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## WHAT'S ON

### Advice & Enrolment

Wednesday 3rd June 2009, Main Hall, 3.30pm – 7.00pm

### Fresher's Parents Evening

Monday 8th June 2009, Main Hall – 6.00pm  
School of Health, Beauty & Care

### Fresher's Parents Evening

Tuesday 9th June 2009, Main Hall – 6.00pm  
School of Arts, Sport & Hospitality

### Advice & Enrolment

Saturday 13th June 2009, Main Hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm

### Fresher's Parents Evening

School of Construction & School of Life & Development Skills  
Monday 15th June 2009, Main Hall, 6.00pm

### Fresher's Parents Evening

Tuesday 16th June 2009, Main Hall, 6.00pm  
School of Engineering

### Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 17th June 2009, Main Hall

### Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 23rd June 2009, Main Hall

### Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 24th June 2009, Main Hall

### Advice & Enrolment

Friday 21st August 2009, Main Hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm

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## LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

**Two pupils from Scunthorpe check their passports after winning the trip of a lifetime to Los Angeles.**

Jonah Kennedy (14) from Frederick Gough Comprehensive School and his project partner Emma Maslin (14) from St Bede's RC Comprehensive, were announced by North Lindsey College Principal, Professor Roger Bennett, as the winners of the 1st Trans-Atlantic Global Awareness Project to be run in North Lincolnshire during a video conference call to the States.

Launched last September, the two pupils from Scunthorpe have been working alongside students from Early College High School and Coastline Community College, California to come up with a solution to one of the greatest environmental threats of our time – global climate change.

Each of the competing groups dedicated hours of their free time to researching the issues surrounding climate change, producing websites and creating an art project to highlight the issues. Promoted as an advocacy project, the pupils each worked to

increase awareness of environmental issues within their local communities, with some of the findings from the work undertaken already being adopted by their schools to lessen their environmental impact.

Developed by North Lindsey College, in partnership with Coastline Community College, California, this is thought to be the first competition of its kind in the UK and is now planned to become an annual event enabling a different group of young people to tackle a pressing environmental issue and visit the States each year, and also giving students from the USA the opportunity to visit England.

Whilst the winners will be looking forward to an action packed week in the glorious LA sunshine that could see them practising their surfing skills and absorbing the LA culture, runners up each received a trophy and cheque for their participation in the project. All sites produced by the groups will remain active allowing anyone interested in the project or climate change issues in general to take a look and learn more about the issues facing the environment.



All of the UK competition entrants with North Lindsey College Principal Professor Roger Bennett. Left to right: Scott Fisher, Jaimie Marshall (seated), Rhiannon Haber, Jonah Kennedy (winner), Professor Roger Bennett, Emma Maslin (winner), Sam Pavlovskis, Eleanor Johnson (seated), Hannah Walker



Plumbing Apprentice Brad Thomas competing for the title of Apprentice Plumber of the Year.

## APPRENTICE PLUMBER OF THE YEAR!

North Lindsey College plumbing hopeful shows he has a plumb career ahead of him after just missing out on a place in the Apprentice Plumber of the Year grand final.

Brad Thomas, aged 19, was put forward to compete for the sought after title of Apprentice Plumber of the Year by his course tutor John Hampshire who recognised his potential within weeks of him starting his Apprenticeship at the College.

Attending the North West heat held at Oldham College, Brad competed against nine other young plumbers as they were tasked with piping up a combi jig to a radiator based on a project drawing supplied on the day. Given just four hours to complete the task the independent judges were clearly impressed with the standard of workmanship they witnessed throughout the competition.

John Hampshire (Plumbing tutor at North Lindsey College) commented: "We're disappointed that Brad hasn't made it through to the final but the standard of his work was outstanding. On the day Brad was competing against Level 3 learners who have been learning the trade for over three years whilst Brad has had just six months at College. For Brad to be competing at this level already clearly demonstrates the natural ability that he has."

In addition to being mentored in the run up to the competition, Brad also benefited from the extensive facilities now available for learners at the College in the newly opened Global House. The new facilities enable learners to pick up the trade in a first class environment which prepares them for work in the plumbing and heating industry.

Designed to reward the best performing young plumbers in the UK and to encourage skill development in the plumbing sector, the competition is sponsored by Plumbfix in association with the Chartered Institute of Plumbing, Heating and Engineering (CIPHE). The competition is designed to test apprentices on core practical elements of their course whilst encouraging excellence across the plumbing and heating engineering industries.

## PROGRESSING HIGHER

This year sees North Lindsey College boast its highest ever University application figures.

Year on year the number of applications sent to higher education institutions from North Lindsey College continues to grow significantly as learners clearly have progression in mind.

Last year the College dealt with a total of 123 applications and continuous improvements saw 2009 applications better than that figure.

The official deadline for applications is January 15th which ensures applications are received by learners' first choice of University, but the actual cut off point for applications is not until 30th June 2009. Last year saw final year learners from the College progress onto Universities all over the country including Loughborough, Lincoln, Hull, Manchester, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Leeds, North Lindsey College's own Higher Education Centre plus many more.



Charlotte Burton working on her UCAS application

## EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS

North Lindsey College Principal crosses the Atlantic in his commitment to raising the standard of education for students right across the globe.

The vision of North Lindsey College Principal, Professor Roger Bennett, to see students from across the world benefiting from best practice education models developed by North Lindsey College, has seen Professor Bennett, accompanied by the College's Assistant Principal, Janice Keilthy, present five papers at the 89th Annual American Association of Community Colleges Convention which took place in Phoenix, Arizona earlier this month.

Taking on an ambassadorial role, Professor Bennett championed not only the outstanding work being undertaken by North Lindsey College but also the efforts of institutions throughout the UK's further education sector to raising standards and achievements, securing the UK's position as one of the forerunners in the provision of quality post-16 education.

Professor Bennett commented: "Presenting at the convention represents a great honour for both the College and the UK education sector as a whole as best practice models developed in the UK are being disseminated to a worldwide audience". The biggest FE conference of its kind, the convention attracted over 2,500 delegates from colleges across the United States and a further 500 education professionals from colleges throughout the world. The event gave North Lindsey College a truly global platform on which to share good practice and to build on the College's existing status as a world-class institution, as peer referenced at the 2008 World Congress held in New York last February.

UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, is the national service used to process all applications received from students across the country and to aid learners with their applications. North Lindsey College has a dedicated Aimhigher Co-ordinator. Ann Taylor, the Aimhigher Co-ordinator specialises in assisting learners with filling out their applications, making decisions about funding and loans and is generally on hand to support learners with any concerns about the process or aspects of University life.

Many degree level courses take place in universities, but plenty are also taught at higher education colleges such as North Lindsey Higher Education Centre which boasted 836 enrolments in 2007/08, with predictions of surpassing this enrolment figure for 2008/09. Choices of which university to study at are personal to each applicant but an increase in applications to the North Lindsey Centre of Higher Education can be attributed to many factors including less debt, lower fees, less travelling and the opportunity to fit education around employment and family commitments.

There are a variety of Higher Education courses available at the Kingsway campus which is constantly increasing to meet demand as well as thousands of pounds recently being invested into the facilities. This year saw the opening of Global House and last year the opening of the Dransfield Building, each with dedicated higher education facilities. The commitment to the development of higher education in Scunthorpe is set to benefit not only local learners but also the local economy.

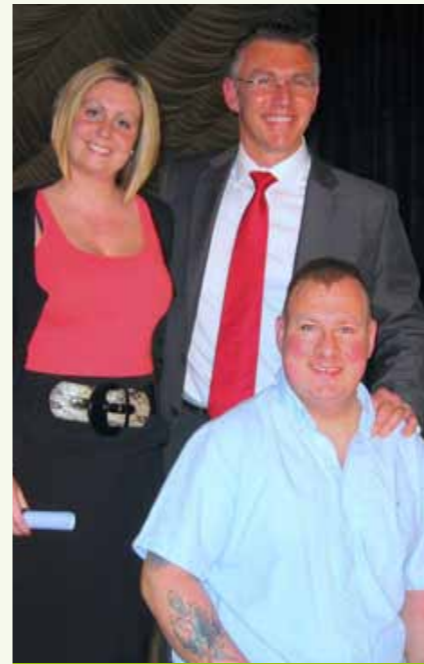
Widely acknowledged throughout the UK as being a leader in its field, with particular reference to the 14-16 Skills Centre and the Kingsway Consulting arm of the business, North Lindsey College used the event to spread this reputation for excellence and to highlight the good practice that is evident throughout the whole of the UK's FE Sector.

Of the five papers presented, two papers were presented jointly, one with Mid-Plains Community College, Nebraska and the other with Coastline Community College, Los Angeles, following on from the close links that the College has made with these two institutions through both management and learner exchanges over the past 18 months.

On returning from the conference, Professor Bennett commented: "This was an excellent trip. We focused best practice and clearly led the way on a number of important business and curriculum initiatives."



Professor Roger Bennett (Principal) with Janice Keilthy (Assistant Principal)



Kate Barker (North Lindsey College Sports lecturer), Nigel Adkins (Scunthorpe United Football Club Manager) and Alan Rayment (Kingsway Fitness Suite Duty Officer).

## COLLEGE STAFF REAP REWARDS

The achievements of two staff from North Lindsey College were recognised at a recent North Lincolnshire Council awards ceremony for people who have made an outstanding contribution to their community.

The Leisure and Culture Awards for 2009 were staged at Ancholme Leisure Centre with a full night of celebrations and acknowledgement of the contributions made by local people.

Alan Rayment, Fitness Suite Duty Officer at North Lindsey College, was nominated for his hard work and efforts by Paul Cavill from Lincsquad. Alan scooped the award for 'Top Disabled Sports Achiever 2009' at the glittering ceremony and was presented with his award by guest speaker and Scunthorpe United Manager, Nigel Adkins.

Alan was nominated for his efforts when he cycled the marathon trek from Lands End to John O'Groats. The mammoth journey which Alan undertook lasted 17 days and raised over £3,500 for his favoured charity.

Nigel Adkins commented, "Alan has gone to the ends of the earth to receive this award."

Alan Rayment commented, "It is great to be nominated for an award, it shows people are taking an interest in what you are doing. This is the first award I have won, it motivates you on a bit more, I would like to think I am making a difference and motivating others along my path."

Kate Barker, (North Lindsey College Sports Lecturer) just missed out on first place for 'Sports Coach of the Year Award' but was pleased with the recognition. Kate was nominated by her Head of School at North Lindsey College and was delighted with the support and encouragement she had received from her senior staff members.

## TEENS WITH TALENTS

Talented students at North Lindsey College took to the stage and pulled off some exhilarating performances as part of the Y-Factor Grand Final 2009.

Learners battled it out in the Y-Factor heats trying to secure one of the much sought after places in the grand final. A total of six acts were successful in making it through to the final with one lucky act being crowned Y-Factor Winner 2009 and receiving a cash prize for their show stopping performance.

Now in its third year, the event's popularity and the support given to the young wannabe's by their fellow learners continues to increase year-on-year. The competition is open to all learners, regardless of their programme of study, and runs on a similar format to the popular X-Factor television series.

This year saw an eclectic mix of teenagers singing, rapping and dancing to a varied spectrum of songs. The main host, Lloyd Parker (aged 19), really found his niche confidently presenting the show to a packed hall. Currently studying on the ND in Acting course, his new role as compere was right up his street.

All acts put on their best performances for the audience with the hard work they'd put in in the run-up to the final with props, lighting music and costumes being evident. As with the heats, a mixed panel of independent judges made up of both learners and staff were in place ready to provide positive comments and constructive criticism on the



Makebeb Mahachi and Chido Kututwa who won the Y-Factor talent show 2009 at North Lindsey College

uplifting performances. The judges commented after each performance and once all acts had taken to the stage they revealed the top three acts in reverse order.

First place winners were revealed as the fantastic duet, Makebeb Mahachi and Chido Kututwa. The young construction and engineering learners raised the roof with their cool rap and street dancing combo and totally charmed the audience with the surprise support from their friends who gave the spectators a treat showing off their skills in street and break dancing.

Learners benefit from the competition as it raises their confidence levels whilst proving College life is about learning but also having fun.



All the talent show finalists

## PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

North Lindsey College proved that people really are its most important resource with the publication of its latest Investors in People Review Report.

With over 600 employees, North Lindsey College is one of the areas biggest employers and is proud of its reputation as an 'employer of choice' within North Lincolnshire.

Previously reviewed in November 2005, the College has invested considerable resources into developing its people in order to retain the prestigious Investors in People (IIP) Standard. Developed in 1990, the IIP Standard provides a national framework for the training and development of staff, aimed at advancing the performance of the organisation through its people.

Within the report some of the College's key strengths were highlighted as, the empowerment of employees, the strong team-working ethos

and the commitment to staff's learning and development within the College. In addition, the College was said to demonstrate best practice in its leadership and management approaches and the way in which it rewards and recognises employees and their contribution to the organisation.



Professor Roger Bennett (Principal) holding the IIP Certificate of Recognition.

# ENSURING THE CUSTOMER IS KING

**North Lindsey College confirms its reputation for outstanding customer service by becoming only the second college in the region, and one of only a handful of colleges nationally, to be awarded the prestigious Customer Service Excellence Award.**

The standard replaces the old Charter Mark which the College had previously held for many years but has been made more challenging through the inclusion of key indicators such as culture and ethos and a strong customer focus.

As part of the rigorous assessment process staff throughout the College had to demonstrate their compliance against strict criteria in each of the following areas: customer insight; the culture of the organisation; information and access; delivery; and the timeliness and quality of the service provided.

The cabinet office states that the overarching aim of the CSE is to encourage, enable and reward organisations that are delivering services based on a genuine understanding of the needs and preferences of their customers and communities. Widely regarded as a measure of outstanding customer service, the awarding of the standard not only reflects the College's overall commitment to meeting the criteria but is also an acknowledgement of the effort of everyone who works at North Lindsey College.

Findings highlighted that learners at the College benefit from excellent overall service levels that include the delivery of impartial information, advice and guidance, access to a wide range of information about EMAs, bus services, financial support, counselling and much, much more.

The report stated: "The culture of the College is one of putting the needs of the learners first. There is a friendly atmosphere within the College and those learners spoken to confirm that the staff are all very approachable and friendly.

"The College has excellent leadership and an enthusiastic staff working together to provide the best possible education for the learners. Parents and partners are fully involved and the information provided is of a high quality."



Professor Roger Bennett with the Customer Service Excellence Award

**NEXT ISSUE: SEPTEMBER**

# STUDENT CHEF OF THE YEAR

**European Restaurant of the Year 'San Pietro', supports Chef of the Year competition at North Lindsey College.**

The competition is an exciting annually held event open to all catering learners at the College giving them the opportunity to show off their talents and cooking abilities in a bid to win the first prize of £75 and the winner's trophy.

The heat was on in the kitchen with learners really starting to feel the pressure with the arrival one of the judges, Piero Catalano, who made his entrance observing and tasting the dishes of the aspiring chefs who were keen to impress and pick up tips from the best.

Ready, Steady, Cook is the concept on which the competition is based with entrants initially having 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 just two hours to prepare and cook a two course meal for a panel of judges using all the ingredients stated which included; pork tenderloin, smoked bacon, leeks, potatoes, pears and two additional items of the learners personal choice.

Four external judges were invited to make their grueling final decisions and select the winner for

the 2009 competition. The event is sponsored by the Scunthorpe Pentagon Rotary Club and Peebles and Wayte Ophthalmic Opticians as well as being supported by other local businesses. The judges comprised of Piero Catalano (proprietor of San Pietro Restaurant), Lesley Nowell (proprietor of the Wortley House Hotel), Chris Dyson (Pentagon Rotary Club) and also Lynn Mann (former lecturer at North Lindsey College). Judging was based on use of the ingredients, taste, presentation, adherence to health, safety and hygiene standards, attention to detail and originality of the dish.

The judges spent time deliberating over each of the dishes before eventually making their final decision. Lesley Nowell (Wortley House Hotel Proprietor) commented, "The competition has been great with high quality and high standards involved. I did some of my training here when I left school and the facilities are really good."

All finalists received a gift supplied by Russoms Catering Suppliers with the title of North Lindsey College Student Chef of the Year 2009 going to Catherine Kane-Harry (37). Catherine is currently studying on the National Award in Hospitality and decided to cook a main dish of stuffed pork tenderloin with dauphinoise potatoes and as a desert pear tatin with a caramel sauce.



The judges tucking into Catherine's delightful dish. Left to Right: Chris Dyson (Pentagon Rotary Club), Lynn Mann (former College Lecturer), Catherine Kane-Harry (Student Chef of the Year winner), Lesley Nowell (Wortley House Hotel Proprietor) and Piero Catalano (San Pietro Restaurant Proprietor).

# ENGINEERING THE FUTURE

**Young minds were put into overdrive as nearly eighty pupils from 13 local secondary schools competed for the sought after title of Engineering Challenge Winners 2009 at North Lindsey College.**

Now in its 11th year, pupils were set the demanding task of designing and building a waste reception hopper, remotely controlled vehicle and conveyor belt system to transfer contaminated waste between two points – a challenging task for even the keenest engineer.

Despite being three team members down Winterton Comprehensive was the overall winner snatching the title from 2008 winners St Lawrence Academy. Brumby came a close second whilst third place went to Huntcliff School.

Given just four hours and a basket of materials including string, wood, electric motors, switches, adhesive, cardboard and wire, the teams worked in groups of six and were able to draw on the engineering expertise of representatives from external agencies including the TA, RAF, Humber EBP, Centrica, Balfour Beatty plus many more, who had given up their time to attend the event.

Judges monitored the competitors throughout the day assessing the way in which each of the groups was working towards the challenge set. In

addition to completing the task the groups were also required to produce a display showing their thought processes, initial ideas and final design as well as two members of the group being required to give a short verbal presentation to the judges.

The judges commented that the standards were exceptionally high and the presentations were absolutely brilliant, especially given that this year's task had been made harder and even more challenging than previous years.



The Winning team from Winterton comprehensive with Paul Townsley (back left) North Lindsey College Director of Technology and Skills and Stuart Bontoft from Corus who helped at the event (back right).

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