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Monday 9th June 2008
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Main Hall – 6.00pm

Fresher's Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th June 2008
School of Arts, Hospitality & Leisure
Main Hall – 6.00pm

Fresher's Parents Evening
Monday 16th June 2008
School of Construction & Functional Skills
Main Hall – 6.00pm

Fresher's Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th June 2008
School of Engineering
Main Hall – 6.00pm

Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 18th June 2008
Skills for Life & ESOL
Main Hall - 6.00pm

Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 24th June 2008
5.30pm – School of Health, Beauty & Care
7.30pm – School of Arts, Hospitality & Leisure

Awards Ceremony
Wednesday 25th June 2008
5.30pm - School of Construction & Functional Skills, Foundation Studies & E2
7.30pm – School of Engineering & School of Higher Education

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HIGHER EDUCATION EXPANDS IN SCUNTHORPE

Higher Education in Scunthorpe goes from strength to strength as North Lindsey College continues to expand its higher education provision.

The College has recently seen the official opening of a dedicated higher education facility and has completed the purchase of Global House – former electronics factory just metres from the College's main site, which offers excellent accommodation in both classroom and seminar facilities as well as office space for staff.

The opening of the new HE building was attended by members of the local council and the wider business community. The official ceremony was conducted by former Chair of Governors at the College, Mr Nigel Dransfield.

During his welcome speech, College Principal Professor Roger Bennett, explained to invited guests how the expansion was an integral part of the College's plan to cater for an ongoing growth in the number of local people seeking higher education courses without leaving the area.

From the initial concept through to final completion, the entire project took less than two years and provides an exciting addition to the campus and an excellent resource for existing and new students.

Investing in higher education will also have wider implications for North Lincolnshire and it is hoped will help to plug the skills gap in key areas such as engineering.

At the opening, Mr Dransfield, who started his career as a former student at the College

commented: "I was pleased and surprised it was named after me and I could not have asked for a more fitting end to my tenure as Chair of Governors as I have been a governor at the College for 11 years. I wish the College all the success in the future and will always be rooting for it."

Professor Bennett commented: "We have a very dynamic building. Higher education at the College has a very good foundation. The future is in good hands in this part of the world and we will plan future projects to benefit people in North Lincolnshire and Scunthorpe." He continued: "We currently cater for 800 students who do higher education courses. By 2010 we are hoping to have 900-plus students, studying a range of subjects in about 17 different areas."

In addition to the new purpose built building the College has also acquired a 3,500m² building which will be split between FE and HE provision. The rear of the building will house a large brickwork workshop; three carpentry and joinery workshops for site, machine and bench; plumbing workshops with multiple plumbing bays; nine construction classrooms; and a dedicated construction computer suite, whilst the two-storey front of the building will be dedicated to HE. Opening into a modern and welcoming reception area the HE accommodation will comprise seven classrooms, two computer suites, nine offices and a lounge for use by both staff and students.

Work is due to start on converting the former electronics premises into a state of the art facility in April, ready for learners to enter in September.



Professor Roger Bennett with Nigel Dransfield outside the new higher education building.

CARDBOARD CUT-OUT COMES TO LIFE

A local college is the latest organisation to commit to supporting a new neighbourhood-policing initiative.

For over a month now, learners at North Lindsey College have been met by a life-size cut-out of Neighbourhood Beat Officer for Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens Ward, PC Ian Hayes, on entering the College shop.

Learners wanted to meet PC Hayes and his colleagues in person as they came into the College to discuss the monthly drop-in sessions they are hoping to launch in the coming weeks. The sessions will take place in the College diner and will be aimed at encouraging young people to report crimes, gain information or just have a chat and find out more about the work of the police and community support officers. The sessions will be promoted throughout College and learners will be encouraged to attend.

The scheme has come to fruition as the police focus on finding alternative ways for members of the community to interact with their local police force other than through walking into a police station. Part of the urban neighbourhood team, PC Hayes' role is to develop contacts within the community and undertake regular visits to local shops and businesses, neighbourhood watch groups, schools and colleges, religious establishments and community centres.

PC Hayes is keen to build relationships with the younger generation and become a recognisable face within the community with a view to developing long-term problem solving initiatives.

It is hoped the benefits of the monthly sessions will spread beyond the College and into the local community as young people become more accustomed to interacting with police officers on an informal basis.



PC 93 Ian Hayes, Neighbourhood Beat Officer for Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens Ward with colleagues PCSO Rose Haller and PCSO James Dixon

COLLEGE SUPPORTS SPORT RELIEF

North Lindsey College learners get active for Sports Relief.

Sports Relief is a campaign supporting Comic Relief to help raise money, get people involved in sport and have fun at the same time - and that's just what North Lindsey College learners did!

Learners helped raised money in the sports department which will help support vulnerable people living extremely tough lives in the UK and in other poor countries. The money raised could possibly be used to help a family set up a market stall enabling them to provide income and support themselves.

All sports learners on the NVQ and National Diploma programmes took part in the one mile hike which even included a three legged event supported and encouraged by Steve Abbey the College's running enrichment tutor.

The Kingsway Fitness Suite has also played a part in the fundraising with customers involved by either running, walking or jogging on the treadmills for 1 mile and donating a pound to the Comic Relief charity.

Scott Toothill (aged 18), learner on the Certificate in Sport and Public Services course won the mile run around the sports field in a mere 5 minutes and 50 seconds and commented, "I watched the programme for sports relief and realised what a fantastic way to fundraise and be a part of the challenge. It was really pitiful to see people living in such poor countries but also inspiring to see celebrities like Dame Kelly Holmes supporting the event."



Learners enjoy a fun three-legged race in aid of Sport Relief.

NOW DEPARTING - FIRST CLASS!

There's no stopping four learners from North Lindsey College as they embark on higher education courses that will eventually see them working as part of the rapidly expanding international service industry.

With 8% of the global workforce employed in the tourism industry, and more people than ever travelling abroad on holiday, the learners will be entering the industry at an exciting time as new and exotic destinations open their shores to tourists for the first time.

Sarah Bullivant (20), Kimberley Harcourt (19), and Janine Pursey (20) have been accepted to study on the BA (hons) International Tourism at a range of universities including Sheffield Hallam University, Leeds Metropolitan University and Bournemouth University. Studying the HND Tourism and Hospitality Management course at the College means they now only need to do a year at the university of their choice to achieve a full BA (hons) degree. Meanwhile, Swati Sanyal Mukherji (29) will be embarking on a MBA in International Hospitality Management at the International Hotel Management Institute in Switzerland.

Upon graduating Sarah, Kimberley and Janine are hoping to embark on careers in travel and tourism marketing and events management whilst Swati is looking to go into hotel management with the long-term aim of managing a hotel in the States or India.

As part of their studies at the College, the learners have already successfully organised

numerous events and have participated in trips to Amsterdam, where they studied culture and cruises, Barcelona, where they studied sustainable tourism, and York and Manchester where they visited several of the large hotel chains to get a true insight into the hospitality industry.

Sarah Bullivant (20) commented: "We have learnt loads of stuff whilst at College. It has really opened our eyes to the opportunities available in the tourism industry and we have visited some really great places."

Janine Pursey (20) added: "Coming to College has been the best experience. Before I started College I wasn't very confident but now I'm happy to talk to anyone and love public speaking. The course has really prepared us for the amount of work we will have to do at university and has given me much more confidence."



Janine Pursey, Kimberley Harcourt and Sarah Bullivant

LOCAL SPORTS ENTHUSIAST ACCEPTED AT TOP UNIVERSITY!

North Lindsey College learner, Sarah Sundaram secures a place at the prestigious Loughborough University!

Loughborough is the country's premier University for sports development, research and education, and has an unparalleled record of sporting excellence. Sarah will be studying on the Sport and Exercise Science Degree for three years with possible aspirations of being a physiotherapist.

Studying on the BTEC National Diploma in Sport at North Lindsey College, Sarah has excelled on her course and combines her studies with work, being involved within the community, especially at the Appleby Frodingham Cricket Club where Sarah is a member and plays for the second and third team. Sarah has recently gained her Community Sports Leadership award as part of her vocational qualification dedicating voluntary hours to the cricket club, which is Sarah's favourite sport.

Sarah has also recently won an award for 'Step into Sport' at a local awards ceremony held for dedicated sporting volunteers.

Sarah Sundaram commented, "I have had an amazing experience at North Lindsey College and all the staff have been really helpful. Loughborough University has a reputation of being really hard to get accepted into and I'm delighted that I am going to study there."

Kate Barker, lecturer at the College commented "Sarah is a wonderful student, she is a hard working individual who has achieved something amazing in gaining a place at the prestigious Loughborough University on a sports course, which is nothing more than she deserves - she is a role model student and a pleasure to teach. It shows North Lindsey College sports department has aspirations to push the students to the best of their ability and produce top students to succeed at the highest standard."



Sarah Sundaram

NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE HAS TALENT

The 'Y Factor' talent show returned to North Lindsey College for its second year in search of learners and staff with a hidden flair.

The success of 'Y Factor 2007' led to many more acts coming forward resulting in several heats being staged in the run up to the grand final with the best acts from each heat being picked to go through and compete for cash prizes.

Over the course of the heats the audience were entertained by a fantastic variety of acts performed by learners from across all curriculum areas. The acts included solo singers, a violinist, dancers, a comedian, a band and even a breakdancer!

For the final, it was standing room only as a 200 strong audience filled the hall creating an electric atmosphere as they cheered on their favourite acts in their bid to win the cash prize and become a star for the day. 'The Computer Club', a rock band from the First Diploma in Music course, had the challenging task of being the first finalists on stage followed by John Hampshire (Lecturer in Plumbing) who was the first ever member of staff to compete in the event. His rendition of the Frank Sinatra classic 'I did it my way' earned him a standing ovation from his learners and gave the other acts the confidence to go out there and perform, with one of the judges commenting "he has a voice like chocolate spread - all warm and smooth". John also completed a duet with a colleague who played 'If tomorrow never comes' on the Saxophone.

All acts put on their best performances for the audience and worked really hard in the run-up to the final with props, lighting, music and costumes.

To add to the atmosphere both the final and the heats were compered by two learners from the National Diploma in Acting course,

Ross Mortimer and Craig Harvey, who were very comical and confident in their roles.

A panel of judges, similar to that on the 'X Factor', selected the finalists from each heat, together with the final winner. This year's panel consisted of fellow learners, members of staff and even members of the College's Senior Management Team. The judges had to give an individual score to each act with the scores being tallied up at the end for the overall winner to be announced.

The judge's unanimous decision was made and the winning performance at the final was from Judith Hodgkinson who played a classical piece of music on the violin.

On winning the final Judith, a beauty therapy student, commented, "I have been playing the violin for approximately twelve years now. My friends all convinced me to enter the competition as they thought I play well and had confidence in me. I was really surprised I won the competition, as everyone was really good. I'm not sure what I am going to spend the money on - I still can't believe I won."



Judith Hodgkinson, 'Y Factor' talent show winner with her violin.

AILSAS GETS GOLD

North Lindsey College sports learner crowned a world champion in Karate.

Ailsa won a gold and also a bronze medal at the AMA International World Championships, a competition fighting challengers from all over the world. Medals were also claimed by the teenager in the teams section and the 16/17 year old age group in a competition containing 18 different nationalities and 550 fighters.

Aged only 17, she has future plans for University after leaving College but continues to reach new heights in her passion for martial arts. As a minimum Ailsa trains twice a week and travels between two clubs, one based in Bury and also her main training base in Grimsby.

Ailsa finds time in her busy schedule to train when she isn't studying on the BTEC National Sports Diploma, working at McDonalds or even playing football for Bottesford ladies. After receiving the award for 'Top Female Achiever of the Year', at the Scunthorpe Leisure

Awards, Ailsa's success continues to grow.

Her mother Karen is her number one supporter and believes Ailsa's success is down to her hard work. Karen commented, "She has trained really hard since the age of six, up to four times a week, which is a lot. It's what she does, she has been doing it for so long I don't think she will ever give up. She will always do it in one form or another."

Ailsa has sustained various injuries throughout her bid to be the best including a broken nose obtained last year when fighting in the Amateur Martial Arts competition. Ailsa has also suffered problems with her knees which she has now overcome with specialist advice.

The AMA national squad member heads off to Sweden to compete in the World Championships in June and continues to seek sponsorship to help her career progress and develop in future competitions abroad.

A HEALTHY INVESTMENT!

The Kingsway Fitness Suite invests thousands of pounds on new gym equipment as a healthy start to the academic year for 2008/09.

Fifteen brand new Matrix resistance machines have been delivered to the fitness suite, on site at North Lindsey College, as part of the revamp for both learners and customers.

The Fitness Suite is used as a training facility for learners on sport courses at the College as well as offering a full programme of activities to members of the general public who join the gym. The brand new machines combine to make a full workout strategy for all the major muscles in the body and include: a shoulder press, peck deck, chest press, hip abductors, lat pull down, assisted chin/dip machine, abdominal curl, back extension, leg extension, and seated leg curl plus many more. The contemporary design and modern feel of the fitness suite make it a motivational environment for a positive workout.

Fitness testing is also a main attraction at the gym with members being encouraged to take advantage of an initial assessment upon joining. The fitness test enables a trained instructor to write a program specifically to meet the needs and goals of each individual member including event training, rehabilitation, pre-season training or just general health and fitness.

The fitness suite also offers a wide range of popular classes including Body Conditioning, Circuit training, Aerobiking, Step Aerobics, Boxercise and Pilates.

Craig Burton (gym member) commented, "As a new member of Kingsway Fitness Suite, I would just like to comment on how friendly, professional and attentive all members of staff are to new and existing customers of the gym. The gym has a wide range of cardiovascular machines, along with assisted weight machines and even a free weights room, so even on the busiest of days you are able to find some piece of equipment to start your exercise regime, but even if you don't fancy any of that try splitting the regime by adding one of the many classes which are on offer."



The new gym facilities available at the Kingsway Fitness Centre at North Lindsey College

PUPILS IN CHALLENGE PURSUIT

North Lincolnshire Schools Engineering Challenge hails a new winner for 2008!

The event is held annually for schools in the area in conjunction with Humber Education Business Partnership. The challenge took place in the John White Skills Centre at North Lindsey College, which has recently been presented with the Beacon Award for College/School Partnerships.

This year the challenge was as stretching as ever, as year nine pupils from ten local schools competed for the title and trophy involving the youngsters in having to build a manufacturing process to clean and dispose of some hazardous waste. The teams consisted of six members with each group being given set materials, which included wood, cardboard, pieces of string, plastic, electric motors and glue, which they could use to build their design.

Sponsors of the event included Corus who provided engineering expertise to assist the teams and act as judges. Other agencies involved were the local Territorial Army, RAF, North Lincolnshire Council, Scunthorpe Society of Model Engineers and Moulded Foams. The judges monitored the competitors throughout the event, timing the process over the six hours and paying specific attention to detail, fastest timing, efficiency and the presentation involved. All the judges commented that the standards

have been exceptionally high this year.

High Ridge Comprehensive School was the overall winner snatching the title from 2007 winners Winterton Comprehensive who came a close second. Third place was Baysgarth School, and closely followed by North Axholme Comprehensive in fourth position.

Hannah Morton (aged 14), from the High Ridge winning team, commented "It was a whole new experience and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The challenge really worked our creativity, imagination and teamwork skills."



Year 9 school pupils from High Ridge Comprehensive, hard at work with their winning design

STUDENT CHEF OF THE YEAR

North Lindsey College learner Carolyn Dennis is crowned College Chef of the Year!

The competition is an exciting annual event held at the College which is open for all catering learners. The event is sponsored by the Scunthorpe Pentagon Rotary Club and GWS Engineers who provided cash prizes for the winner and the runners up.

Ready, Steady, Cook was the concept of the competition. Entrants initially had to apply for a place in the main competition in writing, showing their academic skills before getting into the practical, pressurised environment of the kitchen. The finalists had to prepare and cook two courses within two hours using the main ingredients required consisting of salmon, prawns, leeks, potatoes and two items of the learners personal selected choice.

After the timescale was up, the two external judges were invited to make their gruelling final decisions and select the winner for the 2008 competition. Piero Catalano (owner of San Pietro Restaurant) supported the event as one of the judges (who is a substantial influence to the learners) and also Lynn Mann (former lecturer at North Lindsey College). The judging was based on use of ingredients, taste, presentation, Health and Safety, hygiene, attention to detail and originality of the dish. Judges independently chose their favourite dish, unanimously coming to the same conclusion!

Carolyn, the selected winner, who is currently studying on the BNC Hospitality and Supervisory Course, decided to cook salmon fillets wrapped in leeks with a potato rosti accompanied with a white wine, prawn and parsley sauce as a main dish. For dessert

Carolyn made a chocolate mousse with an apple sauce. Carolyn received for her winning achievements £75.00 in cash and the annual trophy. All five finalists received a gift from Russums Catering Suppliers and a certificate.

Piero Catalano, San Pietro Restaurant owner commented, "Carolyn produced a very nice dish. I was happy with the way she had cooked it but needs to pay a little more attention to presentation. Carolyn was a very relaxed and confident young chef."

Carolyn Dennis (aged 21) winner of the competition commented, "I can't believe I won, there was lots of different dishes being cooked but my main concern was getting my dish correct – not winning! Even though I have won the competition I am always looking for ways to improve whether I am cooking at home or at College. Having Piero judging was great as San Pietro restaurant has a fantastic reputation."



Left to Right: Piero Catalano (San Pietro Restaurant owner), Carolyn Dennis (College Chef of the Year winner) and Lynn Mann (former College Lecturer).

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