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## WHAT'S ON

### Coffee Morning – One World Week & Volunteers Fair

Wednesday 17th October 2007  
Main Hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm

### Open Evening

Thursday 18th October 2007  
5.00pm – 8.00pm

### Christmas Fair

Wednesday 12th December 2007  
Main Hall, 10.00pm – 2.00pm

### Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 18th December 2007  
Main Hall, 11.00am

### Advice & Enrolment

Friday 4th January 2007, Main Hall,  
3.30pm – 7.00pm

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# COLLEGE CELEBRATES CONTINUED SUCCESS!

**Hundreds of North Lindsey College learners collected their certificates and trophies in recognition for their hard work at the annual awards ceremony.**

All levels were celebrated across the College, which included Life and Vocational Skills and Key Skills through to NVQ's, Diplomas and HNC's. Every curriculum area was recognised including Construction, Engineering, Hair, Beauty, Arts, Sport, Hospitality, Care, Business plus many more.

A fantastic special guest line-up presented the awards including Rob McEnea (British Superbike Championship), Jane Goldsborough (Educator in Hair and Beauty), Harold Osborne (Crowle Town Councillor), Alan Smith (Councillor) and Alan Rayment (local fundraiser).

To open each event, two music learners performed to the audience which included award winners, special guests, families and friends. Many members of staff also attended the celebrations to continue their valued support to students they have helped throughout their studies.

The Golden Jubilee Award was given out which marks the 50th Anniversary of the College. This year the award was presented to Lucy Proctor who studied on the CACHE Diploma in Childcare and Education course. Lucy progressed well, gaining 6 A grades and 4 B grades despite suffering from personal difficulties. Lucy has gained employment and is continuing her studies on the Foundation Degree in Early Years here at the college in the Autumn.

Over 300 learners also achieved their 'Skills for Life' certificates and a presentation was held at North Lindsey College for the first time for learners studying Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) qualifications.

Through North Lindsey College learners studying for their Skills for Life Certificates get the opportunity to improve their Skills for Life in a supportive, adult environment.

Adults gain this particular qualification to increase job opportunities, fit in with the local community, gain confidence, help their children with their homework or help get back into education.

Many recipients of these qualifications have overcome barriers to attend college and many are going on to further/higher education or new careers. These learners have to be committed and dedicated to attending their classes as well as looking after their family, work commitments and caring for others.

Sally Darley, Skills for Life Manager commented, "Last year we had the most Skills for Life achievements ever at North Lindsey College. We are delighted to celebrate our learners success at this first ever Skills for Life Certificate presentation."

Professor Roger Bennett, North Lindsey College Principal commented, "Once again the College held very successful Award Ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of our learners at the end of the 2006/07 year. The College was fortunate in having a number of inspirational guest speakers who really did help us to celebrate achievement in an exceptionally positive way. Award ceremonies such as this also reward the great work of our staff both teaching and support and they clearly recognise all the effort and hard work our learners put into their studies. The ceremonies also enabled parents, guardians and learner's wider families to take part in such memorable events and they provided a fitting end to the College's academic year."



Professor Roger Bennett presenting Alan Rayment, who was also a guest speaker, with his award for Citizenship.

Since completing their courses, many learners have progressed to Universities across the UK, studying degrees and HND's in their future profession.

Special awards were given out to particular learners who demonstrated outstanding achievement and each award winner received a trophy, a gift voucher and a special certificate of recognition from the College.

# A SPARK OF TALENT

**Hard work and a determination to succeed has proved a winning formula for Nathan Wilkinson, a North Lindsey College learner, who was awarded a £1000 cash scholarship by the Engineering Employers Forum (EEF) based in Sheffield.**

North Lindsey College has a 100% success rate of young apprentices achieving this award following nomination. Over the last five years the College has nominated apprentices from the School of Engineering on four occasions and on each occasion they have gone on to scoop the sought after cash prize.

Nominated by his course tutor, Paul Banks and supported by his mentor at Corus, Nathan had to compete against apprentices from the North Midlands, South Yorkshire and Humber, all of whom had been nominated by either their employer or training provider for their outstanding achievement.

The final stage of the short-listing process required Nathan to deliver a presentation at EEF Headquarters in Sheffield to the company's Chairman and a selection board. In total 12 apprentices reached this stage with only three being awarded a scholarship.

Nathan collected his £1000 EEF Scholarship Award at a Gala Dinner at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, where after dinner entertainment was provided by Dennis Taylor, former Snooker World Champion. The event, in conjunction with METSKILL, celebrated continued skills development and individual achievements within the industry.

Nathan is in his third year of his Corus Electrical Apprenticeship. Having already completed his Foundation Apprenticeship Framework which included ONC, Key Skills and NVQ Levels 1 and 2, he is now in the process of achieving his Advanced Apprenticeship Framework including wider Key Skills a work-based NVQ 3 and HNC.

On receiving his award Nathan commented, "It was a very pleasant surprise to be nominated for the award and I find it very encouraging to know that groups exist who recognise the efforts of young metal industry engineering apprentices. The award will help me to achieve my ultimate goal of an engineering degree."



Dennis Taylor congratulating North Lindsey College learner, Nathan Wilkinson.

# NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE SUPPORTS RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION FOR YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

**Professor Roger Bennett, Principal at North Lindsey College recently received the Ministry of Defence's SaBRE Certificate in national recognition of its support and encouragement of the Volunteer Reserve Forces. The certificate, which is signed by the Secretary of State for Defence and the Chief of the Defence Staff, has currently been awarded to some 10,000 companies and organisations nationwide and of those over 600 are from the Yorkshire and Humber region.**

Mrs Sally Tulley, Regional SaBRE Campaign Director for Yorkshire and the Humber presented the Certificate to Professor Bennett at the College.

SaBRE – stands for Supporting Britain's Reservists and Employers and is an awareness campaign to ensure employers are aware of their commitments if any of their staff are members of the Volunteer Reserve Forces.

Operational deployments mean the Volunteer Reserve Forces are more important to Britain's defence capability than ever. Reservists provide cost effective back up to the regular forces from the Falklands and the Balkans to Iraq and Afghanistan. This would not be possible without the support of employers of Reservists and the award is in recognition of this. Although currently the College has no reservists on the staff, it has done so in the past

and Professor Bennett confirmed to Mrs Tulley that he would have no hesitation in employing someone with a reservist commitment.

Professor Roger Bennett Commented, "On behalf of the College I was delighted to receive the certificate from SaBRE it recognises the College's support to and for reservists."



Mrs Sally Tulley presents SaBRE Certificate to Professor Roger Bennett.

# SKILLBUILD SUCCESS

**North Lindsey College learners show their skill and compete at the recent SKILLBUILD - Youth in Construction competition.**

The SKILLBUILD event was held at Huddersfield College and had the largest number of competitors since the event began being supported by all Colleges in the Yorkshire and Humber region.



Daniel Warvill proudly showing off his hard work, medal and certificate he won at the SKILLBUILD painting and decorating competition.

Daniel Warvill from North Lindsey College won the junior painting and decorating competition. Each project was designed to test both practical skills and related knowledge working safely and utilising personal protective equipment. The tasks Daniel was given involved measuring, masking and applying paints, paper hanging and cutting techniques and stencilling. The tasks set were unknown to all learners before the event so a good level of understanding was invaluable.

Two independent professional judges decided upon the winners and competitors were assessed for the painting and decorating section against:

- Filling and priming
- Lacquering
- Paper hanging
- Shade of colour
- Lettering/design
- Free technique
- Dimensional accuracy

The learners that represented the College did extremely well under the pressure and were praised by the judges for their high standards of work.

Nick Holloway, Daniels tutor commented, "Daniel completed three pieces of work that were given to him to an exceptionally high standard. The experience for all the learners that competed will be a credit to them in the future."

Youth in Construction links all Colleges nationally and competitors had to complete three modules on the day following instructions carefully in five hours. Various competitions took place ranging in professions for the construction industry.

# BUILDING SUCCESS AT NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE

**Bricklayers had their trowels at the ready for the Guild of Bricklayers competition.**

Twelve regional colleges were invited to North Lindsey College to compete in the Guild of Bricklayers competition.

Two competitions ran throughout the day, which catered for both senior and junior levels. A drawing was given to the competitors in the morning, which they studied for ten minutes before getting down to the practical side. The feature that was required to be built encompassed a level to each competitor's standard of qualification that they are currently working towards.

Sponsors really supported the competition with bricks being donated by Weinberger Ltd, building and plastering materials sponsored by John A Stephens Ltd, Tarmac and Jackson Building Centres Ltd. Caps and t-shirts were given out to all competitors by the sponsor, Jackson Building Centres.

Daniel Steeper from North Lindsey College won the senior competition. North Lindsey College competitor, Kyle Brown came second in the junior competition.

Bob Baldwin, past president four times for the Guild of Bricklayers presented the winners with their certificates and cheques. Julian Walden, Curriculum Area Manager from North Lindsey College was also present throughout the day who has recently been elected the title of Junior Vice President for the Guild of Bricklayers.

Daniel's employer Graham Godson really encouraged Daniel in the competition and even told him if he wins he would pay him a full days wages!

Daniel Steeper, winner for the senior competition from North Lindsey College commented, "It's been a really good experience and well organised. I was quite nervous when the competition started but I soon got into it. I couldn't believe I won because there was some really good competition."



Graham Godson (Daniels employer) congratulating Daniel Steeper with his winning cup at the Guild of Bricklayers competition.

# NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE AND CORUS CELEBRATE SUCCESS!

**Once again North Lindsey College has delivered excellent results for Corus Apprentices.**

To mark this success, achieved through the partnership of North Lindsey College and Corus, staff from both organisations were invited to a celebratory lunch at the College where they reflected upon a positive and encouraging year and the achievements of our hardworking apprentices.

After the lunch Andy Dent (Corus Engineering Manager, Sections and Plates) toured the excellent facilities and talked to learners to gain an insight into the experience at North Lindsey College.

There are exciting plans for learners in the new academic year with Corus and North Lindsey College staff working closely together to build stronger links and provide the best training for the steel workers of the future.

This year, North Lindsey College and Corus are training over one hundred learners in Electrical, Mechanical, Structural and Manufacturing disciplines on courses ranging from NVQ's up to level 3, Technical Certificates, Key Skills (core and wider) and HNC's.

Although Corus was recently taken over by the Tata Group, they are still committed to training young people for the industry. Tata group is one of India's largest and most respected business conglomerates with operations in over eighty-five countries across six continents, and it's companies export products and services to eighty countries.

Paul Townsley (Director of Technology and Skills at North Lindsey College) commented, "I'm delighted that Corus have made the commitment to Apprenticeship training and that North Lindsey College has its part to play in a programme, which benefits individuals, families and the town of Scunthorpe in ensuring the sustainability of the steel industry."



Heather Bateman (Corus HR Assistant - Apprentices), Steve Harris (Corus Engineering - Personal Development), Jo Eaton (HR Business Partner), Paul Townsley (North Lindsey College Director of Technology and Skills), Malcolm Mortimer (North Lindsey College Engineering Curriculum Manager), Andy Dent (Corus Engineering Manager - Section and Plates) and Michael Watson (North Lindsey College - Head of Engineering).

# A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM

**Swinging sixties with a groovy soundtrack, explosion of colour and a comedy theme was the adapted version of Shakespeare created by North Lindsey College learners.**

Fiona Corby who attended the evening of performance commented, "The performance was very professional, amusing and visually pleasing. The learners had clearly worked really hard."

National Diploma in Performing Arts learners performed this play as part of their final major project. The play was about love and was set in a magical woodland where fairies have their own love battles and jealousies and the main aim was to make sure the course of true love runs smoothly.

The group of second year learners coped extremely well with the complex Shakespearian language and extensive dialogue, putting this over to the audience with confidence. Four first year learners also added to the cast and ably supported the performance.

This is the second live performance that this group have successfully participated in this year. The audience clearly enjoyed their own modern version of this classic Shakespeare story.



The National Diploma in Performing Arts learners in full costume for their performance of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'.

# UNDER THE SEA!

**Walking through a water wonderland was the theme designed at Kingsway Children's Centre.**

Art and Design learners at North Lindsey College were given the task to create a mural based on "Under the Sea". The project had to be bright and busy and would be suitable for the main entrance into the College's Crèche.

The mural was designed to be placed under the window and was to give the children the feeling of walking through the sea-bed. The theme was felt to be very fitting after the holiday season and a lot of the children will have visited the seaside.

The learners set about the task by working collectively on group tasks. The background was painted with rocks and sea-weed as the sea-bed and the learners then painted their own fish and crabs. The group then finished off with the more demanding task of sharks and dolphins carefully choosing the colours and designs to attract the attention of the children, parents and visitors to the nursery.

The whole project took two weeks to complete and covers an impressive entrance wall measuring approximately 30 feet.

Ann Hume, Child Care Manager commented, "Feedback from parents and the children has been very positive. They all feel that the mural has brightened up our entrance. The children particularly like the three dimensional aspect of the mural, they discover different things each time they come to or leave the nursery. It has stimulated imaginations and provided the opportunity to explore 'under the sea' supporting our curriculum."

Louise Hughes, 18, learner at the College commented, "When we painted the mural I helped design and paint the fish and the coral. I really liked the finished product as it looks bright and colourful, it lights up the crèche."



Tom Jacklin, learner at the College on the BTEC First Diploma Art & Design, contributing to the mural.

# ANIMAL ANTICS!

**Cockroaches, millipedes, rats and giant snails were on view as an end of year treat at the Kingsway Children's Centre.**

The whole day was dedicated to fun with a big party which included a company named ZooLab coming into the nursery, a teddy bears picnic and a bug hunt in the afternoon.

The children had a fantastic time and staff ensured the day was one to remember at their leaving party and the majority of the children who attended will now move on to start their future school lives.

The favourite event by far was when ZooLab came into the Children's Centre. ZooLab is an educational display and the UK's leading independent supplier of curriculum based workshops. ZooLab has an unusual but effective teaching method for children aged three up to sixteen and really do make learning fun bringing a variety of animals for display.

A professional ranger brought various insects and animals for the children to look at, hold and observe whilst educating the children with stories and discussing the facts and habitats of the creatures.

The children were fearless and didn't hesitate to hold and touch the creatures which

included a Madagascan hissing cockroach called Steve, a giant African land snail named Speedy. Amelia (aged four) commented, "He felt sloppy and soft and like goopy mud."

Twiggy the stick insect also made an appearance, which the children were amazed had a baby every day!

A firm favourite was the millipede who has 270 legs, Oscar (aged four) commented, "He felt like a brush."

William (aged four) liked the rat and commented, "The rat was nice and cuddly."



Brave Millie Crawford (aged four) stroking a rat while classmate Simba Nyamuranga (aged three) awaits his turn.

# STUDENTS AIMHIGHER!

**Over 90 North Lindsey College learners attended a celebratory lunch for their outstanding achievements and progression into Higher Education.**

Aimhigher in conjunction with the College wanted to praise learners with a celebration based at the Kingsway Centre from various curriculums of Music, Computing, Multimedia, Performing Arts, Design, Social Care, Sport and Access to Higher Education.

The event commenced with a buffet lunch followed by the welcome from Kit Sargent, Director of Learner Support Services at North Lindsey College. She praised all the students there for the hard work they had put into their courses, emphasising the good reasons for choosing higher education, and the advantages a degree could offer them in this fast changing world of employment.

The lunch was followed by the presentation of vouchers to selected students who had been nominated for their continual commitment and recognition of overcoming difficulties in order to complete their course.

Anne Shaw the Director of Aimhigher Humber, based at the University of Hull, addressed the learners after the presentation of awards giving her congratulations and praising the staff for their commitment and hard work.

Many of these students are staying at North

Lindsey College to study for their degree at our University Centre. University applications have risen from last year and those who are continuing their studies into Higher Education will receive bursaries to help with the cost of books for their degrees.

Most of the attendees were the first in their families to continue their studies into Higher Education. All learners enjoyed the celebrations and praised staff for the opportunity to get together to highlight their efforts and celebrate their success.

Tina Torrisi (Aimhigher Co-ordinator for North Lindsey College) has also been celebrating her achievement by winning an EBLO Business Award in the category 'Aimhigher Humber Award for Achievement'.

Tina Torrisi, Aimhigher Co-ordinator at North Lindsey College commented, "The role of Aimhigher is to raise aspirations and motivation to enter Higher Education among young people from under-represented groups. This is in line with the Government's target that by the year 2010, 50% of those aged between 18 and 30 should have the opportunity to benefit from Higher Education. It is important that people's awareness is raised and that they understand the different progression routes into Higher Education via vocational courses like BTEC National Diplomas, and NVQ's – so that prospective students understand that A-levels are not the only option."