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## WHAT'S ON

### Open Evening

Thursday 8th October 2009  
5.00pm – 8.00pm

### Advice & Enrolment

Saturday 9th January 2010  
Main Hall, 10.00am – 1.00pm

### Open Evening

Wednesday 13th January 2010  
4.00pm – 7.30pm

### Careers & Higher Education Fair

Tuesday 16th March 2010  
Main Hall, 10.00am – 2.00pm

### Higher Education Student Funding Information Evening

Tuesday 16th March 2010  
Main Hall, 6.00pm

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# NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE BOASTS £1.5 MILLION DEVELOPMENT!

**North Lindsey College Principal Professor Roger Bennett cut the turf allowing construction to commence for a new building at the Kingsway site.**

Despite recent funding problems reported by other Colleges, North Lindsey College is using its own funds to finance the whole development which will house 300 learners.

The new build at the Kingsway site is located behind Global House, which was only acquired last year, extending its Higher Education Centre and the construction department. The new build will house foundation studies, a success centre for learners requiring additional learning support and the painting and decorating department.

Professor Roger Bennett (North Lindsey College Principal) commented, "Since coming here in 2001, I have sought to constantly

develop the campus and improve the infrastructure, within financial parameters.

"In troubled times in the sector, you have this College still being able to drive its accommodation plans forward. In a recession, in a difficult and challenging time, driving plans forward is a significant achievement for the College. The wholesale winner of this is the community that we are here to support."

The latest investment follows the work just completed on a £65,000 extension to the animal care building as well as doubling the size of the Lindsey Suite which is used for meetings and teaching.

Professor Bennett also disclosed information to transform the front of the building stating, "We are now thinking of putting up a big atrium at the front of the main building which will house our reception area."



Professor Roger Bennett cuts the turf to start the construction of the new £1.5 million development.



The 14-16 Skills Centre Manager Nigel Longstaff, demonstrating how to make a tetrahedron.

## PRIMARY PUPILS GET SCIENTIFIC!

**North Lindsey College teamed up with three local primary schools for the third year running to offer a fantastic day based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical activities (STEM).**

Hosted by North Lindsey College's award winning 14-16 John White Skills Centre, over seventy school children took part in the action packed day.

The three schools involved were Henderson Avenue, St Norbert's and Winteringham Primary School. A hands-on itinerary was specially developed for the pupils, carefully crafted for maximum fun and discovery whilst also developing key skills.

The visit enabled each pupil to take part in five set tasks aimed at encouraging them to think creatively about science and engineering as well as experiencing the College environment and working with pupils from other schools. The tasks included building a giant tetrahedron with the 14-16 Centre Skills Manager Nigel Longstaff, whilst Corus explained how hovercrafts work and helped the pupils to make their own, Study United got creative making wind turbines, the Institute of Civil Engineering (ICE) made bridges out of craft paper and Science Matters got gooey making slime!

Continued support for the event by local organisations including Study United, ICE, North Lincolnshire Local Authority, Corus, Science Matters, and Humber EBP made providing the STEM day tasks possible.



Chloe Fisher (10), Liam Tyson-Plumb (10) and Brandon Madine (10) from Henderson Avenue Primary School having fun with their slime creations.

## THE GUILD OF BRICKLAYERS FINDS A NEW PRESIDENT IN SCUNTHORPE

**The construction industry in Scunthorpe has been given a boost with the new president of the Guild of Bricklayers residing in North Lincolnshire.**

**Julian Walden (North Lindsey College, Curriculum Area Manager for Construction) was sworn in as President of the Guild of Bricklayers at the Annual General Meeting.**

After dedicating nearly thirty years to the Construction industry, Julian started his career in 1979 when he came to North Lindsey College as a school leaver to embark on the link course. Julian progressed in the profession and gained an apprenticeship in 1981 with Babcock-Woodall-Duckham. Julian continued to advance his career returning to the College and taking on the role of curriculum manager for construction where he shares his skills and vocational knowledge with staff and students whilst also grasping his new responsibility as President for the Guild of Bricklayers.

Julian was presented with Presidency of the Guild at the Annual General meeting held at the Kingsway Centre in Scunthorpe. The prestigious role will require Julian to open the next national conference, to represent the Guild of Bricklayers nationally at meetings and social

functions, to present prizes at competitions, to be chair of the trustees of the charity and to chair all meetings held by the Guild this year.

Founded in 1932, the Guild of Bricklayers aims to promote and maintain the highest standards of craftsmanship in brickwork. Through the hosting of an annual conference, practicing bricklayers are encouraged to attend to be brought up to date with developments within the industry impacting upon the education of our future generation of bricklayers.



Left to Right: Steve Barlow the previous President congratulating Julian Walden, the New President for the Guild of Bricklayers.

## CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SUCCESS!

**North Lindsey College celebrated learner achievements for national VQ Day with its annual series of award ceremonies.**

2009 marked the second annual celebration of vocational achievement by colleges across the country with over 3 million people nationwide gaining a vocational qualification in the past year bringing huge benefits to their local communities and the wider economy.

In Scunthorpe, over 500 learners accompanied by friends, parents and guardians attended the College over three evenings to pick up special awards and celebrate completing their vocational qualifications (VQs).

North Lindsey College Principal, Professor Roger

Bennett commented: "We are extremely proud of our learners and their achievements. It is fantastic to see so many people gathered at these award ceremonies to formally recognise their success. The College applauds the achievements of our learners, the commitment they have made to their studies and the encouragement given to them by their family, friends and college staff in achieving their qualification. These young people now have a wonderful opportunity to use their success in whichever direction they choose to travel."

VQ Day is being led by independent education foundation Edge and aims to recognise the success of these millions of vocational learners. This year celebrations at North Lindsey College represent part of what is the biggest ever celebration of vocational achievement in the UK.



Emma Maslin (15) and Jonah Kennedy (15) from St. Bede's School with students from Early College High School, California, Donovan Farmer (17), Kayla Donohue (17) and Ramon Calderon (17) celebrating their win.



Childcare learners Vicky Walker, Chloe Theakston and Abigail Seymour take a rest at the Lincoln Children's Museum, USA.

## STUDENTS TAKE ON AN AMERICAN ADVENTURE

**Thirteen lucky learners from North Lindsey College had a study trip to remember - a week in Nebraska and California!**

The students embraced the College trip of a lifetime which gave them an exciting opportunity to experience learning the American way as they exchanged their usual College environment for the sunny climes of America.

Three learners from Childcare and three learners from Health and Social Care got the opportunity to develop their skills across the globe with an intense but successful trip to Nebraska.

The following week seven business students flew out to the much sunnier California with a visit to Coastline Community College based in Los Angeles. Temperatures reached a record high of 102F whilst the group took time out visiting Disneyland and the California Adventure. Other excursions saw the group really get down to business when they visited two of Coastline College's sites and have lunch with College President, Ding-Jo Currie before visiting the IT department, to be shown the latest developments for student interaction.

The action packed week also included the students visiting Coastline's Job Fair. With 2000 people in attendance, the learners were given the project of handing out their CV's to various companies to see how they would fare if they were seeking employment in the USA!

The College has now completed four exchanges to America, giving learners the opportunity of a lifetime with the intention of sending out students from different curriculum areas to learn more about their chosen future careers across the globe.

## REWARDING ENTERPRISE

**North Lindsey College scooped two accolades at the 2009 Regional Young Enterprise Yorkshire & Humber Awards held at Leeds United Football Club.**

The regional awards are held to recognise the hard work of students, staff and volunteers involved in the Young Enterprise (YE) programme. Over 200 people travelled from all over the region to gather for the awards with Shaun Harvey, Chief Executive of Leeds United FC, opening the evening by sharing his early business experiences.

Nominated by Barbara Cullen, Curriculum Area Manager for Foundation Studies and E2E, Ellie Doughty (21) was presented with the Sir John Moores' Award which is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding progress in learning, personal development and acquisition of skills.

Barbara Cullen herself was later presented with one of only three Gold Awards to be presented for the whole of the Yorkshire and Humber region. These awards are given by Young Enterprise to volunteers who have committed significant time and energy in support of the organisation. In many cases their contribution has been classed as being outstanding. Barbara has been with the College for seven years but has been involved



Ellie Doughty, winner of the Sir John Moores Award.

with Young Enterprise for more than 15 years.

Her role with YE at the College is as link teacher for the Team Programme which sees students with a range of learning support requirements set up and run their own companies. Barbara commented: "I had no idea I was going to be presented with the award. I was gobsmacked." She continued: "I enjoy seeing the youngsters achieve and it does give them confidence. It is also a vehicle for us to formally show their capabilities and achievements."

The Young Enterprise mission is to "inspire and equip young people to learn and succeed through enterprise" and each year learners from across the country continue to benefit from the programme.

## SWEENEY TODD SUCCESS

**The demon barber of Fleet Street lived on through the performances of students at North Lindsey College.**

The pressure was on for forty artistic students to fulfil their dark and gloomy roles in an adaption of the terrifying tale of Sweeney Todd, the brutal barber. The students pulled in a fantastic audience at the Plowright Theatre filling over 200 seats with an exciting stage performance of acting, music and dance.

Sweeney Todd forms the basis of the performance but the budding students created their own music, choreography and scripts whilst giving the story a different twist with a display of contemporary original work.

The learners experienced the pressure of performing as the directors watched the show to make the



Learner James Fish as Sweeney Todd and Natalie Appleyard as Mrs Lovett.

decision whether future students are up to the challenge of pulling off an annual performance at the Plowright Theatre in Scunthorpe.

## UNIVERSITY AMBITIONS!

**An evening of celebration was enjoyed by students leaving North Lindsey College to further their education with a place at University.**

Aimhigher, in conjunction with the College, organised a special celebratory dinner at the Wortley Hotel in recognition of learners who had shown continued commitment to their studies, many of whom had had to overcome personal difficulties in order to complete their course. In total 112 learners enjoyed the evening from courses spanning all curriculum areas. Mary Wright, Chair of Aimhigher Humber, was the special guest for the evening.

This year has seen record numbers of College learners applying to universities across the country with learners also opting to stay at the Kingsway campus to study for their degree at the on-site University Centre. University applications from the College have risen year on year, with all learners progressing to higher education receiving continued support from Aimhigher throughout the transition period.

Most of the attendees at the dinner are the first in their families to continue their studies into Higher Education and progress onto University.



Clare McHale (North Lindsey College Lecturer) with Eve Marshall – Sterex Student of the Year Winner 2009.

## LOCAL STUDENT WINS NATIONAL BEAUTY COMPETITION!

North Lindsey College student Eve Marshall has a beautiful future ahead of her after being awarded the sought after title, 'Sterex Student of the Year 2009'.

Now in its twentieth year the competition is open to all beauty therapists studying at college or on apprenticeships within the UK. North Lindsey College has a long history of involvement with the national competition after reaching the regional finals on several occasions due to the high quality of its on-site beauty therapy salons, only once before though has a student from the College brought home the winner's trophy.

This year's winner, twenty year old Eve Marshall, has been studying Beauty Therapy at the College for two years and has most recently completed the NVQ Level 3 in Beauty Therapy. Eve was thrilled when she was selected to be entered for the competition and went on to compete against 100's of entrants from colleges across the UK for a place in the competition semi finals.

The final assessment held in Birmingham was judged by last years Sterex 2008 winner and Elaine Stoddart, Sterex Director of Training who announced North Lindsey College learner Eve Marshall as the winner. For winning the competition, Eve was presented with a trophy, £1,000 cash and the prestigious title of 'Sterex Student of the Year 2009'.

## KINGSWAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE WINS AGAIN!

Kingsway Children's Centre wins 'Nursery of the Year' award for the third time!

Staff, parents and children were proud to see the nursery based at North Lindsey College receive another accolade at the Annual Childcare Awards. Organised by North Lincolnshire Council and sponsored by Huggies, the ceremony is in celebration of the work and achievements of childcare providers in North Lincolnshire.

Now in its sixth year, Sandra Simmonds (Head of Community Services for Younger Children) commented, "The evening celebrates the high quality services our early year's provisions provide

for all children across North Lincolnshire."

A North Lindsey College learner also scooped the award for 'Childminder of the Year'. Amanda Batty who has been studying at the University Centre at North Lindsey College for a Foundation Degree in Early Years commented, "I have been a childminder for six years and I have never been nominated before, I am so pleased with the award as I love what I do."

The evening, held at The Wortley House Hotel in Scunthorpe, saw the presentation of seven trophies to various childcare establishments across North Lincolnshire.



Staff from the Kingsway Children's Centre receiving their award.

## VETERINARY VACATION

Aspiring student vet guarantees an interview at a top London University after spending a week at an acclaimed veterinary school.

Working with animals is the dream of twenty year old North Lindsey College Animal Management learner Tanya Taylor, and her dreams certainly came true when she scooped a week long placement at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London.

The Royal Veterinary College has a long history of running Summer and Easter schools which offer a limited number of places to further education students from across the country who are interested in pursuing a career working with animals giving them first hand experience of University life.

Tanya set her sights high at the College enrolling as a mature student after relocating from Lincoln to Scunthorpe. Proving her commitment and dedication to a career with animals, she now automatically secures herself an interview for a place at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London upon completing her College course next year.

Tanya, along with the 13 other lucky further education students, spent an action packed week at the College where they were treated as first year degree students. The students got to stay in the University halls and mix with future animal specialists. Tanya also had the opportunity to join in on lectures, visit the Students Union, learn about

veterinary surgery skills, visit a working farm, learn about nutrition, vaccinations and much, much more.

After visiting the Grant Museum of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy during the week, Tanya came to the conclusion that Bioveterinary Sciences is the career path for her. Tanya's next adventure on her route to a promising career working with animals includes work experience that she has secured for herself including a placement at the Deep in Hull during August, a placement at Snowdonia Zoo and she'll be crossing the globe in November for a work placement with a shark conservation organization in South Africa indulging her love of sea life.



Tanya Taylor with the College Parrot.

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