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WELCOME TO EDITION 3 OF THE NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE CLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER.

NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE GETS GO-AHEAD FOR UNIQUE 14-16 CENTRE

North Lindsey College has been given the green light by the Learning & Skills Council Humberside to proceed with the building of a brand new 14-16 Centre, aimed squarely at providing a specialist education centre for the increasing numbers of pre-16 learners choosing vocational options as part of the new Key Stage 4 curriculum.

The national 14-16 Increased Flexibility (IF) programme is aimed at creating partnerships between Colleges like North Lindsey, plus schools, training providers and other organisations in order to create enhanced vocational and work-related learning opportunities for 14-16 year olds. This includes provision of GCSEs in vocational subjects, an area in which North Lindsey College already leads the field in North Lincolnshire.

The Centre will be unique in the region and will have a capital cost of £350,000, representing a major investment for the Scunthorpe based vocational college, which is the largest education provider in North Lincolnshire. Furthermore, it firmly signals the intention of the college to continue building links with the sixteen secondary and special schools in the North Lincolnshire LEA (Local Education Authority), and to become a regional centre of excellence in delivering vocational training and education to school pupils in the 14-16 age group.

North Lindsey is also involved in the Department for Education & Skills' Pathfinder programme, which sees the North Lincolnshire LEA acting as one of 25 pilot areas developing innovative learning strategies for the 14-19 age group. One of the key priorities for Pathfinder is the development of vocational education options for learners aged 14-16, an area in which North Lindsey College is already seen as a pioneer, in accordance with its status as a Beacon College.

The Centre will be built in a dedicated area inside The Kingsway Centre, North Lindsey College's business training company, which is based next door to the college in a building formerly occupied by Citizen UK. The plans for the Centre include dedicated classrooms, vocational training areas, a catering outlet and an outside recreational area.

By offering its constantly developing range of vocational programmes to 14-16 year olds, North Lindsey College has been able to successfully meet steadily rising levels of demand. In the last year alone the demand from local schools and school pupils has soared from 350 places to over 700, a trend which is expected to continue, further highlighting the need for a dedicated facility.

The new Centre will allow North Lindsey College to extend its current capacity of pupils from the local schools, up from 800 to around 1,000. Learners will be able to choose from a range of specially designed courses adapted from the college's extensive range of vocational programmes, which are currently studied by more than 11,000 learners aged 16 years and over.

Building work will commence in the coming weeks, and the opening of the Centre is expected to be completed in time for the September 2004 intake. With the continuing development of the range of courses on offer to local school pupils, it is intended that it will become a key part of the education and training of young North Lincolnshire learners for many years to come.

Despite its focus on 16-19 provision and programmes aimed at part-time mature learners, North Lindsey College has been heavily involved in educating pre-16 students for over 30 years through its own Curriculum Link initiative, plus in the past two years involvement in the North Lincolnshire Pathfinder pilot scheme and the national Increased Flexibility (IF) programme.

North Lindsey College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett, commented; "This is a very exciting development for the College and for our Schools. It will provide North Lincolnshire with a dedicated 14-16 vocational learning centre and will ensure we keep pace with governmental plans relating to 14-16 provision. The College has an excellent track record in the delivery of vocational programmes in partnership with the region's Secondary Schools, and this Centre will further enhance this relationship and give the learners a real feel for vocational training and the world of work."

North Lindsey's extensive Curriculum Links programme, which has been developed since the 1970s, allows local secondary and special schools to offer vocational programmes ranging from Motor Vehicle, Engineering and Construction to Catering, Hair & Beauty and Horticulture as an option to their Year 10 and Year 11 pupils. By leveraging its experience in developing these programmes, North Lindsey has been able to use the extra funding recently made available through the IF and Pathfinder projects to offer an extremely broad vocational curriculum to local Year 10s and 11s, which has been enthusiastically received by the local schools.

For more information on the 14-16 Centre and the range of courses on offer at North Lindsey College, please contact the college's Customer Services team on 01724 294030.



Dr. Roger Bennett

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Monday 17th - Friday 21st May
Adult Learners Week

Every Tuesday, 7.00pm
Lindsey Suite Theme evenings

Wednesday 19th May, 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Advice & Enrolment

Saturday 12th June, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Summer Fun Day -
Horticulture, Animal Care and Sport.

Wednesday 16th June, 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Advice & Enrolment

Monday 28th June, 6.30pm
Level 1 & 2 Awards Ceremony
Health, Beauty & Care

Tuesday 29th June, 6.30pm
Level 1 & 2 Awards Ceremony
Arts, Leisure & Hospitality & Foundation Studies

Wednesday 30th June, 6.30pm
Level 1 & 2 Awards Ceremony
Business & Information Technology

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VISIT TO BE ICING ON THE CAKE

A cake decorating course at a Scunthorpe college has attracted a student from the West Indies after receiving praise in an international magazine.

The sugarcraft course at North Lindsey College received recognition in a global cake magazine which has led to Lasaunta Corbin, from Barbados, planning to fly more than 7,000 miles to swot up on different cake icing techniques.

The work of the sugarcraft students at North Lindsey College was recognised in a double page spread of "Cake Craft & Decoration Magazine", which is sold around the world.

Lasaunta, who works in a hotel in Barbados, said she originally planned to come to Scunthorpe to study at the college but the cost of flights and accommodation proved prohibitive. She is now coming to stay for two weeks for a holiday with a view to learning some cake decorating techniques too.

"The reason I wanted to do the course was because I saw in a magazine some work that the students had done and it was terrific," Lasaunta said. "They only teach a little sugarcraft work here but not much."

Lasaunta said she was very excited about coming to England and was looking forward to visiting North Lincolnshire when she arrives in August. Course leaders at North Lindsey College are also excited about the visit. Ruth Wyld, the sugarcraft course tutor, said it was a shame Lasaunta could not stay and do the course proper. But she was delighted with the coverage her work had received.

Ruth said the magazine had already featured her students but this second feature was a complete surprise. "Seeing praise for your work in such a prestigious magazine makes all the hard work worthwhile," she said.

Ruth explained that all sorts of people, from 16 to 60, enrol on her course, with some people travelling in from Barton, Gainsborough and even Lincoln.

Of course, the journey along the A15 from Lincoln is nothing compared to the long flight from Barbados.

Ruth explained the magazine was read worldwide, but admitted she was surprised someone would be so impressed with their work they would travel from Barbados to learn more.

Ruth explained: "Previous students have gone on to teach sugarcraft and run cake shops. I'm not exactly sure whether the woman from Barbados is going to continue working at the hotel or go on to teach her skills to others, but I'm sure she will learn some valuable skills."

Adapted from an original article by Paul Drury, Scunthorpe Telegraph 2004.



NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE ACHIEVES NEW MATRIX STANDARD

North Lindsey College, North Lincolnshire's largest education provider, has recently received confirmation of yet another successful inspection. This is the latest in a series of major successes in a year that has seen the Scunthorpe based vocational college achieve major successes in its Charter Mark inspection, Ofsted college inspection and the inspection of its on-site nursery.

North Lindsey College has been recognised once again for the quality of the information, advice and guidance given to current and prospective learners. The standard, known as Matrix, is awarded and assessed by The Guidance Accreditation Board (GAB), and replaces the outgoing GAB standards, which the college had previously been accredited to.

During the three day on-site inspection, the assessor interviewed members of staff from the Guidance Team and Customer Services at North Lindsey, along with over thirty five members of the public who have experienced first hand the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) service at the college in recent months. He also visited one of the college's six outreach centres, to ensure that the same high standards are delivered in the surrounding communities.

The Matrix is a new ten-point IAG standards framework aimed at helping organisations to identify and follow best practice in the delivery of information, advice and guidance to customers. Essentially it provides proof that an organisation delivers a quality IAG service to individuals.

The assessor confirmed that North Lindsey College exceeded all the required standards on the framework and identified no less than nine areas of good practice which he felt exemplified the outstanding service provided by the college.

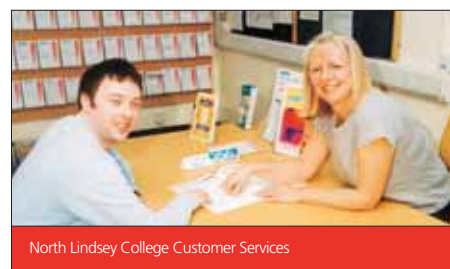
The assessor was particularly impressed with the college's two intranet systems, which are tailored for both staff and student audiences, and provide both user types with links to the internet along with timely information on courses, legislation, funding, procedures and so forth.



The assessor also commented on the induction loops that the college has installed to facilitate communication with hearing impaired customers, the provision of notices in multiple languages, which "indicates a clear desire to communicate effectively with all members of the local community" and the regular client surveys that the college undertakes to constantly assess its IAG service. He was also impressed by the large plasma screen sited in the college diner, which is used to pass on messages and information to learners.

The accreditation to the Matrix standard validates the college's existing local reputation for excellent customer service, which was recognised last year by the central government Cabinet Office through the confirmation of a Charter Mark award, a rare and prestigious award for an education provider. Furthermore, this is a reputation the college Customer Services and Guidance teams are keen to maintain and, judging by the comments received by the GAB assessor, it appears they are succeeding. As one learner stated during interview; "the staff [at North Lindsey College] are brilliant, nothing is too much trouble." The college has, however, never rested on its laurels and plans already are in place to continue driving forward with further improvements.

North Lindsey College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett, commented; "Once again the College has been recognised for the quality of its service and I am delighted for all our staff and learners. This is an area that is extremely important to the College and to be independently assessed and given this accolade represents yet another outstanding achievement."



North Lindsey College Customer Services

CHAPLAINCY EVENT GREAT SUCCESS

North Lindsey College provided an excellent venue for a recent meeting of the Ecumenical Chaplains associated with Lincolnshire Chaplaincy Services (LCS). The focus for the chaplains' work covers Further and Higher Education, Industry, Employment, Agriculture and Environmental Issues and this twice yearly conference enables an interchange of ideas, as well as being an opportunity to explore common themes.

The Bishop of Grimsby commented "The recent meeting of the chaplains focused on the theology underpinning chaplaincy. It was an apt reminder that those whose ministry is to work in the institutions and businesses in our area have to be Applied Theologians - interpreting our understanding of God within the places where they work, whilst also speaking into the Church which resources

them, of a God active in every aspect of life. It was not the day for hard and fast conclusions, but a rich opportunity to support and encourage each other in the diversity of opportunities which the work of each chaplain offers."



Chaplains meeting together with the Bishop of Grimsby the Right Reverend David Rossdale and the chairman of the Methodist district the Reverend Doctor David Perry.

NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE'S NEW PLUMBING WORKSHOP GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

In November last year North Lindsey College proudly opened its second Plumbing Workshop. Opened in response to overwhelming local and regional demand for plumbing training, the new centre effectively doubled North Lindsey's plumbing capacity and provided a major boost to the sector across the region.

Five months on, the new workshop is proving its worth daily, allowing the college to cater for the huge increases in demand. In accordance, numbers have continued to rise to over 200 full and part-time learners. A number of female students on the "Women in Construction" course are now also benefiting from the new workshop, gaining additional knowledge within the field of plumbing to add to their skills.

North Lindsey College has over 250 people at any one time on the waiting lists for its popular range of plumbing courses, with learners often travelling to the Scunthorpe based vocational college from across the Humber sub-region to learn their craft from the team of experienced tutors at North Lindsey, most of whom have many years real-life plumbing experience to back-up their teaching.

College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett commented; "We are delighted with the ongoing developments within this department and very proud of the new facilities we can now offer to learners. There is clearly a huge demand for qualified plumbers in the region and are pleased to be able to help meet this need."

For more information on the range of Plumbing and other construction related courses on offer at North Lindsey College, please contact North Lindsey College Customer Services on 01724 294030.



NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE AUTO TECH DIAGNOSTICS CENTRE GATHERS SPEED

October 2003 saw the official opening of the new North Lincolnshire Auto Tech Diagnostics Centre, a major investment in state-of-the-art training equipment that has put Scunthorpe's North Lindsey College firmly on the national map for motor vehicle training. Only five months on the centre is in almost constant use by the team at North Lindsey with first year targets already close to being achieved.

The Centre allows North Lindsey College to train vehicle technicians on air conditioning systems, engine management circuitry and other automotive electrical systems to a level previously unavailable in the Yorkshire & Humberside region. Primarily aimed at the commercial training sector, the Centre is also used to enhance a number of the college's full-time and part-time courses.

Funding for the new facility came largely from a £100,000 grant from the New Technology Institute (NTI), a government sponsored body aimed at widening participation and improving co-operation between education and business. The money was used to buy a suite of state-of-the-art electronic training equipment from Degem, an international specialist in automotive electronics which sells similar equipment to manufacturers and automotive training companies around the world. In recognition of the importance of North Lindsey's new facility, it was officially opened by Paul Kasler from ITE Ltd., the UK subsidiary of Degem.

As well as training vehicle technicians on-site, the Centre also gives North Lindsey the option to offer the same level of training to technicians inside their own workplaces. Using advanced computer network links, College tutors can remotely set faults in specially modified cars in dealerships and repair facilities around the north of England - the region for which North Lindsey has been selected as Degem's sole partner.

At the opening North Lindsey College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett, said the facility was one of only three such centres in the country, representing a fantastic opportunity for North Lindsey College as the other two centres are both in the south.

Bill Walker, the NTI manager for the region, said he would be staggered if the new facility did not prove enormously successful and attract great interest. He added that North Lindsey College's bid for the grant was by far the best proposal he had seen for motor vehicle training.

Another speaker at the opening was Gavin Hall, Business Development Manager for the Institute of the Motor Industry. Mr. Hall said North Lindsey must now be one of the best learning facilities in the whole of the UK. He added; "In an industry which gets so much bad press it really makes me proud to be coming to a place like this."

Brian Turner, Curriculum Area Manager for Motor Vehicle & Transport at North Lindsey College, had initially set a target of 100 courses during the first year but now, less than six months on, the number of courses run was already close to that number and was likely to exceed 150 by the end of the year. He said the Centre improves the efficiency and accuracy of diagnostics training, helping dealerships and repair facilities raise productivity and improve efficiency.

For more information on the range of Motor Vehicle and Transport courses on offer at North Lindsey College, please contact North Lindsey College Customer Services on 01724 294030.



TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY

North Lindsey College recently held a "TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY" and yet again it proved a real success.

The College has participated in this national event for the last couple of years with employees' children having the opportunity to experience first hand a typical working day.

This year saw five children, between the ages of 10 to 15, visit the College, their day starting with a welcome introduction from Helen Groves, Vice-Principal as well as a Health and Safety talk from the Health and Safety Manager, Peter Hall.

During the day the children were able to see different aspects of working life, visit various different workplaces and identify areas that may be of interest to them in the future.

Hannah Langford was taking part in this event for the second time and commented "I took part in an

IT class, did some typing for my Dad and went to a meeting in the afternoon. I had an excellent day again and it was really interesting to see the different areas of the College."

Scott Wilson, Equality and Diversity Coordinator added, "It is great to be a part of this event and offer these children an opportunity to experience something very different."



Left to right, back row:- Stuart Hamby (Lecturer), Helen Groves (Vice Principal), Janet Drinkwater (Lecturer), Belinda Allen (Learning Resources Manager), Scott Wilson (Equality and Diversity Coordinator) Left to right, front row:- Zoe Phillips, Laura Hamby, Alexander Drinkwater, Hannah Langford, Annabelle Stemp

AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT MOST

North Lindsey College's renowned Kingsway Children's Centre has been recognised yet again for its high standards and commitment to excellent childcare, having been awarded "Neighbour Nursery Initiative" (NNI) status.

The NNI is part of the government's National Childcare strategy that aimed to create 1.6 million childcare places by March 2004. This initiative is designed to help in the regeneration of the more disadvantaged communities, aiming to reduce unemployment and increase employment opportunities by ensuring access to training, and this is made possible thanks to affordable and quality childcare available to the most disadvantaged areas around North Lincolnshire.

This initiative encourages nurseries to be proactive in helping people from the Brumby, Frodingham and Crosby areas to seek out training and adult education opportunities. The bid has resulted in six childcare places secured by the Kingsway Children's Centre and parents will benefit not only from easy access to local quality childcare provision but also from the services and support available from North Lindsey College.



Mavis Diaper, Centre Manager

Mavis Diaper, Centre Manager, commented "We are delighted that our bid has been successful and we have managed to secure these places under this important scheme.

We look forward to providing this service to families in and around our community offering them a range of support and guidance as well as quality childcare. We will of course also provide information about family support services as well as opportunities for training, education and employment."

North Lindsey College
Landbased Studies 'First Ever'
"Summer Fun Day"
Free entry All welcome
Saturday 12th June 2004
10.00am - 3.00pm

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BUILDING PRIZE AWARDS

North Lindsey College has recently held the annual construction presentation evening to recognise the achievements and successes of students across a wide range of construction skills.

In total 19 learners are being recognised for their outstanding achievements, ranging from plumbing, carpentry, joinery, painting and decorating.

The majority of the courses are work based National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ's) which allow those in employment to further their training through practical experience in the workplace alongside a planned programme of training in college.

Staff and students have very strong links with industry and these relationships with local employers are demonstrated through the large number of awards sponsored by individuals and companies alike.

Bill Ella, Curriculum Manager commented "It is always a real pleasure to recognise individuals achievements and successes. An occasion such as this is a reflection of the hard work put in by both learners and staff alike and we would like to congratulate all of the award recipients. The resources available here at North Lindsey College are second to none and make a real difference to the learning experience."

The Guest of Honour was John Musgrave, President of Painting and Decorating Association, South Humber Region who made the presentations to the successful recipients.

This year also recognises the achievements of year 11 school pupils who have attended the College as part of the Construction Curriculum Centre for local secondary schools. "Outstanding Achievement" awards were presented to Ben Naylor and Andrew Downie from High Ridge School along with Howard Cator and Anthony White from St Bede's RC School.

Other awards were presented as follows:-

Special Awards included the "UCATT Cup" for the trainee showing the most endeavour in any course and was presented to Daniel Bradwall.

The David Maw Memorial Trophy, sponsored by J Maw Builders went to Sean Dean, the trainee showing the most endeavour in a Level 3 course.

Neil Redfern was presented with the "JGA Quickfall and Sons Special Award" for his achievements.

The "Sam Wilkinson Memorial Trophy" went to Richard Stanfield.

Other awards include the "Institute of Plumbing Shield" for both NVQ level 2 and level 3 and are being awarded to Kevin Alvy and Ben Leaning respectively for their achievements.

David Pursglove and Chris O'Shea have both been recognised for their achievements in carpentry and joinery. David who is a NVQ Level 2 student received the "Rodney Stanton Trophy" and Chris was presented with the "Joint Apprentice Training Committee" award for the high standards gained whilst on his NVQ Level 3 course.

The Guild of Bricklayers Award went to Russel Atkinson, whilst Darren Cook received the "Cooper and Watmough Shield".

Gareth Marshall, NVQ Level 2 Painting and Decorating student was awarded the "Jack Tighe Ltd Shield" and the "Dulux Decorators Award" went to Sean Shadlock.

As well as the NVQ qualifications, North Lindsey College offer full-time courses in both construction craft skills and built environment, from which students can then continue their studies in Higher Education. David Hill, who studied on the BTEC Diploma in Construction, is now studying for a degree in Architecture at Sheffield University. David scored an unprecedented double "A" in his course here at the College and received the "Jack Tighe Ltd Shield". Christopher Pike a second year student on the BTEC National Certificate was awarded the "Clugston Construction Shield" and has now started his own business as a Building Design Engineer.



POA Humber President - John Musgrave, Anthony White - St Bede's School GNVQ Built Environment Award winner, Nigel Longstaff - 14-16 Curriculum Development Co-ordinator.

