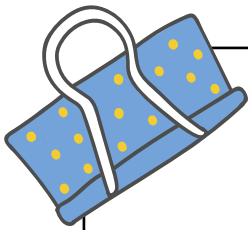


PARENT AND CARER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

As the term is coming to an end, we are excited to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff over the beginning of the year.

A standout moment this year was our Ofsted rating of 'Good', which reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire college. Some of our Art students explored Japan's culture on their Turing trip, visiting Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka. They used the "Osaka Amazing Pass" to enjoy over 40 attractions and discover local cuisine and art. Our other Art and Media students visited Barcelona, exploring the Picasso Museum, Sagrada Familia, and Dali Museum while immersing themselves in the local culture.

We had a visit from Celebrity Hairdresser Andrew Barton, who led workshops for our students and staff showing his skills and experience. Our Travel and Tourism students volunteered at a homeless shelter in Vietnam, preparing and serving food while receiving positive feedback from residents and staff.

We hope you enjoy reading about our journey so far, and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings!

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OFSTED RESULTS - GOOD IN ALL AREAS

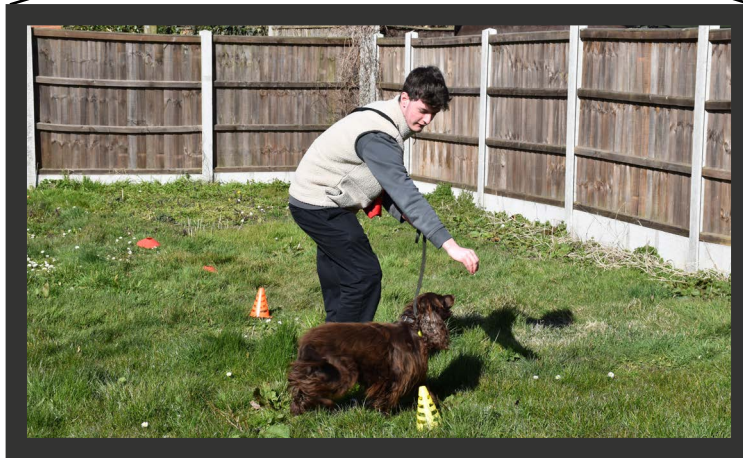


We are proud to announce that East Coast College has been rated 'Good' across ALL AREAS in our latest Ofsted inspection!

This achievement reinforces our dedication to providing high-quality education and training for young people and adults across Norfolk and Suffolk.

We couldn't have achieved this without the fantastic support from our staff, students, employers and local community - thank you!

DOG TRAINING SESSION



Level 3 year 1 students spent a day working with our staff dogs on enrichment training and walking skills. The students worked in groups to devise different tasks and use the dogs to introduce enrichment tasks to support their workbooks.

This was a fantastic session in the sun, allowing our students to get hands-on with training.

CHILDCARE - WORLD BOOK DAY



Our Childcare students and children of the Rainbow Day Nursery and Preschool got together to celebrate World Book Day with activities and some reading.

CREATIVE ARTS - JAPAN TRIP



Our Art students have been busy on their Turing trip in Japan, soaking up the vibrant culture and exploring a number of exciting locations.

Highlights of the trip include visits to Tokyo where students visited its Yokohama Silk Museum and Kyoto where students explored the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and the Nishi Hongan-ji Temple. On the next stop on their journey, students stopped into various shops in the vibrant districts of Osaka. On their travels, students have also had the pleasure of seeing Mount Fuji and the iconic cherry blossoms that the region is famous for.

The group has been using the “Osaka Amazing Pass” to visit over 40 attractions, such as abseiling off the Osaka Tower and a trip to the glowing teamLab botanical garden!

The students have explored locations of cultural and historical significance, discovered art and traditions unique to the regions, tasted local cuisine and been involved in many exciting excursions and activities. All of which was made possible by the fantastic Turing Scheme.

ARTS AND MEDIA - BARCELONA TRIP



Our Arts and Media began their exciting trip to Barcelona.

Highlights from the trip include immersing themselves in the local culture and visiting the Picasso Museum, the Barcelona Cathedral, the Dali Museum, and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

They also visited the Sagrada Familia, where they had a guided tour of the building to learn more about Antoni Gaudi and the 'Sacred Family Church'.

In between the busy itinerary of exploring Barcelona's wonderful art and architecture, students also found time to explore the beautiful parks and beaches Barcelona has to offer.

SHREWSBURY PRISON



Students from Levels 2 and 3 in Psychology, Criminology and Law, Health T Level, and Health and Social Care Level 3 participated in an overnight stay “behind bars” at Shrewsbury Prison.

Upon arrival, the group met a stern guard who distributed orange boilersuits and assigned cells. With peeling paint and the basics—a rusted bunk marked by former inmates, a sink, and a single plug socket—they prepared for a tough night.

Students were split into teams for escape room challenges. Some, including their law tutor Chris, faced “the hole,” wearing hoods and chained together, while others attempted to navigate their cells. Afterwards, they gathered in the canteen for a meal known as “prison slop” (sausages and mash) before exploring the prison and even visiting the gift shop.

They toured the intake process for new prisoners, learning about inmate classification and wing assignments. Highlights included a visit to the notoriously haunted C Block and the execution room, as well as the medical block discussing care for injuries and overdose treatment.

ANDREW BARTON VISITS HAIRDRESSING



We were delighted to welcome celebrity hairdresser Andrew Barton back to our Images salon at our Lowestoft Campus. Having first visited us in 2024, Andrew returned this year for another truly inspirational day.

Learners, tutors, and key employers had the chance to watch and learn from Andrew as he showcased his top-tier skills live and led workshops throughout the day. Andrew is one of the UK's most talented celebrity stylists, has starred in his own TV show, and is writing his own book! He is also passionate about sharing his skills and knowledge to support both current and aspiring hair stylists.

This was yet another fantastic experience, and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future. A huge thank you to Andrew Barton and everyone involved in making this special day happen!

NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST VISITS CHILDCARE



Our T-Level Childcare students welcomed back National Literacy Trust representative Rhiannon and local Trust champion Judy.

Together, they explored the importance of oracy, movement, and play in encouraging children to read and develop a lifelong love of literacy.

EAST RESTAURANT - BOWLS CLUB



Before the Christmas break, the catering team wrapped up the year in style, serving 35 wonderful customers from the Bowls Club at East Restaurant!

The team would like to give a huge well done to all the amazing students who have worked so hard this past year— you've been incredible!

PERSIMMON HOMES DONATION



Persimmon Homes recently donated 10,000 bricks to both our Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth Brickwork departments to support our students and apprentices in their studies. After the bricks were delivered, we had the opportunity to give the team a tour of our facilities and showcase some of the work our learners undertake here at college.

The bricks provided were custom-made in the Persimmon factory, which began production during COVID when they were unable to source enough bricks to complete house builds. These bricks differ from the usual training bricks used by students and apprentices, offering them the chance to test their skills with different materials.

The college's ongoing relationship with Persimmon will continue to shape the curriculum for all construction trades, providing site visits, work experience, and apprenticeships. Persimmon has also offered to support our sustainability strategy, which will, in turn, help them reduce waste—an exciting opportunity for the coming months and years.

GUEST SPEAKER - PAINTING AND DECORATING



Jonathan Snow from Tesa Tapes delivered a talk to our Painting and Decorating groups. He spoke about the company, the different types of tapes and adhesives, their uses, how they are made, and where to buy them.

BRICKLAYING PROJECT



Bricklaying students
project

Level 1 Bricklaying students have almost finished their main programme and have also completed work experience. As an extension task, they have built a logo for the Moodle page, Teams page, and coursework books.

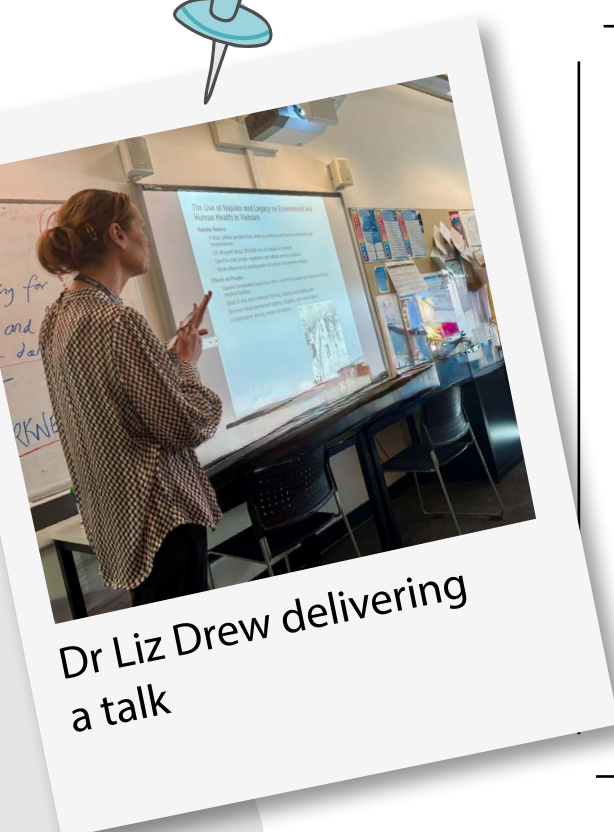
Students Logan Darlow, Alfie Collins, and Alfie Sampson have worked really hard this year, completing 10 to 12 practical tasks each, as well as 2 to 3 of their assessments.

CARPENTRY - PLANTER PROJECT



Great Yarmouth Carpentry students created a fantastic planter with help from Justin and Lyndon. This project will be brightening up the space outside St George's Theatre in Great Yarmouth. We look forward to seeing it filled with plants!

GUEST SPEAKER - VIETNAM WAR



Dr Liz Drew delivering
a talk

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our guest lecturer, Dr. Liz Drew from the Sixth Form, for delivering an engaging and insightful lecture on the Vietnam War.

This lecturer provided valuable insight into the war and its effects in advance of the learner's trip to Vietnam.

Understanding the historical context of the Vietnam War was invaluable in helping them make sense of what they would experience on the trip, and the impact the war has had on the people they would meet.

VIETNAM TRIP



The recent trip to Vietnam offered students a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture while enhancing their knowledge and understanding of international tourism. During this trip, they also provided valuable service to the community by volunteering at a homeless shelter, where they prepared and served food to those in need.

The group met with their Vietnamese coordinator and soup kitchen instructors for feedback. It was very positive! Residents and the shelter manager praised the students for being respectful and a resident noted that the desserts they made were the best they had in years, reminding them of their food from their childhood. Staff also saw noticeable progression in the students even in their brief time with them.

Other highlights from the trip included dining at local restaurants, exploring the area and enjoying an evening of karaoke with the Vietnamese team and other international volunteers.

Students shared how the project impacted them and how it has contributed to their personal development. Students are now in phase two of their journey, where they have already visited an orphanage and school, received cooking lessons on local cuisine and next they will go on to further explored aspects of the Asian tourism industry.

APOLLO SESSION - BREAKING BARRIERS



The Apollo team had the honour of hosting the Breaking Barriers Innovation Team, leaders of the Coastal Navigator Network Programme at the Great Yarmouth campus. This strategic collaboration between NHS England and the Integrated Care Board aims to reduce barriers and increase employment opportunities in six coastal towns, including Great Yarmouth.

The day began with engaging sessions where students and Apollo participants shared their perspectives on living and working in Great Yarmouth, discussing their aspirations for the future. This was followed by a roundtable discussion with local stakeholders from the DWP, Borough Council, ICB (Integrated Care Board), GPs, Education and Hospital, addressing local challenges, projects and funding.

The Apollo team presented the project to representatives from other coastal towns within the Network. The comprehensive report, including insights from the Apollo programme, will be presented to Professor Chris Whitty, the Chief Medical Officer for England.

COME AND MEET US

Your safer neighbourhood team

South Yarmouth Engagement Dates – April 2025

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 10th April, 2025

10:00am to 11:00am – **Café 63, Marine Parade**

Tuesday 22nd April, 2025

2:00pm to 3:00pm – **DIAL, King Street**

Tuesday 29th April, 2025

11:00am to 12:00pm – **Marina Centre, Marine Parade**

**Suspicious activity? Call us on 101.
Emergency? Always use 999.**

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NORFOLK
CONSTABULARY

APOLLO

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Short Courses

Delivering employment support and skills training for people living in Norfolk and Suffolk, the Apollo project can help you support you to develop your career in health and social care or gain employment within a diverse range of rewarding jobs in the sector.

If you are interested in attending these courses, please get in touch at apolloenquiries@eastcoast.ac.uk



Available Short Courses:

- **Information, Advice and Guidance** - April 7th and 17th *
- **Cancer Support** - April 14th, 15th and 16th *
- **Stroke Awareness** - May 1st
- **Diabetes Awareness** - May 22nd
- **Learning Difficulties** - June 9th and 16th *
- **Dementia Awareness** - June 12th and 19th *
- **Autism Awareness** - June 23rd

** required to attend all dates on list*

NHS Day

May 14th 2025

The Place - Great Yarmouth

- Careers and Expert Library
- Wellbeing and Workshops
- Adult Skills

SAVE THE DATE!

Health and Care Careers Discovery Events



If you are supporting a young person who is:

- ✓ Choosing their options
- ✓ Preparing for their GCSEs
- ✓ Studying at College or Sixth Form
- ✓ Thinking about their next steps

Join us at a Health and Care Careers Discovery Event to explore exciting opportunities in the Health and Care sector!

- Meet a range of employers
- Discover career pathways
- Learn about Apprenticeships, T Levels, Work Experience & Higher Education



Thursday 24th April 2025
From 5:30pm - 7:30pm



East Coast College, Great
Yarmouth Campus, NR31
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Wednesday 30th April 2025
From 5:30pm - 7:30pm



University of East Anglia,
The Enterprise Centre,
NR4 7TJ



Saturday 10th May 2025
From 10:00am - 12:00pm



College of West Anglia,
PE30 2QW

For further information or any queries please email HealthandCareAcademy@jpaget.nhs.uk



Book Using our QR codes

Great Yarmouth -

East Coast College, Great Yarmouth campus

Thursday 24th April 2025 | 5.30pm - 7:30pm

(Free Parking)



Norwich - UEA, the Enterprise Centre

Wednesday 30th April 2025 | 5.30pm - 7:30pm

(Free Parking)

King's Lynn - College of West Anglia

Saturday 10th May 2025 | 10am - 12pm

(Free Parking)



GCSE EXAM DATES



Summer 2025

SIGN IN DESK OPENS AT 8AM.

- ☒ **SIGN IN BY 8.40AM**
- ☒ **COLLEGE OR PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED**
- ☒ **NO MOBILE PHONES OR SMART WATCHES**

GCSE ENGLISH

FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025 - Paper 1

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2025 - Paper 2



GCSE MATHS

THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025 - Paper 1 (non-calculator)

**WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025 - Paper 2
(calculator)**

**WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025 - Paper 3
(calculator)**

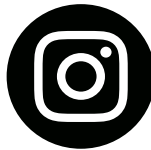
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