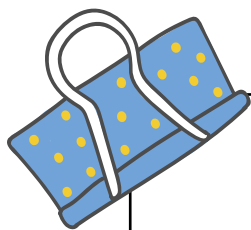


PARENT AND CARER NEWSLETTER

●●● MARCH 2024 ●●●



WELCOME!

Welcome to the March Newsletter!

As we head towards the Easter break, we wanted to give an overview of the work and activities that East Coast college and Lowestoft sixth form students have been involved in.

Sixth form students have been involved in an amazing production of Le Misérables which ran over a number of evenings in March. This really was a collaborative event with the carpentry students supporting in the creation props for the production.

Foundation students have been developing their employability skills working with employers across Norfolk and Suffolk. Elsewhere students have been on trips to the Sony training centre at Pinewood studios, James Paget Hospital, Tate Modern, and the science museum in London. These trips ensure our students are exposed to a variety of experiences beyond the curriculum.

Students have also been taking part in competitions, workshops and extending their professional knowledge through targeted skills development sessions.

As ever we always want to support students with their progression beyond their courses and therefore held an Apprenticeship fair with over 20 employers attending showcasing apprenticeship routes and opportunities.

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LES MIS PERFORMANCE



Our incredibly talented sixth form students performed Les Miserables over six nights in March. The show was a massive success and garnered amazing feedback including this review from an audience member on opening night:

“Les Misérables is quite possibly my favourite musical theatre show, having seen numerous professional productions, so I was quite excited when I found out the students were going to perform it. I was also nervous for them because it’s such a large, complex production and I did wonder how they would manage to ‘pull it off,’ so to speak.

Well, I need not have been concerned at all because it was absolutely brilliant! It was evident straightaway how much hard work the students, both on and off stage, had put in. The cast were confident, assured, professional and the singing blew me away – so much emotion that I’m not ashamed to say the performance made me cry – several times. If you’ve never seen Les Mis I would say, go and see it, I think you’ll have a great time and if you have seen it, I would still say go – I don’t think you’ll be disappointed.”

**-Liza Malcolm
Co-wEducator**

Congratulations to our wonderful students for the success of their performance!



Sixth form student performing in Le Mis



Sixth form student performing in Le Mis

PROGRESSION IMPERIAL HOTEL VISIT



Progression to Employment students visited the Imperial Hotel in Great Yarmouth. Hotel director, Grant Smith, welcomed students to learn about the importance of kindness, communication and being adaptable in the workplace. Students toured the hotel to investigate housekeeping, catering and front-of-house roles. Grant held an interview preparation workshop where students created answers to possible interview questions. Finally, each student completed a mock interview for a role within the hotel. Grant gave supportive feedback to help students build confidence for future interviews. We would like to thank Grant and the team for taking time to facilitate this opportunity.



Our Progression to Employment students in their practice interviews



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MEDIA MAKE-UP COMPETITION

Our Level 3 Media Make-up student, Ruby Smith, has captured the spotlight by clinching the top spot in the prestigious Kryolan creative Halloween competition. Ruby's exceptional skills mesmerised the judges, earning her not only recognition but also a £100 prize voucher and a coveted one-day workshop at Langley Court, London.

Ruby showcased her mastery in make-up artistry, leaving the Kryolan team in awe with her captivating entry. Her attention to detail and innovative approach set her apart in the competition. The judges specifically commended Ruby's adept blending and shading techniques, noting the intricate design of a heart, the precision of a checked pattern, and the clean lines that characterised her work. They particularly appreciated the realistic touch of blood splatter on the cards, which added depth to her creation.

Despite her remarkable success, Ruby remains committed to refining her craft. Kryolan provided constructive feedback to enhance her already impressive skills. Such guidance from industry professionals reflects the dedication to continuous improvement that defines Ruby's approach to her art.

Jodie Cheek, Ruby's tutor, expressed immense pride in her student's achievement.



Ruby practicing FX make-up



Ruby's final make-up look for the competition

ART AND DESIGN WORKSHOP



Level 2 Art and Digital Design students took part in an architecture workshop from the University of Suffolk - 'Lesson in a Box'.

Students were given a box of resources that included an architecture film presentation and 'hands on' fun activities: Brutalist architecture press-out models, and building paper architecture models.

The students learnt about sustainable architecture and the importance of light and shadow.

This fits in perfectly with their current project they are working on:
Build a Tiny Home for Sustainability.

Students enjoyed the creative process and produced some lovely work.



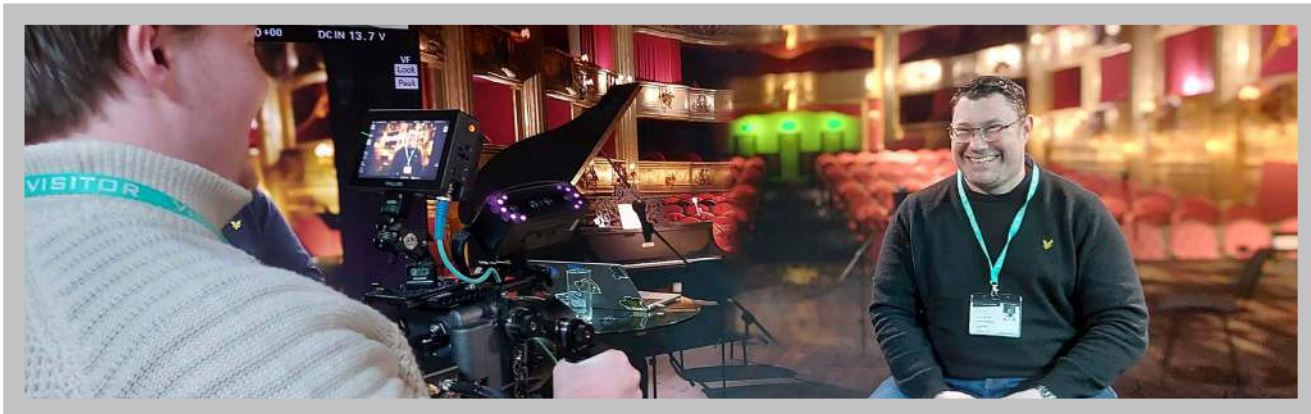
MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Our year one welding students at our Great Yarmouth campus made and hand-painted flowers for mother's day.



SONY TRAINING CENTRE TRIP

The BA Visual Effects and Post-Production degree students visited the Sony training centre at Pinewood Studios. They were shown around the film sets and got hands-on with the latest Sony cinema cameras and virtual production set at the facility. It was very inspirational to see the latest technology in action and seeing where blockbuster movies are made.



T LEVEL HOSPITAL TRIP

T Level Health Year one Students had the opportunity to visit the theatre department at the James Paget University Hospital. They observed various surgical procedures including C-sections, wrist plating for fractures, laser removal of kidney stones, tumour removals, and hernia repairs. The surgical team took the time to educate the students on their procedures and rationale behind them. This was a great experience for our students to assist them with their learning!

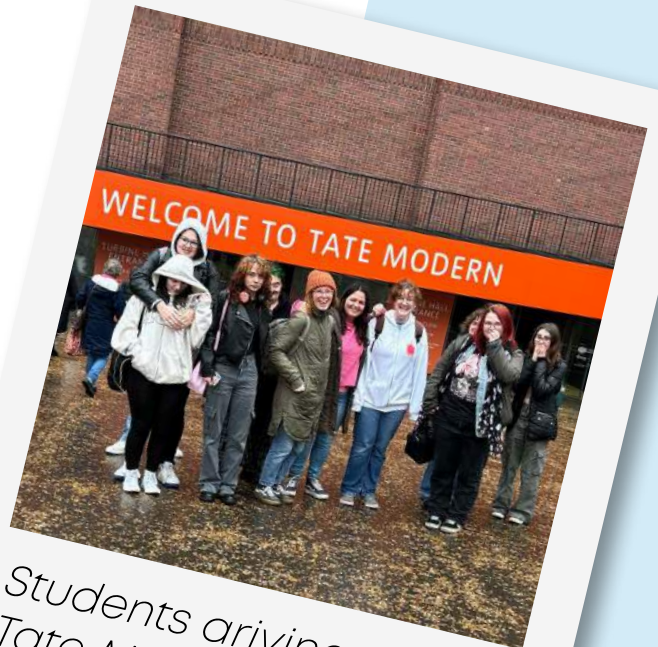
ART AND DESIGN TRIPS

Since February, our Level 3 students have been working hard on their final major projects. As part of this, they have conducted various visual research trips, including a visit to the Tate Modern, a sight walk around Great Yarmouth, and a visit to the Time and Tide museum.

Contextual studies play an integral part in our students' projects and creative work. They are constantly practicing skills in observation, as well as establishing links and connections between their work and ideas with the works of others, and more generally, within the world around them. This is an important skill for everyone, perhaps, living in a world with multiple social media platforms and information at our fingertips.



Level 3 Art and Design students viewing art at the Tate Modern



Students arriving at the Tate Modern Museum in London

PROJECT SEARCH STUDENT

Summer is currently on work placement in the Executive Services office at the Town Hall, working with the PA to the CEO of Great Yarmouth Borough Council. Summer is the first student to be working in this department and is extremely lucky to have the opportunity to learn how this office runs as well as being a part of a fantastic professional team at the Town Hall.

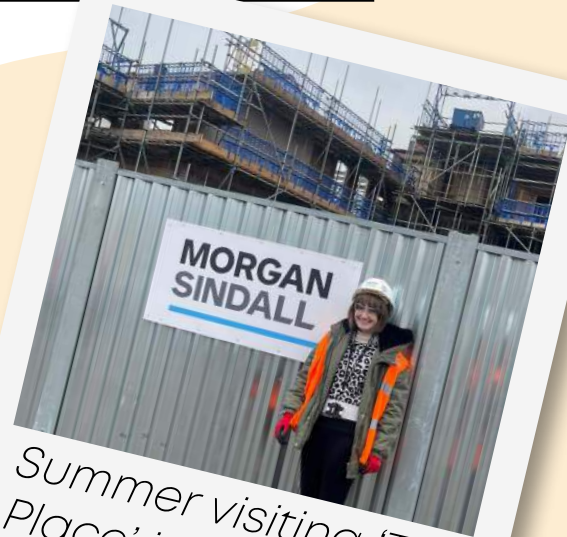
Summer is gaining a variety of admin skills which she can add to her CV in preparation for future employment. She has had some amazing opportunities since joining this department. Last week Summer was able to observe a cabinet meeting in the council chamber at the Town Hall, where local councillors made decisions about current issues in the borough.

Summer and her team also visited “The Place” which is the new Learning Hub University Centre based in the old Palmers building in Great Yarmouth town centre.

Summer had to wear a high vis jacket, hard hat, protective gloves, glasses and boots to enter the building as it is still under construction.



Summer working at Great Yarmouth Town Hall



Summer visiting 'The Place' in Great Yarmouth

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

2024

Last month we were joined by over 20 employers to showcase apprenticeship routes and opportunities for our students. We had 22 stallholders from a variety of different sectors, national and global companies - Apollo Project, Army, Aviva Technologies, Balfour Beatty, CITB, East Suffolk Council, EDF Energy, East Coast College Apprenticeships Team, Farrans, Household Cavalry, James Paget University Hospital, Lotus Cars, Lovell Partnerships, Lovewell Blake, Evolve, National Grid, NEACO, Sizewell C, Suffolk Police, Score Group, Tesla and University of Suffolk.

400 students from our campuses attended the event and feedback from guests was that they were hugely impressed with the students' interest and enthusiasm in exploring their options. Students were able to register their details and some even made applications on the spot with EDF and the National Grid.

Finding the right apprenticeship needs to be a multi-pronged approach so starting the networking process and exploring the opportunities at an early stage can have a big benefit when actually looking to apply.

For more information on Apprenticeships, take a look at [Amazing Apprenticeships](#); lots of resources to support parents/careers explore what apprenticeships look like in 2024 and get registered on the Apprenticeship Search website to explore what is available locally and nationally: [Find an apprenticeship \(findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findanapprenticeship.service.gov.uk).

You can also find information about the apprenticeship training programmes offered by the college by visiting the college Apprenticeship pages; [Become an Apprentice - East Coast College](#).

HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2024

Higher Education

We have hosted our second annual Higher Education Fair, bringing together over 25 universities and higher and degree level apprenticeships. We also added an evening session and information sessions for students throughout the day.

For those of you with young people with UCAS applications already in, you can now make your Student Finance applications on this website: [SFE - Student Finance England](#). Students need to make their application first, include parent / carer email addresses and then you will receive an email inviting you to also sign up. This year the main change is you just need to enter your NI number and Student Finance will get the ball rolling with the rest, this means no tracking down documents, scanning and uploading. Just a reminder that students with any additional support needs or disabilities including a mental health condition may also be able to get further financial support via the Disabled Student Allowance, and should tick the box on the Student Finance application form to start this assessment process.

UCAS continues to be a really reliable source of information for questions around applications, finance, as well as alternatives to HE including Apprenticeships: [UCAS](#)



WHAT NEXT?

What next conversations

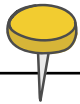
If your young person has questions about their options, or is wondering 'what' next as we approach the final term of the year, the Careers team is on hand to support. From a range of activities from group work in classes, sharing resources and providing 1:1 guidance sessions and help with CVs and applications are available both by appointment and for drop-in advice sessions. We have staff on all three sites and can be contacted directly on careers@eastcoast.ac.uk. With an extensive range of knowledge of both educational and work-based routes as well as local referral services and options, we are here to help with planning those important next steps.

You may also find it useful to look at the following:

- [Green Careers Hub](#): Explore what a 'green' career means and what options are there that offer a secure future for young people both in their careers but also in addressing some of the more pressing issues around sustainability and renewable industries.
- [National Careers Service](#): Information and advice on over 800 career pathways as well as skills check and course listings.
- [icanbea... \(Careers & Ideas in Norfolk & Suffolk\) | icanbea](#): Local information about industries, employers and vacancies.
- [Prospects.ac.uk](#): Really detailed a-z of careers and their qualifications and pathways, often with a Higher Education requirement but really useful for helping to join the steps between ideas and reality.



CATERING SKILLS SESSION



Our Level 2 Catering students took part in a skills cook and present session. This was a great chance for our NVQ Level 2 Catering students to see visually their learning progress by taking part in our skills cook and present session.

As part of this session the group filleted seabass, shallow fried the fillets and presented with vegetables and potatoes, they finished with a beurre noisette, caper and mushroom sauce.

Back in September this wouldn't have been possible however today the students were engaged in the task and really rose to the challenge, and succeeded.

Well done to each learner for their progress!

CELEBRATING EASTER



Our student with their hot cross buns

Our Level 2 Catering students developed knowledge and skills on how various celebrations on our calendar such as the Christian celebration of Easter can indeed be a chance the hospitality industry to embrace and upsell by offering products that sell during the celebration.

The students embedded the production of enriched dough from the qualification criteria with the coming celebration of Easter by preparing and baking our own Hot Cross Buns.

MEDIA TRIPS TO LONDON

Our Great Yarmouth Level 2 and Level 3 Creative Media students enjoyed fantastic trips to London. Level 2 went to the Science Museum to complete a research activity to gain first-hand experience of the museum for their live project 'Life In Space' in which the students will be promoting the Science Museum and their space exhibition to the public using interactive technologies for their final major project.

The Level 3 students went to the Serpentine Gallery and the V&A Museum to gather research and inspiration for their current final major projects looking at interactive, contemporary and photographic media and artwork.



STUDENT SAILING SESSION OPPORTUNITY

We have been given an exciting opportunity for students to take part in free sailing sessions on the Norfolk Broads this April!



Sessions will be fully funded and transport to Nettishead where the sessions will take place will be provided. Spaces are limited so register your interest early!

**Sounds like something you would enjoy?
Scan the QR Code to register your interest.**



Session Dates:

- 17th April 9.45am**
- 17th April 1.15pm**
- 18th April 9.45am**

Following the sessions, there will be a fantastic opportunity for some of those who took part to be considered for a 5-day residential trip to Belgium in August.



COME AND MEET US

Your safer neighbourhood team

South Yarmouth Engagement Dates – March 2024

Your local Beat Manager can be contacted at:

Great Yarmouth Police Station, Howard Street North

Email: dale.chusonis@norfolk.police.uk



PC 624 Dale Chusonis

PC 624 Dale Chusonis will be available to speak to in person on the following dates:

Thursday 11th April, 2024

8:00am to 9:00am – Great Yarmouth Primary Academy, Dickens Avenue

9:00am to 10:00am – Great Yarmouth Council Housing Office, King Street

Friday 12th April, 2024

8:00am to 9:00am – St. Georges Primary School, St. Peters Road

9:00am to 10:00am – Peggotty Road Community Centre, Peggotty Road

Monday 15th April, 2024

2:00pm to 3:00pm – Frank Stone Court (Communal Room), Dickens Avenue

3:00pm to 4:00pm – Marina Centre (Café), Marine Parade

7:00pm to 9:00pm – Microsoft Teams Online Engagement Event

Email: dale.chusonis@norfolk.police.uk for invitation link.

**Suspicious activity? Call us on 101.
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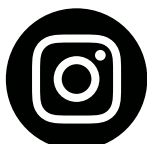
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