

PARENT AND CARER NEWSLETTER

●●● SEPTEMBER 2023 ●●●



WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our new parents and carers and to those whose young people are continuing their student journey with us. Term one is under way, our students are settling into their new courses and have familiarised themselves with their campus as well as how we can all work together to keep safe.

During induction each student has begun to set targets towards their learning goals and career plans.

It is great to feel the college buzzing and we wanted to share some information to keep you up-to-date with college life. Students are already taking part in workshops run by external professionals and undertaking work experience along side a host of other activities.

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PROJECT SEARCH DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Our Project SEARCH students were invited to take part in defibrillator training facilitated by the East Anglian Air Ambulance at the Great Yarmouth Town Hall. The training was offered to staff at the Town Hall and Project SEARCH students as part of the partnership between East Coast College and Great Yarmouth Borough Council. Staff and students were trained on how to use a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Many thanks to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and to Great Yarmouth Borough Council.



Project SEARCH students at their defibrillator training with East Anglia Air Ambulance

CREATIVE WORKSHOP



Level 3 Art and Design students creating protest banners

Level 3 Art and Design students participated in a creative workshop led by Odette Steele, senior textiles lecturer at Norwich University of the Arts. The workshop focused on using graphics and textiles as a communication tool to protest or to get your views across.

Students worked in groups and used various techniques and materials to produce a protest banner on a subject that is important to them such as animal cruelty, ocean pollution, knife crime and LGBTQIA+ rights.

GOLD PLATED EMPLOYER AWARD



St Nicholas Nursery in Great Yarmouth was awarded the 'Gold Plated Employer Award' by representatives from our Great Yarmouth campus. Here are a few words of thanks and congratulations from Placement Officer, Melanie James:

"St Nicholas Nursery has supported hundreds of Childcare students over the years to gain Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in Childcare and Early Years. Laura is the room lead in the baby room, where we often have a quick turnaround of students as baby hours are a mandatory part of the qualification. Laura helps students with every aspect of the room, encouraging students to set up activities, play and interact as well as settling children down for naps. We are extremely grateful for their continued support and look forward to what our partnership will bring in the future."

Congratulations St Nicholas Nursery!

EXAM DATES: NOVEMBER RESITS

GCSE English:

Tuesday 7th November - Paper One

Thursday 9th November - Paper Two

GCSE Maths:

Wednesday 8th November - Paper One (non calculator)

Friday 10th November - Paper Two (calculator)

Monday 13th November (calculator)

The sign in desk opens at 8am, all students should sign in by 8.45am.

Reminders:

 Students are required to bring their college ID card

 No mobile phones are allowed

 Students must bring their own equipment

PROVISIONAL EXAM DATES: 2024

GCSE English:

Thursday 23rd May 2024 - Paper One

Thursday 6th June 2024 - Paper Two

GCSE Maths:

Thursday 16th May 2024 - Paper One (non calculator)

Monday 3rd June 2024 - Paper Two (calculator)

Monday 10th June 2024 (calculator)

GREAT YARMOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBITION



During the Great Yarmouth Arts Festival, our first and second year Art and Design students had the opportunity to collaborate with other local institutions to create 32 herrings for the Herring Trail in Great Yarmouth and Gorleston.

The trail celebrates Great Yarmouth's link to the herring fishing fleet which was once based in the town. The trail will also reflect on how Great Yarmouth's new third crossing has been named Herring Bridge.

As well as the Herring Trail, students have had some of their amazing work exhibited in the Yare Gallery. On Monday, 25th September, the gallery hosted a private viewing of the exhibition which was open to the public until Thursday, 28th September.



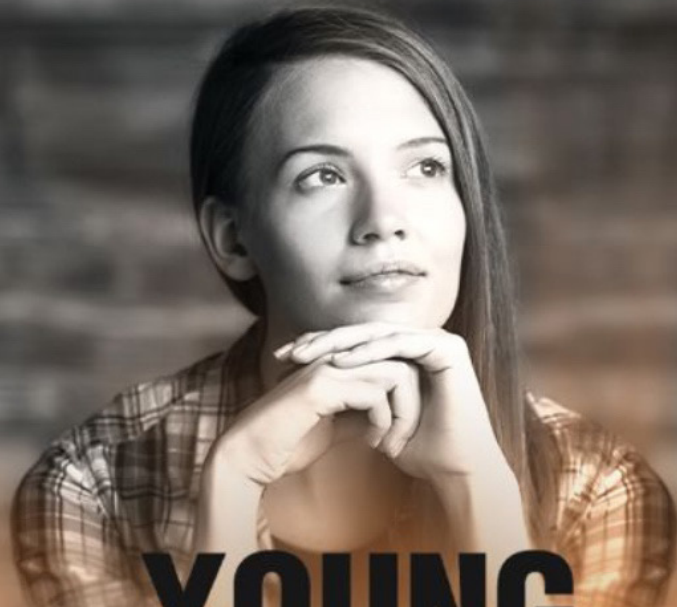
3ft herrings created
by East Coast
College students



Exhibition in the Yare
Gallery



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CAREERS INFORMATION

The Careers Team can be found at all three of our campuses and we provide support to all of our students, apprentices and adult learners with information, advice and guidance to help students explore their options, plan pathways and navigate hurdles.

We run a number of college-wide events, support the curriculum with visits and employer engagement opportunities, as well as Higher Education application support. We provide one to one support for students exploring their options, trying out new ideas and provide support to those who are a bit more unsure.

How familiar are you with post-18 choices?

In a recent national survey, the majority of young people reported that parents and carers are the main source of career advice for them. This means that you need to feel confident with what the options are, and where to direct your young person if they have questions.

Apprenticeships:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#) is a great source of information about Apprenticeships in general: what they are, how they work, and where to find them. If you prefer your information in a podcast you can download their Parenting Perspective podcast from the website.

[UCAS](#): for information about higher and degree level Apprenticeships.

University:

[UCAS](#): the hub for all applications to university; search for courses, get information on options, and how to support your young person through the application process and into university.

[Student Finance](#): everything you need open for 2024 course starts, if your young person is on a one-year course, or due to finish their finance applications for 2024 starts will be February 2024.

[Moneysavingexpert](#): the UK's biggest consumer website focused on finding deals and offering money saving tips and advice.

Further Education:

Applications are now open for 2024 course starts, if your young person is on a one-year course, or due to finish their education in 2024 there are vocational options they may want to consider in order to take their learning in a new direction and explore different possibilities.

Other useful websites:

[National Careers Service](#): explore over 800 career options, take a skills assessment, or start work on a CV.

[Prospect](#): General careers advice, explore a database of careers, and get advice on applying for university and work.

[icanbea](#): search for local employers, understand what they are looking for, and what opportunities are out there for young people. Video guides, interactive searches, and real-life insights into different careers.

Keep an eye on our social media accounts for details of upcoming information events and contact us on careers@eastcoast.ac.uk with your questions.

GROW AND MOW: TEAM BUILDING NATURE DAY

The Grow and Mow Foundation and Progression students spent a day at Ringsfield Hall Eco-activity Centre taking part in a range of activities that involved teamwork and being immersed in nature.

They built shelters, sat around the campfire, gathered blackberries to make tea and learned about a range of flora and fauna. They also prepared and cooked a stir-fry using a range of natural ingredients including tomatoes, squash, and foraged stinging nettles! Thankfully, nobody got stung and the nettles tasted like cucumber once cooked.

The Grow and Mow learners will begin their work experience at Africa Alive, Lowestoft Town Football Club, Somerleyton Hall and Ringsfield Hall in the near future.



Grow and Mow students on their team building nature day

NEW JOB!



Eden in her new role at James Paget University Hospital

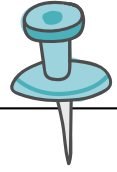


Project SEACH student, Eden, recently received a contract to work in the Domestic Services Team at the James Paget University Hospital following her supported internship.

Eden is extremely proud to have gained the contract and is thoroughly enjoying her new role.

Congratulations Eden!

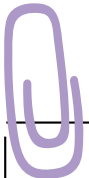
WELLBEING WELCOME



Students speaking with Suffolk Police

Students were invited to attend our Wellbeing Welcome at Great Yarmouth campus and Lowestoft Sixth Form, where they had the opportunity to speak to the Terrance Higgins Trust about sexual health, NHS Wellbeing, East Suffolk Council and Kooth, as well as Suffolk Police and many more! Thank you to all of our guests for attending and chatting to our students!

EVOLVE TRAINING ACADEMY LAUNCH



We hosted a launch event for our all new EVolve Training Academy which offers an array of specialist courses to upskill knowledge about electrical vehicles. Those who attended were able to hear from leading automotive companies who discussed the changes and challenges coming to the industry, new technologies and the upskilling of staff to meet the needs for the future.

We received amazing feedback throughout the night and cannot wait to host more events in the future.

Keep an eye out for our new East Coast College 'EVolve' branded vehicles on the road!



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