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REDCAR &
CLEVELAND
COLLEGE

RAISING ASPIRATIONS
EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Summer 2011

Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of **Insight**, the newsletter which keeps parents and guardians of school leavers up-to-date on College developments.

We have a wide range of full-time courses and work-based learning programmes available starting in September, and teachers and support staff will be on hand throughout the summer to offer help and advice for parents and school leavers.

The College prides itself on meeting the individual needs of its students, ensuring care and attention is given throughout their study to help achieve the best results possible. We also advise parents and guardians about their child's progress on a regular basis.

So if your son or daughter is still making their decision about what to do next then come and talk to us, it's not too late.

For full details about our range of courses pick up a copy of our full-time prospectus or visit our website for full course information guides.

Work hard, play hard

Redcar & Cleveland College offers the perfect balance of work and play for students of all ages.

We want to help create a skilled and talented workforce for the future and to help young people equip themselves with the latest knowledge.

Not only does the College provide a creative learning environment with access to the latest resources, technology and courses, it allows students to grow and develop through its support programme and comprehensive range of activities.



Personal tutors ensure that every student is looked after throughout their studies and that they get the best out of their course and time spent at College.

When study time is over, students can look forward to a wide variety of leisure pursuits to suit all levels and interests, ranging from sports, days out and visits abroad, through to the College's 'Join' programme.



"When I first came to the College I didn't know anyone, but I've made so many friends on my course. My tutors are friendly and approachable, but still make the lessons interesting."

Ryan Galloway

BTEC Extended Diploma IT Practitioners Level 3,
Ex-Sacred Heart RC School



New Apprenticeships, new opportunities

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: "Our Apprenticeship programme enjoys great success every year, as people of all ages gain the



relevant qualifications they need to start out in their chosen field.

"Apprenticeships are extremely well thought of by employers and can lead to great career success for those people who want on-the-job training."

Students on 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.

Delia Leadbitter, Head of Division for Hair, Beauty, Business Administration and Management, said: "These new courses have been created in response

to local demand. They are designed to suit employers in all sizes of business, perhaps even helping to create a few entrepreneurs."

Students enrolling on an Apprenticeship training course must have a job that matches their chosen programme and their employer must agree to give the employee the opportunity to fulfill the range of tasks necessary to achieve the qualification. For full details of all our Apprenticeship courses, call for a copy of our Apprenticeships brochure or visit the website.



Hearing challenge doesn't curb success for ambitious Nathan

One College student hasn't let the challenge of being profoundly deaf stop him achieving his goal after successfully completing a College course and gaining a university place.

18-year-old Nathan Falcon, Ex-The King's Academy, Middlesbrough, has landed a place on the Creative Digital Media course at Teesside University after completing a Level 3 course in Art and Design and is hoping this will lead to a career in graphic design.

After contracting meningitis aged two, Nathan was left profoundly deaf and now communicates using speech, sign language and lip-reading. Although he has been faced with a difficult challenge, he has not let this stop him from making the most of his course and his time at College.

"My tutors and friends at College have been really supportive, which has helped me to gain a lot of confidence in myself and my ability to carry out my studies," says Nathan. "Studying at College has been a lot different to being at school. I've been able to develop as a person and have gained a lot more independence, which will hopefully help me progress through a successful career."

Colin Cook, Nathan's tutor said: "Nathan has really excelled during his time on the Art and Design course and getting a place on a course at Teesside University is a just reward for all of his efforts. "Nathan was one of over 35 students who showed their work at the College's end of year exhibition recently. Many of the students who exhibited are progressing on to university courses along with Nathan."



Nathan Falcon

Five star work placement turns to job success for talented Faye

A talented beauty therapy student has scooped a job at one of the region's top spas after completing a successful work placement there.

Faye Robinson, ex-Sacred Heart RC School was offered the position of Junior Therapist at Rockliffe Hall after undertaking a three-day placement at the hotel's five star spa as part of her Level 3 course in Beauty Therapy.

"The placement was hard work, but really enjoyable and to be offered a job at the end of it is just a dream come true," she added.

The placements were a first for Rockliffe Hall, which was recently named as the top spa destination in the north of England, and according to Head Therapist Charlotte Wilson, the girls from Redcar didn't disappoint. She said:

"This is the first time we've had work placements in from a college in the Tees Valley and we've been massively impressed, so much so that we



Faye (right) with her tutor Debbie Wilson

decided to offer Faye a permanent position with us once she has completed her course.

Debbie Wilson, Faye's tutor at Redcar & Cleveland College, added:

"We have been steadily growing the numbers of professional placements over the last few years and we have seen a number of employment opportunities come for our students as a result. Faye's experience at Rockliffe is a great example of how a placement can lead to a direct offer of a job."

College course helps to engineer career choice for shining star Mellisa

Taking part in an innovative partnership between local secondary schools and the College has resulted in an unexpected career choice for a young student.

Mellisa Haigh, aged 15, from Bydales School, took part in the Curriculum Enhancement Programme at Redcar & Cleveland College, where she studied for one day a week towards a Level 2 Diploma in Engineering alongside her GCSE studies.

Her time at the College has led her to pursue a career in engineering and she has now enrolled on an engineering Apprenticeship starting in September.

Mellisa's achievements were recognised when she was awarded

the title of Best Overall Student on the Higher Diploma in Engineering course at the College's annual Shine Awards.



Mellisa Haigh

Route to university degree without A levels

Redcar & Cleveland College recognises that the traditional academic route to university through A levels isn't right for everyone.

Students completing a BTEC National Diploma Level 3 course (equivalent to three A levels) can now move on to a relevant degree level course. This could be studied part-time at the College's newly opened Higher Education Centre or, alternatively, the BTEC National Diploma Level 3 is a recognised entry qualification for most universities in the country.

Matthew Spencer is just one of the many Redcar & Cleveland College students who have gone on to study at university, 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. In addition to this the facilities are excellent."

Matthew Spencer

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

Course Focus

Careers in Travel and Tourism

Travel and Tourism students at the College gain the knowledge and skills that lead on to a wide range of careers.

Modules include: Resort Representatives, Handling Air Passengers and Events and Hospitality to name but a few. Students also participate in practical sessions such as airline cabin crew day.

In addition to these modules the College also offers: Resort Representative and Cabin Crew courses as standalone qualifications, and new and exclusive to the College is the mock cabin, which gives our students valuable experience in this field.

Many students who have previously enrolled on this course go on to study at university or work for companies such as: Thomas Cook, TUI, Eastern Airways and Hayes Travel.



Open evenings

A great opportunity to come and speak to tutors and current students, find out about our wide range of courses and see our excellent facilities.

Open evenings are held in October and February each year. Contact us for details.

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 and a copy of the timetable visit our website.

Support for full-time students

Redcar & Cleveland College offers eligible students a support package to assist with costs associated with their studies.

For more information contact Student Services on **01642 473132**.

Choose a 'Good' college

Officially graded as a 'good' college in its latest Ofsted report, you can be sure that Redcar & Cleveland College offers the chance to raise students' aspirations and exceed their expectations..

With the move to its £28m new campus in 2009 and the opening of its brand new state-of-the-art HE centre in 2010, the College offers the opportunity to learn new skills in a world class learning environment, supported by a team of experienced staff.



There's still time to apply

It's not too late, we're still taking applications for full and part-time courses starting in September.

Steps to Enrolment

1. Choosing the course

The College offers friendly and impartial advice on all course and career options prior to enrolment. More information can be requested from Student Services by calling **01642 473132**. We also have Careers Guidance Advisors available to speak with.

2. Making an application

Forms can be requested by calling **01642 473132** or by visiting www.cleveland.ac.uk/courses/how-do-i-apply/apply-online

3. Coming for an interview

Prospective students will be invited for an interview. Here they get the chance to ask questions and parents are also welcome to come along.

4. Enrolling

Once the offer of a place on a course has been received and accepted, the College will keep in touch until the time for enrolment.

Main enrolment dates:

Tuesday 23 August, 10am – 8pm Wednesday 24 August, 10am – 8pm
Thursday 25 August, 10am – 8pm Friday 26 August, 10am – 4pm