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WELCOME TO EDITION 5 OF THE NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE CLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER.

THE JOHN WHITE SKILLS CENTRE



The brand new John White Skills Centre was officially opened recently at North Lindsey College.

The Centre has been constructed in an under-used area of the old Citizen building which has over recent years been transformed into The Kingsway Centre, offering state of the art engineering, electrical and computing facilities to both full and part-time learners at the College.

This vocational learning centre for 14 to 16-year-olds is the result of a £350,000 development, the only one of its kind in North Lincolnshire, and caters for the increasing numbers of pre-16 learners who choose vocational studies.

Vocational learning will play an increasingly important role in the next generation's education and in light of the recent Tomlinson Report North Lindsey College is very well positioned to meet these future needs as laid down by the government.

The centre was officially opened by John White himself who has been involved with North Lindsey College for many years, having been Chair of Governors from 1990 to 2004 and had an involvement with the College spanning the last 25 years. John oversaw the College throughout an exciting period, and can be recognised as playing a major role towards the College gaining Beacon Status, the Investors in People award and receiving the Charter Mark.

The opening was also attended by two learners, currently studying at North Lindsey College who represent the focus and aim behind the new centre. Both achieved vocational qualifications whilst at school and have progressed on to full-time courses in these areas as a result of their time at North Lindsey.

This state of the art facility allows the college to increase its intake of local school pupils to around 1,000 with facilities in the new centre including dedicated classrooms, vocational training areas and a catering outlet.

Richard Naylor, worked towards his Applied Business GCSE whilst at Thomas Sumpter school and is now on the Diploma in Business Management course and studying towards his Foundation & Intermediate AAT awards.

The John White Centre, designed by Architects - Jonathon Roberts, Lincoln, now offers these young learners hands-on experience in areas including computing, painting and decorating, motor vehicle, hairdressing and engineering.

Richard Hodgeson was working towards Foundation Hospitality and Catering on a school links programme whilst at Foxhills Secondary School and has now progressed on to the ABC Level 1 Certificate in Hospitality & Catering.

Learners can choose from specially designed courses adapted from the college's wide range of vocational programmes, which currently attract more than 11,000 students aged 16 and above.

Other invited guests included the Mayor of North Lincolnshire Council, Councillor Philip Wood and his wife Mrs Dorene Wood. The event was particularly well attended with guests from local industry, other Colleges of Further Education in the area and representatives from local schools.

The college has been involved in pre-16 education for more than 30 years through its Curriculum Link initiative, while the past two years has seen it join the North Lincolnshire Pathfinder pilot scheme and the national Increased Flexibility (IF) programme.

Dr Roger Bennett, Principal, whose vision led to the building of the Centre said "The college has an excellent track record in the delivery of vocational programmes in partnership with the region's secondary schools. The new centre will further enhance this relationship and give the learners a real feel for vocational training and the world of work. I would particularly like to thank Sheila Burden and the Learning & Skills Council for all their help and support."



Left to right: Nigel Longstaff - Centre Manager, Richard Naylor - Learner at North Lindsey College, John White who officially opened the Centre and Richard Hodgeson - Learner at North Lindsey College.

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Wednesday 26th January
4.00pm - 7.30pm
Year 11 Advice Event

Monday 7th February
12.00pm
Official Renaming of A Block

Monday 4th April
3.00pm - 7.00pm
Advice and Enrolment

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING A GREAT SUCCESS

North Lindsey College recently participated once again in Macmillan Cancer Relief's "World's Largest Coffee Morning" initiative, organising their own coffee morning and raising an amazing £473, bringing the total raised by North Lindsey College over the past 3 years to over £1500.

However organisers were delighted when their fundraising efforts were boosted yet further thanks to a generous donation of £400 from Lloyds TSB. This brings the grand total to £873.56.

Every year, Macmillan Cancer Relief, a leading UK charity that works to improve the quality of life for people living with cancer, organises the coffee morning, which involves hundreds of organisations, businesses and community groups across the UK holding coffee mornings, with all proceeds going directly to the charity.

The event took place in the College's Lindsey Suite Restaurant where staff and learners from the School of Hospitality and Catering both made and served coffee and biscuits. Over 120 people attended including a special visit from the children of the Kingsway Children's Centre with their donations.

Andrew Binns from Macmillan Cancer Relief can be seen here being presented with the cheque from Mary Leachman, Assistant Catering Technician at the College with other support staff and students in attendance.

Andrew Binns commented "On behalf of the local Committee, please accept our sincere thanks for this donation. The funds will go towards the local Appeal to place new Macmillan post holders in the area. These posts will include Macmillan nurses in Grimsby and Scunthorpe and Macmillan GP's in North and North East Lincolnshire. The GP posts will not only help with front-line cancer care, but also with the education of other GP's in the early diagnosis of cancer. Once again, thank you for your support."



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COLLEGE OPEN EVENING A SUCCESS YET AGAIN!

North Lindsey College, in Scunthorpe, recently held its Annual Open Evening which proved a real success for budding students, parents and staff alike.

The College facilities were opened to the public with demonstrations, exhibitions and displays on show for all to enjoy. The event, which has been going for over 10 years is designed to appeal to year 11's who are looking to make the all important decision regarding their future. However the evening also attracts, mature learners, local businesses and organisations who have strong connections with the college.

North Lindsey College is one of two Beacon colleges in Scunthorpe of only 15 nationwide – ensuring that learners in our area have excellent further education facilities right on the doorstep. The Open Evening was officially opened by the Mayor of North Lincolnshire, Councillor Philip Wood.

Wayne Dewick, Assistant Director for Marketing and Admissions commented "this occasion gives learners an opportunity to see what is on offer at the college, in terms of the wide range of excellent courses and the facilities which support these. There is also the chance to ask any questions of guidance staff, tutors and current learners. This year's event has been no exception and we have been delighted with the response and feedback we have obtained."

Right across the college from the hairdressing and beauty therapy facilities, performing arts and engineering to the college's highly acclaimed motor vehicle workshops – events and displays have been taking place. The motor vehicle area yet again boasted a fantastic display that included vintage cars, speedway motorbikes, a formula one car, BMW British Champion Martyn Bell with his winning saloon car amongst others.

North Lindsey College offers a wide variety of courses, both academic and vocational, from foundation and entry level to post graduate programmes. For more information on any of the provision available contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



Principal, Dr Roger Bennett and Mayor of North Lincolnshire - Councillor Philip Wood officially opening the event.



Vice Principal Helen Groves (left) and the Mayor - Councillor Philip Wood visiting the Motor Vehicle display.



Current learners helping on the Leisure and Tourism display stand in the Main Hall.

NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE OPENS NEW HAIRDRESSING SALON

North Lindsey College, the largest provider of further education in the area, has recently opened an additional Hairdressing Salon, improving yet further the excellent facilities on offer in its Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy provision.

The Salon was opened officially by Michael Roach, Sales Manager at REM who supplied the state of the art furniture and fittings. Michael commented "It is always a great pleasure to be asked to open such a superb facility and we at REM wish the Images Salon continuing success."

Twenty new workstations have been fitted and in addition a raised demonstration platform is the centrepiece of the showroom. It not only allows the College to be better equipped for teaching its own learners but will also enable local industry, such as hairdressing suppliers to hire the room and use it for demonstrations and exhibits.

Louise Baxter, Curriculum Area Manager at North Lindsey College, added "As the only "Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy" training provider in Scunthorpe it is very important for us to offer the very best quality facilities and learning environment for our learners."

This refurbishment has come about as a result of continuing demand for places on both full and part-time courses and due to demand from local salons looking for work based training for their employees. It is part of an ongoing programme of investment, building and refurbishment at the College that has included a new Beauty Therapy Salon opened earlier in the year, a new Early Years Centre as well as the 14 - 16 Skills Centre.

Dr Roger Bennett, North Lindsey College Principal added " We now have a wonderful Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy facility which will clearly benefit learners and the local industry. Our staff will now be able to fully exploit the full potential of this excellent resource. This new salon is part of a £750,000 campus re-development the college has undertaken over the summer. Cross-college our practical resources and accommodation is now of an exceptionally high standard and provides our community with a superb learning environment."



Michael Roach (centre), officially opening the new hairdressing salon accompanied by Louise Baxter, Curriculum Area Manager (4th from left) with other staff and learners.

COLLEGE RECOGNISES ACHIEVEMENT

North Lindsey College held their third annual Level 3 & 4 Awards Ceremony on Saturday 13th November 2004 to recognise the successes of learners who studied at this level across the full range of curriculum areas.

Around three hundred people, including learners and their families, plus staff and special guests, attended the ceremony, where learners were recognised for their achievements. Courses at level 3 include BTEC National Diplomas, National Certificates and AVCEs, all of which are equivalent to either two or three A Levels depending on the course with the Level 4 being equivalent to a degree level qualification. A wide range of courses from across the whole college were represented, including Construction, Engineering, Sports, Art & Design, Computer Studies, Administration, Child Care and more. Since completing their courses, a large number of the students have since progressed to universities across the UK, studying Degrees and HNDs in their specialist fields, and many travelled back to Scunthorpe especially for the ceremony.

Guest of honour David Lea, Head of Education, Learning & Achievement, North Lincolnshire Council presented the certificates to the successful students. David was accompanied on the stage by Dr. Roger Bennett, the College Principal, Nigel Dransfield, Chair of the North Lindsey College Corporation, and other members of the college management team.

In addition to the certificates that each learner received from the various exam boards for passing their courses,

the college presented a number of special awards. These included five Outstanding Achievement awards, twelve Best Learner awards, twelve special awards plus the Golden Jubilee award which will be given each year to the student who has demonstrated the very highest levels of dedication and commitment, and who has been an inspiration to others. Each award winner received a shield or trophy, a gift voucher and a special certificate of recognition from the college.

The winners of the college's five Outstanding Achievement Awards were Richard Lattimore from the School of Applied Learning, Skills and Technology, Paul Wright from the School of Arts, Leisure and Hospitality, Kelly Palmer from the School of Health, Beauty & Care, Craig Benson from the School of Business and IT and Reesai Muteveri from Higher Education and Professional Development.

The Golden Jubilee Award, which was introduced last year to mark the 50th Anniversary of the College is presented to the most deserving student. This year it went to Sarah Tegerdine for outstanding achievement in the area of Childcare.

Dr. Roger Bennett, North Lindsey College Principal, commented, "The event was a tremendous success and was a real celebration of achievement. Over one hundred learners received awards on the day and it was a truly excellent occasion. We have now had three events of this nature and it has now become part of the college calendar. Further education successes should be celebrated and North Lindsey College will play its part in full."



The first group to complete a foundation degree at North Lindsey College, in pre-16 Learning and Teaching Support. Left to Right, Teresa Suddaby, Anna Proctor, Bev Martin, Nicole Williams, Toni Woods and Jilly Fenwick - Curriculum Area Manager for Childcare, Education and Counselling.

CHILDREN IN NEED!

North Lindsey College have recently taken part in Children in Need charity fundraising events.

These have included the Kingsway Children's Centre holding a teddy bears picnic, a Sumo Wrestling event and another tremendous effort from the Personell Department who not only sold cakes and held a raffle but also made a calendar starring a member of College staff - Scott Wilson, Equality and Diversity Coordinator. Local firm "Charles Richard" kindly lent the College a full dinner suit for the purposes of the calendar. In total nearly £400 has been raised.



Left to right: Jenna Tennyson - NLC, Scott Wilson - Equality and Diversity Coordinator, Claire Verhees - NVQ3 Beauty Therapy student, Julie Buttrick, NLC - Jenna and Julie work in the college shop where copies of the calendar were on sale.

FRESHERS FAYRE 2004

New and existing learners benefited from a week full of activity, talks and information on offer at the start of this new academic year at North Lindsey College.

Organised by the team of Student Advisers this annual event is centered around making a wide range of information available to the 16 to 19 year olds. Information that is relevant to their age group, topical and interesting.

Local and national organisations and groups that visited the college included DASH - the Drug, Alcohol and Sexual Health awareness organisation, the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Humberside Police, the Job Centre and Amnesty International.

During the course of the week learners have had the opportunity to find out more about the UCAS process - from application through to the financial implications, to understand about "Equality & Diversity" and "Health & Safety" issues around College.

At the end of the week a general "Drop In" session enabled learners to get general advice, guidance and financial assistance.

The Student Advisers organised a quiz for all learners who attended, all the questions being based on the wide range of groups and organisations represented. The winners, Harriet Riggall, Kayleigh Barnett and Beverley Hobson have all received £20 worth of high street shopping vouchers.

Fiona Corby, Learner Support and Liaison Officer commented "This event reflects North Lindsey College's desire to support learners in every way possible and this is just the start of the support available during their time at the College. Our thanks go to all the groups that attended this event and helped to make it such a success."

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NEW EARLY YEARS CENTRE

The New Early Years Centre has recently been officially opened at North Lindsey College. This investment of £200,000 has seen the Maurice Taylor Building completely refurbished in order to offer learners a purpose built centre for the childcare provision at the College.

These courses have achieved great success in recent years with provision ranging from the Foundation in Childcare to the Diploma in Child Care and Education, and represents the commitment of North Lindsey to providing the very best training to local learners looking for a career in this field.

This new centre includes 5 classrooms, an art and craft room and offices for both teaching and support staff. At any one time there can be up to 110 childcare and counselling learners in the new setting.

Historically childcare rooms have been situated across a range of buildings on the College campus. This new centre allows the curriculum to have its own identity and encourages learners to take pride in their environment. The learners often progress from one course to another and by all being in the one building the Childcare staff can encourage the established learners to set standards of expected behaviour for new learners. These standards are also a requirement of working in the childcare sector. The new building allows staff to share specialist resources and communicate more effectively, providing a more consistent and professional level of teaching and support.

The Centre was officially opened by Liz Carr, Head Teacher at Bushfield Infant School. Liz was accompanied by two of the schools pupils, who had the honour of cutting the ribbon. For this important occasion the ribbon was rather unusual as it formed the shape of a spider's web. Jilly Fenwick, Curriculum Area Manager added "We have built up great links with local schools and in particular Bushfield Infants School who continue to support our courses by offering work placements for our learners every term. It made the day all the

more special having the children playing such a key role, because children are of course our main focus here at the new Early Years Centre."

The Opening was attended by Councillor Philip Wood, Mayor of North Lincolnshire Council, Margaret Siddel, Cabinet Member of Education, members of the College Management Team and Board of Governors. A special guest was Shirley Taylor, wife of the late Maurice Taylor after whom the building was originally named.

Dr Roger Bennett, Principal, believes that "this new centre really does ensure the early years provision at North Lindsey is top draw, I am delighted for the staff and our learners, they now have a resource of outstanding quality".



Liz Carr, Headteacher Bushfield Infant School and Principal Dr. Roger Bennett with two of Bushfield Infant School pupils.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW PRAYER ROOM

The prayer room at the College, a resource that has proved very successful for staff and students alike has been moved to a new location.

The dedication of this new Multi Faith Prayer/Quiet room took place recently in the presence of the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Saxbee, Bishop of Lincoln who can be seen here with a number of other representatives from the community.



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