

## Claire Arbery

This week we had an article published in the National Computing at Schools newsletter. This is the publication for BCS, The Chartered Institute of IT and has 58,000 members.

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## Message from a former employee

Dear Dr Paul,

I was an employee of Weston College until the change of the OLASS contract in April, 2019. During the last fifteen months working for a different education provider, I have been reflecting on my time in your employment and the important aspects that I miss very much.

I would like to share these thoughts with you because I feel it is important that you are aware of how positive my experience was, as an employee. I appreciate that the current climate is unpredictable and concerning and perhaps some positive feedback may help to brighten your day.

I am not comparing my current employer with Weston College because that would not be at all appropriate, plus all is well, but please find below a short list of the things that really 'made a difference' as a member of your staff.

- The 'family' feel.
- The smiley get-togethers in Weston during the summer and at Christmas time; with the opportunity to celebrate the achievement of individuals, together as a huge team.
- The staff development projects with the 'Quality' Team.
- Good communication between establishments, ensuring that distance did not mean isolation.
- Support and encouragement with CPD ideas.
- Recognition and opportunity to embrace skills set.
- Understanding and flexibility if there was a life-issue to manage.
- The best management I have ever experienced.
- The opportunity to shake hands with you once a year, look you in the eye and say thank you for the job that I loved.

## Annette Milburn

I wanted to share with you the link to the world premiere of a piece sung by myself and 17,500 other people. It was written by a contemporary American composer who started his virtual choirs in 2010 bringing together singers from around the world.

It was a great joy to have been part of this piece which was written during the pandemic. I hope you enjoy it too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnULYfJHKI0>

## Jane Vivian

The **Centre for Excellence in SEND (People)** held its penultimate webinar for this academic year on 15<sup>th</sup> July. We were delighted to be joined by international speaker Nick Elston **#Talking Anxiety**.

With over 80 guests joining, Nick who's a leading Inspirational Speaker on the Lived Experience of Mental Health, talked candidly about his own experiences of mental illness and mental health. He shared tips, tools and techniques that helped him in his own recovery. Nick talked not only about what anxiety is - but what anxiety does - how it keeps us in a comfort zone, stops us living a life on our terms & ultimately how it affects success - by your own definition.



Feedback was outstanding:

*"Thanks! I will be using some of these strategies for my students, but also myself!"*

*"Really interesting and valuable. Needed this, particularly during an everchanging situation- thank you so much."*

*"Thank you, this has been great- very moving and really helpful, thank you."*

*"One of the best webinars I have attended, thank you so much."*

*"Another amazing talk Nick, very relatable and must remember to take some 'me' time!!"*

*"Thank you so much. Thought provoking, useful and relatable."*

*"Thank you Nick - very interesting and helpful especially work and home life, so relatable."*

The final CfE webinar for this academic year is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Jacqui Ford will be detailing how the college is **Supporting staff to return to the workplace following lockdown**. Places can be booked at: [https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/818/Supporting-staff-to-return-to-the-workplace-following-lockdown?sh=900336&ci\\_id=4016](https://booking.etfoundation.co.uk/course/details/818/Supporting-staff-to-return-to-the-workplace-following-lockdown?sh=900336&ci_id=4016)

## John Turner CEO Visit Somerset – message on LinkedIn



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"At Weston College we are ready to support you to make the most of Government incentives; we have been successfully delivering both apprenticeships and traineeships for many years; they offer a fantastic route to the job market for young people and provide that extra pair of hands to businesses, bring fresh ideas and create future leaders." [Dr Paul Phillips CBE](#)

Check out Dr Paul's latest blog, which shares how our role in kickstarting recovery, below.



**BLOG: Weston College's role in 'kickstarting' recovery**

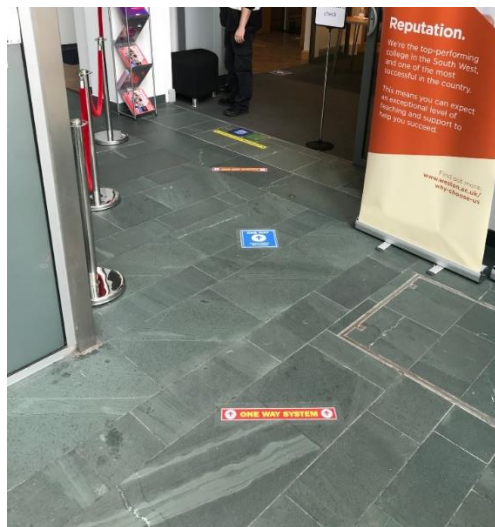
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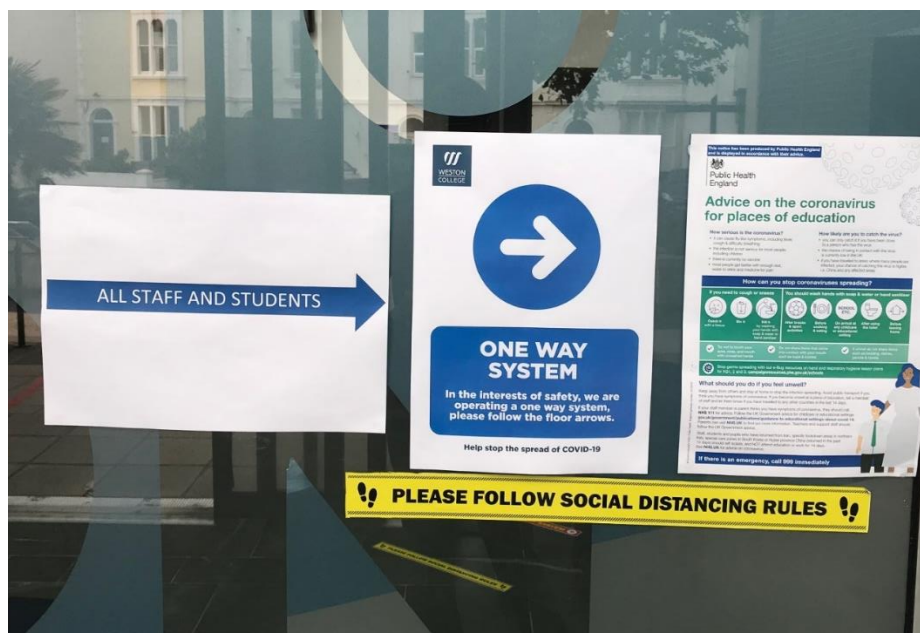
## Returning to College – documentation for Sensory Learning Base students provided by Sam Mayhew

### Welcome back to Weston College

First you will meet your tutor at the main reception



You must follow the social distancing (2 meters apart from others) and one-way rules



You must use the hand sanitiser



Someone will take your temperature; they will be wearing a mask. You must wait until they say you can go in





You will walk to the SLB, remember to walk 2 meters away from your tutor, use the sticker on the floor to help you



The SLB will be very quiet, you might not see very many people.



Wash your hands before you leave



You must leave using the side exit



When you get home wash your hands again.





**[Use this link or QR code to see a virtual tour of the College](#)**

[Welcome back video with virtual tour](#)

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