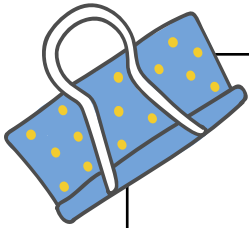


PARENT AND CARER NEWSLETTER

●●● OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2023 ●●●



WELCOME!

Welcome to the October/ November newsletter. We have now completed the first half term and students are really starting to settle into their courses and have familiarised themselves with their campus as well as how we can all work together to keep safe.

The college is continuing to grow and develop and we welcome St Eds Training Centre as a new partner as well as unveiling the plans for the redevelopment of our Great Yarmouth Campus.

Our students have been working hard through the term their learning has been enhanced through job fairs, business breakfasts and external work placements.

Students have also been involved in community projects, using their knowledge and skills to support others which really demonstrates how they are developing as respectful and active citizens.

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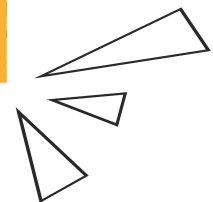


Proposed redevelopment of Great Yarmouth campus

Plans for a multi-million-pound rebuild of East Coast College's Great Yarmouth campus were revealed to the public at a community consultation on Wednesday, 1st November.

Anyone who was unable to attend the consultation and would like to share their comments are able to view the plans online on the [Vincent and Gorbing Public Consultation Page](#) from 1st November until 15th November.

NEW PARTNERSHIP



We are delighted to announce a new educational partnership with Norwich-based St-Eds Training Centre, which will support the young people of Norfolk to access further opportunities for progression and employment.

Find out more about the partnership [here!](#)

JOBS FAIR



On Tuesday, 24th October, we hosted our annual seasonal jobs fair in the Energy Skills Centre in Lowestoft. The day was a huge success with over 30 employers booking stands and lots of students attending!



Stalls at our seasonal careers fair

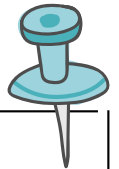


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BEACH CLEAN



First-year Level 3 Animal Management students joined the Sea Life team to take part in a beach clean on Great Yarmouth Beach as a part of their sustainability project.

The group collected a total of 8.5kgs of rubbish from the beach! Most of the litter in the individual bags came from cans, however, the most prevalent items were cigarette butts and plastic scraps.

Students have also been upcycling plastic to create a marine wildlife display, which represents the importance of looking after



Level 3 Animal Management students outside the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth

GRADUATION 2023



This month we had an amazing day celebrating with the graduating Class of 2023! A huge well done to all of our students and thank you to all of the local dignitaries, families, friends and our tutors for all of your support!



Member of the graduating class of 2023



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Lowestoft Sixth Form hosted their second annual business breakfast, welcoming careers leads and representatives from schools across Norfolk and Suffolk. The event highlighted the sixth form's goals, introduced key members of the team, showcased our extensive curriculum and standout students, and presented our new initiatives including our new tutorial programme and sustainability group.

GREENCOAT CAPITAL WORK PLACEMENT

During October half-term, five Lowestoft Sixth Form students travelled to London for a work placement with Greencoat Capital, one of London's premier companies specialising in investment funds for institutions in the pensions industry and clean green energy.

During the week-long work placement, our students had a unique opportunity to connect their academic studies in Business Studies and Economics with practical experiences in the field. They engaged in effective teamwork, practiced online collaboration tools, and delivered group presentations. The experience was invaluable in preparing our students for their future careers in finance and economics.

Well done all!



Students at Greencoat Capital's head office in London

EPILEPSY ACTION DONATION

Our BROADS students raised £150 for Epilepsy Action by selling seeds, plants, flowers, seed bombs and seed tags. The money raised will help Epilepsy Action to expand their services and continue to help even more people living with Epilepsy.



BROADS student fundraisers

GOLD PLATED EMPLOYERS



The Grove Primary School with their Gold Plated Employer Award

This month, more local employers, including Grove Primary School, YMCA and the Ark, were awarded with the Gold Plated Employer Award in recognition of their outstanding support of our students.

Congratulations to all!

BA VISUAL ARTS

Our BA Visual Arts students attended a trip to the Sainsbury's Centre to visit the exhibition, The Stuff of Life and The Life of Stuff, which explores issues on the environment and sustainability.

We also kicked off our visiting lecturer programme with a talk and workshop with 303 Project Space director, Alex Costello. 303 is a contemporary art space in Lowestoft. He helped our students create monumental sculptures from cardboard.



BA Visual Arts workshop at 303

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



It has been a busy month for our Health and Social Care and T Level Health students.

Many of our T Level Health students have now begun, or are preparing to begin, their industry placements at the James Paget University Hospital as well as East Coast Community Healthcare, who were recently presented with a Gold Plated Employer Award for support with industry placements.

Furthermore, our Level 2 and 3 Health and Social Care and T Level Health students have enjoyed hearing from guest speakers from the UEA to learn more about the role of Operating Department Practitioner.

The Level 3 Health and Social Care students have also been volunteering at Freshly Created, helping to set up their Halloween event.

Students are now preparing for the Health and Social Care careers fair which will be held on Thursday, 30th November in the Great Yarmouth campus sports hall. The fair will also hold the Big C 'Big Bum' event to educate students on early signs of cancer, this is an interactive inflatable 'bum' that the students will be able to take a guided tour round.

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)

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 now open for 2024 course starts, if your young person is on a one-year course, or due to finish, 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.

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