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# Travel course TAKES OFF

TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENTS AT CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM ARE FLYING HIGH WITHOUT LEAVING THE CITY-BASED MAID MARIAN WAY CENTRE.

Students on the Level 3 Aviation course studying On-board Passenger Operations can train in a realistic mid-air environment, thanks to a real-sized replica aircraft cabin interior – in the classroom.

Course tutor, Louise Mantle, worked as cabin crew with several well-known airlines on short and long-haul routes during her 20-year career in the industry. She said:

“This is a diverse industry and students can go into a range of jobs after completing the Aviation course. It is more of a lifestyle rather than just being a job, and there are long hours involved, but there are some fantastic opportunities and benefits – and it’s good fun.”

She added: “Once you’re sat in your seat in the cabin, it’s easy to believe you’re on a real aircraft. We have all original kit from British Airways which the students use to perform all the roles you’d expect, like the safety demonstration and bringing round the beverage trolley.”

The cabin was moved to its Maid Marian Way base over the summer, having originally been located at the Beeston centre.

Simon Pierce (25), is studying on the Level 3 Aviation programme. He said:

“I work in the hotel industry but want to get onto a cadet scheme to train to become a pilot. There’s a great mix of students on the course and the cabin is an amazing learning environment. We also get to go on a residential trip to Turkey which I’m really looking forward to – so we will actually be flying at some point on the course!”

Fellow student Stephanie Cox (17), travels from a neighbouring county to study on the course because she thinks it’s so good. She said:

“It takes me an hour and a half each way to travel but I did the Level 2 Travel and Tourism course at Central last year and it was well worth it. I’ve decided I would like to become a cabin crew member as my sister did that, and my Grandad was a pilot. Perhaps it runs in the family! Our tutor is inspiring too as she’s worked on all different routes for various well-known airlines so we get a lot of insight into what the job’s really like.”

**THIS COURSE IS PERFECT FOR GETTING A BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF THE INDUSTRY I WANT TO GO INTO, WHILE ALSO GETTING THE POINTS I NEED TO GET INTO UNIVERSITY.**

## Darts academy HITS THE BULLSEYE

CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM HAS BECOME THE FIRST COLLEGE IN THE COUNTRY TO INTEGRATE A NEW DARTS ACADEMY INTO ITS SPORT CURRICULUM TO HELP STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR MATHS AND LIFE-SKILLS.

The College hopes the darts academy will become a key part of its curriculum offer and enhance its functional skills programme. The academy will also allow students to learn about sport psychology and analysis, sport as a business, practical sport, organising an event and sport performance, all modules within a range of courses that the college offers to students.

Students will also have the chance to gain a unique insight into the darts industry, including the manufacturing, technology, marketing, media and sports promotion processes behind darts – which is now the UK’s second-most popular televised sport.

The academy will be run by professional darts player Colin Osborne who is a former Champions League of Darts winner and former top 10 in the world. PDC star Colin will spend six hours a week coaching students.



# OPEN EVENINGS

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MARCH 2015

WWW.CENTRALNOTTINGHAM.AC.UK/EVENTS

**TUE 24TH MARCH**  
MAID MARIAN WAY & LONDON ROAD  
4:30-7PM

**WED 25TH MARCH**  
CLIFTON & HIGHFIELDS  
4:30-7PM

**THU 26TH MARCH**  
BEESTON & STAPLEFORD  
4:30-7PM

### DID YOU KNOW?

A recent change in law means young people now have to stay in education or training up until the age of 18.

## STAYING IN EDUCATION UNTIL THE AGE OF 18 DOESN'T MEAN STAYING AT SCHOOL

WITH ALL THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT OPTIONS AT 16+ CAN OFTEN BE DIFFICULT AND CONFUSING.

As a parent/carer you want the best for your child(ren) and you want to help them make the choices that are right for them.

One current area of confusion is the age at which students have to stay at school. This myth buster fact sheet will help explain some of the changes and the options that are now available.



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## Construction students BUILD INTERNATIONAL LINKS

A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT CENTRAL COLLEGE SPENT A MORNING FINDING OUT ABOUT LIFE AT THE COLLEGE AS A CONSTRUCTION STUDENT, AND EVEN HAD A GO AT SOME OF THE TRADES THEMSELVES.

Eleven students were given some ‘on the job’ training by current construction trainees, as they had a go at painting and decorating, bricklaying and plastering.

Twenty-year-old Edmila from Angola is currently studying English at Central and is planning to go on to university to study chemistry. She was eager to have a go at bricklaying and got some coaching in the workshop from students and tutor, Andrew Cardy.



Edmila said: “It’s interesting to come and see what goes on in the workshops and have a go. The other students are all really friendly and it’s been good fun and nice to meet new people. And I’m quite pleased with my first attempt at bricklaying!”

Kate’s first-time plastering skills impressed Level 2 Plastering student John Feely, who had helped her to skim a wall. Kate, who’s from Xi’an in China, found the whole experience interesting as she’s studying architecture. She said: “I’m interested in houses and construction but this has given me the chance to see houses from another perspective, to see what goes on inside.”

The event was organised by the College’s International team to enable students, who are all based at the College’s Beeston centre, to meet in an informal way. Marlys Murray from the International team said:

“Both groups of students share the Beeston centre every day but can find making that initial contact slightly overwhelming. This kind of event enables them to get together, find out each other’s names and have interaction in a fun and informal way, learning not only what they do here in college but a bit more about them as individuals from different cultures.”

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Auto Central is staffed by the best trainees on the highest/University level automotive programme offered by the College, who have achieved high level skills, under close supervision from College staff.

Students will apply their practical knowledge in a live workshop environment, where they’ll also develop customer service skills and learn more about the logistical and business aspects of commercial operations.

The centre is managed by Neil Beatson, who brings years of experience and knowledge of many aspects of the automotive industry to the role. He said: “Succeeding in today’s competitive environment isn’t just about being good at the technical aspects of your job; you need to understand how business works and be able to engage with customers and other professionals in the industry. We call these key employability skills and Auto Central will give our students the opportunity, unique in Nottingham, to develop these skills alongside their practical progression, in a commercial training centre.”

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# MORE PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING TO STUDY AT CENTRAL

## RIANNA'S STORY Apprenticeship Case Study

Rianna Sarafat works as a Pharmacy Technician Advanced Apprentice in the Pharmacy Department of Nottingham University Queen's Medical Centre.



Rianna applied for the position of Pharmacy Technician Advanced Apprentice in July 2012 and completed her apprenticeship in July 2014 after leaving school with good GCSE results and college with A levels. At the end of the apprenticeship she was able to register with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), as a qualified Pharmacy Technician.

Talking about the apprenticeship, Rianna said: "I have always been interested in Biology and Chemistry from school and my ultimate goal is to become a Theatre Technician or Ward Technician and I felt this was a good route to achieve this."

Rianna attended college on a day-release basis and said she learned a lot about the pharmacy technician role through the BTEC Pharmaceutical Science Diploma and she can now relate this to what she is doing in the workplace. She also got plenty of support from the teaching staff with her assignments. She also said the workload was quite challenging so she had to be well organised to attend college and work full time.

## I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS COURSE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN MEDICAL SCIENCE

THE WHOLE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM SIXTH FORM AND HELPS STUDENTS GET JOBS



Steven  
Ex-Student and Coca-Cola Enterprises LTD Employee



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