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# Photography students SNAP UP NEW OPPORTUNITY

A GROUP OF CENTRAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS LAUNCHED THEIR OWN EXCITING COMMERCIAL PHOTO AGENCY IN FEBRUARY.

Focus Central is only the second student-run agency in the country and operates out of the College's purpose-built photography department at its Maid Marian Way centre. The facility boasts three spacious state-of-the-art studios as well as editing suites.

The agency will give up to 20 photography foundation degree students real-life work experience of how a business operates. Students will offer services including: family portraits, weddings and other events including PR and product launches.

Matt Bunn, Course Leader and professional photographer, will oversee the business.

Matt said: "By teaching the students how to act and behave in a commercial environment, we are giving them the best opportunity to survive and thrive as a professional photographer, while learning the value of an image."

"They are learning that that there is so much more to image making than just taking photographs. It is about setting yourself targets, meeting with potential clients, reliability, working within strict time constraints, becoming consistent with your techniques, managing finance, working within a team and attaining professional standards."

The money the students generate through any commissions is put back into the agency to fund student trips to see other creatives' work and to put on future exhibitions.

The students have already undertaken work for Rex Assignments - a PR and corporate assignments company, and emfec - a membership body that supports colleges and other further education providers.

To find out more about Focus Central or to make a booking call 0115 914 6445 or email: [focuscentral@centralnottingham.ac.uk](mailto:focuscentral@centralnottingham.ac.uk)

## Reaping the benefits RETURNING TO STUDY AFTER A BREAK

JESSICA GUNTER HAD FOUND HERSELF DRIFTING FROM JOB TO JOB WITHOUT ANY SELF-CONFIDENCE. SHE DIDN'T THINK SHE'D EVER GET HER DREAM JOB WORKING ON A CRUISE SHIP AND TRAVELLING THE WORLD.

However, now she is close to completing her second travel and tourism qualification at Central, while looking forward to making her dreams a reality in the near future.

Jessica said: "I decided I needed to build up my confidence and learn about the industry. So I applied for a course at Central, just to see if it would help, but honestly it was the best decision I ever made!"



"I'm now on the Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Travel and Tourism. Central College has great links for the industry that you want to work in. The staff help you learn how to complete application forms and write a good CV. I've even had mock interviews so I feel well-prepared for the real thing."

This year, Jessica has accessed a loan designed for adult learners to help pay for tuition fees and exam costs. Interest on the loans is lower than anything on the high street and they are paid via Student Finance England.

She said: "I won't have to start paying the loan back straightaway, which made my decision to return to study even easier."

# Increasing apprenticeships with HYUNDAI

CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM HAS SIGNED A FIVE-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING DEAL, WITH SOUTH KOREAN MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER HYUNDAI, WHICH WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY JOINING HYUNDAI APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES.

Hyundai has rented space at the College's EMTEC centre in Ruddington to create a regional training facility. Around 100 apprentices aged 16-22 from dealerships across the country currently come for block training with EMTEC trainers and assessors. The target is to boost this to over 210 apprentices over the five years.

The three-year programme has vacancies in dealerships across the country in areas such as service and parts advisors, vehicle technicians and body shop repair.

Rebecca Hurrell, Academy Manager at Hyundai Motor UK LTD said: "I am delighted that EMTEC is now providing our Technical,

Parts and Customer Service Apprentice Programmes for the Hyundai Network. This means we can deliver training from both our High Wycombe and Nottingham Academies, offering young people industry recognised qualifications and a future career pathway with Hyundai."



Andy Moore, EMTEC Managing Director said: "Hyundai are at the very forefront of technical innovation with their latest range of vehicles and through this apprenticeship programme we can jointly offer some of the most exciting technical and non-technical opportunities for young people both locally and across the UK to access a great career with great training whilst getting paid. Our recruitment team are constantly seeking applications from people who are serious about joining this programme."

For more information or to find out about apprenticeship vacancies at Central visit [www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.centralnottingham.ac.uk/apprenticeships)



## Council proudly displays STUDENT'S ARTWORK

A PAINTING BY A CENTRAL ART AND DESIGN STUDENT HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO HANG AT NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S LOXLEY HOUSE BUILDING ON STATION STREET.



Soniya Ahmed's artwork features some of Nottingham's best-known icons including designer Paul Smith, literary greats DH Lawrence, Lord Byron and Alan Sillitoe, as well as First World War flying ace Albert Ball.

Soniya is studying a BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design. Her painting was commended in the visual arts category of the 2015 Young Creative Awards and that's when it was spotted by the council.

Soniya said: "I entered the awards as part of a College project and wanted to use some really famous subjects, but also to bring back to life those that maybe not everyone knows about."

"Central College has helped me because I started late in the first term and they helped me catch up. They also let you know about competitions and projects to help promote your work."

### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK ACTIVITIES

Local schools are coming to visit the College during National Apprenticeship Week (14-18 March) to find out more about the different types of apprenticeships we offer.

More than 100 school pupils will visit the College's centre in Ruddington to take part in have a go activities across a range of areas including: construction, engineering, sport, automotive and science.

Central's Schools Liaison Manager, Jane Nutt, said: "Our work with local schools suggests that lots of young people are considering the apprenticeship route so this event is key to helping them make their decision. It will also be lots of fun!"

National Apprenticeship Week, which is co-ordinated by the National Apprenticeship Service, is an annual event designed to celebrate apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals, businesses and the economy.

### FEATURE: PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE LATEST FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE COLLEGE'S MOST RECENT SUCCESS RATES:

- **93%** of our students go onto employment or into further/higher education
- In 2014-2015 success rates for 16-18 year olds showed a **2% increase** on the previous year
- Success rates for 19+ learners have also shown a **significant improvement** and are **2% above the national rate**
- Apprenticeship outcomes, a growth area for the College, have also continued to see significant improvements in outcomes which are now **6% above the national rate**

If you are sitting your exams in the coming months, I sincerely hope you get the grades you want and look forward to welcoming you to Central in September.

 **Malcolm Cowgill**  
Principal

## WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DREAM JOB?

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO RETRAIN AT CENTRAL

Retraining or improving your qualifications is a great route into employment or promotion. Get in touch to find out more as courses can be FREE or new government loans now mean you don't pay anything back until you earn over £21,000 per year.

For more information call: 0115 914 6414



# KIMARNI SIGNS FOR UNITED



A FORMER CENTRAL FOOTBALL STUDENT HAS SIGNED A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT AT LEAGUE ONE CLUB SHEFFIELD UNITED. SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD KIMARNI SMITH IS THE FIRST STUDENT FROM THE COLLEGE'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY PROGRAMME, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BASFORD UNITED FC, TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT.

Central's successful and dynamic football educational partnership with Basford has attracted many plaudits following the academy side's history-making FA Youth Cup run to the First Round proper.

Adam Beazeley, Head of School for Sport at Central, said: "We hope that Kimarni is the first of many young footballers to make the transition from the Academy to professional football. He is a fantastic young role model who is honest, hard-working and a genuine team player, who also happens to be supremely talented." "We wish him every success for his future."

Other notable success stories from the College's Football Academy include Leicester City's Wes Morgan, Simon Francis at Bournemouth and Colby Bishop at Notts County.

## CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE A CUT ABOVE

Two hairdressing students from Central were recently named runners-up in a national industry hairdressing competition. Mairead Gavin, a Level 3



student, took third place in the fantasy total look category of the Britain's Best awards, beating off stiff competition from both trainees and professionals with her planets-inspired design. Level 2 barbering student Joel Reavill came second in the short back and sides with beard trim trainee category.

Britain's Best is the National Hairdressers Federation's (NHF) flagship competition, involving teams from across the country battling it out to showcase their creative talents.

Mairead said: "I feel extremely proud to have come third in such a big competition! I appreciate all the time and effort my tutors have put behind me throughout the process. I based the fantasy total look loosely on 2001: a Space Odyssey as it has some incredible imagery. It was all new to me and I feel like I have learnt a lot from the experience. I cannot wait to do more competitions."

# OPEN EVENINGS

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Central College  
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MARCH  
2016

**TUE 8TH MARCH**  
BEESTON & STAPLEFORD

4:30-7PM

**WED 9TH MARCH**  
MAID MARIAN WAY, WHEELER GATE  
& LONDON ROAD

4:30-7PM

**THU 10TH MARCH**  
CLIFTON & HIGHFIELDS

4:30-7PM