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## WHAT'S ON

### Easter Fair

Thursday 20th March 2008  
10.00 – 12.00 noon, Main Hall

### Careers/HE Fair

Tuesday 25th March 2008  
10.00 – 2.00 pm, Main Hall

### HE Student Funding Information Evening

Tuesday 25th March 2008  
6.00 pm – Main Hall

### Advice & Enrolment

Monday 21st April 2008  
3.30 – 7.00 pm, Main Hall

### Coffee Morning (Environment)

Wednesday 23rd April 2008  
10.00 – 12.00 noon, Main Hall

### HE Information Evening (current learners)

Tuesday 6th May 2008  
6.30pm - Main Hall

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## WORLD STAGE AWAITS!

**From Scunthorpe to New York City,  
North Lindsey College goes global.**

A global stage awaits the Principal of North Lindsey College as two papers have been selected for presentation at the 2008 World Congress and International Community and FET College Conference.

Scheduled to take place in New York, presenting at the event will mark the College's debut on the international stage. Titled "Developing Global Partnerships", the conference is aimed at pulling together colleges from around the world to share best practice in education.

In total, the conference received three times the number of papers it was expecting, highlighting the real achievement of the College in having two of the five it submitted selected.

The conference will give North Lindsey College the opportunity to share the best practice that it has developed in the fields of Centres of Vocational Excellence (of which the college is a partner in two) and how to effectively blend FE and HE as an alternative to the traditional A level route into higher education. The two papers selected are titled: 'Colleges and Centres of Vocational Excellence', to be presented by Professor Bennett and 'A 2+1 Model – Re-investing Intellectual Wealth', to be presented by Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning Kevin Clarke.

Up to 1000 delegates are expected to attend the conference from across the globe including

Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the States, Canada, the West Indies and throughout Europe. Presenting at the conference will aid North Lindsey College in the development of its new International Centre and will serve to further build on the two partnerships it is already in the process of establishing with colleges in Nebraska and California.

On discovering that the College had been selected to present two papers, Professor Bennett commented "Being invited to present at the 2008 World Congress is a first for the College and represents a fantastic start to our international campaign. The conference will enable the College to demonstrate to the world the excellent best practice models that have been developed at North Lindsey College and will mark us as a voice of authority in a number of key areas."



Professor Roger Bennett with the papers to be presented

## CHILDREN'S CENTRE MANAGER IS A 'LEADING' EXAMPLE

**Kingsway Children's Centre Manager, Ann Hume, receives the first qualification in centre leadership for North Lincolnshire.**

The NPQICL qualification stands for - National Professional Qualification in Integrated Centre Leadership and will soon be a national requirement for all leaders of Children's centres.

NPQICL is a level seven qualification and is equivalent to Masters or Post Graduate level. The qualification seeks to provide leaders and managers with the opportunity to embrace community partnership working, providing a high quality service to children and families. The NPQICL will also be recognised by other services including education, health and social services to help improve service delivery.

Ann is also involved with other children's centres in Scunthorpe and is keen to move forward with this qualification and put it into practice as a leading example. The qualification is the first national programme to address the needs of learners within multi-agency and early years settings. Ann has been working on the qualification for over a year in conjunction with

Sheffield Hallam University, Leeds Metropolitan University and Pen Green Leadership Centre. She decided to take the research route rather than the study route as she was integrating three centres and felt it was more valuable and meaningful to her scheme of work, even though it involved more time and commitment.



Ann Hume proudly showing off her certificate surrounded by children from the Kingsway Children's Centre.

# BEACON AWARD FOR COLLEGE

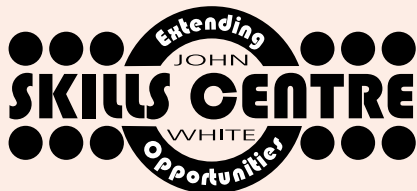
**It's official, North Lindsey College offers the best provision for 14-16 year olds in the UK.**

North Lindsey College has been awarded the Beacon Award for College/School Partnerships, sponsored by AQA (the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance). Winners were announced by Chair of the AoC Awards, Dame Patricia Morgan-Webb, at the 12th Annual AoC Conference held at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

Officially opened in November 2004, the John White Skills Centre 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. The centre has gone from strength to strength and is widely acknowledged as the leading provider of high quality 14-16 vocational curriculum in the area.

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. The Centre is now in its third year successfully supporting all 14 secondary schools within North Lincolnshire and has received many commendations for the excellent work it has done. The success of the provision was recognised during the Colleges 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. The programme inspires some of the most disengaged and disenfranchised young people to re-engage with learning and eases their transition to higher levels of post-16 training." Ofsted 2007.

The Centre is attracting worldwide interest, in particular from the USA, and is now well positioned to deliver against the Leitch agenda as it moves towards its challenges and targets set for 2010. This centre provides opportunities for all young people, is socially inclusive and will influence the local and sub regional economy.



# COLLEGE GOES STATESIDE

**In November 2007 Professor Roger Bennett and two of his colleagues from North Lindsey College embarked on a 9-day tour of two American colleges. The trip was viewed as the first step in the formation of education partnerships after initial contact was made at the American Community Colleges Conference in April.**

A key highlight of the visit was the signing, by Professor Bennett, of a 'global education partnership agreement' with Mid-Plains Community College in Nebraska. Whilst visiting the college their principal was keen to discover the success behind Kingsway Consulting and in turn shared his extensive knowledge in the field of e-learning.

At Coastline Community College in California the two principals and their colleagues shared their experiences and knowledge in the fields of 14-16 provision with both college's being recognised as exemplary providers in this field.

It is hoped that the two College's will be able to collaborate to prepare an international paper combining the two sets of best practice; 14-16 vocational and 14-16 academic.

Throughout the whole trip the focus was on building partnerships and identifying projects fostered on best practice. Time was also taken to look at quality assurance; the delivery of teaching and learning; apprenticeship training; and risk management.

Following from the visit, representatives from Mid-Plains Community College in Nebraska will be visiting North Lindsey College for a four-day stay commencing March 10.

It is envisaged that these visits will lead to curriculum area staff/student exchanges. This will lead to huge educational and cultural benefits for North Lindsey College learners, exposing them to opportunities and experiences that otherwise would not be available as part of their curriculum.



Professor Roger Bennett and colleagues visiting Mid-Plains Community College, Nebraska

## ADVANCING THEIR CAREERS

**25 learners from North Lindsey College were among the 122 Advanced Apprentices invited to attend the second Consortium for Learning Advanced Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony held at Hull City Hall.**

The event showcased the achievements of Advanced Apprentices across the region who, through working alongside their employer and Apprenticeship provider, have gone on to succeed in their chosen career area.

Graduates wore the full cap and gown ensemble and were surrounded by their family, friends, employers and Apprenticeship Providers as they celebrated gaining their qualifications.

Kirsty Trickett was just one of the many North Lindsey College Apprentices who attended the event and commented "I really enjoyed

attending the Graduation Ceremony and receiving my certificate in front of my family and work colleagues. I felt a sense of recognition and achievement. By completing the Advanced Apprenticeship in Business Administration I have gained full time employment as a Timetable Administrator at North Lindsey College."



Kirsty Trickett, Charlene Jaques and Nikitta Hunsley at the Apprenticeships Graduation Ceremony

# CHINESE TEACHERS TOUR COLLEGE

**North Lindsey College continues to foster relationships with colleagues from around the globe.**

Thirteen teachers from the Dalian region of China take the afternoon out of their schedule to tour the exceptional facilities that the College has to offer.

The visit follows on from a trip to the Dalian in October 2005 by two employees of North Lindsey College where they visited a college dedicated to early years and another to motor vehicle provision. Earlier in September, teacher Chin Yi Guo also visited the College, working with College staff in the kindergarten with the aim of forging new links and sharing best practice.

College Principal, Professor Roger Bennett and Assistant Principal, Janice Keilthy welcomed the visitors to the College before they commenced a tour of the campus and met with staff and students. The tour took in the 'aircraft cabin' taken from a Boeing 747, the hair and beauty salons, automotive diagnostics centre (part of the Humber Automotive Technology CoVE), the "exemplary" 14-16 skills centre, the newly refurbished fitness suite and recently extended early years centre.

Halfway through the afternoon the guests were treated to traditional English afternoon tea, which included cucumber sandwiches and scones with jam and cream prepared by our students in the catering and hospitality restaurant before completing their tour.

Before departing the visitors commented: "We found the College was very interesting, every corner had something new and exciting to see. The traditional English afternoon tea was very enjoyable, something we've heard of but never experienced before. We were touched by the welcome and warmth of the staff and students."



Visitor from the Dalian trying her hand at the drums in the College's recording studios

# BOARDING PASSES AT THE READY!

**Ground crew and learners welcomed the first Boeing 747 to take off from North Lindsey College, Scunthorpe gaining interest from Calendar News and Look North!**

Bought by the College, the aircraft was dismantled before being re-assembled in one of the classrooms. Complete with overhead lockers, emergency lighting, refreshment trolley and PA system, the aircraft is the exact height and width of an in-service aircraft to give learners the most realistic learning experience. A check-in area has also been created with a screen displaying flight information. The aircraft represents a unique resource for the College and will benefit not only travel & tourism learners but also hospitality & catering learners who will be able to practice food and drink service on board the aircraft.

The air cabin, together with the College travel shop, will enable North Lindsey College travel & tourism learners to gain the confidence and skills they'll need to start a career in the exciting and ever expanding fields of travel and aviation.

The aircraft also has scope to be used by the wider community including local schools, those with a fear of flying and has the potential to be used to offer the 'First Aid in Confined Spaces' course.

Val Armstrong, Head of School for Arts, Sport and Hospitality, commented, "The best training you can have is the most realistic environment you can create – this gives our students the opportunity to be fully familiar with the inside of an air cabin before going into the job market."



In-flight drinks being served

# FLY AWAY WITH THE COLLEGE

**Travel & Tourism learners at North Lindsey College are set to benefit from their own working travel agents, sited on the College campus. Working in conjunction with Martins Travel and Brigg Tourist Information Centre learners are working with the same operating systems as those used by high street travel agents.**

The official opening of the travel office involved Pamela Abbey, Manager of Brigg Tourist Information Centre coming along to cut the ribbon accompanied by Kevin Martin (of Martins Travel) who supplies rail tickets to the College.

The travel office will have a comprehensive source of information on flights, holidays, car hire, rail travel, accommodation and much more. The office will be open to both learners and staff of North Lindsey College as well as the general public.

First Diploma and National Diploma in Travel and Tourism learners will provide cover for the agency on a rota basis to gain experience in using the systems before entering the world of work.

Pamela commented, "I was delighted by the offer of coming into College to open the Travel Office which is an extension of the work placement scheme already in place. We have been working in conjunction with North Lindsey College and Martin's travel for a number of years and I feel the office will be beneficial to the learners as it will help build social skills and confidence as well as being a realistic environment to work in."



Kevin Martin (Martins Travel), Pamela Abbey (Brigg Tourist Information), Sarah Bradley (tutor) and Katie Anderson (learner)

# RECORD FUNDRAISING TOTAL RAISED FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!

**Learners at North Lindsey College organised a series of successful events in aid of Children in Need.**

During the week there were various sponsored activities taking place plus cake stalls, car washing, fancy dress, party at Love, an activity day, table top sales, manicures plus lots more. All areas joined in the fun and gave money to help others.

The College as a whole managed to raise £1836.89 for Children in Need, the most ever raised for one event, so a huge well done to everyone who organised an event and everyone who donated!

Giuseppe Loperfido, age 18, NVQ 3 Sport & Recreation Learner commented, "We all had good fun working together to raise money. We organised the party at Love and it turned out to be a good success and we were really pleased everyone supported Children in Need."



Daniel Marris, Daniel Watts, Christopher O'Donnell, Trevor Glathorne (Lecturer), Georgina Mudd, Stacey Mee, Rachel Petty. Front row, left to right: Kieran Blackwell, Jamie Beacock, Giuseppe Loperfido

# COLLEGE INVESTS IN A 'FIRST CLASS' DINER!

North Lindsey College learners find the old college diner replaced by a contemporary high street style coffee bar, expanded shop and new servery offering a range of options from value through to premium ranges.

The College invested a substantial amount of money in the refurbishment to ensure a state of the art eatery is provided for learners.

To further enhance the dining experience offered to learners, Aramark (the College's contract caterers) are also planning theme days, food theatre, loyalty cards and supplier promotions displayed on a top of the range plasma screen.

Nigel Dransfield, former Chairman of the Corporation officially opened the diner cutting the ribbon to allow trading to commence.

Aramark's vision is "to blend traditional home cooked meals with international flavoursome cuisine." The hot counter provides this nutrition and also offers salads and light snacks.



The new dining area



The new College shop

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Transforming Lives  
Building Prosperity  
Delivering Success**

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# SHINING STARS OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Staff from North Lindsey College were among more than 100 Further Education staff and learners from across England to be invited to attend the glittering annual QIA STAR Awards ceremony, held at Old Billingsgate in London.

Now in their fourth year, the awards are designed to recognise the hard work and dedication of the 'unsung heroes' in education. Recognising those people who make an outstanding contribution to the quality of learning that millions of people in England receive on a daily basis.

The College submitted nominations in two out of the ten STAR Award categories: Jill Fenwick in the category of 'Outstanding Contribution to Workforce Development' sponsored by Construction Skills, and the Business Development Team, nominated in the category of 'Outstanding Contribution to Engaging Employers' sponsored by LLUK. Although the College was just pipped to the post in both categories, being shortlisted out of more than 1,300 nominations represented a huge achievement for the College. Commenting on the evening Assistant Principal Janice Keilthy said: "We are really proud of our colleagues and the dedication they show to their roles which resulted in them being both nominated and shortlisted, and to see North Lindsey College on a national stage was a fantastic sight."

The evening was a magical spectacle of performance and celebration. Guests were entertained by stilt walkers, Gandini jugglers – Europe's finest dance and juggling performers, Russian strap performers and Arron Sparks – a streetwise, talented yo-yoer. After a five-course dinner nominees were invited up onto the stage and presented with their STAR Awards trophy by Dr Floella Benjamin OBE.

Commenting on being nominated Jill Fenwick said: "It was an honour to be nominated for such

a prestigious national award. Teachers in Further Education are the unsung heroes of the Education system and whilst I was very pleased and excited to be nominated and shortlisted I can think of hundreds of other staff at North Lindsey College who would be just as deserving as myself. My job involves encouraging, motivating, advising and supporting staff at the College. I consistently try to present myself as a good role model which I feel is very important. I am always enthusiastic as I believe that this encourages others that you are working with. In turn, enthusiastic teachers motivate and encourage the learners in their care."

Bill Rammell MP, Minister of State, Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education commented: "The further education system has a crucial role in building economic success and social cohesion in this country. Nominated providers exemplified the breadth and diversity of the sector and are individuals who have worked above and beyond the call of duty, truly exceeding expectations."



Jill Fenwick, Staff Development Manager at the QIA STAR Awards

# RESTAURANT NAMED IN MEMORY

North Lindsey College opens a training restaurant in memory of former lecturer.

The new training restaurant has been named Hardwick's in memory of Shirley Hardwick who was initially a student at the College in 1976 and returned in 2002 as a part time lecturer. Shirley battled with lung cancer and eventually lost her life in May 2006.

The restaurant will be used as a training facility for current students and Shirley's family were invited to the College to celebrate the opening with a sit down lunch and flambé demonstrations.

Professor Roger Bennett opened the event and commented, "The restaurant really does give us a wonderful opportunity to remember Shirley, not just what she did as a student, but what she gave back to the College for catering students of tomorrow. This is another great development for us and epitomises our efforts to bring in new provisions and new resources. We hope to get a lot of use and enjoyment out of this facility."

Lisa Wood, Catering Manager at Elsham Hall officially cut the ribbon to open the

restaurant. Lisa is a previous student at North Lindsey College and has since worked at Winteringham Fields as a Second Chef and in the catering business for eighteen years.

Iona Hardwick, Shirley's Mother commented, "It is excellent that Shirley is remembered and liked at the College and I feel extremely proud that the training restaurant has been named in her memory, she would have been pleased."



The opening of the training restaurant at North Lindsey College. Left to right: David Williamson (Curriculum Area Manager at North Lindsey College), Lisa Wood (Catering Manager of Elsham Hall Golf Club), Iona Mitchell (Shirley Hardwick's mother), Shane and Ashley Hardwick (Shirley's sons).

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