

PRIDE OF BRITAIN 'CHILD OF COURAGE' NOW SUPPORTING COLLEGE STUDENTS



An award winner from ITV's long-running Pride of Britain awards has been paid a special return visit by the show's host Carol Vorderman, MBE in her role supporting students at the Wigston Campus of North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College.

Rachel Edwards, former student and now employability coach at the college was recognised as a 'Child of Courage' at the third Pride of Britain Awards in April 2001 when she was just seven years old after overcoming cancer.

Rachel qualified in health and social care at the college's Wigston Campus in 2014 and went on to graduate from De Montfort University with a degree in education studies. She now works for the college in a role helping

students to focus on their career goals and polish their employability skills.

She said, "I was so excited to hear that Carol Vorderman was coming to see me. She is so friendly, and I remember making a strong connection with her when I received my award nearly twenty years ago."

In her college role as employability coach, Rachel supports students on business and travel and tourism programmes helping to keep them on track with their studies, advising with any mental health issues or behavioural difficulties. Rachel was filmed as part of a special episode of the Pride of Britain Awards that was screened on ITV at Christmas.

NWSLC EXPRESS

NWSLC
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

JANUARY 2020

OFSTED JUDGES COLLEGE TO BE 'GOOD' WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES



We're delighted that the College has been judged as 'Good' by Ofsted, with the behaviour and attitudes of its students rated as 'Outstanding' by inspectors. Ofsted praised the College for creating an 'enjoyable and highly inclusive learning environment'.

Ofsted recorded that a high proportion of our students move into further learning and employment after they have successfully completed their qualifications. They were also pleased to see that support for the most vulnerable students is 'embedded within the fabric of college life'.

Marion Plant OBE FCGI, Principal and Chief Executive said, "This endorsement by Ofsted properly reflects the effort and ambition of our students, the hard work of our staff and the support of our governing body. We are particularly proud of our students who are such fantastic ambassadors for further education and represented themselves so well."

"We are delighted with the outcome of the inspection by Ofsted which reflects the high standards achieved by the college."

WIGSTON CAMPUS NURSERY

Rated Good by Ofsted our day nursery provides children with a safe, fun environment in which to learn, play and grow. Open to the public and those studying at the college, we provide full-time and part-time places for children aged 0-5 years. You'll find us in the Bobbin Factory, located next to our Wigston Campus.

Please contact us if you would like to look around or for more information.

Our phone number is
0330 058 3000 ext. 3520.



STRIKE A POSE WITH THE SALON

The Salon at the college is keeping up with industry trends and is introducing new services including eyebrow waxing and tinting, new types of facials, manicures, pedicures, and inch loss treatments.

**To book an appointment please contact
The Salon reception:**

**For Hairdressing appointments: 0116 264 3525
For Beauty Therapy appointments: 0116 264 3534**

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Education programmes for young people	Good
Adult learning programmes	Good
Apprenticeships	Good
Provision for learners with high needs	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS



“ My college studies were important because airlines like to see evidence that candidates have the application and dedication to achieve well in academic studies. Pilots have to overcome a number of challenges as they work towards achieving their licence and I need to demonstrate that I have got what it takes. ”



BUSINESS STUDENT LUCY IS FLYING HIGH

A trial flying lesson at Coventry airport cemented Lucy Cooper's determination to achieve her dream of becoming a pilot. After GCSEs, she devoted her time to achieving her Private Pilot Licence and joined the college to study for a Level 3 Business to give her

future career a boost. Having registered 45 hours of flying including her first solo cross-country route, Lucy achieved her Private Pilot's Licence and is now planning to fly further afield in Europe in her mission to log the hours required for a commercial licence.

SAM ACHIEVES HIS PARAMEDIC DREAM

After a shoulder injury forced him out of the Leicester Tigers' academy programme, Sam Huczmann from Leicester made a sharp change of direction to become a paramedic. He credits the Access to Higher Education course at the Wigston Campus as the 'turning point'

as he looks back over three years with East Midlands Ambulance Service. Sam regularly returns to college to lead sessions and share his experiences with current students who benefit from his front line knowledge.



“ I found the college very flexible and supportive and the tutors are highly knowledgeable and really know their stuff. As well as learning about human biology, I also gained skills in research and IT. I never thought that I would get this far in education. I would definitely recommend this programme at NWSLC and I'm really grateful to the college for setting me on the right path. ”

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

A carpentry apprentice with Broughton Astley company M&O Building Contractors has been shortlisted as Apprentice of the Year as part of two separate awards schemes. His achievements were recognised last year at the Leicestershire Live

be announced at the Athena in Leicester on 28 February.

Joel started working with M&O nearly four years ago as a labourer. After working with various trades on site, he showed promise and was offered the opportunity to start an apprenticeship in site carpentry which he completed four months ahead of schedule and he has now progressed on to an advanced apprenticeship.

Education Awards and he is now in the running to collect a trophy as part of the Building Better Communities Awards 2020 with the results due to



PART-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS

Good maths and English skills are essential for any career – and make life easier to manage! Whether you are keen to progress in your career, turn a hobby into a business, or simply improve your current skills, there are plenty of opportunities for adult students to study maths and English at Wigston Campus.

We offer courses at basic and improvers' levels on a part-time basis that are ideal if you want to brush up your skills or need a qualification to progress to GCSE level. The English course covers reading, writing, speaking and listening. Maths classes covers number, measure, shape and space, and data handling.

English and maths courses start every six weeks and are available to study during the day or in the evening giving you plenty of scope to achieve the qualification you need to gain entry to university or further your career. Courses are free for most people* so please get in touch via enquiries@nwslc.ac.uk to check or give us a call on 0330 058 3000 for more details.

**Terms and conditions apply*

PLACES IN SQUAD UK FOR 'SKILLS OLYMPICS'

Students and alumni from North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College are set to represent the UK on the world's stage following their selection for Squad UK as part of the international WorldSkills competition. The talented trio includes Leicestershire's Saskia Godley from Stoney Stanton who is due to compete in the visual merchandising category. Saskia is joined in her category by graphic design student Ellie Ruff and culinary arts competitor Chloe Lloyd-Hughes, both from Nuneaton. All three will compete for the chance to represent the UK at the bi-annual event in Shanghai in 2021 known as the 'Skills Olympics'.



Students from across the college triumphed at the national finals of the WorldSkills UK LIVE competition in November 2019 putting the college in first place in England after winning five Gold medals, six Silver and three Bronze medals overall. WorldSkills UK LIVE is an inspirational showcase designed to highlight the latest training, education and job opportunities. As part of the three-day event at the NEC in Birmingham, students from across the UK who have been successful in regional heats compete with their peers in around 70 skills challenges. Twenty-one students from North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College took part having already achieved success in regional heats.



worldskillsuk
GO FURTHER, FASTER