



EDUCATION MINISTER VISITS COLLEGE'S NEWEST CAMPUS

The Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP paid a special visit to the college's specialist campus for the automotive sector in February 2020. The education minister visited the MIRA Technology Institute (MTI), one of five campuses run by the college, to announce a £14 million package designed to boost leadership and governance in colleges across the country as part of the government's commitment to building a skilled workforce.

During his visit, Mr Williamson experienced at first hand the expert teaching at the MTI which is designed to deliver specialist skills for the automotive industry including the new disruptive technology areas of cybersecurity, electrification, and driverless cars. The minister heard about how the college is helping employers to deliver high quality apprenticeships and supporting young people to gain the employability skills they need to join the workforce once they have achieved their qualifications.

Mr Williamson said, "Good leadership and governance are vital if we want the further education sector to continue to thrive and grow. The FE sector is already doing amazing work to unlock talent and opportunity up and down the country. This multi-million pound investment will empower even more FE leaders and governors to drive up standards so more students receive the high quality education and training they deserve."

After his visit, the minister tweeted about the good leadership he had seen at NWSLC.



COLLEGE OPENS DOOR ON THE WORLD OF WORK FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Around 400 students from local schools benefited from a showcase on exciting career opportunities as part of a World of Work day during National Apprenticeship Week in February.

The students, currently in Year 10 at schools including the Nuneaton Academy, George Eliot School, Hartshill School and Ash Green School met employers and had the chance to 'have a go' at a range of fun and inspirational work-related activities at the college's Hinckley and Nuneaton Campuses.

Activities were focused on performing arts, digital and media skills, automotive engineering, sport, childcare, and hairdressing and beauty therapy. The event also welcomed students with special educational needs and disabilities.

Businesses taking part in the event included Sigma, Black and Decorate and Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (CAVA), NHS Nursing, Bloor Homes and Creative62.

ENGLAND'S TOP PERFORMING WORLDSKILLS UK COLLEGE IS BACKING 2027 BID

Students and staff from the college have endorsed WorldSkills UK's ambition to host the international 'Skills Olympics' in 2027. They are adding their voice to colleges across the UK who are urging Education Secretary Gavin Williamson MP to support a bid and help to put the country's technical skills on the world map.

The college community is supporting a campaign for the UK to host the global skills community in the belief that it would act as a catalyst for change in the sector, helping to create a stronger economic future for young people. If successful, the WorldSkills competition would showcase the UK's commitment to high quality skills development to

businesses, education leaders and ministers from all over the world.

Supporters are being asked to comment using the #BackABid hashtag on social media and add their voice to support for the bid.



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

A special celebration event in January recognised the achievements of the college's higher education graduates and further education stars. The event, which was hosted at the Jury's Inn hotel in Hinckley on 17 January, included a musical medley from the College's performing arts students, and an inspirational keynote address from Marion Plant, OBE FCGI, the College's Principal and Chief Executive.

In addition, around 60 graduates were presented with certificates for completing their higher education programmes, representing around 240 who successfully achieved a range of degree-level qualifications this year.

The celebration event was attended by guests including the MP for Bosworth, Dr Luke Evans, the Mayor of Nuneaton & Bedworth, Cllr June Tandy, plus local employers and partners and governors.

Marion Plant said, "Our celebration marks a fantastic year during which we reached the first anniversary of the MIRA Technology Institute, our state of the art training centre for automotive engineering; achieved a positive endorsement from Ofsted which judged the college to be 'Good with Outstanding features' at its most recent inspection, and celebrated the success of our students in many prestigious competitions including WorldSkills."

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ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOUR OPERATORS WELCOMES STUDENTS

In February, Travel and Tourism students from our Wigston Campus visited the TUI superstore at Beaumont Leys in Leicester as part of a career taster event. This is the third consecutive year that college students have visited the store learning about what it takes to be an apprentice and work in the travel sector for one of the world's largest tour operators.

Students spent time engaging with customers and picked up some great customer service and sales tips. They learnt about the latest holiday offers and even had a peek at the different systems that the TUI team use to provide an excellent service. Students chatted to TUI's Ellie who works as a resort representative during the summer and returns to the UK in the winter to work in store.



STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UK COOK UP A STORM IN COLLEGE COMPETITION

Future stars of the industry shone when they took part in a catering competition organised by the college to showcase their skills at our Nuneaton Campus. Eighteen of the college's own students joined their peers to take part in a range of cookery and hospitality challenges, picking up seven Gold medals in total.

More than 70 students travelled to the college's Nuneaton Campus to compete in the event held in January. Colleges taking part included City of Liverpool College, South & City Birmingham College, Cheshire College and Central Bedfordshire College.

Judged by high profile figures from within the catering industry, students from all levels took on complex tasks including preparing a scallop dish, street food challenge, risotto challenge, mackerel filleting, themed table setting and napkin folding.

Students from North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College scooped a total of five Best in Class awards, seven Gold medals, 11 Silver, five Bronze and four Certificates of Merit. Best front of house student from the college was awarded to Euan Brindley, with best college chef being won by Ryan Howarth.

To find out more about hospitality and catering courses at the college, visit www.nwslc.ac.uk or email enquiries@nwslc.ac.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Our Celebration of Achievement in January recognised many students including:



ALICIA FORD

Alicia, who was named as Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Student of the Year, was described by her tutors as the most eager and willing student that they had ever taught! Alicia worked extremely hard outside her timetable, representing the college at regional and national skills competitions, achieving second and third places and finally a first place as part of UK Skills.



NATHAN CASTLEDINE

The Principal's Prize for Student of the Year 2020 went to Nathan Castledine who has not allowed his visual impairment to spoil his dream of working with technology in computer maintenance. His tutors said that Nathan is an inspiration to everyone bringing positivity, enthusiasm and professionalism to every task he undertakes and is a role model for overcoming adversity.



ZOE WAKEFIELD

Zoe was named as Engineering Apprentice of the Year for her commitment to her apprenticeship in forklift truck maintenance and repair. Her tutors said that Zoe displays boundless enthusiasm and continuously achieves excellent results in her assignments and exams. Zoe is currently leading a group of apprentices who are researching and developing improved material handling equipment.

BRICKLAYING APPRENTICE TAYLOR IS BUILDING ON SUCCESS

A construction apprentice has been recognised with a prestigious award from national housebuilder David Wilson Homes. Taylor Vandyback, 18, from Leicester, who is completing a Level 3 qualification in bricklaying at the college's Wigston Campus, was singled out from more than 30 apprentices in the East Midlands division for his effort and commitment on the Wigston Meadows development.

Taylor's employers presented him with the award following his hard work and the excellent progress he has made in learning his trade and working collaboratively on site with his peers. His site manager Henry Patecki said that Taylor was an asset to the company, and he was delighted to see the apprentice recognised in this way.

Taylor said, "I was shocked when I heard that I had won but I am really pleased. I am getting all the

support I need at college and expect to complete my qualification later this year. I am committed to my specialism in bricklaying and in the future, I might like to set up my own business and work as a subcontractor. For now, I am enjoying working with David Wilson Homes and I am really pleased with my award."



WE'RE OPEN TO WELCOME YOU

Come along to our open events in April and May and you can meet our students and tutors, take a look at our facilities, and find out more about what the college has to offer. Register online at nwslc.ac.uk

**Saturday
25 April 2020
from 10am - 1pm**
Hinckley Campus
Wigston Campus

**Saturday
2 May 2020
from 10am - 1pm**
Nuneaton Campus

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 both Nuneaton and Wigston Campuses.

English and maths courses start every six weeks and 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.

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