



School Newsletter September 2010

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. Take a look and enjoy

Warrington Collegiate celebrates VQ (Vocational Qualifications) Day

(Wednesday 23rd June)

Warrington Collegiate celebrated VQ Day with the annual FE Awards ceremony introducing the new Warrington Collegiate Graduate Award (Bronze, Silver and Gold). Based on boosting enterprise and employability the award recognises student achievement in volunteering, community work, fundraising and Student Union activities. The X-Factor for employers and universities!



Friendship flying high!

Rated excellent by their tutor, John Vallely, firm friends Jessica Hands, Rebecca Millington and Rachel Lockett are off to Manchester Metropolitan University to study Tourism Management having successfully qualified with distinctions in Travel and Tourism National Diploma Level 3. Always seen together this talented trio also attended the same primary and secondary school, Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic High School.

Relaxing work for students!

Congratulations to Audio Producer student, Shane Murray (William Beamont High School) who produced an audio relaxation CD for the NHS to help patients in Warrington and Halton with respiratory conditions. This was a great opportunity for the college to work with the NHS and the local community. Shane was supported by tutors and music specialists, Sue Quin (Voice-over on the CD), Steve Oates and Phil Roberts.

Open Evening

Thursday 21st October, 5pm-8pm

See the range of courses on offer and excellent facilities available at Warrington Collegiate.

Higher Education at Warrington Collegiate just got bigger!

Led by the new Director of HE, Mark Harris, Warrington Collegiate is introducing a new range of courses for students who want to study close to home and keep costs down. A new Higher Education Centre with excellent student facilities and up to date resources has been created in Warrington Business School. Flexibility is the key with most courses available full-or part-time. Courses include Foundation Degrees in ICT (including Gaming and CCNA Pathway), Hospitality Management and from 2011, Crime, Deviance and Social Order and Higher Nationals in Construction, Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Professional qualifications are also available in Marketing, Personnel/Human Resources and Management. The future starts here!





Where are they now?

Another successful year for our Level 3 students! With 100% achievement on the majority of courses, many students dropped in on results day to celebrate before going off to university in September.

Kirstie Sixthsmith (Dance)

(Woolston HS) - BA (Hons) Dance Performance at Manchester Metropolitan University

Hayley Fenton (Dance)

(Birchwood HS) - BA (Hons) Dance and Disability Studies at Liverpool Hope University

Nichole Haworth (Dance)

(Birchwood HS) - BA (Hons) Dance at Northampton University

Kadie Braide (Dance)

(Sir Thomas Boteler COfE HS) – BA (Hons) Creative Dance Practices at Liverpool John Moores University

Nicola Harrison (Public Services)

(Penketh HS) – HND Public Services at Warrington Collegiate

Aimee Titcombe (Business)

(Cardinal Newman RCHS) –BA (Hons) Finance and Accounting at Manchester Metropolitan University

Lucy Dale (Art & Design)

(St Aelred's Catholic Technology College) – BA (Hons) -Design at the University of Manchester

Olivia Kendrick (Art & Design)

(St Aelred's Catholic Technology College) – BA (Hons) Design at John Moores University

Shaun Burrows (IT)

(Newton-le-Willows) is taking a gap year before going to Bolton University to study for a BA (Hons) Gaming

Many of our students are off to University this year. Congratulations to everyone!

New and exciting for 2010!

Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships!

With successes in Regional and National Skills competitions it's no wonder that Apprenticeships at Warrington Collegiate are in demand. We already train over 400 apprentices on a wide range of programmes, with exciting plans for expansion. Additional Apprenticeships offered from September 2010 include Sport, Childcare, Logistics, Barbering, Nails, I.T, and Gas. To keep up to date with Apprenticeship news please visit <http://www.warrington.ac.uk/apprenticeships>



Nestle's Toque D'Or Competition – the final!

Warrington Collegiate was one of five colleges in the UK who made it through to the national finals of the prestigious Nestle's Toque D'Or Competition, the largest inter-college restaurant competition in the UK and boasts Jamie Oliver amongst past competitors. Students cooked for 100 people at the Good Food Show at the NEC, Birmingham in June creating and running their own restaurant. To prepare for the final they received two days mentoring with Michelin Starred Chef, Will Holland and £1,000 to develop their entry. The students will also receive a City & Guilds accredited qualification in recognition of the amount of work they have put in to reach this stage. The August issue of Cheshire Life ran a 4 page article on the students and wished them well for the award ceremony at the Dorchester in London on July 16th when the winner was announced. The students had an amazing day at the Dorchester touring the kitchens meeting many famous Chefs including Alain Ducasse (3 Michelin Stars) Alan Murchison and Brian Turner. Even though the students were beaten to the award itself by Birmingham University College of Food, the largest Hospitality centre in the North, they came away with an experience of a life time. This will look good on any CV together with certificates awarded by City and Guilds and a Chefs jacket signed by all the people involved with the competition including James Martin, Will Holland & James Tanner.

Student Union on-line

Warrington Collegiate Students' Union has launched a fantastic new website for students to keep them up to date with all the latest news, features and events going on. Visit www.wcsu.co.uk to check out this amazing site!! Already planned is another climate change campaign, trips to Chill Factor and Alton Towers, volunteering and new enrichment programmes including cheerleading. Just a snippet of what's in the pipeline!

