

CREATIVE WINNING STREAK CONTINUES!

It has been a fantastic start to the year for Hair and Beauty students as they continue their winning streak in national competitions. Students showed real creativity and performed brilliantly winning 3 First Places, 2 Second Places, and 1 Third Place in the Association of Hairdressers & Therapists National competition. Amongst the winners were Kerry Brown who won First Place in the Body Painting Theme – Artists category; Adele Motakef won First Place in the Level 3 Skills Challenge category and Georgiana Gubby also gained First Place in the Blow Dry category.

Faye Booth and Emma Jones also wowed professional judges at the 2014 Professional Beauty event in ExCeL. Emma Jones won First Place in the Spring/Summer 2014 Catwalk Trends category, making it the second year running an ESC student has won this category. Faye achieved Second Place in the Special FX category.

Congratulations to all the students that took part in the competitions, and showed their skills amongst other industry professionals.



Amsterdam Excursion

Level 3 IT students travelled to Amsterdam this term to explore Schipol Airport and AJAX stadium. They had the opportunity to explore the airport and stadium facilities to gain an understanding of the engineering behind the construction, structure and security systems. They also managed to take a city tour on a canal cruise, shopped in the local markets, amongst other trips before heading back home.

Pimlico Plumbers

Level 2 Plumbing students recently visited Pimlico Plumbers in Central London to look behind the scenes of one of London's leading services companies. Founder and Managing Director Charlie Mullins and General Manager Dominic Ceraldi gave the students a World of Work Tour, chatted about their cutting edge tools and what it takes to succeed within the sector.



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Success at South of England Showground

Level 1 Life Skills students demonstrated their creative and technical skills in the 2014 Jim Green Memorial competition in Ardingly. The students competed against over 70 students from Colleges across the country and won the building a scarecrow and digging over a plot of land categories. All the students were presented with certificates to commend their dedication and skills.

Congratulations to everyone that entered the competitions!



Record label auditions - 23 April

Level 3 Sound & Music Production students have set up a new record label called Neutral Ground, within Reigate School of Art, Design & Media at the College. It's a multi genre label offering local artists the opportunity to get their music heard. The record label currently has 6 artists on their books that are in development and have already recorded their first track.

Neutral Ground is currently looking for more artists to sign to their label and are looking for anyone with musical talent. They are holding auditions on Wednesday 23 April at the College, if you are interested please email neutralgroundrecords@gmail.com.

NEUTRAL GROUND
RECORDS

Apprenticeship Award Ceremony

The hard work and commitment of Apprentices at the College was recognised at this year's Apprenticeship Award Ceremony. The event which was held at the College commended students, assessors and employers for their support and dedication to Apprenticeship programmes.

Level 3 Management Apprentice Jade Castles won the Exceptional Professionalism and Commitment to Learning award, and her employer Winterbotham Darby won the Outstanding Employer of the Year in the Small Business category. Southern Railway won the Outstanding Employer of the Year in the Large Business category. Students that completed their Apprenticeship were also presented with an official certificate of commendation.



Katy Kinsella-Whyte (Head of Human Resources at Winterbotham Darby) and Jade Castles (Level 3 Management Apprentice)

Building links with local business

Level 3 BTEC Business students have been working closely with one of the UK's largest suppliers of continental foods, Winterbotham Darby. Students were given a brief to invent a new brand of olives and create a business case for launching the new line into supermarkets.

The group are using the skills gained on their course to work on the project. They are currently working towards a presentation that will be delivered to a panel of managers in March. The winning students will receive a variety of prizes.

Entrepreneurs in the Making

Music Production, Carpentry and IT students show they have what it takes to be the next generation of entrepreneurs at the semi-finals and finals of the Young Start-Up talent competition. Congratulations to Alex Redfearn (featured) Level 3 Carpentry student who made it to the finals with his bespoke skateboard business idea.



Visit to Virgin

30 students from Level 3 Travel & Tourism and Aviation Operations visited Virgin Atlantic's head office recently to learn about different aspects of the aviation industry. Students were treated to a historical background to the company; they discovered how the globally acclaimed firm began and its plans for the future. Students then spent the day in mock cabins taking part in tasks and role plays. The Virgin team also gave an inspirational presentation on the different career opportunities within Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Holidays. The day ended with each student receiving an official certificate confirming their training and time with Virgin.

Pampering the community

Hospitality and Hair & Beauty Supported Learning students have been working hard to support local residents at the Chalkmead Care Home in Merstham.



The elderly at the care home were treated to manicure pampering sessions by Hair & Beauty students.

Both groups also held charity activities to raise money for the residents at the care home. Hospitality students prepared a Valentines Trolley and sold a variety of delicious cakes and treats to learners and staff. Hair & Beauty students offered relaxation beauty treatments to staff in the College. Over £50 was raised, which was then donated to the community garden at the care home.

It was a fantastic way for the students to practise their skills and make a difference in the local community. The pampering has been so popular with the residents that they are delighted to welcome students back for regular sessions. Well done to the groups for their achievements and helping the local elderly residents.

Active Kids Vouchers

Don't forget to drop your Active Kids vouchers at Reception by 30 May 2014.

Your donation can be exchanged for fun equipment and experiences for everyone in the College.

You can get involved by collecting vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's stores, online and petrol stations.

STUDENT UNION LOGO

Congratulations to Kieran Robertshaw the winner of the design a logo for the Student Union competition; offering all students a chance to show their creative skills and design a new logo.

Alra David, Student Governor and Vice President of the Student Union commented:

“We are very grateful to all learners who participated in the competition. I would like to congratulate Kieran Robertshaw, who truly characterised the Student Union body and what we do for the college, being the student's voice. Well done!”



Congratulations to Kieran, look out for the new logo which will be making its way across the College soon!

Sports Relief Day

**Well done!
You raised
over £150
for Sports
Relief**

Sports Relief Day was a spectacular hit this year! On Wednesday 19 March students from all areas of the College gathered in the Winter Garden to participate in different events, and they raised over £150 for Sports Relief. Activities on the day included a Fun Run and Tug of War competition.



Over 50 students and staff dressed up in costumes and took part in the 1 mile Fun Run. Well done to the team of Engineering Apprentices from Southern Railway that were declared winners of the Tug of War Competition.

James Gottshalk, College Sport Maker commented:

“It was a successful event; we raised a lot of money that will go to really good causes. I would like to say well done to everyone that took part and thank you to our activity champions for their support on the day”

Thank you to everyone that participated in this event!

NEW COURSES

The College is pleased to launch two new courses for the interactive industries starting in September 2014.

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GCSE SUPPORT

GCSEs are fast approaching!

Come along to the second floor LRC to revise, prepare and access support.

English Classes

Tuesday 12.30 – 14:00 & Thursday 12.30 – 14:00

Maths Classes

Wednesday 12.30 – 14:00

English and Maths revision day

Monday 7 April 2014