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BARNESLEY COLLEGE NAMED APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDER OF THE YEAR



Barnsley College was crowned the Outstanding BTEC Apprenticeship Provider of the Year 2017 at the national BTEC Awards, an annual ceremony which rewards students, teachers, schools and colleges for their achievements.

Representatives from the College were welcomed to the House of Commons, Palace of Westminster, where they met with other award winners before attending the prestigious award ceremony held at the Royal Horticultural Halls in Westminster.

Christopher Webb, Principal and Chief Executive at Barnsley College, said: "It's a great honour for us to receive this award. It recognises the College's ongoing commitment to the promotion and delivery of apprenticeships and demonstrates the hard

work and dedication of our staff and partners."

Callum Savage, 18, from Worksop, an apprentice studying a Level 3 Diploma in Design and Draughting and a BTEC in Construction and the Built Environment, accepted the award on

behalf of the College. He said: "I truly enjoyed being a part of the BTEC Awards and visiting Westminster. It was a once in a lifetime experience and being able to meet such a diverse range of people from so many different backgrounds was great.

"Being part of Barnsley College is wonderful because of all the support I receive. The College is inspirational for so many people, it drives aspirations and it thoroughly deserves the award."

WE ARE ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY

Barnsley College achieved a ranking of second in the country in the NICDEX league table, an annual league table of colleges published by FE Week, a leading publication focused on the further education sector.

Over 200 colleges are ranked in the league table, which is compiled using a points-based system, with points awarded against a number of key criteria published by the Department for Education (DfE).

The index included scores for student and employer satisfaction, as well as taking into account information about 16-18 and adult progression.

Barnsley College received full marks for learner and employer satisfaction.

Christopher Webb, Principal and Chief Executive of Barnsley College said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the College.

"We work exceptionally hard to ensure our students enjoy their time with us and progress to higher education or employment and we are continuing to build strong working relationships with all of our stakeholders. To be ranked second in the country is an accolade the whole College can be proud of."



OUR STUDENTS ARE THE HAPPIEST IN YORKSHIRE!

Barnsley College has been ranked the top college in Yorkshire for learner satisfaction in a national government survey.

The Department for Education's annual learner satisfaction survey saw Barnsley College exceed the average by 12.2% to achieve a score of 93.1% overall satisfaction, an increase of 3% on last year.

Further education colleges and training providers from around the UK took part in the survey comprising of twelve questions that asked students to rate their satisfaction with their course, staff and the support

received. They were also asked how likely they would be to recommend the college to family or friends.

Last year, Barnsley College was ranked eighth out of 189 further education colleges nationally and this year achieved an improved position of fourth out of 184.

Barnsley College Principal Christopher Webb said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the College. The welfare of our students

is of utmost importance and we are constantly looking at ways to enhance their experience. To be ranked the highest in Yorkshire and fourth nationally for learner satisfaction proves that we must be doing something right and we will continue to ensure that our students have the best possible experience at College in order to prepare them for their future endeavours."



ALADDIN PANTO A HUGE HIT

Barnsley College's annual pantomime provided a huge success with over 1,200 local children seeing our production of Aladdin.

The pantomime was staged in The Electric Theatre and starred Performing Arts students under the direction of the College's expert staff.

Students on Level 1, 2 and 3 courses took part in, or supported, the production backstage and all Performing Arts staff were involved,

including choreography by Dance tutor Devon Blood and lighting and set design by Curriculum Support Technician Tom Flanagan.

11 performances were sold out and the show received excellent reviews from those in attendance.

Mr Thompson, Headteacher of Shawlands Primary School whose pupils attended the pantomime, said: "The staff and students came back buzzing about how good the pantomime was. The children particularly enjoyed Widow Twankey's tassels and Mr Thompson's bloomers! We'll definitely book for 2018!"

The pantomime was co-directed by tutors Paul Atkins and Donna Turner. Paul said: "It was a fabulous week of productions and a real success for all those involved. Our students had the opportunity to experience the real-life work demands of a professional performer and the visiting school children all left buzzing with excitement, with huge smiles on their faces."

"Most people think pantomime is just a bit of fun but, in reality, it's exceptionally hard work and our students were left exhausted by the number of performances. However, they are the first to say that it was a brilliant experience and totally worth the effort. We're very proud of them!"



BARNSTABLE COLLEGE RECEIVES RAINBOW TICK ACCREDITATION

Barnsley College received a Rainbow Tick accreditation in recognition of its commitment to equality, diversity practices and behaviour for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities.

The college's LGBT and Sexuality and Gender Acceptance (SAGA) society has doubled its membership number to 43 in the last year. The society promotes wellbeing across the college, creating videos and training programmes to inform and educate students and staff.

Emma Dawber, 18, from Worsbrough, is the college's LGBT Student Co-ordinator. She said: "I'm proud the college has won this award as it reflects the hard work of the SAGA and LGBT Society."

COLLEGE STUDENT LANDS JOB ON NATION'S FAVOURITE STREET



CATERING STUDENTS SERVE ROYAL FEAST FOR THE QUEEN AND GUESTS



Six Barnsley College Catering students spent the week at Windsor cooking for the Queen, her family, friends and acquaintances during the annual Royal Horse Show.

Preparing hundreds of meals each day, the students and their tutors supported lead chefs in cooking and serving classic and modern cuisine to both the royal restaurant and members' restaurant which consisted of VIPs and exclusive guests.

The prestigious event also marked the Queen's birthday where royalty from around the world were also invited, including the King of Bahrain and Prince of Azerbaijan.

Level 2 Catering and Hospitality student, Kiera Brammah, 18, said: "The whole experience was amazing! The days were long and sometimes tough but working alongside such supportive tutors and friends from my course made it all worthwhile as we were all in the same boat. We are so lucky to have been offered such an amazing opportunity and have taken away professional skills and techniques that we have learnt from the chefs whom we worked with."

"My favourite part was definitely cooking, plating up and serving for the Queen, not many people can say they have done that!"

Former Barnsley College hairdressing student Poppy Nicholson snapped up a job on the set of one of the nation's most beloved soaps, Coronation Street.

After graduating from a make-up course at university, Poppy, 22, rapidly discovered that most jobs she was interested in applying for required hairdressing skills for applications to even be considered.

After recommendation from family and friends she enrolled onto a part-time hairdressing course at Barnsley College where she was given the relevant training and received the skills required to progress in her make-up artistry career. As Poppy is now living in Manchester, this meant that she had to take the lengthy journey to College every Tuesday evening to complete her studies alongside working full-time.

Poppy now works as a hair and make-up artist on

Coronation Street and has also worked on a feature film starring Daniel Day Lewis where she was challenged with preparing over 500 people, starting shifts in the early hours of the morning to make sure everyone was ready for filming.

Poppy said: "I had heard that the tutors were amazing at Barnsley College and would be able to help work my studies around my full-time job. I loved learning new skills and having the opportunity to practise whilst under supervision. The tutors allowed me to work at my own pace and have been extremely supportive throughout my time studying with them. Without completing the Hairdressing course they offered so conveniently on an evening, I would not have been able to progress in my career and be working at Coronation Street now."

MEGAN HITS TARGET



Barnsley Sixth Form College student Megan Tinker represented the Great Britain Archery team at the European Field Championships in Slovenia.

The competition involved two days of qualifying

rounds consisting of shooting unmarked and marked distances followed by head-to-head eliminations where Megan competed amongst some of the best archers on the international circuit.



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[Lee Pryor, Head of Health, Science and Social Care Professions, and Viv Herbert]

TUTOR VIV RECEIVES COMMENDATION

Barnsley College tutor Viv Herbert has been recognised for her contribution to the development of adult students.

Viv received commendation for her commitment to students as part of the national Festival of Learning Week 2017.

Health tutor Viv, of Wellfield Grove, Penistone has enjoyed a 34-year teaching career at the College and is still going strong, after spending the past 18 years teaching Access to Higher Education (HE) courses.

Viv said: "Teaching gives me a real feeling of achievement. It's great to help to change people's lives by enabling them to successfully achieve the qualifications needed to study courses leading to their chosen career."

"17 past students got in touch in the summer to let me know they had achieved first class degrees after leaving college and, when I recently broke my arm, all the NHS staff who treated me were former students.

It is always rewarding to see and hear from past students and to find out how they are helping other people on a daily basis."

STUDENTS CONDUCT SMOKE FREE ZONES SURVEY

Barnsley College Childcare students have carried out surveys in Barnsley town centre to ask residents for their opinions on smoke free zones.

Members of the public answered questionnaires created by the students on how children can be protected from taking up smoking and public outdoor areas being designated as smoke free.

The students are assisting work by Barnsley Council towards its pledge

to inspire a smoke free generation by 2025. This has involved them learning about social norms and how situations and role models influence people's choices and decisions.

As part of its Breathe 2025 pledge to inspire a smoke free generation by 2025, the council has requested that adults choose not to smoke in key public areas where children are present. This year has seen the launch of smoke free play parks and the council is now working with schools on the project and with Barnsley Hospital

to improve their smoke free grounds. The smoke free town centre zones will support this work and make a significant contribution to changing the environments in which children and young people spend their time.

Student Chloe Kenworthy said: "I really enjoyed carrying out the survey and it was interesting to hear many opinions about smoke free areas. It was a pleasure to be a part of the campaign and hopefully things will change and many more people will be smoke free by 2025."

ANETA RECOGNISED FOR DEDICATION TO LEARNING

Barnsley College Access to HE Business student, Aneta Worku, received two awards in recognition of her dedication to learning.

Aneta has received a Commitment to Learning certificate of achievement in the Festival of Learning Awards 2017, which are aimed at inspiring and supporting people from all backgrounds and celebrate the benefits of lifelong learning.

In addition, Aneta was crowned Barnsley College's Access to HE – Business Student of the Year for her dedication to learning, hard work and determination to succeed.

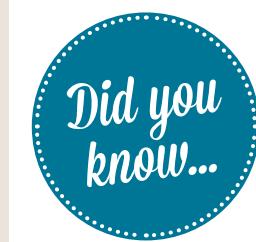
Originally from Poland, Aneta returned to education to study an Access to HE Business course, GCSE English and maths at Barnsley College in September 2016. Aneta received a Distinction grade for the Access to HE Business course, grade 5 GCSE English qualification and a grade A GCSE maths qualification.

Aneta, 47, from Barnsley, said: "I'm so proud to receive both awards as they recognise my efforts over the past year. Studying three qualifications whilst

working was tough, but my dedication was rewarded when I received my results.

"I've always wanted to study a higher level course, so when my family relocated from

Poland to Barnsley a few years ago, it provided me with an opportunity to study a course that would allow me to grow as an individual, improve my confidence and become more integrated with the local community."



You can study full-time and part-time courses in Animal Care and Horticulture at our Wigfield Farm campus - a working farm and visitor attraction in Worsbrough.

We have over 60 species of animals including pigs, cows, goats, Shetland ponies, donkeys, meerkats, deer, alpacas, reptiles and many more.



STUDENTS EXPERIENCE LIFE ON THE WATCH

Our Public Services students visited Broadway Fire Station to gain an in-depth understanding of the Fire Service.

Students were given a tour of the fire station and a fire engine before observing a search and rescue training exercise. The group of students wore breathing apparatus and blindfolds to simulate thick

smoke before having to locate a door where a casualty, a 50kg mannequin, needed saving.

The students were able to experience how the fire fighters and staff prepared themselves and the fire engine for an emergency situation after the station's alarm sounded for them to attend a real life incident.

Student Joe Field said: "The fire station trip was very insightful and gave us a good sense of the day-to-day activities of a dynamic fire station. It was very interactive and fun, I would definitely recommend this trip to anyone who is interested in the fire service."



JORDAN NETS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

Barnsley College student Jordan Barnett has signed a one-year contract with Premier League outfit, Burnley Football Club.

The left back secured the contract after impressing coaches in an intensive two-week trial at the Lancashire club.

The 17-year-old defender was picked up by Burnley scouts after becoming a regular starter for

Barnsley Sports Academy's male football team and Penistone Church Football Club.

Jordan from Penistone, said: "It's everything that I ever wanted since I started playing football. I'm buzzing to sign my first professional contract and hopefully there is more to come. The support I have received from the Sports Academy has really helped me to pursue my goals in football and the coaching staff are knowledgeable about the sport."

Students shine at graduation ceremony

Students from University Campus Barnsley (UCB) and Barnsley College were honoured at the annual Graduation ceremony.

Led by a local brass band, students processed from UCB on Church Street to The Civic with many members of the public and local businesses lining the streets to support the graduands as they processed.

The ceremony, for those students who have completed Higher Education courses at UCB and Barnsley College over the last year, was attended by graduands, their guests and VIPs including senior college staff, The Worshipful the Mayor of Barnsley Cllr Jeff Ennis, the High Sheriff Mr Stephen Ingram and the Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire Mr Andrew Coombe.

Founder and CEO of print services specialist Webmart, Simon Biltcliffe, gave an inspiring and entertaining keynote speech as he shared his own experience of building up a multi-million pound business and gave advice to the graduands about the importance of self-belief and a determination to succeed.

Lorraine Copley, Dean of University Campus Barnsley congratulated each graduand as she presented them to Barnsley College Principal and Chief Executive Christopher Webb and Chair of Governors Simon Perryman to receive their awards.

Lorraine praised the hard work, dedication and resilience shown by everyone graduating and said: "I would like to congratulate all the graduands and wish them well in their chosen careers."

Student Olivia Johnson, 27, of Silkstone, who studied a Career Guidance and Development Level 6 Diploma said: "I studied for my qualification alongside a full-time job and would definitely recommend a part-time course to anyone thinking of building on their knowledge or taking the next step in their career."





CELEBRATING 85 YEARS OF EDUCATION



**2018
Open Days**
Saturday 30 June
11.00am - 2.00pm
Monday 20 August
2.00pm - 6.00pm

**University Campus
Barnsley (UCB)
celebrated 85 years
of education in the town
on Saturday 14 October
2017.**

A host of activities, events, tasters and performances took place throughout the day inside the iconic building formerly known as Barnsley Mining and Technical College. Barnsley College took over the building in 1963 before it

was acquired by UCB in 2013.

Members of the public had the opportunity to tour the building, learn about its history and find out about current student life at the event. Guests were entertained by a brass band who played songs throughout day.

One event attendee, Peter Davis, said: "I have really enjoyed myself and the

staff were really friendly. My favourite part of the visit was learning about how the building has changed predominantly from offering mining qualifications to a range of university courses."

Lorraine Copley, Dean of UCB, added: "It was nice to see members of the public joining us in celebrating 85 years of education in Barnsley. I would like to thank the National Union

of Miners, Old Barnsley and Experience Barnsley for their contribution to the exhibition.

"It's great to see the progression UCB has made from offering mainly mining and secretarial courses to now offering a wide range of full and part-time HNC/Ds and degrees."





STUDENTS BUILD CAREERS AT THE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS VILLAGE

Students at the Barnsley Skills Village are getting the practical skills required to help boost their construction careers. The Skills Village is a collaboration between Henry Boot Construction, Northern Regeneration, Barnsley College and Barnsley Council and is suitable for anyone who is interested in starting a construction career.

It provides students with first-hand practical experience of what it is like to work on a construction build whilst giving them the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge required for a successful career within the construction industry. Students work towards a Level 1 Diploma in Construction Skills on a 'live' site where they gain real-life

experience of working on a construction build from start to finish. They develop their skills in a range of construction trades including bricklaying, groundworks, guttering, plumbing, joinery, painting and decorating.

The site contains training areas where students work on projects guided by expert tutors from the College.

Staff from Henry Boot also work closely with the College providing students with industry related talks and site tours where they get the opportunity to take a look at the on-going work for the Better Barnsley project, including the Renovation of Barnsley town centre.

Previous students who have completed a course at the Skills Village have progressed onto further education, apprenticeships or full-time employment within the construction field.

CONSTRUCTION STUDENT WINS NATIONAL BRICKLAYING COMPETITION

Level 2 Bricklaying Apprentice Morgan Chambers won the Guild of Bricklayers Junior Competition after beating off stiff competition from 10 other students.

Competitors were given a technical drawing on the day detailing what they had to build. With a time slot of five hours, Morgan used his

bricklaying knowledge to interpret the drawing to set out and build a wall using different styles of brickwork. He was judged on the neatness and finish of the final build.

Before reaching the final, Morgan also won the regional heat where he beat 11 students to be awarded his place in the final.

Morgan's tutor, Michael Lindsay, said: "The hard work and effort Morgan put in to practice prior to and throughout the competition is a credit to him and he thoroughly deserves the reward of achieving first place in a national competition."



STUDENTS PRODUCE WINNING ARTWORK

Three Barnsley College Art and Design students won the Best of Barnsley Mayor's Award for their artwork based on Picasso at an exhibition at The Cooper Gallery.

The former Worshipful the Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Linda Burgess, congratulated students Mirren Glencorse, Marisa Thornton and Vanessa Wong for their limited edition contemporary prints.

Students were presented with a £100 cheque and a certificate at The Cooper Gallery award ceremony.

Councillor Linda Burgess, said: "As a trustee of The Cooper Gallery it's good to award and meet the young people of Barnsley. I wanted to recognise students who are making a way for the arts in Barnsley and celebrate their artistic skills."

Winner Mirren Glencorse, 17, added: "I was really happy when I found out that I had won the Best of Barnsley Mayor's Award for my artwork. Being able to see my work displayed in a professional capacity at The Cooper Gallery has given me a great sense of achievement."



MANAGEMENT GET A TASTE OF STUDENT LIFE

Barnsley College's Senior Management Team rose to the Junior Masterchef challenge by putting on chef whites to cook in the student led restaurant, The Open Kitchen.

Staff had to prepare, cook and serve four traditional dishes including Beer Battered Plaice, Trio of Sausages, The Open Kitchen Burger and Chick Pea, Spinach and Butternut Squash Bhuna. The food was made under the watchful eye of students in industry standard kitchens at the College, where customers had the opportunity to

critique and provide feedback.

The winner of round one was Tony Johnson, Vice Principal for Corporate Services at Barnsley College, who displayed great aptitude in the kitchen and produced consistently high quality food. Chefs and students unanimously voted on Tony's ability and energy within the kitchen.

Customer Charlotte Armstrong, 23, said: "I was eager to visit the College's kitchens and test out the food produced by the Senior

Management Team. I fully enjoyed Beer Battered Plaice, and would certainly recommend visiting the restaurant."

Phil Briscoe, Vice Principal for Quality and Student Experience at Barnsley College, added: "It was exciting and a lot of fun to make the dishes. The event was fantastic and I now have a better understanding of the pressure our Catering students feel on a regular basis. I will take home a lot of skills that I can use in the future."



COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS DO THE DOUBLE

Barnsley College's Sports Academy secured double success at a prestigious international football competition in Spain.

Teams from the College won both the under-19 male and the female open age categories at the German-founded Komm Mit International Whitsuntide Tournament in Catalonia, Spain.

The female team qualified for the final after winning every fixture and scoring some fantastic team and individual goals against

Spanish and German opponents. The final was against TV Jahn Delmenhorst of Germany, where a late goal from Amy Woodruff earned a 3-2 win.

The under-19 male team one progressed to the final after knocking out the College's team two in an all-Barnsley semi-final. The final took place against German team SV Ludweiler (GER). It took a fantastic goal from Brandon Shaw to separate the two teams and secure victory for team one in front of over 3,000 spectators.

Mark Ryan, Programme Manager for Sport at the College, said: "The performances from the teams were outstanding throughout the tournament, considering the heat and number of games played during the four days of competition."



MOTORSPORT STUDENTS RACE TO PREPARE CARS

Barnsley College Motorsport students prepared three Toyota MR2 Mark One racing cars, which competed at race circuits across the country. The cars were prepared for professional racing driver Dave Hemingway for a number of competitions that he took part in throughout the year.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma Motorsport students stripped the cars down, carried out body and engine work and performed a number of checks to ensure the cars were ready for racing. This included

rebuilding suspension, brakes and other mechanical systems, inspecting, preparing and repairing any faults before refitting them.

The first car was raced by Dave in the MR2 Racing Series which took place at the Norfolk-based Snetterton Motor Racing Circuit. Motorsport students also attend the competition where they worked as the pit crew. During the event students checked the car for faults and made any adjustments required to enhance its performance.

Student Adam Whittle said: "The experience helped to prepare me for what to expect within the Motorsports industry. Knowing that I have helped to prepare the car and then to see it being raced gave me a real sense of pride and achievement."



SIXTH FORM WEBSITE REFRESH

The Barnsley Sixth Form College website has been refreshed in order to make it more attractive and user-friendly.

The main change to the site is that it is now mobile responsive, reflecting the fact that the majority of visitors view the site on their mobile devices, rather than on a traditional desktop computer. As the site had to be completely rebuilt for it to become mobile-friendly, all the images on the site have been updated to showcase



the Sixth Form College campus. The site now more closely represents the Sixth Form by having a modern and friendly look and feel.

The re-organisation of the information on the site means that finding a course is much easier than it was previously and, once on the page, the detailed information about our courses is more comprehensive and clear.

The digital team behind the website have tried to include

everything a prospective student would want to discover about studying A Levels at the Sixth Form, as well as anticipating growth and expansion for future development.

The visitor figures for the website are encouraging, with a 5% rise in visitors compared to the same period last year, and a significant 42% increase in the number of pages visited.

Did you know?

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TESCO TOUR FOR STUDENTS

Learning for Living and Work students have been out in the community visiting different employers to find out more about what they do and the skills and qualities

they look for in employees. This time it was the turn of Tesco at Stairfoot.

The students all had a fantastic time visiting different departments in

store, chatting to members of staff, making bread, sampling food and gaining a real insight into how a large supermarket operates behind the scenes.



FOUNDATION LEARNING TEAM-BUILDING TRIP

As a new initiative, Foundation Learning students participated in an away day as part of their induction to College. The aim of the away day was to encourage students to get to know each other better and develop team work skills which will aid them during their study programme.

These included communication skills, respecting others, problem solving, supporting others and following instructions.

Over three days 60 students participated in the away day experience which was held at Manvers Waterfront Boat Club.

They rotated three activities; raft building, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding.

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[Patricia Courtney-May, Programme Manager, and Lee Pryor, Head of Health, Science and Social Care Professions, with the Talent for Care Partnership of the Year Award]

COLLEGE WINS PRESTIGIOUS TALENT AWARD

Barnsley College, College Lane Surgery and Caritas Group Practice won the Partnership of the Year Award at Health Education England's Talent for Care Awards.

The three employers were recognised for their innovative approach to delivering Healthcare Assistant Apprenticeships since 2015.

The partners have worked closely to maximise their individual expertise, share best practice and simplify processes to the General Practice model to make the apprenticeship more easily accessible to those who want to work in this specialised industry.

Lee Pryor, Head of Health, Science and Social Care Professions at Barnsley College, said: "We are delighted to have our partnership recognised and win this award. We have worked extremely well together and I'm proud to say that all 32 apprentices successfully completed their apprenticeships with General Practices within the Wakefield, Calderdale and Huddersfield area because of this collaboration."



[Footage of Brandon making his speech on the screen in the Sixth Form College's Enrich Auditorium]

SIXTH FORMER BRANDON ADDRESSES PARLIAMENT

Barnsley Sixth Form College student Brandon Green has spoken up on behalf of local youngsters in the House of Commons.

Brandon, from Royston, is the Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Barnsley and was involved in a discussion about improving public transport for young people at the annual MYP debate. The debate was chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Right Honourable John Bercow MP, and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

Transport was selected as a discussion issue after a ballot involving secondary school pupils and college students across the Barnsley borough. Youth councillors and Members of the Youth Parliament (MYP) including Brandon delivered assemblies and promoted the ballot to their peers.

For 16-year-old Brandon, who is studying A Levels in Economics, History and Politics at the Sixth Form College, the experience provided a day to remember.

He said: "It was brilliant to be chosen to take part in the debate, which was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"The day was quite surreal. It helped that John Bercow was supportive and able to give us all the benefit of his experience. This was particularly helpful in helping me remain calm when I was waiting to start my debate after a delay.

"My overall experience of being an MYP has been a learning curve over the past few months. It has enabled me to make considerable progress in my development in a short space of time."



[Representatives from the college's marketing team with Dr Lynne Sedgmore CBE, keynote speaker at the event]

BARNESLEY COLLEGE WEBSITE COMMENDED IN NATIONAL AWARDS

Barnsley College has received recognition for its redesigned website at The College Marketing Network's FE First Awards 2017.

The College was highly commended in the Website Development category at the awards ceremony which was held during the College Marketing Network's 30th Annual Conference.

The awards recognise and celebrate the best in college marketing.

The College's new website was launched in 2016, developed by College staff and Genius Division, a Barnsley-based branding and digital agency. Two of the directors of Genius Division, James Sheriff and Richard Keys, are former Barnsley College students.

Christopher Webb, Principal and Chief Executive of Barnsley College said: "When redesigning our website we wanted to provide the best online experience for our students, staff and stakeholders. Working with Genius Division enabled us to start from scratch and showcase the fantastic things happening in College on a dynamic, mobile responsive website.

"We were delighted to be able to work with a business owned by former Barnsley College students too. This award acknowledges the effort put into this project and we are proud that we can now say we have an award-winning website."

Rachel Smith, Chief Executive of the College Marketing Network added: "The judges were impressed with the calibre of the entries in this category. The Highly Commended Award was given to an organisation that set measurable targets directly related to online enquiries and applications and talked directly to their target audience. Once the site was live, they continued to gather feedback and to make improvements – and they exceeded their initial targets."

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