Principal of North Lindsey College).

REPRESENTING YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER AT PRESTIGIOUS TRAINING AWARDS

North Lindsey College employee and local celebrity Alan Rayment recently represented Yorkshire and Humberside when he was invited to the UK Winners Gala Ceremony for the National Training Awards in London.

Alan initially attended the National Training Awards Ceremony (NTA) in September. Held in Leeds, Alan fought off stiff competition and was chosen to receive the Individual Award for the region. Following on from this event Alan was invited to London for the 23rd National Training Awards Ceremony and received an all expenses paid trip for himself and his wife Natalie where they enjoyed an evening of entertainment with a champagne reception and a night of celebrations. Guest presenter at the event was Natasha Kaplinsky, one of television's best loved broadcasters and winner of the first series of Strictly Come Dancing.

The NTA's are particularly special as entries are received from all sectors, industries and areas across the UK and provide the unique opportunity for organisations and individuals to have their training judged against the best in the UK.

After initially being nominated by a colleague at the College for his commitment to training, Alan told his remarkable story and dedication to training following the amputation of both his legs putting an end to his career as an HGV driver. He started a part time job at the local leisure centre, encouraging disabled people to take part in sport, and soon realised that he had a real passion for it. As a result he signed up to gain recognised qualifications in the field and has not looked back.

Alan commented, "It's quite surreal how I am getting recognition for just doing my job, coaching others and continuing to be part of the learning process. I got a chance to speak to lots of the other winners from London and they were blown away by my story. I'm always on the lookout for new opportunities and have even been asked to be an ambassador for the National Training Awards."

Alan has completed scores of marathons, raised thousands of pounds for charities, coaches triathlon, is an ambassador for Triathlon England Para-triathletes and has recently applied to compete for the Great Britain Squad in January. Next year will see Alan training to compete in the Silverstone half marathon in March, London Marathon in April, National Triathlon Championships in June, European championship - Ireland in July and the London World Cup Triathlon in July.



Presenter Gaynor Barnes (ITV Calendar) with Alan Rayment (North Lindsey College employee and award winner)

COLLEGE IMPRESSES US STUDENTS

A six-day cross-Atlantic student exchange has proved a huge success, benefiting learners on both sides of the Atlantic.

Six learners and four staff from Mid-Plains Community College, Nebraska arrived at North Lindsey College to spend time comparing and contrasting their educational experiences and curriculum with those of students in North Lincolnshire.

During their stay, their time was divided between attending classes alongside North Lindsey College students, visiting organisations related to their vocational area of study and day trips to Lincoln, York and Whitby to absorb some of the history and culture that makes England so different to the States. The packed itinerary resulted in the two graphic design students going home with more than 1,000 photos each to ensure they remember their first trip to the UK.

Before departing, each of the American students was required to prepare a short presentation on the differences and similarities between how their subject is taught and how the industry varies between the UK and the USA, for each of their specialist areas.

Joni Sandoval looked at the differences in the healthcare system in the UK versus the USA. Joni stated what a fantastic time she had with the nurses at Scunthorpe General Hospital who were very welcoming and informative. In particular they commented on the uniforms and dress code which they thought made staff much easier to identify and made them look more professional than they do in the States. During their visit they found a lot of similarities but also picked up a lot of new ideas which they will be taking back with them such as the initiative to get patients educated in using their medication before leaving hospital so they can administer their own medicines once back at home.



US visitors enjoying their time spent at North Lindsey College