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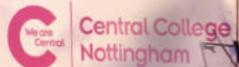
December 2015

DINO & PETE EXPOSED



EAST MIDLANDS' NO.1 HIT MUSIC STATION

WITH



STUDENTS
GRADUATE
IN STYLE

CENTRAL CELEBRATES
3RD BIRTHDAY

YOUNG
BUILDER OF
THE YEAR
COMMENDED

YOUNG INVENTOR
AWARD WIN

THE VAMPS TEAM UP with Central

CARE AND EARLY YEARS
NATIONAL SUCCESS

FEATURE AN ALTERNATIVE TO A-LEVELS
APPRENTICESHIPS



Higher Education students GOWN UP FOR GRADUATION

CENTRAL'S FORMER STUDENTS GOT UP FOR COLLEGE ONE MORE TIME ON 10 OCTOBER AND HEADED TO THE CITY'S ALBERT HALL FOR THEIR GRADUATION CEREMONY.

Students who completed their Higher Education courses in the summer donned their caps and gowns and celebrated their achievements.

A wide range of HE courses is now on offer at Central, including: Engineering, Biology, Computing, Sports Coaching, Criminal Justice, AAT Accountancy, Photography and Dental Technology and many graduates have gone on to secure jobs or to study for a final year top up to degree level at university.

Awards were also handed out to FE students who were nominated by their tutors for special achievement awards in each subject area.

Principal, Malcolm Cowgill, led proceedings at the event.

He said: "Students on our courses come to Central from a range of backgrounds. Many have progressed with us over several years, some are working full-time and being supported by their employer - perhaps through Apprenticeship programmes, and some may have returned to learning after a break from education. Whatever their circumstances, achieving these qualifications won't have been easy but it will have developed their knowledge, skills and confidence, and created new opportunities for them in the future, whether that's in employment or going on to further study. I'm proud that Central College has helped them succeed, and I wish them all the best in their future ventures."

UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

With smaller group sizes you'll get excellent support in and outside the classroom.

So whether you want to continue your education to degree level or want to study part-time to enhance your career, come and have a chat and see what course might suit you.

HNC/Ds

Computing and Systems Development
Business
Electrical/Electronic Engineering
Manufacturing Engineering
Operations Engineering
Travel & Tourism

FOUNDATION DEGREES

Criminal Justice (Forensic Criminology)
Children's and Young People's Services
Fine Art Practice
Healthcare Science
Leadership & Management
Photography Practice
Sport Coaching

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COVER STORY

The Vamps ROCK THE HOUSE WITH CENTRAL

THE COLLEGE WAS THRILLED TO BE INVOLVED AS THE MAIN SPONSOR AT CAPITAL FM'S 'EXPOSED' EVENT ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER WITH BREAKFAST DJs DINO & PETE AND THEIR 'HOUSE BAND' THE VAMPS.

The band played three live songs - new single 'Wake Up', 'Somebody to You' and 'Can We Dance' in front of 600 lucky guests including college students. A former Central student, Jade Worrall, who now runs her own photography business, had the opportunity to take pictures at this unique event.

Central ran an online competition to win a pair of VIP tickets to meet The Vamps before the gig. Lucky winner Katie Rider said: "It was an incredible once in a lifetime opportunity!"

You can see exclusive pictures and videos from the event on our website.

Proceeds from ticket sales are going to the 'Make Some Noise' charity which helps disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

NATIONAL SUCCESS FOR CARE AND EARLY YEARS STUDENT

A CHILDCARE STUDENT FROM CENTRAL WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE EAST MIDLANDS TO RECEIVE A HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES (AOC) STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS. JAMES GROCOCK IMPRESSED THE JUDGES WITH HIS COMMITMENT TO LEARNING AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLLEGE AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

The awards celebrate achievements and successes of exceptional students who stand out from the crowd. Due to the impressive nature of the applications this year, a new category of Highly Commended has been created. James is among just 12 students nationally to have received an award in this category.

James said: "I'm pleased to have won, as I was surprised to even be nominated for an award! It's the biggest award I've ever been given!"

Although James has dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, a form of ADHD and autistic spectrum disorder, he does not let this stop him succeeding.

He said: "I have good and bad days, but if I find something difficult I just try to find another way of doing it."

James made huge progress on a Level 1 Diploma in Health & Social Care and a Level 1 English qualification, which has enabled him to progress to a Level 2 Childcare course at Central. Earlier this year James helped lead a team of students who sold craft items to raise funds to help a village in the Gambia.

The AoC judges were particularly impressed with James' commitment to his studies and his fundraising activities.



**EARN
WHILE YOU
LEARN**

FEATURE: DO YOU KNOW ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS?

A-LEVELS NOT FOR YOU?

CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM OFFERS ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS EQUIVALENT TO A LEVELS. THESE ARE IDEAL FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO ATTAIN THE RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS BUT IN A MORE HANDS-ON, PRACTICAL WAY.

Apprenticeships offer on-the-job training within the workplace whilst developing key skills that all employers look for, such as maths, English and ICT. As an added benefit students are paid a minimum of £3.30 per hour with the potential of permanent employment and career progression at the end of the apprenticeship. Central College Nottingham also offers an in-depth recruitment service to help advise students on possible career paths and to help find suitable apprenticeships for them. Unlike most courses, apprenticeships can generally start throughout the year whenever a suitable placement with an employer becomes available.

If you would like more information or to register your interest in Apprenticeships please contact the business engagement team on 0115 945 7260 or email business@centralnottingham.ac.uk for an appointment.

Central celebrates 3RD BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! CENTRAL COLLEGE NOTTINGHAM HAS JUST CELEBRATED OUR THIRD BIRTHDAY.

In October 2012 the College was given approval by the Government to change its name from South Nottingham College. We decided to change as the name South Nottingham no longer reflected the College's presence across the city. The name 'Central' reflects a philosophy and approach where excellent high quality provision is centred on learners', communities' and employers' needs.

Central College Principal Malcolm Cowgill said: "Central has come a long way in three years and we've achieved some significant milestones. We have built up a reputation for offering quality courses for a wide audience, from school leavers to adults, plus international businesses both in the UK and overseas including a lot of development work in China.

Many of our student success rates are above the national average and have risen every year since merger. Our success rates in



Maths & English and Apprenticeships are both above the current national rate. With 93% of students going on to further study or into employment after they complete their course, we are proud to provide quality education, training and support for students to realise their ambitions.

Looking forward, the College is excited to be part of the team of shaping the Further Education landscape and progressing the new Skills Hub project in the city centre as part of the Broadmarsh and Gateway regeneration project."

BOOK A TASTER SESSION

Choosing a course can be difficult, so at Central we put on taster sessions so you can "have a go" to help you decide. To find out more about our courses, view the facilities, meet the tutors and see first hand what Central can offer you, book online at centralnottingham.ac.uk/events



AGED 19+?

Want to gain extra qualifications or return to study? Did you realise that some courses can still be **free for over 19s**? Call 0115 914 6414 to find out more.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Young Builder of the Year **COMMENDED**



L-R Shaun's mum; Kirsty Walsh - Curriculum Manager for Career Pathways at Central College Nottingham; Shaun Cowell; Shaun's dad.

CENTRAL APPRENTICE SHAUN COWELL WAS COMMENDED IN THE 16 TO 24-YEAR-OLD CATEGORY AT THE NATIONAL YOUTHBUILD UK 2015 YOUNG BUILDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS.

The awards celebrate the achievements of young people who have overcome personal barriers to train and work in the Construction industry.

24-year-old Shaun left school without any formal qualifications, but after years of struggling to find the right path towards meaningful employment he's now putting his skills into practice on a Bricklaying Apprenticeship with leading homebuilder Barratt Homes, while studying towards his NVQ Level 3 in Bricklaying with Central.

After completing a Pre-Apprenticeship with Central, Shaun took a Level 2 Bricklaying course and then secured his position at Barratt Homes earlier this year.

Shaun said: "With the help of Central I was selected by Barratt Homes for an interview and now I'm working there!"

I really enjoyed the awards - it was interesting to see so many people from different backgrounds who have been helped by Apprenticeships."

Shaun attended the awards ceremony at the House of Commons in London in October, enjoying dinner in the capital and ending the day with a ride on the London Eye.

John Dillon, Managing Director at Barratt Homes North Midlands, said: "We're all very proud of Shaun's achievement and pleased that he has received the recognition he deserves for his continued hard work. Shaun is an excellent example of what can be achieved through an Apprenticeship with Barratt Homes."

YOUNG INVENTOR WIN FOR BUDDING ENGINEERS

Two students from Central College Nottingham were named winners of the 2015 Made in the Midlands Young Inventor Award at the IET Birmingham: Austin Court in October. Chris Cahill and Matt Smith were selected as joint winners for their innovative engineering designs.

Three budding engineers were selected as finalists from Central College Nottingham, as Matt, Chris and Bailey Parker-Shand battled it out for the prestigious award in front of a crowd of directors from some of the largest manufacturers in the Midlands.

The three students completed a Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Engineering at Central's Highfields Centre this year. Their projects included a robotic vehicle, a safety device for use with a child car seat and a new interpretation of a BMX sprocket.

The Young Inventor Award aims to inspire young people by showcasing exciting engineering projects.

Chris designed and built a moving robot, with a sensor that allows it to sense and avoid obstacles, that could have a variety of uses.

Matt designed a car seat belt safety device for his project at Central. The idea behind the device was to stop children from undoing their seat belt when it wasn't safe to do so.

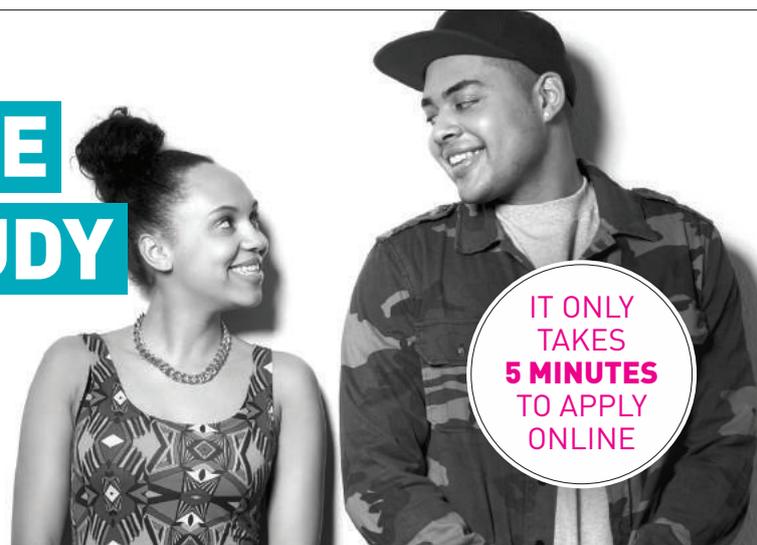
Matt said: "It was quite a shock to hear my name being read out, but I was also really pleased as I had a lot of family wanting me to win the award! My father went with me to the awards and he is very proud of me.

I was so pleased because Made in the Midlands is no small thing - the Young Inventor is a pretty heavyweight award and will help me out when looking for jobs in the future I'm sure."

MORE PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING TO STUDY AT CENTRAL

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