

MY VIRTUAL COLLEGE

UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES LEARNERS VISIT THE CLIFFS



Uniformed Public Services have been out and about, this time taking on their personal fears.

We have been building up a confidence in our ability to control our own thoughts and feelings whilst overcoming obstacles.

Learners have been to Uphill quarry taking on the huge cliff faces, and throwing themselves at the challenge of stepping over the edge!

Abseiling has allowed our learners to face the common fears such as heights, but it has also allowed us to address other challenges such as a fear of not being good enough, or the fear of failure.

All of our learners have enjoyed the experience and everyone has left with beaming smiles and an enormous sense of achievement.

[Click here to watch a short highlight video of the activity.](#)

SPRING AT AMEC

MAXINE PARK



Spring has definitely sprung at the Animal Management Education Centre at Puxton Park.

Births are happening almost daily, which is exciting for our students, who get to look after the newborns.

Level 1 Animal Care students had a fabulous day this week as they were given the opportunity to feed lambs and start the socialisation process, to ensure the animals are used to being handled and health checked.

The group also took part in Puxton's Animal Encounters, helping the Puxton keepers to demonstrate handling techniques and discuss the care of rabbits and guinea pigs to the visiting public.

We are so proud of this group, the feedback we received yesterday from the Puxton Animal Team supervisor was that their work was exceptional and their presentation and interactions with the public excellent.

BRICKWORKS STUDIO GUEST LECTURE

The Brickworks Studio. Burnham-on-sea.

ANNA COLEMAN

- Facilitating a lack of engagement with the arts community.
- Community & collaboration.
- Supporting young artist in the local area.
- Create a physical space and digital platform to share ideas, projects and creativity.



THE BRICKWORKS

This month, Level 3 Photography and Media students had the opportunity to learn about the new creative hub Brickworks Studio and the story behind the man who runs the space.

Jacob Dear is a documentary photographer and visual artist whose journey started at Weston College. As a former photography student, he was taught by Paul French and was delighted to have been given the opportunity to return as an alumni and speak to Level 3 Year 2 learners.

"I feel a strong tie to Weston College. As a young artist, it helped me to develop my base of creativity. I found my style and interests whilst being a student here! With this in mind, I wanted to give back to the place that taught me so much. I was given the opportunity by Anna Coleman to speak with both the photography and media students about how I developed as a creative. In this opportunity, I wanted to remind the students that their creative path will change and that is okay. Being creative is being open to new beginnings!"

Dan Andrews: "Jacob was an excellent guest, he was fun and informative and an inspiration to all. No journey is a straight line!"

Jacob hopes that Brickworks Studio, based in Burnham-On-Sea, can provide an opportunity to showcase the work of young creatives. The co-working arts space is "dedicated to providing space for artists to create on a daily basis. Think of it as a new hub for artists to research, develop and most importantly create."

We look forward to welcoming Jacob back to the college in the near future as plans with Brickworks progress, watch this space!

NEW PROGRAMME ALERT!

EMMA HOYAL

We are preparing to deliver our first Princes Trust 'Teams' programme!

George Fake and Ian Sweet are working in collaboration with Pete Lane at Butcombe Farm to review the fantastic community project opportunities available to our learners. More information and updates to follow over the next few weeks!





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Are you ready for 12 weeks that could change your life?

If you're aged between 16 and 25, The Prince's Trust Team Programme with Weston College can help you!

Over 12 action-packed weeks, you'll take part in a number of exciting challenges that will stretch you to your limits. You'll meet new people and gain all sorts of new skills that will change the way you think about your future.

The programme includes a fantastic three day residential, an engaging community project and exciting work placements alongside the ultimate team challenge!

This well-established, nationally recognised programme ensures most participants enter employment, education or training within three months of completion.

Plus, most young people are able to keep their benefits whilst on the programme and there is an opportunity for one or more young person to receive an incentive payment from the Prince's Trust upon completion.

Join us on the Teams Programme starting 28th June 2021.

GOOD PRACTICE SHOWCASE

BARRY KASHT



The Learning Technology team are pleased to launch the first instalment in a new monthly Digital Practice Showcase series, where we recognise and share the good digital practice that is being demonstrated by a member of staff.

This month's edition features Ronnie Houselander-Cook, an Art & Design lecturer at Loxton, and how in her practice she uses a range of different innovative tools to support learners.

If you would like to feature on one of our showcases, or perhaps want to nominate someone who is doing outstanding work with digital applications, please contact: learningtech@weston.ac.uk

[View the sharepoint page here](#)

FESTIVAL OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ARTS

JONNY DIBBLE



Celebrating the creative achievements of children and young people

28 May 2021

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On Friday 28th May we'll be supporting the Association of College's initiative:

The Festival of School and College Arts. On this day we will be sharing all of our exciting recent news in Creative Arts to celebrate the incredible talents and highlight the upcoming Summer Show.

Keep a look out on the 28th and please share our content with #EduArtsFest to spread the positive news and help showcase the amazing talent here in Weston-super-Mare.



SUCCESS STORIES

DAVE CREW

A positive information session with Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust this week as we expand our partnership to deliver Health Level 3 Apprenticeships, with further recruitment planned for September and October cohorts.

Just a quick email to say that I thought the information session went really well!

It was clear, concise and really did give a good overview of the apprenticeship. It was also very clear that there is a strong and professional relationship between GHC and Weston College and that a lot of time, effort and planning has gone into this particular cohort. Thank you for leading this on behalf of Weston and for really listening and understanding what GHC are trying to achieve. There were some very influential people on the call who will hopefully pass on the message.

Stacey

One Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Hub Project Manager/Widening Access and Apprenticeship Lead
Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust



Gloucestershire Health and Care
NHS Foundation Trust

AMBER CLARK

This week Abatec Recruitment visited Loxton Campus to pitch an exciting Art Project to our Level 3 Year 1 Art and Design students.

As Abatec Recruitment have a brand new office, the business are wanting our talented Art and Design students to design 3 murals to go in their newly refurbished office.

There is already student interest in this project and this really is such an excellent placement opportunity, where the students will benefit from their work being seen by other national businesses and there will be lots of press coverage once the mural is finished.

As a young artist starting out, I am sure this really will help build their portfolio and list of clients they have worked for.

Massive thank you to Ronnie Houselander-Cook for letting us pitch this brief to your Level 3 Tutor Group and for Anna Coleman from the Business Growth Team for sourcing this opportunity.

SUCCESS STORIES

HELEN GEORGE

So proud of Sam Ashton, one of our superstar Business learners who has certainly been 'making an impact' whilst on his Industry Placement!

Sam will be joining his employer as his 'special guest' on LinkedIn Live this Friday, to promote the benefits of Industry Placements.



Martyn Sloman • 2nd

Helping Sales Teams stay ahead of targets making more profitable sales | Sales Expert | Sales Trainer...
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Very happy to announce [Sam Ashton](#) will be joining me as special guest on LinkedIn Live, Friday 21st May at 1PM. Sam is an ideas & Marketing powerhouse -he has transformed a multitude of areas of my business & products.

And he's done it via a work placement arranged via [Weston College](#).

He'll be sharing how he added even more gold dust to Gold Dust Training!

Tune in also to hear about his views on why businesses should consider leveraging the knowledge, ideas and skills of a work placement student in their business.

[#linkedinlive](#) [#salestrainer](#) [#workplacement](#)

**LinkedIn Live
Special Guest:**

the green house

eatery & drinks ————— weston-super-mare

The Green House opened this week, welcoming staff, students and the public back. They will continue to offer 20% discount off food and beverage for staff and students of Weston College or UCW.

ID badge will need to be shown to staff when ordering.

Open Monday-Saturday 8.30am-4pm,
takeaway available too!



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BECOMING A BUSINESS PARTNER.

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