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Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to the first issue of V & O; Burton College's new magazine designed to help us share our exciting story about growth, continued investment and improving performance with you our learners, parents, employers, and other key stakeholders.

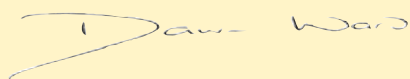
Burton College is a rapidly changing organisation. We recognise the intrinsic links we have with our communities and the vital part we play in shaping the future for young people, employers and their employees through equipping them with work ready skills and knowledge. It is this shared vision that will ensure we are adding value locally and supporting the competitive advantage of businesses in Burton and South Derbyshire.

Following the Government's recent Comprehensive Spending Review it is also essential that, as a public sector organisation, we continue to demonstrate value for money and a robust return on investment. The quality of our provision and our responsiveness to learners and employers will be a key factor in our future success. This publication will keep you updated on how we are working flexibly with all of our customers and supporting the ongoing economic regeneration of the communities we serve.

Finally, inside this magazine you will see many examples of how our journey towards reaching our vision of being vibrant and outstanding (V & O) is progressively becoming a reality. The College's continued increase in student numbers demonstrates our high quality reputation and the stories of student achievement and how we are investing on improving our facilities illustrates our commitment to Burton College being a 21st century provider of education and training and an organisation with a respected heritage and an exciting future. An organisation that truly is; delivering the skills of tomorrow....today.

I hope that you enjoy this first issue and look forward to keeping you updated in future issues of our exciting story, continued successes and substantial achievements.

Many thanks



Dawn Ward OBE

Chief Executive & Principal



On the cover: Time to Celebrate. Sarah Cunningham & Joan Josephs at the Higher Education Graduation Ceremony. See pages 8-9.

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STUDENT NAMED ELECTROTHERAPIST OF THE YEAR

A BEAUTY Therapy student has won a prestigious competition to be named Student Electrotherapist of the Year. NVQ Level 3 Beauty Therapy student Elisabeth Cox, who works at the town's Heaven Scent branch, won the National Finals of the SEBTA Student Electrotherapy Beauty Therapist Awards, which were held at the Grand Hotel in Brighton. Sponsored by Carlton Professional, the award, which focuses on excellence in facial electrotherapy, seeks to find the best electrotherapists in the country. During the final, the competitors were asked to perform a full treatment on a model, including consultation, practical and aftercare, in front of a panel of industry judges. Elisabeth has received £500 together with a Carlton Professional Ultraderm machine whilst the College has received a £1000 cheque to be redeemable on Carlton Professional equipment. Commenting on Elisabeth's achievement, College Lecturer Donna Bird said, "This is a highly regarded, national competition which provides students with great experience together with the opportunity to demonstrate their exceptional knowledge and skills in electrotherapy. Those who are invited to take part in the final are thought to be amongst the best electrotherapy students in the country and participation illustrates their high level of motivation. In addition, the competition provides an invaluable insight into the beauty profession and the pressure of having to perform under very tight time restrictions. The fact that Elisabeth has won clearly illustrates her talent and professionalism."



Left to right: Chair of LSIS Board Dame Ruth Silver DBE, Ex Vice President of Burton College's Students' Union Tara Lunn, Burton College Learner Liaison Manager Anthony Hemmings & Burton College Chief Executive & Principal Dawn Ward OBE.

COLLEGE SCOOPS NATIONAL AWARD

BURTON College has beaten off competition from across the country to win a national award, which recognises its commitment to the voice of learners. The College was presented with the Most Improved Provider at the annual Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) Leading the Learner Voice Awards 2010, which seek to celebrate innovation, effort and action within learner representation in the Further Education (FE) sector. The awards also reflect LSIS's key aims and in particular, their role in promoting equality and diversity within FE colleges. Commenting on the College's achievement Learner Liaison Manager Anthony Hemmings said, "These Awards are highly respected and represent a symbol of excellence within education. As such, they attract a large number of nominations from FE colleges nationally, so it is a great honour to have received the Most Improved Provider Award. At the College we recognise that learners are our future, so we are committed to ensuring that they have the opportunity to make a contribution to the way the College is run, how we deal with issues affecting them, and how they would like to see the College develop. The benefits of listening to and acting on the views of your learners have been proven. Provision is better planned and delivered, learners are more motivated and engaged, achievement is greater and cohesion is stronger in those colleges that involve students in decision-making processes; overall, it creates a more rewarding and fulfilling learner experience."

HOLE IN ONE

THE first group of students to graduate from the town's Golf Development Academy have celebrated their achievements at a presentation. The Academy, which is a joint development between the College and Branston Golf & Country Club, was established in 2008 to provide over 16s with a nationally recognised, sports qualification together with the opportunity to develop their golfing skills and find out more about pursuing a career in golf.

Craig Young, Danny Davenport and Dominic Guest spent two years at the Academy. Craig has been taken on an English Golf Union Programme and has seen his handicap drop by 50% whilst Danny has decided to follow the retail and business side of golf after reducing his handicap by 60% and, although having decided not to pursue a career in golf, Dominic has still seen a 50% drop in his handicap.

Commenting on the presentation, Lecturer Richard Smith said, "The Academy was launched to support promising golfers, over the age of 16, who are keen to explore a career in golf as well as develop their own playing ability. The College has a reputation for developing flagship courses with leading businesses across the region so working with Branston Golf & Country Club was a natural choice due to its excellent facilities, which compliment all



Left to right: Coach Ritchie Joyce, Further Education Sports Co-ordinator Angelo Nel, Amateur Boxer & England Representative Frazer Clarke & Coach Rob Piechowicz.

PACKING A PUNCH

IN partnership with Burton Amateur Boxing Club and East Staffordshire Borough Council, the College has launched a new Boxing Academy, which provides 16-19 year olds with a sports qualification and the opportunity to develop their boxing skills. The Academy, which is the only one of its kind throughout Staffordshire and Derbyshire, is designed to offer young people, who are interested in a career in boxing, high quality, professional coaching and training facilities together with the chance to gain sports related qualifications. Heading up the coaching are Ritchie Joyce and Trevor Marler, whilst educational training is delivered by the College at Shobnall Sports Hall. Commenting on the new Boxing Academy, Further Education Sports Co-ordinator Angelo Nel said, "The new Academy is a fantastic opportunity for young people in the area and has been launched to support promising young boxers who are keen to explore a career in boxing whilst working towards a nationally recognised sports qualification. Boxing is often perceived as a violent sport, but there are many positive aspects to it, which can be useful in other areas of life. It teaches the fundamental values of discipline and respect, is a great way to keep fit and promotes good citizenship. In addition, issues of diet and anti-social behaviour can all be effectively addressed in the gym. The young people who join us in this exciting venture will be able to combine the benefits of a formal education with professional boxing coaching, with access to both high quality coaching, to enhance their physical and technical abilities, and high quality teaching to enable them to achieve a qualification, which is respected throughout the sports and leisure industries. To find out more about the Burton College Boxing Academy call Angelo Nel on 01283 494536 or e-mail ben.corden@burton-college.ac.uk

aspects of the golf game, including health, fitness and diet. Golfers are increasingly reliant upon a strong understanding and knowledge of a range of academic components such as psychology, fitness and nutrition. Our National Diploma in Sport addresses all of these, as well as allowing golfers to develop their own game alongside Branston's excellent facilities and professional coaches."

Back row, left to right: Burton College Lecturer Richard Smith, Branston Golf & Country Club Assistant Professional & Course Co-ordinator Gavin Timms & Branston Golf & Country Club Gym Instructor Kurt Griffin with front row, left to right: Craig Young, Danny Davenport & Dominic Guest.



SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

STUDENT Nicola Taylor has joined around 150 of the country's top young sports leaders and volunteers to attend a national sport and leadership camp, designed to develop positive role model skills and teach new coaching qualifications. Nicola, a second year student on the National Diploma in Sport Development, Fitness and Coaching course, was selected to attend England Netball's Young Leaders Camp 2010 in light of her active involvement in a number of sports and commitment to local voluntary projects including refereeing local netball festivals, supporting sport disability events and working with young people through the East Staffordshire School Sport Partnership.

Held at Bradfield College near Reading, the four day camp was designed to help ensure more young people are inspired to become involved in sports leadership and volunteering and encouraged to continue this into later life. Those attending took part in a number of team building activities, leadership tasks and focus groups themed around coaching young people whilst interacting with professional coaches and other young coaches from across the country.

APPRENTICES OF THE YEAR

FOUR apprentice electricians have been honoured for their hard work, determination and commitment by being named Apprentice of the Year. Sponsored by LH Electrical Wholesalers the awards were established to acknowledge those first, second and third year apprentices who have shown outstanding levels of commitment and dedication to their training together with achieving a very high standard of work.

First year apprentice Kyle Bowler, who works at SARA Services Ltd in Burton received First Year Apprentice of the Year, whilst second year Nick Wright, an electrician at Derby Road's O'Connor Electrical Ltd was awarded the title of Second Year Apprentice of the Year. Receiving Third Year Apprentice of the Year was Andrew Malkin, who is employed by Armitage Electrical whilst Matthew Clive, who works at RJK Construction in Alrewas was awarded Most Improved Apprentice.

The four, who are trained by JTL Limited and attend Burton College one day a week receiving technical training in order to achieve the Electrical Installation Technical Certificate, were presented with their awards at an informal ceremony held at the Lichfield Street campus's Electrical Installation workshops.

Commenting on the awards, College Lecturer Richard Smith said, "Apprenticeships and vocational qualifications give a clear path to a job and provide people with the skills they need to succeed in the workplace. In addition, investing in apprentices and skills training can really benefit businesses, helping them to grow and thrive, improving performance and also tackling skills shortages. Working with JTL Limited, the College has a very successful apprenticeship programme providing training to the electrical installation sector. Kyle, Nick, Andrew and Matthew have all shown that they have a very high level of technical skills, ability and knowledge together with the determination and commitment they need to make a success of their chosen career."

Clockwise from front left: Andrew Malkin, Danny Hassell from sponsors LH Electrical Wholesalers, JTL Electrical Training Officer Peter Bunting, Burton College Lecturer Richard Smith, Nick Wright, Matthew Clive & Kyle Bowler



Head of Qualifications & Standards IAB Graham Ward with Rebecca Jones (left) & Louise Muggleton.

TOP PAYROLL STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY

TWO students have received a Top Student Award from the International Association of Book-Keepers (IAB) in recognition of being the highest achieving Payroll students in the country. Following on from her success in the January examinations, in which she was awarded Top IAB Student for Level 1, Rebecca Jones once again received a Top IAB Student Award, this time for the Level 3 Diploma in Computerised Payroll whilst Level 3 Diploma in Manual Payroll student Louise Muggleton was also awarded a Top IAB Student Award. Both students were awarded the honour in light of being the top students in the country to achieve an A* in the course examinations in June.

Rebecca and Louise's success follows student Lenka Rahim's achievement of receiving the Top Student Award for the Level 3 Diploma in Payroll. In addition, the College received the Top IAB Centre Award for both Level 1 and Level 3, acknowledging the fact that a greater proportion of the College's students on those courses passed their exams compared to all other centres in the country.





Left to right: Lyndsay Eaton, Rachel Astle, Kerry Baxter & Hayley Brooks.

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS ARE THE TOP IN EUROPE

FOUR photography students have won a prestigious pan European photographic competition, organised by Chevrolet Europe, surpassing entries from across the Continent. First launched in 2007, the annual Young Creative Chevrolet 2010 Art Contest is designed to foster young talents and offers new and exciting experience working on a professional brief. This was the first year the UK had taken part in the competition, which was open to all arts schools, colleges and universities. Winning the Photography category, which required competitors to shoot an innovative and eye-catching photograph of the Chevrolet Spark to grab the attention of the European lifestyle press, were second year National Diploma in Photography students Lyndsay Eaton, Kerry Baxter, Hayley Brooks and Rachel Astle, with their photograph entitled "Alice", themed around the fairytale Alice in Wonderland. The project won over entries submitted from various European countries including Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, France, Serbia and Romania with judges commenting, "The fairytale theme is a great idea - a perfect lifestyle photo with a story to tell. The students worked well with the lighting and composition of the picture - a lot of movement in the picture yet the car is in the limelight." As part of the prize the four winning students were invited by Chevrolet to work closely with famous automotive photographer and video maker Dingo on a photo shoot of the Chevrolet Orlando and received prize money of €1200.

Programme Area Manager Digital & Media Chris Beech commented, "The Young Creative Chevrolet contest is an amazing opportunity for any young person. Designed to celebrate the creativity of young exceptional talents from across Europe, the competition provided the chance to participate in a European contest, gain exposure to the industry and work to a professional brief as they will do later in their professional careers. To have won is a fantastic achievement, which clearly demonstrates the students' innovation, artistic qualities and interpretation of the brand."



Tom Morley with his medals

COLLEGE LEARNER SWIMS FOR ENGLAND

TOM Morley, a learner on the College's Literacy and Numeracy Programmes, has represented England at an International Swimming Gala, winning a total of three medals. Tom joined Mencap's national swimming team at an international swimming festival in Geneva, winning gold in the 25m backstroke event, silver in the 25m breaststroke race and a gold medal for the team relay event. Organised by Mencap Sport the Sportive des Schruppfs Onex Switzerland provides opportunities for people with a learning disability to get involved with sport. Commenting on Tom's success Foundation Learning Assistant Michelle Hastelow said, "Taking part in a national swimming gala was a great experience for Tom, helping him to put skills such as teamwork and communication into practice whilst building his self-esteem and confidence. He worked very hard and achieved at the highest level against very stiff competition from all over the country."

COLLEGE SHORTLISTED IN NATIONAL AWARDS

THE College's Finance team has been shortlisted in the Finance Team of the Year - Public Sector category at the annual Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Awards 2010, which recognise the people, teams and organisations who are leading the way within the finance profession, honouring those who have achieved outstanding global success during the last year. Vice Principal Finance & Estates Karen Procter commented, "These Awards are highly respected and represent a symbol of excellence within the industry, recognising outstanding finance professionals who are leading the way in our profession. It was an amazing achievement to be shortlisted for the Public Sector

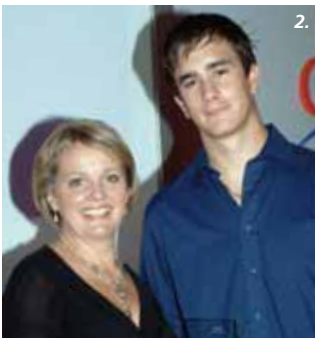
Finance Team of the Year Award alongside Government departments and two NHS Foundation Trusts; a category, which specifically honours how strong financial teamwork has delivered results. Following the Government's recent Comprehensive Spending Review it is essential that, as a public sector organisation, we continue to demonstrate value for money and a robust return on investment. Strong financial management is essential for this and as such, the College is committed to investment and growth, working with all of our customers to support the ongoing economic regeneration of the communities we serve."



Left to right: Finance Apprentice Shannon Thomson, Purchasing Officer Jon Frowd, Vice Principal Finance & Estates Karen Procter, Finance Assistant Andy Briers, Purchasing Ledger Supervisor Denise Bradford, PA Lindsey Radford, Finance Officer Elizabeth Ramsell, Assistant Accountant Simon Hickman, Purchasing Assistant Melissa Holyland and Finance Assistant Daniel Johnson.



Burton College Further Education Awards Ceremony



Time to Celebrate

LAST Autumn saw the celebration of more than 350 students' achievements, hard work and dedication as the College held two special ceremonies in the town's Market Place.

During the afternoon, one of the country's most successful businessmen was the guest of honour at the Higher Education Graduation Ceremony. Edmund Wallis, who studied Engineering in the 1950s at the Lichfield Street campus and became the Chief Executive of Powergen plc, joined local dignitaries including East Staffordshire's Deputy Mayor Councillor Patricia Ackroyd and her consort Michael Ackroyd, students' family and friends in honouring 295 students who had successfully passed a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses including Honours Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas, Higher National Certificates and teacher training qualifications. In addition, Mr Wallis was presented with an honorary College Fellowship.

The evening saw Mary Rhodes, one of the BBC's leading female presenters, attend the Annual Awards Ceremony, which recognised 56 students for showing outstanding achievement and having

developed high levels of technical and practical skills, sometimes having overcome significant personal difficulties and disadvantages along the way. A variety of awards were presented including the Outstanding Achievement Award, Outstanding Contribution Award, Outstanding Commitment Award and Curriculum Area Student of the Year recognitions for students from the College's Areas of Learning together with Collegiate Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Outstanding Commitment to the Community, Outstanding Apprentice of the Year, Outstanding Lifelong Learning Award, Principal's Award and Most Outstanding Commitment to the College.

Commenting on the events, Chief Executive & Principal Dawn Ward OBE said, "These annual ceremonies encapsulate what the College is all about; providing excellence for all of our communities and, through the provision of first-class training, creating the skills of tomorrow, today. By helping people to progress to higher education and reach their full potential, we also help businesses to survive and succeed in a recession through delivering a world-class workforce, whilst we are acknowledging and honouring the ability, skills,



Burton College Higher Education Graduation Ceremony



motivation and determination that all of our students have each shown to succeed in their studies. Both Edmund and Mary are true inspirations for others to emulate, having shown the determination to succeed and passion to excel, capturing the essence of education."

Photos

1. Mary Rhodes with left to right, Zara Jackson, Head of Partnerships & Planning Sarah Drew, Sophie Giles, Kate Steeples & Jessica Murray.
2. Lewis Carvel, Outstanding Achievement Award for Construction & Sustainability.
3. Pollyanna Ingley, Curriculum Area Student of the Year for Computing & IT.
4. Tara Lunn, Collegiate Award of Most Outstanding Commitment to the College.
5. Left to right: Sarah Cunningham, Jacqui Beard, Gemma Cox, Abigail Day, Jackie Lenihan, Joan Josephs & Carla Torrance.
6. Left to right: Andrew Aikman, Michael Smith & Lee Jones.
7. Left to right: Dawn Ward OBE Burton College Chief Executive & Principal, Tracey Price & Elaine David who both achieved a First Class BA(Hons) in Education & Edmund Wallis.
8. Angela Hickling & Steph Jeffery.

THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UNIT

TRAINING is one of the most rewarding investments you can make in a business. It leads to improved staff retention and commitment whilst also increasing productivity to have a direct effect on your bottom line. The College's Strategic Partnerships Unit works with organisations of all sizes across a wide range of sectors to develop training solutions, which are right for your business and help you identify and quantify the benefits training will bring.

Additionally, a time of recession can be a turbulent and unsettling period for a company and its staff. That's why it's more important than ever to up-skill staff with the necessary abilities to help your business survive, move forward and be in great shape when the upturn comes.

As Head of Partnerships & Planning Sarah Drew says, "We are committed to focusing on designing and delivering courses, in partnership with local industry, to ensure that employees have the skills required to support the economic development of the area, compete in global markets and to secure a successful career. Our proven responsiveness and expertise in the sector, ensures that we can tailor-make bespoke training packages to suit individual needs, and deliver them at a time and location, which is convenient. Our collaboration with employers doesn't just stop with the purchase of training, but offers the opportunity to influence the curriculum and offer work experience. Overall, we have unprecedented access to some of the best training staff and resources in the area to help meet your company's needs."

The College also offers apprenticeships, which bring considerable value to organisations, employers, individuals and the economy. Research has shown that they are one of the best possible ways of training and developing people, providing them with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to enhance their career and help businesses to prosper. Supporting apprenticeships will help to generate the local economy whilst also ensuring that talented, skilled craftspeople will stay in the area.



Training Placement Officer Jackie Croxall, Senior Training Placement Officer Graeme Wright & Training Placement Officer Claire Birse



Jason Dhesi receiving his award from BBC presenter, Mary Rhodes

A plumber at South Derbyshire District Council is flushed with success after scooping a second major award in as many months. Jason Dhesi was named as the Curriculum Area Student of the Year for Construction & Sustainability at the College's Annual Awards Ceremony.

The 23 year old has been working for the Council's Housing Repairs Team as an apprentice while studying an NVQ Level 2 in Plumbing at the College. His College citation said: "Throughout his studies, Jason has displayed a professional attitude, completing his work-based portfolio ahead of schedule and passing all 12 unit exams at the first attempt. He has an excellent attendance and timekeeping record; in fact Jason has put 100% effort into all aspects of the course."

Jason was working as a Retail Branch Manager at Greenwoods Menswear in Burton when he decided to take a new career path. He started working at the Council in October 2008. His development was recognised at the highest level last August when he was highly commended in the East Midlands Apprentice of the Year awards. Jason, who has completed his NVQ Level 2, is now intending to study for an advanced apprenticeship.

Bill King, Repairs Manager at the Council, said: "We share an extremely good relationship with Burton College and encourage apprenticeships. Together, the College and the Council bring the young people through their NVQ Level 2 and all the required works and experiences necessary to qualify the apprentice as a tradesperson. Jason had been an outstanding apprentice and student at the College and is now a valued member of the Repairs team at the Council Depot. We would like to commend him for all his hard work and focused application during his apprenticeship and congratulate him on this well deserved award."

For further information on the training options for you call **01283 494510** or log on to the website at **www.burton-college.ac.uk**

WORKSHOP OPENS ITS DOORS

A new, free service designed to help people back into work has been officially opened by Andrew Griffiths MP, at an informal ceremony. Following a £41,000 redevelopment, Burton College's Workshop, which is situated in the Old Mill in Uttoxeter's Church Street, aims to help the unemployed or those at risk of redundancy to return to work through free training opportunities. Individually tailored to suit a person's specific needs, the service offers training, encouragement, advice and support in a variety of areas from assisting with the preparation of CVs and searching for local vacancies, to interview techniques and skills training.

In addition, if the demand exists, the venue will offer an enhanced community curriculum to local residents including a variety of leisure courses and IT provision. The service also aims to help local employers to fill their vacancies with individuals who have up-to-date skills that meet the employer's needs.

Local people who attended the ceremony included representatives from local businesses, JobCentre Plus, Staffordshire County Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Skills Funding Agency and Trent & Dove Housing.

Talking about the Workshop, the College's Vice Principal Strategic Partnerships & Planning Howard Boswell said, "Fundamentally the focus of the Workshop is to help people into work, regardless of how long they have been unemployed or even if they are facing redundancy. The aim of the service is that we treat everyone as an individual, assessing their specific needs so that we are able to put together a tailored training package individually suited to them. We will have a number of experienced staff on hand who will be able to offer a high level of assistance, help, encouragement and mentoring. In addition, we will be working closely with local employers to help them to fill their skills gaps, which means that we will be in a unique position in being able to match people to vacancies."

To contact the Workshop call **01889 569045** or call into the Church Street premises.



Clockwise from centre: Andrew Griffiths MP, Burton College Chief Executive & Principal Dawn Ward OBE, Burton College Head of Estates Anthony Dews & Uttoxeter Town Mayor Councillor David Brookes.

TOYOTA FIRST ACHIEVERS CELEBRATE

THE first Toyota Manufacturing UK (TMUK) production members to gain their qualification in "The Diploma in Hybrid Vehicle Introduction and Environmental Improvements" have had their achievements recognised at a presentation held at TMUK. The qualification enables TMUK to recognise the training and skills gained by members when introducing a Hybrid vehicle to mass production; it also supports the company's environmental ethos.

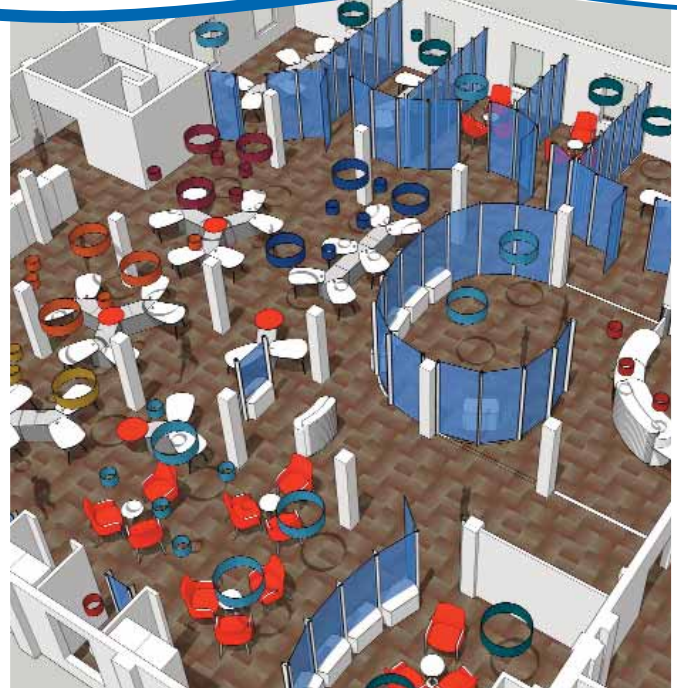
The Diploma was designed and introduced by Toyota, Burton College and EAL and is delivered at TMUK by a team of TMUK members in conjunction with Burton College Assessors. So far, 300 out of 1900 learners have completed the qualification, which has taken seven months to achieve.

Talking about the qualification, Vice Principal Strategic Partnerships & Planning Howard Boswell said, "Although already experienced in the production of conventional petrol and diesel models, additional training was necessary to address specific issues surrounding Hybrid vehicles. In addition, as the Auris Hybrid is a low emissions vehicle, launch of the Hybrid provided an opportunity to further extend members' environmental awareness, both in the workplace and in the community. This qualification recognises the depth of the training given. We have an established training partnership with TMUK,



Left to right: Burton College Assessor Maria Akther, Jordan Roman, Chris Parkes, Allan Brewster, Alan Robinson, Lee Horner, Dean Bennett & Burton College Assessor Martin Butchers.

whereby we seek to develop flexible programmes that meet their future needs, taking on board Toyota's ethos of improving efficiency whilst reducing cost."



Investing in the future

AN investment of over three quarters of a million pounds has been made by the College to transform the ground floor reception area of the Lichfield Street campus. The £760,000 project, which has seen the foyer, library, learner services and open learning spaces redeveloped, has created a modern, self-contained Learner Hub designed to enhance and further develop students' learning experiences, offering easy and convenient access to a wide range of support services. Furnished with bright, contemporary furniture, the 900 square metre space has been transformed into a light and airy area, divided into a combination of open-plan and closed off office spaces accommodating advice and guidance, counselling, financial support, reprographics, enrolment and marketing facilities, whilst several learner pods house computers for the completion of administrative tasks such as the completion of UCAS forms. In addition, Phase 2 of the project will see the completion of a new reception and foyer housing meeting rooms, toilets, a first aid room and visitor waiting area together with thirteen 40" plasma television screens, which will be sited on the walls for the communication of news and information.

The project has been designed in conjunction with Chartered Building Surveyors CTG Surveyors Ltd and is being constructed by Derby based contractor GF Tomlinson. Having commenced last July, Phase 1 of the building work has been finished whilst Phase 2 is expected to be completed in the Spring term.

Commenting on the redevelopment Chief Executive & Principal Dawn Ward OBE said, "This has been a very exciting project for the College and a significant investment, which our success has enabled us to self-finance, which greatly enhances the learning experience of our students. The creation of a dedicated Learner Hub ensures that everyone will have access to a wide range of support services in one, convenient place, which is open when students need it. This redevelopment very much supports our plans and vision for the future, adding to the College's inspiring and stimulating environment to create a flexible, vibrant and outstanding campus providing excellence for all of our communities and creating the skills of tomorrow, today."

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CHILDREN IN NEED FUN!

STAFF and students took part in a packed day of fun events for last year's Children in Need appeal, raising £2574.60.



LECTURER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

PAYROLL lecturer Anna Cummings has been awarded the first ever national award for influence at The Institute of Payroll Professional's (IPP) 7th Annual Payroll and Pensions Excellence Awards. Now in their seventh year, The IPP's Annual Payroll and Pensions Excellence Awards are the industry's most prestigious awards for individuals, and organisations, working in payroll and / or public sector pensions. New for 2010, the Payroll / Pensions Biggest Influence Award recognises the payroll professional that has made a significant influence on the profession throughout the last twelve months. Whilst collecting her award the judges commented that they were astounded by the amount of nominations that Anna had received from all over the country and were particularly impressed by the number of her students that had nominated her abilities.

Anna commented, "These awards are



Anna Cummings with her IPP Award

judged by top members of the IPP, so you truly are being recognised by your peers within the industry with a range of backgrounds and experience. I am humbled by my students and employer for putting me forward for such an accolade."

JEANS FOR GENES

STAFF and students at Burton College took part in the national Jeans for Genes Day, collecting donations across the Lichfield Street campus to raise £100.

Organised by the national children's charity Jeans for Genes, the Day is an annual event designed to raise money to help children and families affected by genetic disorders, funding support services and research into the causes and cures of these conditions.

Commenting on the day's activities, Learner Liaison Manager Anthony Hemmings said, "Taking part in charity events helps to equip our students with the skills and knowledge to be able to make a valuable contribution to the wider community. Our students are always really



Left to Right: Hayley Hathaway, Emma Spencer and Emily Reed.

keen to support charities, so it's fantastic that we raised so much."

COLLEGE WORKSHOPS RECOGNISED AT REGENERATION AWARDS

TWO new, free services designed to help people back into work have been officially recognised at the Southern Staffordshire Regeneration Awards 2010. Provided by Burton College, the Workshop situated in Burton's Worthington Way and Uttoxeter's Old Mill were Highly Commended in the Economic category of the Awards. Designed to recognise outstanding projects across the county involved in economic, environmental and social regeneration or renewal work, the Awards are part of a wider initiative to promote and share best, to create a culture of and reputation for innovative regeneration and to reward the best in regeneration across southern Staffordshire.

Opened in 2008, Burton's Workshop is a specific training facility offering a range of complementary programmes aimed at helping people to re-train and obtain the skills needed to get back into sustainable employment plus a diverse range of skills training from care, IT and

TRAINING RESTAURANT OPENS ITS DOORS

THE College's Mulberry training restaurant has opened its doors to the public with a new look together with extended opening times and fresh menus.

Following a face-lift, the dining room has been fully redecorated whilst new crockery, cutlery, glassware and menus have been purchased. To complement the new look, the menus have been overhauled to reflect a more contemporary cuisine.

From Monday to Friday, the restaurant is open from 10.00am until 11.00am, when tea, coffee and pastries will be served. Between 12 noon and 2.00pm, lunch will be available, when a three course meal costs £7.00, featuring dishes such as Honey Glazed Pork Loin with a Cider and Sage Velouté, Grilled Monkfish with Ruby Chard and Mango Salad and Crispy Pan Fried Hake on Strawberry, Lime and Red Onion Salsa. Monday lunchtimes have seen the introduction of a carvery with a choice of two roasts and all the trimmings for £3.50 per person.

Other fresh ideas include a weekly Formal Dining evening on Wednesdays from 6.00pm until 9.00pm and fortnightly Speciality Night on Thursdays. The Formal Dining Evenings offer customers a more refined choice of menu, whilst Speciality Nights provide a taste of food from around the globe from Chinese and Classical French to a Hunters' Game Evening and even Coeliac Evening.

The Mulberry Restaurant provides a realistic and practical environment in which to train and work, mirroring the facilities and working practices of a commercial kitchen and restaurant setting, providing students with the opportunity of putting both their food preparation and serving skills into practice.

Talking about the opening Programme Area Manager Chris Wood said, "Our Professional

Catering course obviously contains a lot of practical, hands-on activity and in our training, we aim to emulate the high standards warranted by the industry. We pride ourselves on training our students to a very high standard and as part of that, we place a lot of focus on ensuring that our customers enjoy a quality dining experience in a comfortable and relaxed environment. Following a face-lift, the restaurant has a bright, fresh and up-to-date look, which reflects the contemporary cuisine that we offer. To coincide with this, we have introduced new, exciting features such as the Monday lunchtime carvery and Formal Dining Evenings to widen our appeal. Overall, the restaurant provides local people with the opportunity to experience a first-class meal with excellent service, at a fraction of the price of a commercial restaurant."

For more information and bookings please call the **Mulberry Restaurant** on **01283 494672** or **494673**.



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security to warehousing and distribution. In addition, the facilities have worked closely with JobCentre Plus to develop programmes that meet identified skills shortages matched to job vacancies within the area. Due to the facility's success, a similar one has since opened in Uttoxeter and together they have to date helped 1026 people to gain new skills, with many gaining employment, and significantly contributing to the local economy.

Left to right: Projects Coordinator Carolyn Whiting, Projects Manager Jan Allen & Administrator Steve Ward.



ECONOMIC UPDATE

THE College has recently commissioned a study to discover the economic impact that it has and the contribution it makes to the local economy. Research carried out by American based company Economic Modelling Specialists Inc. (EMSI), clearly shows that further education colleges are a sound investment from a number of perspectives. Overall, learners benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings whilst the added skills and qualifications of learners translate to higher incomes and increased business output, which in turn creates more public investment, lower tax burdens and better job opportunities. Studies like this are vital as they illustrate the role colleges play not only in unlocking an individual's talent, but also how pivotal they are in building strong communities both economically and socially.

Some key highlights of the study were:

Burton College stimulates the local economy:

- £55.8 million in added regional income generated.
- £4.5 million generated by learners annually in higher earnings due to their education.

Burton College provides value for money for taxpayers:

- Improved health, lower crime rates and reduced unemployment saves the public £486,000 for each year that learners are in the workforce.

Burton College generates a return on investment:

- £1.30 returned for every £1 of taxpayer financial support.

Burton College increases learners' earning potential:

- Average earnings of someone with a Level 2 qualification are 22% higher than someone without a qualification.
- Average earnings of someone with a Level 3 qualification are 38% higher than someone without a qualification.

As Chief Executive & Principal Dawn Ward OBE comments, "This study clearly shows the impact that the College has on our communities; underlining that we are an organisation which offers value for money partnered with high quality training, providing all of our stakeholders with the comfort that any investment made in studying at Burton College pays dividends."



Vision Statement *(our aspiration)*

Vibrant & Outstanding - A high performing College.

Mission Statement *(what we will deliver)*

Inspiring & motivating all to achieve their maximum potential.

Strategic Objectives *(what we will achieve)*

Creating the skills of tomorrow.....today.

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