

March Edition



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Hello, and welcome to the first edition of **The Student Advisory Service Team News**, a monthly publication intended to keep you up to date with all the services and initiatives that we have to offer tutors and learners alike.

## SHOUT OUTS!

A big thankyou from all the Student Advisers to those learners who helped us achieve a fantastic grading during Management Observation Week before half-term (they were those sessions where somebody important sat scribbling notes at the back of the classroom, and we asked you not to swear!) You did us proud.

Well done also to those learners who worked feverishly to submit their UCAS forms before the deadline! It was touch and go, but with the combined efforts of the Team, and Julie Robinson in particular, we are pleased to announce that the college as a whole has submitted a total of 151 applications. A great achievement, and we just know your futures are going to be bright. We are crossing our fingers that you will all be accepted by the university of your choice.

And finally, to all those students who chose to take part in the Chlamydia screening across college recently, we would like to recognise their maturity in taking care of their sexual health. Over 750 tests were completed; a record for Coast, the service provider, and you should all be very pleased with yourselves. We are!

## WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Student Advisers are the main pastoral support service in college (within the Directorate of Business Support and under the authority of the Head of Learner Services). We are situated in room C7 (to the side of the Diner).

The team comprises:

**Rachel Gray, Learner Liaison and Support Officer**

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who manages the day-to-day activities of the team (specialism - CyberBullying)

**Julie Robinson, AimHigher and Enterprise Co-ordinator**

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advice, guidance and information for those students entering HE

And the **Student Advisers:**

**Angela Bray** e-mail: AB11

(specialism – Multi-Faith/Culturalism)

**Debs Thurston** e-mail: DT02

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**Tamsin Walker** e-mail: TW01

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**Ellen Stones-Ryan** e-mail: ES02

(specialism – Healthy Eating/Lifestyle)

We are also supported by **Pete Langford**, the Enrichment Co-ordinator.

## ENTERPRISE NEWS

The North Lindsey Young Enterprise Company this year is called 'Simply the Best.' They are aptly named as they are producing a brilliant range of booklets 'by students for students.' The first of these is a hilarious joke book, which you can buy for only 99p from room A169 on Wednesdays 1.30-3pm (alternatively, see Julie Robinson in room C7). Be the first to read the jokes that we're all going to be quoting in the coming weeks!

Want to be a part of it? Enterprise Club meets Wednesday lunchtime 1-2pm in room C7. It's an informal group that meets to discuss enterprising ideas, enter enterprising competitions (often with fantastic prizes and incentives!), or to research starting a business. We have a group interested in creating a college radio station at the moment, for example! Everyone welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

## It's Our Job:

- ✓ **to deliver the pastoral tutorial programme to full-time learners (in a weekly hour-long slot). This aims to give learners the advice and information they need to achieve on their course, make informed lifestyle decisions, and effect the next step to Higher Education or employment.**
- ✓ **to offer individual support to all learners (full/part-time and work-based) through twice yearly personal reviews, a drop-in service and/or internal/external referral.**
- ✓ **to organise cross college events and outside speakers.**

In a nutshell, we exist to take care of the emotional and physical health of the students in our care, and to keep them surviving and thriving in their time here at North Lindsey.

We want to be a pro-active, responsive service on all levels.

*Seen a great tv programme that you think students would benefit from seeing?*  
**Please tell us!**

*Have an idea for an activity in tutorials that will get students thinking?*  
**Let us know!**

*Aware of a volunteering opportunity that will enable students to be hands-on?*  
**We'll make it happen!**

Ideas, suggestions, comments and contributions, we want them, and we'll do our best to act on them (please e-mail them to Angela Bray in the first instance). **We meet as a team every Wednesday 10-11am, so get in touch if you have an issue that you'd like us to discuss.**

# DROP IN SERVICES

(No appointment necessary)

A look at what's going on this month:

## Student Advisory Service

**Mon–Fri 12-2pm (room C7)**

The who, what, why, when, how of any aspect of college or personal life – we can help

## Choices

**Mon 12-2pm & Thur 1-2pm (room A22)**

For all contraception needs, and general health advice

*RELOCATION OF THIS SERVICE TO ROOM C7 SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED*

## Connexions

**Tues 12-3pm (room C7)**

A one-to-one service for all Housing and Benefit enquiries

## Enterprise Club

**Wed 12-1pm (room C7)**

For all budding entrepreneurs – come and see if your money-making idea is a winner

## Coast

**1st Thur each month 12-2pm (room C7)**

Anonymous and confidential STI testing for Chlamydia

## Volunteers Bureau

**Fri 12-2pm (room C7)**

Come see the list of opportunities or set up your own

# AND FINALLY...

As you can see we've been a busy bunch. So far this year we've chaired a number of cross college events (Freshers Fair, Freshers Party, Christmas Fair, Christmas Party, Volunteers Fair, Valentines Party, Road Safety Partnership Talk, Multi-Cultural Fair, 'Too Fast Too Soon' theatre production, 'Y Factor,' ESOL Fire Station Tour and Demonstration, and Healthy Living Event). **Coming soon**, the creation of a forum to highlight the concerns of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transsexual, and Transgender learners (interested? Please contact Debs Thurston). Also, news about how you can become involved in **The Student Council** (nominations and elections soon to take place, please see Sam Taylor), and bring your conversations in the diner to the attention of the decision-makers. Lastly, will you be the **Learner or Group of the Month** as nominated by your Student Adviser? Watch this space!

It's all to come in future editions of  
**THE STUDENT ADVISORY SERVICE TEAM NEWS.**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**1st March**

## 'Make Your Mark With a Tenner' Enterprise Activity Launch

Think you've got what it takes to multiply a tenner into a profit for social good? Demonstrate your entrepreneurial talents in this competition (enter individually or as a team), where we'll give you the tenner, and you have one month to bring your ideas to life. Put on a fashion show, make something to sell, set up a sponsored event, there's no limit to what you can do. Lots of prizes and awards on offer. Maybe you'll be amongst the winners attending a top awards ceremony in London in May, with real investment to turn your idea into a fully fledged business venture! See Julie Robinson in C7 for all the details, but hurry, the tenners are already being snapped up.

**10th March**

## No Smoking Day Sponsored Walk

**Normanby Hall**

We have a limited number of spaces available for those students wishing to join this activity on a first come, first served basis. (A fun opportunity to beef up your Enrichment hours!) Each participant will receive a t-shirt which they are free to customise to reflect the 'No Smoking' message (prizes for those judged best). Bus will depart college 9.15am, returning at approximately 11.30am.

**16th March**

## Careers Fair

**10-2pm – Beacon Centre Lounge/Room BC19a**

A great opportunity for all learners to get an insight into their options after graduating from North Lindsey College. Come and talk in person to representatives from local employers in Scunthorpe and the surrounding areas, training providers, the uniformed services, a variety of universities, and several advice and guidance agencies. A must attend event to put you on the path to the future that's right for you.

**16th March**

## HE Student Funding Information Evening

**6pm – Kingsway**

Applied to go to university this September, but not sure what funding is available, and how to go about applying for it? Then this evening is for you! A representative from AimHigher will be in attendance to explain your options and for one-to-one consultations on the night. Also take away an information pack that will tell you everything you need to know to get the ball rolling. You should already have received a letter; please return the slip to the Student Advisers in room C7 to let us know you're coming. (If you can't make it, please see your Student Adviser for an information pack).

**30th April**

## 'In the Can' – A Film Competition for Young People

**closing date for entries !!**

Fancy yourself as the next Quentin Tarantino? A competition with a first prize of £1000 has been launched in association with The Highways Agency challenging you to make your own road safety film, either as an individual or as a group with friends. If it's really good, they'll either use them as they are, or have them re-made professionally. The best entry from each region will go forward to the national final, with the eventual winner decided by public vote on the 'In the Can' website, MySpace, Facebook and YouTube. They'll be looking more at the quality of the road safety message than the quality of the film making, so don't be put off giving it a try! You can view the entries so far by visiting 'In the Can' on Facebook, or 'In the Can' on YouTube. See your Student Adviser if you intend submitting an entry and good luck!

**Ongoing (running 26th January – 11th June)**

## 6 Book Challenge 2010

Do you sometimes struggle with reading, or would like to read more but are not sure what books you might like? Then let your Student Adviser help! In association with The Reading Agency, this challenge rewards you for each of six books you read, from a free McDonalds McFlurry, to £3 to spend on lunch in the Diner. There's a fantastic selection of books to choose from for all tastes and levels of ability, or why not make a suggestion of your own? Once you've read all six books, you'll be awarded a certificate from the Reading Agency, and can choose a brand new, top selling paperback book of your choice to keep! Let your Student Adviser know if you'd like to sign up.

**7th June**

## 'Best Beginnings' – A Poster Competition for Colleges in N. Lincs

**closing date for entries !!**

Get your creative juices flowing and be in with a chance of winning an iPod Touch, vouchers for the store GAME, and seeing your design displayed throughout the area. NHS North Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Goole Hospital Trust, and North Lincolnshire Council have joined forces to launch this competition to promote breastfeeding as the smart choice for mums-to-be, and to encourage the support of friends, family and health professionals. Your entry must be A4 in size, and can be either free hand, or computer generated. Interested? Your Student Adviser will have all the resources and information you need, and we look forward to seeing the finished draft!