

Welcome to our April 2009, College Newsletter

In this edition, there is a small selection of the many news, events and success stories for learners and the College. We hope you find it interesting and informative. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.

Diary Dates

Term Dates

Summer Term

Monday 20th Apr '09 – Friday 19th Jun '09

Half Term

Monday 25th May '09 – Friday 29th May '09

Autumn Term

Wednesday 2nd Sept '09 - 1st Years Start
Monday 7th Sept '09 - 2nd Years & Part-time Start
Autumn term ends: Friday 18th December '09

Half Term

Monday 26th Oct '09 - Friday 30th Oct '09

Events

Tuesday 5th May - 6:30pm
**Information Event for Learners
Considering University in 2010**

Thursday 21st May - 5:00pm-7:30pm
Open Evening

17th, 23rd & 24th June
Award Ceremonies

For further details about the above events, or for general information, comments, suggestions or complaints, please contact the Course Tutor or Customer Services on 01724 294030 or by email: info@northlindsey.ac.uk



Professor Roger Bennett being presented with the Beacon Award by David Lammy MP

Officially the Best

It's official, North Lindsey College offers the best provision for 14-16 year olds in the UK.

North Lindsey College beat off stiff competition from nearly 300 entrants from across the UK to win the AQA Award for College School Partnerships, which is recognised as mark of excellence within education.

Presented in Westminster by David Lammy MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Skills, the National AoC Beacon Awards are given for exemplary and innovative approaches to teaching and learning in the further education sector.

Officially opened in November 2004, the John White Skills Centre at North Lindsey College was borne out of the vision of College Principal, Professor Roger Bennett, to raise the aspirations of young people and to provide them with a seamless transition from pre to post 16 vocational education and training, in a caring and supportive learning environment.

In its three years since opening, the Centre has delivered training to in excess of 700 pupils per year.

Learners participate in over 30 subjects, ranging from entry level programmes to level 2 diplomas.

Chair of the AoC Beacon Awards, Dame Patricia Morgan-Webb, commented: "The AoC has a longstanding commitment to the promotion of exceptional work carried out by British Further Education Colleges. This year's Beacon winners have been hugely successful, creating fantastic opportunities for tens of thousands of learners across the country. By highlighting their achievements, I am confident that other UK colleges will be inspired to replicate their good practice and innovative approach to learning."

The success of the College's 14-16 provision was recognised during an Ofsted inspection in March 2007. The inspectors judged the 14-16 provision to be "exemplary" believing it to be the best provision of its type in the country stating: "The college has been particularly successful in transforming the lives and prospects of many young people through its innovative and highly successful work with local schools."

Progress Reports & Parents Evenings

Progress Reports (Individual Learning Plans) for learners on full-time and work based learning programmes are completed regularly throughout the year.

In November and March, copies are shared with parents and/or participating employers, where appropriate. Parent's evenings for these learners are held during December

and March where discussions about progress can take place with tutors. If you were not able to attend any of these events, or if you have questions at anytime, please feel free to contact the Course Tutor who will be happy to discuss issues with you. Parents and Employers are regularly surveyed by the College as we value your views and opinions.

College Show on the Road

Pupils at local secondary schools have been given the opportunity to sample the courses on offer at North Lindsey College when lecturers packed up classrooms, workshops and salons and relocated to school halls.

With curriculum areas representing all the College, the roadshow is an excellent opportunity for pupils to try their hands at a vast range of activities.

Nine local schools have already sampled the roadshow with positive feedback and repeat bookings. Staff and current learners from the College are available throughout the events to answer questions and put on an impressive range of activities including: electrical installation wiring; first aid demonstrations; moving & handling activities; fitness testing; small animal care handling; practical surveying activities; biscuit decorating and decorative piping; virtual baby exercises; cabin crew demonstrations; diagnostic testing exercises; blood pressure monitoring; co-ordination and flexibility exercises on the Wii Fit; and for those pupils in need of a some pampering mini facials and manicures were also available!

The event is being rolled out to all secondary schools in the area and it is hoped the roadshow will give pupils an insight into possible courses and careers enabling them to make a more informed decision about what to do after leaving school.

Embracing the Spirit of Enterprise

North Lindsey College learners are embracing the spirit of entrepreneurship, setting up and running their very own limited company.

Through participation in the Young Enterprise Company Programme, learners at the College will be equipping themselves with the business skills needed to get ahead in their future careers.

Two groups of learners within the College are currently involved in the Young Enterprise Scheme. 17 learners studying on the NVQ 3 Beauty Therapy - Spa programme have launched 'Cute as a Button' whilst learners on the National Certificate in Business have launched 'Scrawlies' which will be designing and selling personalised items such as key rings. The companies will also be looking into setting up their own website and making their goods available to buy on sites such as ebay.

In addition to valuable input from their Student Adviser and the Young Enterprise support materials, three business advisers are giving up their time to work with the learners at the College. Through links with businesses the learners are able to experience business enterprise first hand and learn from the experiences and expertise of people who have already been there and done what the learners are now doing.

Grow Your Own

Former learner Stacey Mee, joins the happy workforce at the Kingsway Fitness Centre.

The College welcomes back learners to join the staff on pay-roll with genuine student life experiences to educate new learners at the College. Stacey will be a leading example to future learners and will be able to demonstrate what the course content involves and what can be achieved with the continued support of the College.

Stacey is aged just 19 and knew even at school she wanted to embark on a none office based career which was the reason for her enrolling on the Certificate for Entry into the Uniformed Services in 2005, after leaving Winterton Comprehensive School. Stacey knew this was her vocation in life and eventually wants to progress her career into the Police Force.

Stacey enjoyed the year one course at North Lindsey College so much she was determined to progress in her chosen vocational area and complete an NVQ Level 2 in Exercise and Fitness and then onto the Level 3 in Sport and Recreation Coaching, Teaching and Instructing. This route led Stacey into having the qualifications specified for her future career as a recreational assistant in the gym.

Becky Benstead (Fitness Suite Manager) commented, "The advantage of taking on learners is that they already know us, have worked with us, know the members, customers and fit into the team. Taking on previous learners also helps our future students as they act as good role models and mentors and help them with their

course. Stacey has fitted in really well with the team and interacts well with the members."

Recently Lee Garrard (age 28), another member of staff has progressed his career within the College from being an IT Support Officer to a lecturer in Higher Education. Lee who has a BSC in Information Systems has always aspired to be a college lecturer and has continued his education at North Lindsey while holding down a full time post in IT.

Lee commented, "I am now a lecturer on the Foundation Degree in Computing. My ambition to be a teacher was inspired by the experiences I had previously had as a learner at the College. With these experiences I had seen how a good teacher has the ability to transform the lives of their pupils and I wanted a profession that provided me with the opportunity to do this."



Stacey Mee

A Fair Turnout at the Colleges Careers Event

Despite the economic downturn, North Lindsey College hosts one of its most successful careers fairs with massive support from local businesses and Universities.

27 exhibitors from a variety of universities and local employers gathered in the College's main hall for the enthusiast learners to engage with and learn more about possible future career paths with information available to suit everyone's needs including the Army, Connexions, the RAF, Clugston Construction, the NHS, Red Cross, and Navy plus many more.

As well as gathering information from employers, eight Universities were also present to help explain to learners the various pathways available to get into their chosen career. The College's in-house Guidance team who organised the event were also present to point learners in the right direction, whether that be through University or into a working environment or Apprenticeship.

Daniel Seaton (17) a learner at the College commented, "I dropped in to get some information from the Universities. I was particularly looking at the large amount of courses on offer to me. The event has been really useful, busy and lively and has been beneficial to me, especially the University information."

Year-on-year the College has seen increases in the number of learner applications to

Universities with them clearly having progression in mind. Holding qualifications improves career prospects and can enhance career income which is a welcoming opportunity and is forcing people to retrain and re-educate.

Clare Lochran (North Lindsey College Guidance Worker) commented: "We were very pleased with the excellent support the event received from everyone involved including employers, further and higher education providers and voluntary organisations. The variety of opportunities on offer allowed students to get advice and information on a wide range of options for their future whether they were looking for work, considering higher education or looking for voluntary experience."



Students Pervez Hussain (19) and Daniel Seaton (17) visiting the Nottingham Trent University Stand.

Students are Aiming Higher at North Lindsey College

Record numbers of North Lindsey College learners apply to University and celebrate their achievements in style at a special awards dinner.

Aimhigher, in conjunction with the College, organised a special celebration dinner at the Wortley Hotel to recognise the success of learners from all curriculum areas across the College.

The event commenced with a toast to the future success of the learners by Wayne Dewick, Head of Learner Services at the College, followed by a welcome speech from the Vice Chair of Aimhigher and a three-course meal. John Knowles (Vice Chair of Aimhigher) opened his welcome speech by welcoming the learners and praising their efforts. He went on to recognise the hard work they had put into their courses and emphasised the many good reasons for choosing to continue into higher education, and the advantages a degree could offer them in this fast changing world of employment.

The event was followed by the presentation of vouchers to selected students who had been nominated for their continual commitment and in recognition of overcoming difficulties in order to complete their course. Every learner who attended the event was presented with a USB memory stick to help with their future studies and also a book voucher towards books for their chosen courses. Special awards were presented to Adam Hornsby who received the Principal's Award, the Aimhigher Award went to Elaine Slator, Sarah Sundaram was presented with the Arts, Sport &

Hospitality Award, Samantha Beverley received the Health, Beauty & Care Award, and Eleanor Black took home the Construction Award.

Barley Taylor (aged 20) ND multimedia learner commented, "The event made us feel special and we really enjoyed the evening."

Many of these students are staying at North Lindsey College to study for their degree at the University Centre on site. University applications from the College have risen year on year and those who are progressing into Higher Education will receive continued support from Aimhigher.

Most of the attendees are 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.

As a nationally recognised programme, Aimhigher aims to widen participation in to higher education by raising the aspirations and developing the abilities of young people from under-represented communities. Many of these learners are people from lower socio-economic groups and disadvantaged backgrounds. Aimhigher partnerships help to build relationships which break down the barriers which institutions and systems can unwittingly create for learners.

Head & Shoulders Above the Rest

The next generation of aspiring stylists took to the salon to participate in North Lindsey College's first formal hairdressing competition.

Level 2 and 3 learners on the College's hairdressing programmes were given the brief of creating either an avant garde look or picking a theme of their choice and using their imaginations, along with the advanced techniques they have been learning throughout their course, to create the winning style.

The competition formed part of the level 3 learners programme of study requiring them to create a total look including make-up. To complement their designs learners used their ingenuity creating costumes from lengths of fabric and turning them into designer evening gowns.

The judges for the event were: Felicity Hannan from Saks in Scunthorpe, Jane Cross from Jane Cross in Messingham and Patricia Fox from Vanity Fair in Ashby. On presenting the awards the judges commented on how impressed they were with the standard of the stylists work and the dramatic

looks they had created. Winners from both Level 2 and 3 were each presented with a trophy and a selection of Goldwell and Tigi products.

Level 3 winner Jo Hyke-Martin from Scunthorpe commented: "I wanted to create a simple but striking look based on a simple black and white theme using added hair and different textures."

In addition to creating a unique look, the learners also had to produce mood boards showing their ideas and where they had drawn their inspiration from. These were on display and available for the judges to look at throughout the event.

Course tutor Jacki Bruton stated: "This is the first time the College has run this competition and it provides an excellent opportunity for learners to prove to both themselves and employers that they can work under pressure, be creative and also allows them to build their portfolio of work. We're already planning a bigger and more extravagant competition for next year."



Models display the end results of the competition which included hair, make-up and costume design.



Former North Lindsey College learners, (left to right) Claire Boothby and Helen Argent opening 'The Spa at Images'

'The Spa at Images' Officially Opens

North Lindsey College officially opens 'The Spa at Images', the latest in a long line of developments.

After months of transformations the £65,000 investment into the College's beauty therapy area is now ready to provide spa and holistic therapy treatments to the general public as well as enhancing students learning and progression.

Increased demand in the industry and the new centre has enabled the College to offer a brand new Level 3 Spa Course. This course involves training using the sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi as well as learning techniques such as body massage, body wrapping and Indian head massage. The 'Spa at Images' now boasts an extensive treatment, all of which are available at the College including the use of the exciting new floatation bed, holistic therapy treatments, body wraps and spa treatments.

The College now utilises six fully working beauty therapy treatment rooms and continues to drive forward the success of it's learners.

Two ex-students, Helen Argent and Clare Boothby, from 'Time for You Beauty and Holistic Therapy' in Brigg cut the ribbon, officially opening the new centre.

The event provided open demonstrations to the guests including Hopi Ear Candles, Hot Stone Therapy and massages. Free treatments were also given out at the event as well as a healthy theme buffet.



Students demonstrating body wraps in the new facilities

Learner of the Month Awards September 2008 to March 2009

North Lindsey College strongly believes in rewarding its learners for achieving – not just at the end of the academic year, but all the way through it. This recognition empowers and encourages learners across all abilities and groups to achieve the best that they are able.

Every month, learners from all curriculum areas are selected to recognise their contribution, effort and/or achievements and invited to

Construction:

Andrew Whitehead, Gary O'Hara, Adam Sowerby, Daniel Grogan, Freddie Prescott, Jacob Arnell, Ged Bliss

John White (14-16) Skills Centre:

Ryan Watts, Lee Spencer, Bethany Frith, Tamazine Gardener, Nathan Hoar

Etec (Engineering):

Christopher Grant, Llea Goulding, Jake Regan, Tom Goy, Samir Own

Motor Vehicle/Fabrication & Welding:

Steven Richardson, Luke Mackerman, Raul Morelato, Siu Hon, (Billy) Wong, Richard Wraith

Sport & Land Based Industries:

Donna Collins, Davy Jones, Levi Baster, Callum Johnson, Tanya Taylor

Business & Information Technology:

Sally Ball, Declan Collins, Jack Drury-Wilkinson, Clare Richardson, Jason Rennie

Art, Design & Performing Arts:

Aimee Braithwaite, Alex Kerr, Matthew Hercock, Melissa Wade, Emma Kirkby

attend a lunch time celebration, where school staff present the recipients with a certificate before enjoying a complementary lunch!

Congratulations to the 'Learners of the Month' for September and October, we hope to keep you updated of future winners in forthcoming editions of this newsletter.

Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism:

Jade Jackson, Laura Lowther, Catherine Kane-Harry, Rebecca Mappouras, Zoe Loosemore

Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy:

Emily Oxley, Laura Leaning, Emma Shearman, Hanah Dillon, Kate Harbour, Vicky Clarke, Josie Elliot, Bobby Foster, Theresa Woodcock, Chantelle Brown

Health & Social Care:

Matthew Todd, Emily Stevens, Paul Farrant, Amy Hornsey, Shauni High

Child Care:

Rebecca Parker, Kerry Binns, Christopher Howard, Natalie Jacklin, Vicky Woodforth

Life & Development Skills:

Andrew Whitehead, Gary O'Hara, Donna Hardy, Gareth Cook, Jamie Morgan, Lucy Johnson, Zak Ashley, Gareth Perks, Rebecca Williamson, Fakhr Amin, Joanne Meggitt, Louise Dales, Matthew Todd, Natalie Burns, Rory McLean, Shane Smith, Emma Kerridge, Michael Lowe, Janine Laws, Leah Graves, Michael Wilson, Stacey Johnson, Husain Salih, Aso Ahmed, Jade Haggerty, Kelly Docherty, Dean Moulds, Kyra Simpson

Can Cook Will Cook

Hospitality learners got hot in the kitchen with their last chance to show off the culinary skills learnt throughout the year with the pressure of a competition.

First Diploma in Hospitality learners were given the chance to really show off everything they have learnt during their course in a competition based on the 'Can't Cook, Won't Cook' television programme with ingredients costing no more than £6. In addition, storeroom items were allowed to be added to flavour their dishes which included herbs, spices, flour, salt, pepper, dairy products and sauces.

Three hours cooking time was given to the twelve learners who were competing for the winning prize of cooking goodies. The judging took place by the learners own lecturer – Caroline Blanchard, who was looking to see who was really taking notice in class with the taste test! Caroline was looking for that extra special dish on the day with learners creating a meal combining creativity, thought, timing, seasoning, health and safety and presentation.

Vicky Beacock (21) ticked all the boxes and won the competition with her dish of Kurdish Lamb Okra and also a pasta dish which was inspired by her work experience stint at San Pietro. Vicky commented, "It's the first time I've made fresh pasta, but I found it interesting and a good challenge." Vicky won Gordon Ramsay's Healthy Appetite cookbook, a trophy and a professional knife to help her with her career.

David Williamson, Curriculum Area Manager for Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism commented, "What a fantastic way for the learners to end the year. This is a great opportunity for the First Diploma Hospitality budding chefs to show off the culinary skills they have developed during the course. They really jumped at the chance to use their initiative and experience to create two dishes of their choice! The challenge really motivated the learners to impress not only their peers but also their tutors!"



Winner Vicky Beacock showing off her winning dish and prizes

You said - We Did

Learner Views are really important to us - some of the comments and suggestions received, along with the actions carried are illustrated below.

CURRICULUM AREA	YOU SAID	WE DID
Childcare, Education and Counselling	A request was made for access to Art Room outside of timetabled sessions	Provided supervised access by prior arrangement with tutor
	Feedback to be given on mock exam results	Mock exam results provided within two weeks
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	Learners requested that consideration be given to induction/timetabling of first few weeks in College	The formal induction programme shortened to allow vocational activities to start in week 1
	Consider reviewing assessment opportunities for Level 2 Beauty Therapy Learners	Assessment opportunities reviewed so that assessment time is less stressful for the learners
Health and Social Care	Blinds in classroom	Blinds now in classroom
Sport, Recreation & Land Based Industries	More enrichment opportunities eg: First aid, coach/umpiring qualification, boxing and lunch time provision were asked for	Provided the opportunity for learners to have access to a large range of activities. First aid courses timetabled.
Art, Design and Performing Arts	Stage floor and hall floor dirty and slippery	Cleaning took place. Floors now swept every Wednesday and mopped more frequently
Art & Design, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Construction	Requests made for lockers, lockable drawers in art block, more lockers for tools	Lockers purchased
Engineering, Art Design and Performing Arts, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Childcare Education and Counselling, Health and Social Care, Hospitality and Tourism, Business and Computing	More trips, paintballing, football match, ice skating – Hull, Nailart, Car show trips, quadbiking, Flamingo Land, "Move it!" – London, Educational weekend away, more course related trips, team building days, Sutherland Lodge	With the advent of Learner Management weeks, more trips have been organised, more planned. Additional trips to be incorporated into new induction/welcome week activities.
Business & Computing, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	Like Tutors, well supported by tutors	Comments fed back to tutors.
Motor Vehicle	Resource requests were made for newer cars, big press, metal supply and electrodes	Equipment and resources repaired and replaced and continue to do so when funds are available
Engineering	Learners not happy with the organisation/operation of store keeping	A new technician was employed to back up store keeping
Construction	No time for enrichment, cannot access it because of timetabling	Increased number of learners on trips.
14-16 Skills Centre	Some learners did not like coming to College for theory on Tuesdays for only 1 hour, would rather be taught at school by the College	Arrangements for Year 10 to be taught theory in school
Higher Education	Learners studying for English and History requested use of Moodle	English and History staff taking staff development to develop Moodle