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HRH THE DUKE OF KENT, KG OPENS SIXTH FORM COLLEGE CAMPUS



Barnsley Sixth Form College welcomed the HRH The Duke of Kent, KG on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at a Grand Launch ceremony.

His Royal Highness was presented by the Lord-Lieutenant to leading figures in Barnsley including Councillor Linda Burgess,

the Worshipful the Mayor of Barnsley; Dan Jarvis, Member of Parliament for Barnsley Central and Chris Webb, Principal of Barnsley College.

The Duke was accompanied on a tour of the £18m Sixth Form College by Principal Liz Leek, where he spoke to current students around the college before meeting staff

in 'The Nucleus' library.

Following the tour His Royal Highness unveiled the commemorative plaque in front of invited dignitaries, students and staff in the EnRich Auditorium. He was then invited to sign the visitor's book by current PE, Film Studies and English Combined AS Level student,

Megan Tinker. Megan said: "I was really excited to meet His Royal Highness. It's a great opportunity and I'm pleased I was chosen to be a part of this event."

Barnsley Sixth Form College Principal Liz Leek said: "It was a pleasure to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of

Kent to our college. The staff and students are extremely proud to be involved in this very special occasion. At Barnsley Sixth Form College we put our students at the heart of everything we do, and it's always a joy to hear them speaking so passionately about how wonderful the campus is."

The £18m Sixth Form College campus on St Mary's Place, has been open to students since January 2016 and in August it celebrated an excellent set of A Level results with the overall pass rate of 99%, with 100% pass rate in 24 out of 27 subjects.

DECORATING DELILAH!

The mannequin at Wigfield Farm, known as Delilah, has been adorned with poppies by students in conjunction with the British Legion Poppy Appeal to mark this year's Remembrance day.

The mannequin has been decorated around a number of different floral themes by Horticulture

learners since December 2015 and is proving to be a big hit with students and visitors alike.

Community Fundraiser at the British Legion, Mia Senior said: "It really does look fabulous! The students have done an incredible job, huge congratulations to them on working so hard on this wonderful project."



NEW RECORDING STUDIO FOR UCB MUSIC STUDENTS

University Campus Barnsley (UCB) is now home to a newly-fitted sound recording studio built from the ground by Industry Lecturer Tim Speight and his students.

With over 20 years' experience in the music industry working with the likes of Simon Cowell, Pete Waterman, Westlife, McFly and Donna Summer, Tim came to work at UCB to pass on his knowledge of sound recording and production to the next generation.

Although the music studios at UCB are already industry standard, Tim felt with his expertise the oldest of the studios could be revamped and adjusted to be up-to-scratch with those he had worked in himself. The modification also doubled up as invaluable experience for the students involved as they acquired the skills to be able to refit an entire studio.

Tim said: "This was a project myself and the students could really get our teeth stuck into. We wanted to make a real statement

within the Music department and create a flagship room that could be used as a fully functioning studio as well as a creative learning environment for lectures. The equipment here was already first-class, we've just enhanced the learning experience."

Three Music Production and Sound Recording students along with two music apprentices from Barnsley College gave up their holiday whilst UCB closed for the Christmas period to overhaul the

studio and get it back up and running for re-opening in January.

One of the volunteers was third year Music Production and Sound Recording student, Lee Howard. He said: "This was a whole team effort and we are so happy with the end result. We disassembled the original studio and re-installed it all adding a personal touch to make it work the way we wanted it to. We're all thankful for the experience and skills that this has taught us."

STUDENTS GRADUATE

IN STYLE



Our wonderful students from University Campus Barnsley (UCB) and Barnsley College have been honoured in this year's Graduation ceremony.

Led by a local brass band, students processed from UCB on Church Street to The Civic with many members of the public and local businesses lining the streets to support the graduands as they processed.

The ceremony, for those students who have completed Higher Education courses at UCB and Barnsley College over the last year, was attended by graduands, their guests and VIPs including senior college staff, Her Worshipful the Mayor of Barnsley Cllr Linda Burgess, the High Sheriff Dr Julie MacDonald and the Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire Mr Andrew Coombe.

Local best-selling author, poet and columnist Milly Johnson gave an inspiring and entertaining keynote speech as she shared her own experiences and gave advice to the 91 graduands about overcoming life's challenges with self-belief and a determination to succeed.

Lorraine Copley, Dean of University Campus Barnsley congratulated each and every

graduand as she presented them to Barnsley College Principal and Chief Executive Christopher Webb and Vice Chair of Governors Paul Jagger to receive their awards.

Lorraine praised the hard work, dedication and resilience shown by everyone graduating and said: "I would like to congratulate all the graduands and wish them well in their chosen careers."

Student Alan Norcutt, 58, of Pontefract, who studied a Certificate in Education course said: "My return to education as a mature student and graduation day has given me the desire to continue learning. UCB has given me a solid foundation on which I look forward to building upon."

Ashleigh Kaye, 25, of Hoyland, also studied a Certificate in Education at

UCB to enhance her qualifications as a beauty tutor. She said: "Both the campus and the tutors have been incredible, they go over and above what is required of them which has allowed me to achieve better results than I could have possibly hoped for."

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIST WINS TOP ACCOLADE



Barnsley College employee, Daniel Scott, has won the Learning Technologist of the Year Individual Award at the Association for Learning Technology (ALT) Awards 2016.

The prestigious award ceremony that was held at the University of Warwick, celebrates and rewards excellent practice and outstanding achievement in the learning technology field and promotes intelligent use of learning technology on a national and international scale.

Daniel's professional career started in 2005 when he secured employment at the college as a Level 2 Business Administration Apprentice

and he has never looked back.

Daniel said: "I am extremely proud and overwhelmed at winning this prestigious award. It's such a good feeling to be recognised both nationally and internationally for my individual efforts and milestones that I have achieved throughout my career.

This award is also recognition of the hard work, and the support I have had from the college to develop, so we as a team can continue to utilise learning technology in the classroom to benefit all students."



Art and Design students exhibit their work at an end of the year exhibition which is open to the public.

TALENT UNITED UPDATE

Talent United is the college's employer engagement initiative for businesses across the Yorkshire region.

The aim of the initiative is to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing employers with the opportunity to shape a generation of work ready young people by increasing their employability skills.

The initiative provides enrichment opportunities for Barnsley College, Barnsley Sixth Form College and University

Campus Barnsley students so they are entering the workplace equipped with the skills and experience they require to be successful.

Since its launch a year ago, over 200 businesses have signed up to the initiative and pledged to provide work based opportunities for our students. The focus of the initiative moving forwards is to take full advantage of these opportunities and increase employer-led activity across the college with activities such as work experience, work placements and guest speaker sessions.

For more information about Talent United call +44 (0)1226 216 480 or talentunited@barnsley.ac.uk



SAMANTHA NAILS DREAM CAREER

A former Barnsley College student has landed her dream career after opening a new nail salon, Blinkin Sassy in Barnsley town centre.

Samantha Bell, 45, of Parker Street, Barnsley, initially applied to study Nail Technology and Beauty at the college as a hobby and has since progressed to gain a degree from University Campus Barnsley (UCB) and opened her very own salon.

Returning to education at Barnsley College as an adult learner proved to be a positive decision as Sam found herself mentoring and supporting other students which then made her think about going into teaching.

Sam has also recently won a nail design competition

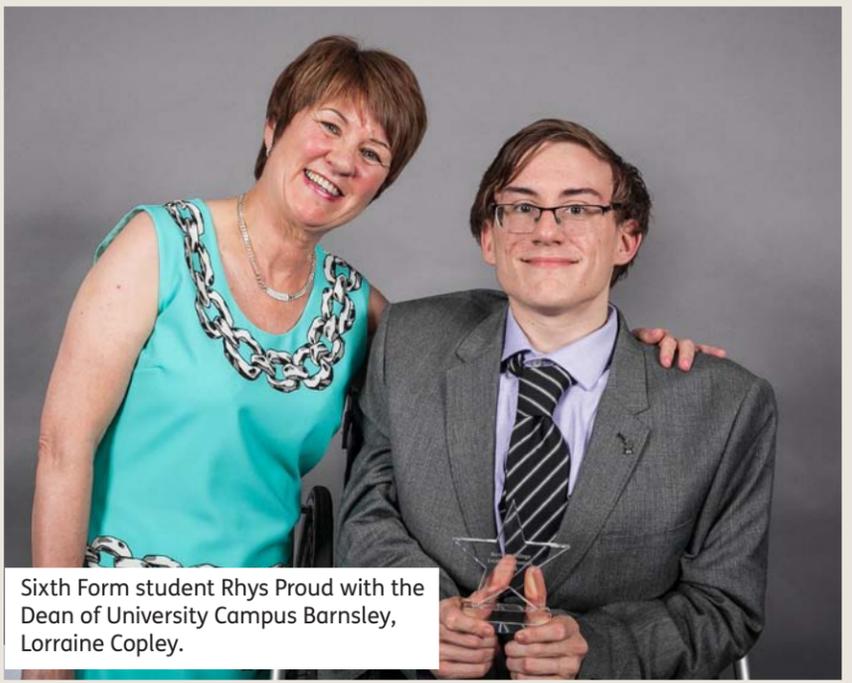
with Sweet Squared Ltd in Leeds who are the main distributors for creative nail products in the UK. The business owner, Samantha Sweet, attended the launch of Sam's new salon after she was selected as their nail design winner.

Sam said: "I am so proud of myself for achieving so much. As a single parent it has been important for me to be an inspiring role model for my children. They have seen the small and varied steps I've taken to get where I am, I'd like to think that my story can inspire others to do the same."

Sam is continuing to support and inspire students by offering placements in her salon for Barnsley College apprentices.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



Sixth Form student Rhys Proud with the Dean of University Campus Barnsley, Lorraine Copley.

Students from Barnsley College were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements at the eighth annual Barnsley College Excellence Awards.

The awards ceremony, held at Barnsley Metrodome, saw a total of 27 awards presented, including awards for each college department and cross college awards such as Apprentice of the Year, Adult Learner of the Year, Youth Achievement and Youth Progress. On the night the Overall Achievement Award was presented to one student selected from all those who won an award during the evening and this year's overall winner was 17-year-old Rhys Proud, from Royston. Rhys, who is studying A Levels, was the winner of the Sixth Form College Award and impressed the judges with his dedication and enthusiasm. He has become an outstanding ambassador for the Sixth Form and has recently accepted a place to study Psychology at Cambridge University.

In his nomination, Personal Progress Mentor Maria

Sutton said: "Rhys is an exemplary student, both in attitude to study and attention to detail. His positivity and motivation to achieve despite his disability is inspiring and he has proved to be a superb role model and a brilliant college representative."

Guests enjoyed a three-course meal, prepared by Glorious Catering, at the sponsored event and were entertained by students from the Media, Music and Performance department and University Campus Barnsley. The keynote speaker for the evening was Vice Chair of Governors, Nick Bowen. Nick gave a passionate speech about ambition and the influence of education on young people's lives.

Nick said: "It was a real pleasure for me to speak at the Excellence Awards to pay tribute to the leaders, the staff and, of course, to the students for everything they have achieved and everything they do to make Barnsley College outstanding. Barnsley is a hive of education activity and excellence and should be very proud of its college which

is at the heart of the town centre transformation."

The event also saw Vice Principal for Teaching, Learning and Student Support, Jenny Miccoli, give a short speech about EnRich, a charity set up in the name of the late Richard Tolson, a much respected tutor at the college.

The event was made possible through the kind support of many local and national businesses.

Barnsley College Principal Chris Webb added: "As always, our awards evening was a fantastic way to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students over the past year. This event is always one of the highlights of the year and it is thanks to the kind support of our sponsors that it is made possible. This is my first Excellence Awards as Principal and, as ever, I am proud to be part of such a dynamic and high-achieving college and this ceremony provides a fitting tribute to those students who go above and beyond in their studies and in college life."

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STUDENTS TRANSFORM CARE HOME GARDEN



Residents at a local care home enjoyed a special afternoon tea in their newly transformed outdoor space courtesy of students at Barnsley College.

A group of five students from the college's Learning for Living and Work department have been spending time over the last year at Galtee More care home on Doncaster Road to give the outdoor seating area and garden a complete makeover for residents to enjoy.

With materials kindly donated by Wickes, the

group have created and decorated a seaside themed area with tables and chairs, planted up hand-made wooden floral planters and created a thriving vegetable patch.

Carole Gooder, Care Home Manager, said: "Everyone at Galtee More has really enjoyed having the students from Barnsley College around. As well as creating a lovely outdoor space, the young people have also spent time talking and playing games with our elderly residents. They really have been wonderful."



Our Motor Vehicle students have marshalled at rally events across the UK.



FINAL JAMES HUDSON TAYLOR TRAIL PLAQUE NOW IN PLACE

The final heritage plaque on the James Hudson Taylor trail was installed recently on the wall of the new Barnsley Sixth Form College campus. James Hudson Taylor was born in Barnsley in 1832 and went to China, founding the China Inland Mission which is one of the largest Christian movements in the world.

In May 2012 the original Hudson Taylor Trail was officially opened featuring 14 plaques around the Barnsley area marking

historical sites. The plaque on the Sixth Form College, originally on the Central Library, marks the site of the White Bear where Anglican minister John Wesley, credited with founding the Methodist movement, preached to the people of Barnsley.

James Hudson Taylor Group member Michael Rossiter said: "I am very happy that the placement of the last trail plaque on the wall of the college means that the James Hudson Taylor trail is now complete. "We are

happy that the last plaque has been placed on a building that has a connection with China through its International A Level provision at Jinling College, Nanjing, China."

The event was filmed by visitors from China for a promotional video to encourage other Chinese tourists to come to Barnsley. Other sites of interest include Cheapside where Taylor was born and the Lamproom Theatre.

A MARATHON OF A CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Foundation Studies staff and students who joined Ben Smith as part of his challenge to run 401 marathons in 401 consecutive days around the country to raise money for anti-bullying charities Stonewall and Kidscape.

Stacy Dyson organised for three staff members and five Foundation Studies students to join Ben for part of his marathon when it came to the

Barnsley area on day 252 of his challenge (although Stacy continued on to run the whole 26 miles!)

Some of the students who took part lack confidence and self-esteem and felt a little anxious about taking part but were inspired by Ben's dedication and enthusiasm.

The activity allowed students to do research about Stonewall and Kidscape and gain an understanding of the impact bullying can have and

how charities offer help and support.

A number of students are now looking at taking part in local running events such as Park Run and have requested to do running in college which the Foundation Studies are looking to organise.

Well done to all involved and in particular Ben on completing one marathon of a challenge. A true inspiration!



Catering and Hospitality students learn in our very own fully licensed restaurant, The Open Kitchen, which is open to the general public.

CATERING STUDENTS SERVE ROYAL FEAST FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



Six Barnsley College Catering students have recently spent the week at Windsor cooking for the Queen, her family, friends and acquaintances during the annual Royal Horse Show.

Preparing over 650 meals each day, the students and their tutors supported lead chefs in cooking and serving classic and modern cuisine to both the royal restaurant and members' restaurant which consisted of VIPs and exclusive guests.

The prestigious event also marked the Queen's 90th birthday where royalty from around the world were also invited.

Catering course leader, Martyn Hollingsworth, together with tutors Angela

McGinley and James Key expressed how extremely proud of the students they were for being such fine ambassadors of the college and coping well under pressure.

Martyn said: "Catering for such a high-profile event was a challenge for myself and my colleagues, who are highly qualified and experienced, so for our students to take on the challenge and do such a wonderful job is extraordinary. They worked to professional standards throughout the week and were praised by industry experts for their diligence and remarkable work ethic."

Level 3 Catering student, Olivia Ely, said: "The week we spent at Windsor was a

whirlwind. I really enjoyed being part of such a high-profile event and working alongside industry professionals. As a team we worked really well under pressure and have taken home a lot of skills that we can use in the future. Thanks to the cooking techniques we have learnt during our courses at college, we already had the expertise required to support the chefs effectively and efficiently."

The students made such an impression with the catering company 'Payne and Gunter' that they have all been offered jobs on completion of their courses and, along with their tutors, have been invited to work the next royal event on the calendar which is yet to be confirmed.

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COLLEGE HELPS ANDREA RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Former student Andrea Westwood has used the skills she gained on her Catering course to help South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF) mark its 30th anniversary.

College tutors Angela McGinley and Gillian Spaxman recommended Andrea, of Highcliffe Drive, Swinton, for the task of baking a commemorative cake for a special event to celebrate SYCF's milestone.

Andrea, 34, worked with SYCF Chief Executive Ruth Willis to create a design which incorporated the help and support SYCF has given the local community over the past three decades.

The cake was baked in the industry standard kitchens at the college, where Andrea studied a Level 3 course in Patisserie and Confectionery before progressing to the role of Cake Room Supervisor at Staniforth's Bakery in Parkgate, Rotherham.



Andrea said: "It was exciting and a lot of fun to make the cake at college and the day of the event was fantastic. My husband and I delivered the cake accompanied by our little girl and were also invited to the event. We met so many important people and they were all very welcoming and friendly. I was so happy because they absolutely loved the cake and it was amazing to receive so many compliments."

Angela McGinley added: "Andrea was a pleasure to teach and her attention to detail was commendable, I am sure she will succeed in the catering industry."



Animal Care students designed a special enclosure for the meerkats at Wigfield Farm campus - aimed at recreating their natural habitat.

STUDENT AIMING FOR A PLACE IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



members to increase his collection from what was 6,953 in September 2016.

Barnsley College Travel and Tourism student James Connelly is aiming to break a world record for the biggest collection of United Kingdom rail tickets.

James, 17, from Huddersfield, is aiming to collect 163,235 train tickets, and had set himself an interim target of 10,000 by the end of 2016. James is requesting help from fellow college students and staff

Collection boxes will be placed in reception at the college's Old Mill Lane and Honeywell Campuses for students to post their tickets in support of James and his venture.

James said: "I have always been interested in Travel and Tourism. I wanted to break this record when I heard train tickets were going to be phased out soon and would be replaced with a paper receipt."

TUTORIAL LEADERS UNDERTAKE THE YOUNG MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID QUALIFICATION



Barnsley College Tutorial Team Leaders completed the Young Mental Health First Aid qualification on World Mental Health Day, 10 October.

The qualification gives a clear focus on the issues faced by young people today, including bullying, cyber bullying and substance misuse. The course also teaches the

importance of promoting wellbeing and protective factors against mental health issues.

The session was a mixture of presentations, discussions and group work activities, equipping college staff with the skills and knowledge to enable them to support all students.

Michael Bentley, Tutorial Team Leader in the

Business, Warehousing and Logistics department, said: "This event was a great opportunity to develop new skills and reinforce existing knowledge so that we can better support our students. It was also an invaluable chance to strengthen the network of support that our fellow Young Mental Health First Aiders can offer each other, before, during and after helping students."

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In the meantime you can check out UCB's student community Facebook page:

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best things about UCB – you are an individual when you study with us!

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Diplomas (HNC/Ds) in various areas such as Engineering and Sport. We also offer Teacher Training courses if you'd like a career educating others.

We have superb music facilities, filming and editing equipment, kitchens and The Open Kitchen restaurant for

those looking for industry-standard training, and all our students can take advantage of the Honeywell Sports Village including a gym, spinning studio and sports hall.

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Worsbrough and, if you choose an Art and Design course, you'll make use of a number of dedicated art workshops and studios at our iconic campus in the town centre.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS UPDATE

The Board have recently said goodbye to Robert Dewar – Governor and Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee, Roger Eccleston and Ben Mansford.

We would like to thank the outgoing governors for their contribution, particularly Robert, whose knowledge and expertise in financial matters has been outstanding. We wish them every success in the future.

The Board welcomes Kay Dickinson – the new Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee and Conor Moss to the Board, in addition to Ross Hooley and Peter Clarkson – new staff governors – and Steven Burkinshaw – the new Higher Education Student Governor who sits alongside Tom Abbott – Further Education Student Governor.

Our Governors continue to give 100% commitment to the college and, outside of formal meetings, use their expertise and knowledge to support management to monitor closely the college's strategic priorities. They also engage with learners through observations and shadowing, and take their role seriously in respect

of the Board's statutory obligations for the oversight of Safeguarding, Prevent, Special Education Needs, Equality and Diversity and Health and Safety. Specific Governors are linked to these key areas and meet regularly with senior staff to obtain assurance that the college is complying with its legal duties and that policies and procedures are fit for purpose.

We would like to thank all of our Board members, all of whom are volunteers, for the important and challenging role they undertake to ensure that Barnsley College continues to offer outstanding quality and services to its learners, the community and all stakeholders.

STUDENT ENGINEERS A TOP AWARD FROM THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY



Barnsley College student Stacey Jowitt has received an award, together with £200, from the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) for her outstanding achievements towards her studies.

Stacey, 30, from Athersley in Barnsley, who is currently working at Premier Foods as an Apprentice Engineer, was picked from 200 students by her tutors for the hard work and dedication towards her studies. She worked tirelessly to complete her Level 3 Advanced

Apprenticeship in Engineering at College whilst also completing her HNC in Engineering at University Campus Barnsley (UCB) at the same time.

Stacey said: "It's really nice to be recognised for my achievements and I would like to thank my tutors for nominating me for this award. It's been a challenging year but it has been worth it as I have learned a lot whilst doing my apprenticeship alongside completing my Engineering HNC."

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We have our own special Clinical Skills Ward including a mock ambulance and medical mannequins for Health students.

Did you know...

Professionals from Dermalogica, Wella and Steiner visit us to demonstrate, train and inspire Hair and Beauty students.

NEW INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION COURSE

College is offering an Introduction to Construction, where students will study in a working environment to develop their skills in a range of traditional construction trades including groundworks, painting and decorating, plastering, bricklaying carpentry and joinery and plumbing.

Students will study this course at the new Skills Village, based in Barnsley town centre, which has been developed in conjunction with Northern Regeneration,

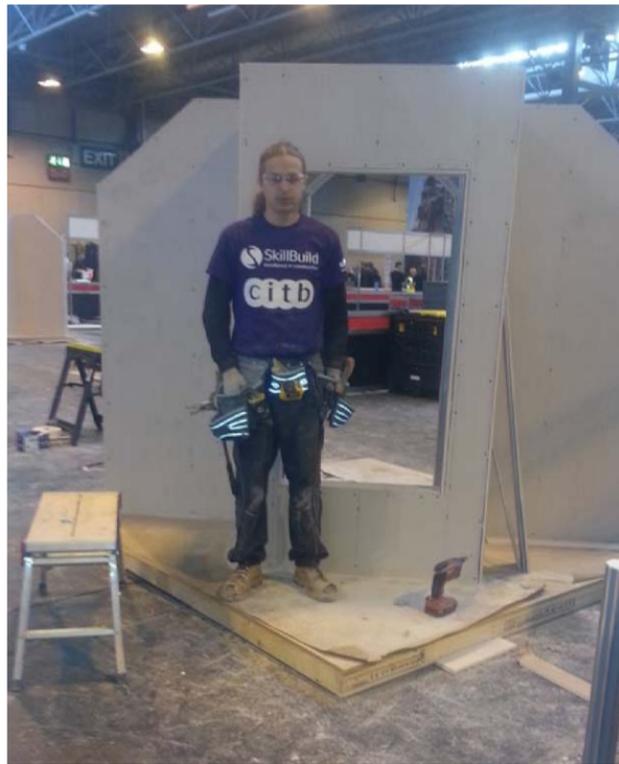
Henry Boot Construction and Barnsley Council. The Skills Village is a 'live' site where students will gain first-hand experience of working on a construction build from start to finish, providing them with practical industry experience and providing local and regional businesses with a stream of highly trained talented individuals.

Places are available now for the Multi Skills qualification at the Skills Village, call +44 (0)1226 216 123 for more information.



Did you know...

Our new Construction Centre which offers specialised workshops for a range of construction trades including bricklaying, wall and floor tiling, plumbing, plastering, carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating; and sustainable construction.



STUDENT WINS NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

Barnsley College Construction student, Jack Syddall, has been named as one of the best apprentices in the UK at the final of the SkillBuild 2016 competition.

Jack, a 19 year old Level 2 Dry Lining and Interior Systems Apprentice, from Swallownest in Sheffield was crowned the winner of the Drywall Systems category at SkillBuild 2016 and will now have a chance to compete in the WorldSkills final taking place in Russia in 2019.

SkillBuild is the biggest construction multi-skills competition in the UK which challenges the best construction apprentices, from colleges all over the UK, to test their abilities and skills in their chosen categories.

Jack's skills were put to the test in the competition where he was required to build a set of complicated dry wall partitions from technical drawings that were specified on the first day of the competition.

Using the skills and knowledge learnt on his course and his apprenticeship Jack beat off stiff competition from seven other talented Drywall Systems Apprentices from colleges around the UK to win the competition.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE

Barnsley College's Health and Wellbeing Centre recently organised a 'Party Hard-Stay Safe' event and invited a number of external organisations such as the Police, Plus-me, Crazylife and local drugs and alcohol services to educate learners around the dangers of drinking too

much, how they can safely get home from a night out and where they can access advice and support in college. It was also an opportunity for external agencies to see how we support our young people.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE
Recipients of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Rainbow Tick Silver Award from Barnsley LGBT Forum.

COLLEGE RAISES MONEY FOR BLUEBELL WOOD CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Barnsley College is celebrating winning the 'Most Creative Cart' in the first Soapbox Derby organised by Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

The college's entry, Fireman Sam and the Extinguishers, was one of 37 carts who



battled it out before 3,500 spectators at the event on Saturday 1 October at Clifton Park, Rotherham. Steve Willmer, Tutorial

Learning Mentor in the Business, Warehousing and Logistics department at Barnsley College said: "It was great to be involved with

this fun event and winning this award is a fantastic end to a really enjoyable day.

"We had tremendous support from the local business community, including Travis Perkins who donated materials and resources to help build the cart and South Yorkshire Fire Service who loaned uniforms for the team to wear at the race.

"In addition students studying Accountancy, Business, IT and Travel and Tourism have completed five charity walks and have raised over £750 for the Hospice. This is an amazing achievement and we're hoping to get involved with the Soapbox Derby again next year."



REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

The Students' Union hosted a charity event to help raise money for the Royal British Legion. Students were invited to take part in a Mario Kart Wii race where they had to race against the clock.

Trophies were awarded to Christopher Aston, James Hutchinson and Caitlin

Reynolds, the top three students with the best lap times.

The Student's Union also created a poppy remembrance net consisting of hundreds of poppy's with quotes of remembrance written on them. The net was then suspended from the ground floor at the Old Mill Lane campus for students and staff to observe for the two minute silence on Remembrance Day.

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BUILD A SUCCESSFUL CAREER WITH BRITISH GYPSUM

Barnsley College has joined forces with British Gypsum to offer an Interior Systems Apprenticeship (ISA) to those wishing to pursue a career in the construction trades.

Over the course of two years, apprentices will work alongside experienced staff to gain job specific skills in all internal aspects of construction with a key focus on the Drylining, Plastering or Partitioning Systems pathway.

Students who are interested in the ISA will also study for one day per week at The



CUBE, the college's newly built Construction Centre, which houses innovative and inspiring work areas with industry-led equipment.

Upon completion of the ISA, apprentices will have the opportunity to progress on to Higher Education at University Campus Barnsley (UCB) or continue to develop their career with British Gypsum.

Dave Hall, National Technical Academy Manager at British Gypsum, said: "As the UK's leading manufacturer of plaster, plasterboard and drylining

systems, we are committed to training and developing the next generation of skilled trades people into the industry. By collaborating with training providers like Barnsley College, we can ensure vital core skills and career opportunities are available to the next generation of experts."

Gavin Lee, Construction Programme Manager at Barnsley College, added, "This new partnership is a unique opportunity for people to enter the construction industry and develop the skills and knowledge required."

COLLEGE DELIGHTED AT APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS

Barnsley College is celebrating its apprentices' success rates after claiming the mantle of third best college provider for apprenticeships in the country.

The college has risen three places in the apprenticeship provision rankings since last year, with 87.9% of its apprentices successfully completing their training programme – 16% above the national average.

Christopher Webb, Chief Executive and Principal of Barnsley College, said: "We are very pleased at the success rates. It highlights the hard work our students and teaching staff put into the apprenticeship programmes, and also shows the dedication of the employers we work with."

"Apprenticeships are an important asset to the college. It's a priority for us to continue our apprenticeship provision at

such a high level and ensure our students get the most out of their education."

The Ofsted 'Outstanding' college offers over 80 apprenticeship pathways and works with 2000 employers in South and West Yorkshire.

The college joins Craven and Dudley Colleges in sharing the title of third FE College apprenticeship provider in the country.



Our 2015/16 cohort received a 100% pass rate in 24 A Level subjects including English Language and Literature, Business Studies, French and Physics.



Our Learning for Living and Work study programmes offer

opportunities for learners to get involved in Animal Care, Art and Design, Catering, Community Projects, Independent Living Skills, Personal Care, Work Experience, Volunteering and much more!

FUNDRAISING STUDENTS SUPPORT TINY HEARTS APPEAL

Barnsley College students marked World Prematurity Day by handing over a cheque for £650 to Barnsley Hospital's Tiny Hearts Appeal.

Students and staff from the college's Childcare and Education Professions department raised the money by hosting a black tie and ballgown charity ball at the Holiday Inn in Barnsley.

The department chose to support the Tiny Hearts Appeal as tutor Emma



McDonald-Brown's four-year-old son Sherratt was cared for by the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at the hospital when he was born prematurely at 31 weeks due to preterm premature rupture of membranes (pPROM) at 21 weeks. The hospital's SCBU also cared for Emma when she was born at 32 weeks gestation.

Emma is the National

Co-ordinator for Little Miracles UK, a charity supporting the families of premature and sick babies. Marsha Davies, the founder and CEO of Little Miracles UK, travelled from her home in Wales to help with set-up duties prior to the charity ball, which included a raffle.

Emma said: "Sherratt wouldn't be here without the care and monitoring I

received during my pregnancy up until delivery and the medical attention he received during labour and after delivery."

Lisa Calvert, Fundraising Coordinator for Barnsley Hospital Charity, added: "I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole team at Barnsley College and Little Miracles for their fantastic support with this event and well done everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. The money they have raised will help the Tiny Hearts Appeal make a real difference to the families who will use the new unit in the future."

World Prematurity Day is a global movement to raise awareness of premature birth which takes place on 17 November each year.



Our Computing courses include units such as computer animation, IT maintenance, security and trouble shooting, and internets and intranets.

LONE PARENT CLIMBS BACK ON THE CAREER LADDER

A Rotherham single parent is celebrating getting back into work after starting an apprenticeship through Barnsley College.

Craig Hufton, 45, of Probert Avenue, Goldthorpe, started his Level 2 Warehousing and Logistics apprenticeship at XPO Logistics in April, and now works as a warehouse assistant at the top ten global provider of transportation and logistics solutions.

Craig left employment in 2007 due to his commitments to childcare. Since then, he had been trying to find a new job that would accommodate his needs while providing a wage

to support his family.

Earlier this year, he enrolled in the Lone Parents Work Preparation course, an eight-week employability skills course at Barnsley College. The course is specially tailored to fit around childcare and offers students an opportunity to gain essential work experience.

Craig said: "I've been on a few courses so I knew what to expect, but the Lone Parents Work Preparation course was fun. It is always good to do these things and learn something new."

Barnsley College works with companies and charities such as XPO Logistics and FareShare Yorkshire to provide workplace training that helps their students succeed in a range of industries in the area. The college periodically hosts XPO Logistics recruitment events aimed at communicating

more about career options available at the company.

Ken Perritt, account director, supply chain – UK and Ireland, for XPO Logistics, said: "Craig is a fantastic addition to our team. He is enthusiastic and dedicated to his training. He also looks out for the other apprentices and members of staff, making sure that the team runs efficiently."

"XPO Logistics prides itself on its dedication to the continual development of its staff."

Gareth Batty, Chief Executive of FareShare Yorkshire, said: "Collaboration with the college is a great partnership of two organisations working to support local job seekers in their transition to long-term employment. The charity benefits significantly from the work of our apprentices, ensuring that we can continue to redistribute over 51 tonnes of food every month across the region."

COLLEGE WINS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Barnsley College is the proud receiver of two national awards from the Apprenticeships 4 England Apprenticeship Awards 2016.

The college was crowned the Gold in the Colleges Award, and Bronze in the Support to the Apprenticeship Sector (for individuals and organisations that support employers and apprentices) Award.

The awards recognise outstanding examples of quality, best practice, innovation and excellence in apprenticeship delivery.

The prestigious event was held on Thursday 25 February 2016 at the Emirates Stadium, London.

Christopher Webb, Chief Executive and Principal at Barnsley College, said: "It's a great honour for us to receive these awards. They recognise the college's ongoing commitment to the promotion and delivery of apprenticeships in South Yorkshire, and demonstrate the hard work and dedication of our staff and partners."

"The college works with over 2,000 businesses across the region including national chains like XPO Logistics, Asda, KFC and Premier Inn to provide apprenticeships and other training solutions, and it's in the top five UK providers for apprenticeship success."



COLLEGE SPONSORS REDS STAR MARC ROBERTS

Barnsley College is proud to become the shirt sponsor of Barnsley FC Footballer Marc Roberts.

The 26-year-old defender, who studied Sport at the college, made his fiftieth

appearance against Wolves FC and scored his first Championship goal against Rotherham United FC at the start of the season.

Marc said: "I am happy and pleased to have Barnsley College as my shirt sponsor as my time at college was important, it was where I started to really develop as a footballer. I am really impressed by the world class sports facilities at the Honeywell Campus and I would fully recommend the college to anyone."



IMPROVING FORENSIC SCIENCE

Barnsley College's Public Services department have launched a new course in Forensic Science, designed for those wishing to work in a range of forensic science roles.

The course offers an exciting and challenging insight into the work of the emergency services whilst investigating serious incidents (road traffic

collisions, murders and criminal profiling etc.) through scientific techniques.

Our well-equipped, contemporary teaching rooms have all the facilities and equipment you need including finger printing kits, foot casts, full crime scene investigation suits and outdoor crime scene tents.

Nicholas Lawton, Head of

Public Services at Barnsley College said: "If you're interested in joining one of the uniformed public services such as the Police Force, Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue Service, British Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, this Extended Diploma in Public Services will prepare you for the mental and physical demands of life in the services."

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING APPRENTICE IS A BRIGHT SPARK

An Engineering Apprentice from Barnsley College has done himself proud after being shortlisted for a prestigious national apprentice award.

Jake Bell, 18, who is studying the Level 3 Electrical Installation Apprenticeship, was a runner up for the national SPARKS UK Electrical Apprentice of the Year award.

Working for his father's company, Bell Electrical, Jake has excelled during his training. He passed the first exam in Electrical Testing and Inspection, and will



"He really did himself and the college proud. It was a tough competition, even the judges admitted it, so he has done well to get this far."

be taking the fault finding exam in February and the final fault finding practical assessment in March.

His achievements during his apprenticeship were recognised by his lecturer David Shepherd who placed the nomination with SPARKS UK.

David said: "Jake is really proficient in his practical assessments and has produced some accurate and neatly presented installation work over the past couple of years. He also takes pride in the practical work and is a hard working individual both in college and out onsite."

The annual competition is organised by SPARKS Magazine for level 2 and 3 apprentices. Celia Matthews, competition organiser, said: "Students get a lot out of the competition. They make new friends, gain confidence in their abilities and enjoy the challenge of the competition."

For further details about the award, please see www.sparks-magazine.co.uk or contact Barnsley College's Work Based Learning Team on +44 (0)1226 216 166, employer@barnsley.ac.uk, or www.barnsley.ac.uk.

HESLEY GROUP PLEDGE THEIR COMMITMENT TO APPRENTICESHIPS

One Barnsley's pioneering initiative to promote apprenticeships in the local area, the Apprenticeship Pledge, has clocked up another milestone.

Hesley Group have taken the mantle to become the 500th business to take the Pledge to recruit at least 2.5% of their workforce into apprenticeship roles or training.

The Apprenticeship Pledge

was introduced in 2013 by One Barnsley, a strategic partnership group made up of the leading employers in Barnsley including Barnsley College, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, as a reaction to the unemployment in Barnsley and surrounding areas.

By taking the Pledge, Hesley Group have shown their support and commitment to training staff and offering employment opportunities to those wanting to work in the healthcare sector. Louise Beaumont, General Manager at Hesley Group, said: "We're passionate about supporting the local

community by providing excellent job and training opportunities for people within the area and signing the Apprenticeship Pledge allows us to demonstrate this commitment.

"Working in partnership with Barnsley College on joint initiatives such as the Pledge and Talent United, will allow us to continue to invest in our staff, so we can continue to enhance the lives of the people we support."

The group supports learning on the job by six apprentices, five in clinical healthcare, another in management, and providing vital work placement for HND students from University Campus Barnsley.

LIFE IS ROSIE FOR BARNSELY COLLEGE INTERN

Barnsley College intern is celebrating receiving a Sheffield Business School (SBS) Inspirational Students Award from Sheffield Hallam University.

Rosie Gash, 22, won the Impact on an Organisation category at the SBS Inspirational Students Awards 2016. She is currently studying a BA in Accounting and Finance at Sheffield Hallam University and began a one year placement in the External Funding and Projects department at Barnsley College in July 2015.



Tricia Smith, Director of Business Development at Barnsley College, said: "Rosie has had such a profound impact on the department and winning this award is testament to her hard work."

"Rosie has adapted to the college's culture quickly and has become an integral part of the team."

During her internship, Rosie has developed a new system to monitor the college's projects, capturing financial data and quality performance in much greater detail.

Rosie said: "I am very grateful to have been nominated for this award by my

managers at Barnsley College. Whilst I've been completing my placement, I have worked extremely hard to ensure that the college and I gain the utmost from it. Winning this award recognises that and I'm extremely proud of my achievement."

FUNDRAISING STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO JAKE



Barnsley College students have raised almost £2,000 for two excellent causes in memory of local boy Jake Croft.

Four-year-old Jake, from Grimethorpe, passed away in October 2014 after being diagnosed with advanced neuroblastoma, a rare form of aggressive cancer.

Students studying Health Sciences and Social Care Professions courses at the college donated £1548.43 to the Leukaemia and Oncology Research and Haematology and Oncology departments at Sheffield Children's Hospital where Jake was treated.

The students also collected over £300 which was spent

on a remembrance bench for Jake at Milefield Primary School where he was a pupil.

The students organised a wide range of events to raise the funds including sponsored walks, sponge throwing, fancy dress, selling flowers, 'no make-up' and 'wear your pyjamas to college' days and placed collection buckets in workplaces, pubs and cafés.

Jake's mother Claire, a former Barnsley College student, said: "I would like to thank the staff and students at the college for the thoughtful efforts they made in raising funds for Jake's remembrance bench and the substantial donation they made to

Sheffield Children's Hospital. Their selfless act in raising funds in memory of Jake has renewed hope and faith in people and they will always be in our thoughts."

Cheryl Davidson, Community Fundraiser at The Children's Hospital Charity, added: "It is truly inspiring to see Barnsley College students supporting Claire through this difficult time while also raising money in memory of Jake. The money raised will make such a difference to the lives of so many children and young people from across the county and The Children's Hospital Charity wouldn't be able to continue working to make Sheffield Children's Hospital better without this kind of support."