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MY VIRTUAL COLLEGE

WESTON COLLEGE WIN NATIONAL AAC APPRENTICESHIP AWARD!



On Thursday, Weston College were announced as winners of the ‘Promoting Apprenticeship Campaign of the Year’ category, at the 2021 AAC Apprenticeship Awards.

The AAC Apprenticeship Awards is supported by FE Week and AELP (Association of Employment and Learning Providers) and celebrates apprenticeships across the UK.

Weston College was commended for its partnership with the FA and AoC Sport, to create and promote the FA Women’s Football Apprenticeship Programme, which has the aim of increasing female participation in football.

With the support of a strong marketing campaign the apprenticeship vacancies went live in August, it proved popular, with 146 applications, for just ten vacancies. The apprenticeship itself has had some fantastic backing, with football clubs across the UK endorsing the programme, to encourage more females to get involved with football.

The ever-popular awards received over 350 nominations for the 21 categories this year, with the judges praising the innovation and tenacity of apprenticeship providers.

This award is down to a real team effort of the Apprenticeships, Sport Faculty and Marketing and Communication teams.

WESTON COLLEGE AND UWE PILOT AN INNOVATIVE TECHNICAL SKILLS SOLUTION

The white paper sets out a vision for the future of skills across England.

The resources both physical and human needed to deliver and respond to this challenge are significant and require innovation and collaborative working. In the West of England region, two partners in the education world have joined forces to drive a unique implementation programme. UWE Bristol and Weston College, both giants in the world of higher and further education have almost 20 years of partnership working between them but from September 2021 they are tackling a skills issue across the Bristol region – together!

Why is this happening?

The combined and joint working experience of the two organisations is clearly greater than the sum of the parts. The Vice Chancellor of UWE Bristol Professor Steve West commented:

“The need to focus on skills and education to level-up and build for the future is essential and now is the time to be bold and ambitious with partners as we recover from a global pandemic.”

His words were complemented by Dr Paul Phillips CBE, Principal & Chief Executive of Weston College:

“If we jigsaw our combined skills portfolio which includes an Institute of Technology (IoT) and a Centre for Excellence we can grab this nettle and produce the skills continuum that is missing.”

Both individuals believe that their proposal makes sense at so many levels and moreover that this is a Level 3 pilot in the making that they hope Department for Education and others will see as having the potential to influence and change perception of education. Their model is simply two organisations providing the thrust of development that can influence the response of young people and adults alike. This is a boldness in approach that has a freshness, a vitality that will appear to a wide audience.

So, what does this future look like. Already ahead of launching in the Autumn Term both organisations have piloted Level 3 activity under a joint brand and yes there is a market - which is already reaching undiscovered potential.

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Both organisations were keen to emphasise that resource is more important at this stage than a single building or location, Dr Phillips added:

“We need to be responsive at a number of levels including type of curriculum, location of delivery and mode of deliver.”

Whilst Professor West stated:

“The Government needs to support inclusive innovative examples of collaboration that encourages institutions, businesses and communities to work together to improve the health, wealth and opportunities of the nation.”

Like so many initiatives to develop this model and take it to its full potential will require investment. Both leaders hope that this is the type of project that will gain funding in the future from both a revenue and capital perspective. The institutions believe in this approach and have already invested and speculated to accumulate. Their accumulation however is an agile response to an urgent skills demand.

Learner, Florin Mitroi who was engaged in the pilot commented:

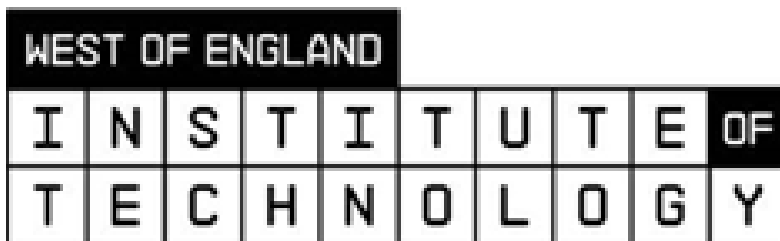
“Due to this partnership I have been able to access top class teaching within state-of-the-art facilities right on my doorstep in Bristol – plus I have benefited from the Government Lifetime Skills Guarantee funding to pay for this course; all of this will help me to secure a new job, with options to progress afterwards and continue with training.”

Dr Phillips concluded:

“We know the objective of the ‘skills for jobs’ white paper. Its intention to reform post -16 technical education and training to increase productivity is already clear. The UWE Bristol/Weston College partnership is already ahead of the game and will transform the opportunities for learners right across our region.”

IOT CELEBRATION EVENT

CLAIRE ARBERY



Thursday 8 July was a busy and unforgettable day for many reasons, A football final to contemplate and the National Launch of the Institutes of Technology.

As previewed a few weeks ago the DfE launched their explainer video early in the day which features Weston College front and Centre in the campaign.

Please watch the short video to understand more about the IoT and see who you know in the video:

<https://youtu.be/Mis2YMNJvos>

Take a look at some of the social media activity:

IOT CELEBRATION EVENT CONTINUED ...



West of England Institute of Technology @WEIoT · 20h
"WEIoT is an amazing initiative, that makes a big difference not just for our current generations, but for the future too." @WestofEnglandCA Metro Mayor, Dan Norris.

#PlanForJobs #InstitutesOfTechnology

@UWEBristol, @YeovilCollege, @BathCollege, @Gloscol



West of England Institute of Technology @WEIoT · 23h
On 2nd July, the WEIoT hosted their first Staff Conference.

Use the link below to discover the events of the day!

tinyurl.com/3ddmd3ec

#WEIoT #InstitutesOfTechnology #PlanForJobs

@westoncollege @YeovilCollege @BathCollege @Gloscol @UWEBristol



Weston College @westoncollege · Jul 8
We have opened a brand-new welding facility!

"This new centre shows our commitment to local employers, by creating a training facility that meets the demand of industry."

Find out more:
weston.ac.uk/news/weston-co...

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West of England Institute of Technology Retweeted
HM Government SW @HMGSouthWest · 21h
We're proud to support the launch of #InstitutesOfTechnology like the new @WEIoT.

Innovative collaborations of colleges, employers and universities delivering the skills employers need to recover and thrive.

More info ow.ly/FK5g50fmsfd

#PlanForJobs



You and 9 others

West of England Institute of Technology Retweeted
CyNam @CyNamHub · Jul 8
The new multimillion pound institute of technology, bringing degree level education to all, was opened by @Gloscol this morning! Have a look at the amazing space below



First look inside New multimillion pound cyber tra...
A new multimillion pound institute of technology, bringing degree level computing and cyber ...
soglos.com

UCW QUINTENNIAL ENHANCEMENT REVIEW (QER)

SADIE SKELLON

Two of our Foundation Degrees have been through the Quintennial Enhancement Review (QER) process this term, which is a somewhat gruelling quality review of the programme from Bath Spa University, involving external and internal scrutiny of programme content, delivery, progression and processes. Both programmes had excellent outcomes with a range of best practice identified and commended through the final reports.

Counselling

Strong emphasis on the creation of learning communities for support and development that are highly valued by students, there is highly effective use of VLE to support student learning. There is a strong commitment to embed employability for example, assessment tasks that link to and prepare students for professional practice and a range of assessment types within and across years which allows students to showcase and develop their skills. The link tutor from BSU was emotional as he thanked Barbara for all she has done to develop the course and said it had been a privilege to work with her.

Film

There is excellent provision and delivery of Film/Media programmes located at UCW, there is notable development and enhancement of student experience since the last periodic review. Creative enterprise and industry links are embedded throughout all provision, it is acknowledged that the curriculum has real world industry currency. The subject leader from BSU summed it up by saying "UCW were hugely impressive."

WELCOME DAY

SANDRA BULL

Next year's new starters enjoy making pasta dishes during their college Welcome Day!



MODULEK BUILDING AT THE GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Here are the latest developments for our GTC base in Bristol

Things are starting to take shape with the Modulek build within the GTC building, which includes:

Two classrooms

- 3 toilets
- 1 staff room
- Barrier to be placed at end of blue path to restrict access.

Classroom 1 downstairs

- Will hold 24 high spec PC's
- With capacity to increase if needed.

Classroom 2 upstairs

- Set out as classroom with cupboards for science equipment
- WiFi for high spec laptops x 24

Small staffroom to seat 3

- Computer server on wall in corner – above head height for some not for others.



THEATRICAL, SPECIAL EFFECTS, HAIR AND MEDIA MAKE-UP SHOW AT THE SOVEREIGN CENTRE

SANDRA BULL



Level 3 learners spent the day putting into practice what they have been learning over the last year on the Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up Diploma at a show held at the Sovereign Shopping Centre.

The learners, were given a make-up brief where they needed to explore the theme of 'Sci-Fi' and designed their own character suitable for film or theatre, taking inspiration from films and/or books to create a total look that matches the aesthetic of the characters and environment.

Working to a brief is an expectation in the media make-up industry and this qualification provides learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to work as a make-up artist covering topics such as: Airbrush make-up for the face; camouflage make-up; fashion, photographic and media make-up, and more ...

“As you can see our learners have created some brilliant sci-fi looks, they are going to look great in their portfolio's. They have all worked so hard.”

Jon, Sovereign Centre Manager said “Doesn't it look fantastic, what great, creative work - well done! We want to be at the heart of the community, and by working with the wonderful staff and learners at Weston College we are able to deliver different events for our customers and also assist the learners experience in working under pressure with an audience in a different venue.”



JONNY DIBBLE

Bookings are now open for the annual summer workshops for 11-13 and 14-16 year-olds and are returning this July!

These practical and engaging workshops are an amazing chance for students in years 7 upwards to come into the College, see the facilities and take part in a fun workshop in a subject that interests them!

As well as being a great way to introduce young people to the College, it's a fantastic opportunity for them to try a subject they haven't tried before and spark the inspiration that guides their future.

This year, we are offering workshops in:

- Acting for Theatre, Film and Television
- Art and Design
- Ceramics
- Fashion
- Graphics
- Game and Animation
- Musical Theatre
- Music Performance and Production
- Technical Theatre and Live Events
- Photography
- Professional and Commercial Dance.

Places have already begun to fill up quickly, so if you know someone with secondary school aged children who would be interested in attending, please send them to our website where they can book their place:

www.weston.ac.uk/event/summer-workshops-11-16-year-olds

ENGLISH AND MATHS COLLABORATING WITH THE BRICKLAYING TEAM

TATANIA REYNOLDS



The English and Maths team collaborated with the Bricklaying team to help build a wall at South West Skills Campus.

This space will be dedicated for use by the DSW and TAs to support bricklayers/construction with their English and maths from within bricklaying.

We learnt how to mix the cement 'muck,' use a trowel to create the base for the capping stone bricks, do pointing, and keep to the plumb lines.

We would like to thank John Ryan and Shaun Smith for their expert tutoring and patience with us.

THE POD FINALLY ARRIVES

CLAIRE ARBERY



Next week the autonomous vehicle event takes place in Weston-super-Mare, from Thursday 15 through to Sunday 18 July.

The Pod will be providing rides around the Italian Gardens from Friday to Sunday and some slots can be pre-booked on the [dedicated web page](#).

There are still opportunities for students to support the event as information marshalls to make sure that the demonstration is explained to all that would like to know more.

Share your pictures on socials next week to show how cutting edge Weston can be!

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY/FRIENDS WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK FOR THE **COLLEGE GROUP?**



Our current vacancies:

Apprentice Support Worker – closes 13 July

RTA Engineering – closes 21 July

Lecturer in Counselling – closes 22 July

Library Plus Learning Advisor – closes 15 July

Recruitment Officer – closes 11 July

For more information or to see other roles available visit our [website](#).

EVENTS



www.weston.ac.uk/news-and-events/events

**DON'T MISS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EITHER YOURSELF
OR YOUR STUDENTS.**

OR PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
MAY BE INTERESTED IN STUDYING AT THE COLLEGE OR
BECOMING A BUSINESS PARTNER.

01 APRIL 2021
30 SEP 2021



300 IN 100

19 JULY 2021
30 JULY 2021



ELEVATE

10 MAY 2021
25 AUGUST 2021



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TAKE A LOOK
AROUND OUR
OUTSTANDING
FACILITIES!**

08 JUL 2021
26 AUG 2021



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