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CREATIVE SUCCESS *at Central*



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Creative students' AWARD SUCCESS

CREATIVE STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL COLLEGE SCOOPED A NUMBER OF PRIZES AT THIS YEAR'S YOUNG CREATIVE AWARDS AT THE NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE.

Hundreds of people attended the 7th Nottingham Young Creative Awards in May, which aim to give people aged 13 to 24 who live, study or work in Nottingham the chance to show off their creative work, network with future employers and gain valuable industry experience and mentoring.

A record 300 entries were submitted – and the judges whittled them down to a shortlist before the winners were announced.



Celebrating STUDENT DIVERSITY

THE COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTED THE RICH DIVERSITY OF OUR STUDENTS WITH A WEEK OF CULTURAL EVENTS IN MAY. DURING DIVERSITY WEEK STUDENTS ACROSS THE COLLEGE TOOK PART IN A FESTIVAL OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HENNA TATTOOS, BRACELET MAKING, LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE, TASTING GLOBAL FOODS, PLUS ADDING THEIR THOUGHTS TO A SPECIAL VALUE TREE ABOUT BRITISH VALUES.

Diversity Week coincided with the celebrations for International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (known locally as IDAHoBiT) on May 17. Representatives from the college attended a special celebration at Nottingham's County Hall, in which a rainbow flag was raised to help show

support for worldwide sexual and gender diversity.

Displays at the college's main centres showed the different cultures of Central College students and facts about the continents of the world, and there was also a showcase of books about cultures of the world.



The Notts IDAHoBiT Group, which is supported by Nottinghamshire Police, visited students on Uniformed Public Services courses to discuss issues surrounding diversity and inclusion in the public services. They also supported the Diversity Week activities.

Debbie Duggan, Central's Vice Principal - Organisational Development, said: "As a further education college we celebrate the diverse nature of our learners and staff, and value both our common interests and differences. Diversity Week is an important part of that celebration, and we're proud to support IDAHoBiT as part of that this year."

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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

19-24 WINNER
Holly Burrough, Age 19 (Pictured below left)

16-18 WINNER
Eloise Wright, Age 16 (Cover image)

16-18 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Reece Hickling, Age 16

FASHION AND TEXTILES

19-24 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Francesca Henderson, Age 19

16-18 WINNER
Sarah Henshaw, Age 18

16-18 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Imogen Smith, Age 17
Molly McMillan, Age 17

GRAPHIC DESIGN

19-24 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Shaquille Williams, Age 19

PHOTOGRAPHY

19-24 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Leo Baker, Age 19
Dean Saunderson, Age 19
Linda Rieksta, Age 22

16-18 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Thomas Faulkner, Age 18
Nadeem Khalil, Age 17
Sarah Chelsea Baker, Age 18

VISUAL ARTS

19-24 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Luke Guy, Age 20

16-18 WINNER
Megan Riley, Age 17

16-18 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Lewis Andrews, Age 17

ANIMATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA

19-24 HIGHLY COMMENDED
Haydn Spencer, Age 19

Students think new sensory room is OUTSTANDING

HORIZONS (LEARNERS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND/OR DISABILITIES) STUDENTS AT CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM ARE BENEFITING FROM THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW SENSORY ROOM AT CENTRAL'S STAPLEFORD CENTRE.

The £10,000 resource has been officially opened by Principal and CEO Malcolm Cowgill.

Students can now use equipment with state-of-the-art lighting and sounds as well as an interactive sensory floor. The facilities provide stimulating activities for high support students but also act as a peaceful room for all learners to use.

At the launch, members of the College's Executive Management Team played a game of virtual football with students, and learned about the benefits of having a sensory room. The technology used meant that students with physical disabilities could also take part in the game.

Lyndsey Turner-Whitby, a Horizons tutor, said: "A lot of staff and students came together to help raise funds for the room, to add to the money allocated by the College. Also, students helped to decorate it and now they really do get so much out of the facility. It's stimulating for those that need it but with the soft lighting and sounds it's relaxing too, which can be really important for some learners."

Recently inspected by Ofsted and graded 'Outstanding', Horizons courses are designed to meet the needs of students with a learning difficulty and/or disability between the ages of 16 and 24. The College currently runs courses at its Stapleford Centre and also in Beeston.



Curriculum Manager Mark Johnson said: "The key to all our achievements and success is putting our students' needs and aspirations first and at the centre of all we do. We aim to increase learner confidence, self-esteem, and provide them with the skills to become independent young people. The new sensory room really helps support our staff to achieve this."

NEWS IN BRIEF

STUDENTS BRING CAKES TO THE PARTY

Catering students delivered some special treats for patients at the Nottingham Children's Hospital during Nutrition and Hydration Week recently as part of a Global Tea Party.

Nineteen students helped make 600 decorated cupcakes to help poorly children on the wards at the QMC who struggle to maintain their calorie intake while receiving treatment. There were also treats for parents and carers.

Chris Wood, the College's Catering Course Manager said: "Not only does it bring a lot of joy to the children and their parents but it also provides the students with real-life experience of how a large order needs to be managed from receipt through to delivery."

A spokesperson for QMC said: "We were delighted to have the students come in to help with our tea party celebrations and they helped brighten up the afternoon for our young patients. Their visit formed part of a range of events, which aimed to highlight the importance of good nutrition and hydration for patients."



Central students come to the RESCUE

TEN COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED IN A MOCK BUILDING EVACUATION AS PART OF A LIVE TRAINING EXERCISE BY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.

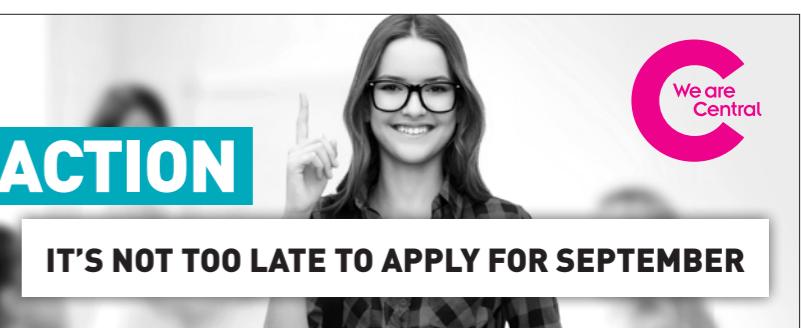
The students, all on Uniformed Public Service courses, volunteered to be involved in the training which took place in West Bridgford in May.

A tower block building was filled with fake smoke during the two-hour exercise and crews were tasked with rescuing the 'trapped' students and life-sized dummies which were placed throughout the building.

Uniformed Public Services Manager Vickie Nardoni said: "We were really pleased to be asked to be involved as this was a unique opportunity for our students to contribute to a real-life training exercise. Some of our students go on to apply for positions in the fire and rescue service so to be able to experience a rescue first hand is invaluable."

NUMBER 1* FOR STUDENT SATISFACTION IN NOTTINGHAM

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Central student PLAYS TO WIN

FOLLOWING HER DREAM TO WORK IN THE WORLD OF SPORT SEEMED OUT OF REACH FOR JADE CITO WHILST AT SCHOOL. THAT WAS UNTIL SHE JOINED CENTRAL.



Jade Cito (23), from Cropwell Bishop, took A Levels in subjects that she wasn't passionate about, as she never thought that she would be able to have a career in her true passion, which is sport.

This changed when she studied part-time for a personal training qualification at Central College. Jade felt that it opened her mind to career possibilities. She then joined the Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching (FdSc) at Central and hasn't looked back since.

Jade said: "As I did not have the correct type of qualifications to apply directly for a degree, the foundation degree was the perfect route for me. The tutors are

extremely supportive and willing to go the extra mile to help you succeed. The college environment is not intimidating like some university campuses can be.

"I am progressing onto the third year of a degree in Coaching and Sport Science at Nottingham Trent University, which I am very excited about. I am also continuing to work with the GB Women's Ice Hockey team and I have been offered a job at an Elite League men's professional Ice Hockey team for the 2015/16 season.

"I play in the Women's Premier League for the Sheffield Shadows. The coaches are also the GB Women's Ice Hockey team head coaches. They invited me to attend one of the camps and from there I analysed a number of games from their world championships the previous year. They then asked me to become a permanent member of staff for the GB women's Ice Hockey team as the Video Analyst.

"At Central College Nottingham you will succeed as long as you are determined, motivated and hard-working. You will have so much fun and make lifelong friends!"

Helping to build NOTTINGHAM FUTURES

THE COLLEGE IS HELPING TO TRAIN 18 NEW APPRENTICES WITH NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH). THE APPRENTICESHIPS ARE IN A RANGE OF CONSTRUCTION TRADES SUCH AS PLASTERING, JOINERY, BRICKLAYING AND PLUMBING AS WELL AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND IT.

Nick Murphy, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes, said: "We are committed to providing job and training opportunities to Nottingham residents. We're delighted to work in partnership with Central College Nottingham as our training provider."

Nottingham City Homes is the largest social housing provider in the East Midlands, looking after more than 27,000 homes. Central College has been working with them to deliver apprenticeship programmes since 2013.

Karla Stubbs, NCH HR Assistant, said "With an apprenticeship you don't necessarily need to have worked in that environment before: it was my transferable skills and personal attributes that Nottingham City Homes were keen to explore and develop."

Each year the College helps more than 1,200 jobseekers find employment and training opportunities. For more details of apprenticeship opportunities at Central College contact the Business Engagement Team on 0115 945 7260.

NEWS IN BRIEF

1000 MILE CHARITY RIDE A REAL CHALLENGE

An automotive operations manager swapped four wheels for two to undertake a charity cycle ride.

Jon Rawson, Head of School at EMTEC, Central College Nottingham's automotive commercial training division, was part of a group of ten riders who recently rode 1000 miles over nine days from John O'Groats to Land's End.

The team were raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity supporting Sam Smith, a 41 year old mother of two, who is receiving treatment for a brain tumour.

To date their trip has raised over £5000.

HOCKEY ACADEMY LAUNCHED

In May we launched a unique course for hockey enthusiasts. Starting in September at the Clifton Centre, the two-year course will allow hockey-minded 16-18 year olds to complete a sport course, while improving their hockey skills and gain coaching and leadership qualifications.

Students will enrol on a Level 3 BTEC Sport Development, Coaching and Fitness course. As well as subjects such as anatomy and physiology, fitness training and sports development, the course will offer hockey-based qualifications, allowing students to get involved with coaching and officiating. The College will also offer a fixture programme on Wednesday afternoons that will allow aspiring hockey players to improve their game.

The Highfields Central College Hockey Academy will be run in partnership with England Hockey and Highfields Hockey Centre.

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