

Upload Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest edition of Upload!

This term, College students have been travelling far and wide, demonstrating their skills and talents to great success in various competitions, whilst numerous fresh programmes and events are springing up throughout the College that you can take advantage of.

Whether you're after a little inspiration or just want to keep up with what's happening, read on...

Discover a world of opportunity

By enrolling on a course at Redcar & Cleveland College, you'll be choosing to study at one of the best performing colleges in the region.

Having been officially rated as a 'Good' college by Ofsted, you can be sure that we can offer you the chance to raise your aspirations and exceed your expectations.

Applications are still being taken now for full-time courses starting in September. If you want to learn from the best, fill in the application form, which can be found in our latest prospectus, and return it to the College.

If you would like an application form sending to you, call: **01642 473132.**

Don't forget, we can arrange a careers interview to discuss all your options for college and your career before your course starts.

For more information about the College and the courses on offer visit www.cleveland.ac.uk



"The college is a great place to learn and it has excellent facilities. The course is a great opportunity to get into the health and social care profession."

Kayleigh Moylan

Health & Social Care
BTEC National Diploma Level 3
Ex-Rye Hills School



"A very enjoyable course, and I have been able to reap the reward with a good qualification."

Nathan Hinchcliffe

Public Services
BTEC National Diploma Level 3
Ex-Redcar Community College



New Apprenticeships, new possibilities

Students and employers can now benefit from an even wider choice of Apprenticeships, as a further 12 courses are added to the existing range of courses already on offer at Redcar & Cleveland College.

New courses include: Spa Therapy; Hairdressing; Health and Social Care; Children's Care, Learning and Development; Leisure Management and Instructing Physical Activity.

College Deputy Principal Denise McFarlane said: "Apprenticeships are extremely well thought of by employers and can lead to great success for those people who want on-the-job training."

Students on the Apprenticeship programmes experience the best of both worlds – technical instruction, combined with on-the-job training, that leads to a qualification which is truly valued by employers.

For full details of all of our Apprenticeship courses, call for a copy of our Apprenticeships brochure or visit the website.



Trainee joiner James is a chip off the old block

College student James Dent saw off the competition when he took the top spot in a prestigious national skills competition recently.

James, who is studying an Advanced Apprenticeship at NVQ Level 3 in Joinery, came first in the regional SkillBuild competition and then went on to win a gold medal at the final in Anglesey.

James, aged 18, has been supported throughout his studies by his employer Walter

Smith Joinery, said: "Living on a farm, I have always enjoyed the practical hands-on style of working and, through my Apprenticeship and studying at the College, I could develop these skills even further.

"Finding out I had won the national competition was fantastic."

The College's Head of Department for Construction, Keith Smith, said: "Redcar & Cleveland College has a long and successful history of construction craft training and a great track record at the SkillBuild competition."



College student James Dent with his award.

You Beauty! College students taste success at competition

The College Hair and Beauty Division have tasted success after taking part in a regional competition that pitted them up against some of the most talented students in the country.

Students from the College's Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy courses travelled to Gateshead for the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists (AHT) competition recently, which saw students from across the region compete against each other in a series of challenges that tested their skills to the full.

Amongst those taking part from the College was Level 1 Beauty Therapy student Aynslie Robinson, who was competing for the first time in the Body Art category of the competition. Up against students on Level 2 and Level 3 courses, Aynslie, a former pupil at Nunthorpe School, exceeded all expectations to finish in third place.

Speaking after the competition, Aynslie, who is 16 and from Ormesby, said: "Taking part in the competition was a great experience and was really fun as well. I can't believe that I managed to come third when it was the first event I've taken part in.

"I'm already looking forward to the next competition in Blackpool where I'm going to try and do even better!"

Aynslie's tutor, Rebecca Hadman, was delighted with the way the students approached the competition and with their performance across the board. She said: "We try to give our students as much experience as possible of what it's like in the real world while they are with us and taking part in competitions like this gives them a chance to find

out what it's like to work under pressure and produce work of a very high standard.

"I'm delighted that Aynslie has done so well and earned a place in the next round of the competition and we're all hoping that she'll repeat her performance in Blackpool.

"We're already planning to attend more competitions next year and are aiming for even more success through these."



Level 1 Beauty Therapy student Aynslie Robinson finished third in the Body Art category

You can do a university degree without A levels

Many people assume that they need A levels to head off to university and study for a degree, but these days that isn't the case.

Redcar & Cleveland College has recognised that the traditional academic route through A levels isn't right for everyone.

Students completing a BTEC National Diploma course at Level 3, which is equivalent to achieving three traditional A levels, can then move on to a relevant degree level course. This could be studied part-time at the College's newly opened Higher Education Centre, with the final

qualification validated by Teesside University or one of the professional examination boards with which the College works. Alternatively, the BTEC National Diploma Level 3 qualification is recognised in entry requirements for most other universities in the country.

Matthew Spencer (pictured right) is just one of the many students at Redcar & Cleveland College who have gone onto study at university. The ex-Redcar Community College student studied the IT Practitioners BTEC National Diploma Level 3 course at Redcar & Cleveland College before gaining a place on the highly sought after BA (Hons) Computer Character Animation course at Teesside University.



"The course at Redcar & Cleveland College was instrumental in preparing me for my degree as I was given first class technical guidance throughout. The facilities are excellent which made for a happy learning experience."

Matthew Spencer

IT Practitioners
BTEC National Diploma Level 3
Ex-Redcar Community College

Steps to enrolment

1. Choosing the course

For advice on all the course and career options available to you, call Student Services on: 01642 473132.

2. Making an application

Forms can be requested by calling 01642 473132 or by visiting www.cleveland.ac.uk

3. Coming for an interview

You will be invited to an interview where you will get the chance to ask questions. Parents are welcome.

4. Enrolling

Once you have received and accepted an offer for a place on a course, the College will keep in touch with you until the time for enrolment.

Still unsure about what to do?

Just contact Student Services and we'll be happy to help: **01642 473132**.

Join

Get more out of your time at College

Join
IN VOLUNTARY
GET MORE OUT
THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Join gives you the opportunity to take part in an exciting range of activities throughout the course of the year.

There are lots of sporting activities to get involved with, through the volunteering and leadership academy, team sports, exercise and fitness classes, British College Sport, and free gym membership at TS10 Fitness suite.

Plus there is the chance to do something a little out of the ordinary with our range of social clubs and activities.

Current activities that our students are taking part in include: kayaking, digital games club, Duke of Edinburgh, mountain biking, football, boxercise, African drumming, badminton, rugby and volleyball.

Upgrade to Reload

Moving up to Year 11 is a special time - not only because of GCSEs, but because that's when we can upgrade you from your fantastic Upload membership to the outstanding Reload membership.

Reload has all of the same great features as Upload but with brilliant extra benefits.

Visit the website for further details: www.cleveland.ac.uk/under-16-s/reload

In the know

If you want to keep up to date with what's going on at Redcar & Cleveland College, you can check on the notice board we have in your school.

Keep checking for updates on taster sessions, open evenings and other College events.

EMA

The Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) funding is still under review and we will update on this issue once more is known.

If you would like to speak to the College about any financial concerns you may have, please call Student Services on **01642 473132**.

Free travel

All our full-time students under the age of 19 can travel **FREE** to and from College on buses running throughout the area.

For more information contact Student Services.