

# YEAR BOOK

— 2017/18 —



# *PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME*



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**Welcome to our Year Book which gives us an opportunity to review a highly successful academic year for the College.**

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Over the year both the College and our students received a number of accolades. Apprentice Jamie-Leigh Mitchell won the Apprentice of the Year Award at the North Midlands and South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony and the College was placed second in the country in NICDEX, the annual league table of colleges published by FE Week.

These accolades underline that the College is a fantastic place for our students to take the necessary steps towards their dream career. Transforming students' lives is key to everything our staff do and they are fully committed to ensuring students have a good time, achieve their aims and go on to employment or Higher Education.

Our students have recorded many superb sporting achievements and have taken advantage of great opportunities and experiences outside College such as debating and visits to parliament. The College continues to play a pivotal role within the local community as reflected in our involvement in events including the Tour de Yorkshire and the Mayors' Parade.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights of the academic year in the following pages.

**Chris Webb**  
**Principal and Chief Executive**

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# **OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**Chris Webb**  
Principal and Chief Executive



**Yiannis Koursis**  
Deputy Principal  
Development



**Laila Lawton**  
Vice Principal  
Finance



**Liz Leek**  
Vice Principal  
Curriculum



**Phil Briscoe**  
Vice Principal  
Quality and Student Experience



**Vince Dalton**  
Vice Principal  
Funding, Data and Compliance



**Tony Johnson**  
Vice Principal  
Corporate Services



Stephen Hawcroft (left) and Kara Nichols.

## ***AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS***

**Students from across the College and the Sixth Form College were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements at the annual Student Awards.**

The awards ceremony saw 11 awards presented, including the Achievement Award, Apprentice of the Year, Equality and Diversity Award, Outstanding Feedback from an Employer Award, Overcoming Adversity Award, Progression Award,

Societies Award, Student of the Year, Student Voice Representative Award, Tutorial Award and the Principal's Award.

On the night the Principal's Award was presented to two outstanding students selected from those who won an award during the evening and this year's award winners were Kara Nichols and Stephen Hawcroft.

Guests enjoyed live music from the Sixth Form College Musical Theatre Society and The Yella Lines, a band made up of five students from the Music, Media and Performance department.

Principal Chris Webb said: *"The awards evening was a fantastic way to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students over the past year. This has been a truly exceptional year for the College and the Sixth Form College and the awards evening is a culmination of everything that has been achieved."*



From left to right: Sally Steadman, Lindsay Garfitt-Brown, Liz Smith, Sue Tazzyman of the College's Marketing, Communications and PR department and Dr Lynne Sedgmore CBE, keynote speaker.

## COLLEGE WEBSITE COMMENDED IN NATIONAL AWARDS

**The College 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 and recognised and celebrated 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 College students.

Principal Chris Webb 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."*

Rachel Smith, Chief Executive of the College Marketing Network, added: *"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."*



Andrew Denniff (left), Chief Executive at Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, and Yiannis Koursis, College Deputy Principal.

## COLLEGE BECOMES A PATRON OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**The College became the newest Patron of Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce.**

The College works with the Chamber to support the development of its students to help meet the needs of local businesses and to address the skills agenda for the South Yorkshire region.

This new partnership will help to ensure students are leaving College equipped with the skills that employers are looking for and provide the local economy with talented individuals who are ready to enter the world of work.

Deputy Principal Yiannis Koursis said: *"We collaboratively work alongside businesses based throughout South Yorkshire and becoming a patron of the Chamber reflects our commitment to forging stronger links with the local business community."*

*"As a Patron we hope to be able to work more closely with local businesses, enabling us to help overcome skills barriers within the local economy, whilst helping to equip the next generation with the vital skills and knowledge to succeed in their future careers."*



## ***UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BARNSELY CELEBRATED 85 YEARS OF EDUCATION***

**University Campus Barnsley (UCB) celebrated 85 years of education in the town with a host of activities, events, tastings and performances at the iconic building, formerly known as Barnsley Mining and Technical College. Barnsley College took over the building in 1963 before UCB became part of the University of Huddersfield. Barnsley College then took back ownership 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 the Made to Measure Music band who played songs from the building's history.

Event attendee Peter Davis said: *"I 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."*



## ***STUDENT ANETA RECEIVES COMMENDATIONS***

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

Aneta received a Commitment to Learning certificate of achievement in the Festival of Learning Awards 2017. The awards inspire and support people from all backgrounds and celebrate the benefits of lifelong learning. In addition,

Aneta was recently crowned the 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 the College in September 2016. She received a Distinction grade for the Access to HE Business course, a grade 5 GCSE English qualification and a grade A GCSE maths qualification.

Aneta said: *"I'm so proud to receive both awards as they recognise my efforts. Studying three qualifications whilst working was tough, but my dedication was rewarded when I received my results."*

## ***HISTORIC VILLAGE BECOMES STUDENTS' MUSE***

**College students collaborated with Elsecar Heritage Action Zone to encapsulate the village's architecture, industry and local people in art.**

Art and Design students worked alongside Elsecar Heritage Centre to produce artwork that depicts the history of the village. Their work was in response to the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ), a three-year partnership project between Barnsley Museums and Historic England to breathe life back into areas that are rich in uncelebrated heritage.

The students have been working on different art forms, which can be seen by the variety of sculptures, paintings and drawings they have created to display. After an initial visit to the Heritage Centre to collect information, the students got to work creating pieces to depict the village and people of Elsecar through the years.

## ***VISITORS RAISE STUDENT AWARENESS OF TRANSGENDER VISIBILITY***

**Childcare and Education students increased their knowledge of the transgender community by hearing the accounts of two guest speakers.**

Ashleigh Lee and Jess Ryan, both of Halifax, visited the College to share their experiences of undergoing gender reassignment.

The pair explained the journey that they have undertaken and answered questions from the students about their lives and the issues they have faced.

Student Tegan Francis said: *"The visit allowed me to learn exactly what being transgender means. Ashleigh and Jess told us about the gender reassignment process and the impact on them. We also heard about how people react differently to transgender people, the things people say to them and the effect this has."*



From left: Molly Porter, Chloe Cook and Kiera Brammah.

## CATERING STUDENTS COOK FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

College Catering students Molly Porter, Chloe Cook and Kiera Brammah gained valuable catering experience at the annual Farnborough International Air Show.

Under the supervision of the College's Catering and Hospitality Course Leader, Martyn Hollingsworth, and tutor, James Key, the students helped produce and dispatch dishes for more than 800 people, including the Prime Minister, Theresa May.

The Air Show was held over a week with a variety of complex dishes such as wild rice with turmeric cauliflower, giant cous cous with roasted vegetables, smoked mackerel fillets with rosti potatoes and crab and sweet corn cigars.

Molly Porter said: "The opportunity was a once-in-a-lifetime moment that I will never forget!

*"To say I have cooked for the Prime Minister is an incredible honour. I have learnt so much from inspirational catering professionals and was able to apply the cookery skills I gained within my course."*



## TUTOR RICHARD DISPLAYS A DECADE OF PORTRAITS

Original artwork by Barnsley Sixth Form College tutor Richard Kitson has been displayed in the town's Cooper Gallery for two months.

Richard's free exhibition 'A Decade of Painting of Life, 2008-2018' was launched in April 2018 and included over 25 portraits and drawings which were created from life rather than photographic reference.

The exhibition followed on from Richard's appearance on Sky Arts' Portrait Artist of the Year programme and included life drawing and portrait workshops.

Richard has taught A Level Art and Design at the Sixth Form College for four years having previously taught at Barnsley College.

Each of the paintings displayed required the subject to pose for at least two hours a week over a period of months and in some cases years, enabling Richard to capture their likeness after observing them in both motion and stillness.

Richard said: "My relationship with the Cooper Gallery goes back to when I volunteered there as a student so to have my first solo exhibition there is quite fitting. It's also on the doorstep of the Sixth Form College and Barnsley College so students could see the work and hopefully be inspired to apply for their own exhibitions in the future."



Stephanie Hirst (right) collects her award from College Principal Chris Webb.

## NATIONAL AWARD FOR STEPHANIE HIRST

**Broadcaster, presenter and former College student Stephanie Hirst was presented with a prestigious Gold Award by the Association of Colleges (AoC).**

The AoC Gold Awards annually recognise and celebrate the achievements of successful and influential people who have attended further education and sixth form colleges up and down the country. The aim of the awards is to highlight the breadth and depth of talent among further education alumni and celebrate the impact that colleges have had on the lives of their students.

Stephanie joined the College in 1992 to study Media Studies and impressed tutors with her ability, confidence and personality having

already worked at a local radio station from the age of 12.

Her career in radio broadcasting went from strength to strength as she hosted the official commercial Top 40 show nationally and had huge success with the breakfast show on Galaxy FM.

In January 2015, Stephanie started work on ITV's morning show 'Lorraine' as part of a strand called 'Change One Thing' where she spoke openly about her gender transitioning.

On being chosen to win a Gold Award, Stephanie said: "I have to say thank you to the College who helped me become who I am today."



## BEAUTY STAR INSPIRES STUDENTS

**Celebrity make-up artist, Armand Beasley, visited the College to talk to Hair and Beauty students about his extensive career in make-up and skincare.**

Armand is a celebrity make-up artist and image expert who has worked in the cosmetics industry since 1994. His work ranges from the Oscars to being a regular face on TV makeover shows, with clients including Gok Wan and Michelle Keegan.

Armand told the students about his career path and gave tips on being successful within the competitive industry. The students also took the opportunity to ask Armand some beauty-related questions, and he carried out live demonstrations.

Student Carly Acton said: "I really enjoyed Armand's question and answer session, it has given me a good insight into careers with the beauty industry. I loved having a makeover from a professional make-up artist."



## SIXTH FORM PREPARES JAMES FOR NAVY LIFE

Former Barnsley Sixth Form College student James Hughes is on course to become one of the youngest commissioned officers in the Royal Navy.

James started his Navy training at Dartmouth in May after completing A Levels in Maths, Physics and Geography in the summer of 2016. He believes the experience of studying at the Sixth Form College has served as good preparation for Navy life and is set to become a Warfare Officer before starting the second phase of his training.

He said: *“There are similarities between studying for A Levels and naval training, as they are both intense experiences. My studies also prepared me well for the academic work which I have undertaken during my training.*

*“I am really enjoying it. Teamwork is my favourite aspect of the training, we all work together and there is a unique camaraderie amongst us. The instructors push us in a positive manner to reach the standards we are capable of.”*



## COLLEGE HELPS TO TRANSFORM LIVES ACROSS SOUTH YORKSHIRE

**The College made a charitable donation of £2,000 to South Yorkshire’s Community Foundation (SYCF).**

The donation went towards supporting the community and voluntary groups by providing funding to assist the development of local projects for the benefit of people in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

The College is an active member of the SY100 scheme, a simple and

effective way for local businesses and individuals to make a positive difference within the community and to help continue the foundation’s essential work.

Deputy Principal Yiannis Kouris, a SYCF Trustee, said: *“We are looking forward to continuing our support and work with SYCF. It’s important we play a part in transforming lives across South Yorkshire. This is a project we are proud to be a part of.”*



## ***COSTA SUCCESS FOR SARAH***

**All our students make us proud and especially so when the journey they've been on at College reminds us of how lives really are transformed.**

Students come to our Learning for Living and Work department for a number

of reasons with a range of additional learning needs.

Sarah Thomas joined the department undertaking a Supported Internship work placement and impressed employer Costa so much so, that she's been offered regular part-time work at the busy coffee shop.

Her confidence and wider skills developed incredibly during her time at College and she has become a valued part of the Barnsley Costa team.

## ***ANDREW KICKS HIS WAY TO GLORY***

**College Public Services student Andrew Crooks was chosen to represent the English Karate Alliance at the World Championships in Romania.**

Andrew began his journey at his local karate club where he recognised his love for the sport and found he had the ability to compete at world competition level. The 17-year-old moved up through the grades and gained recognition from the English Karate Alliance governing body.

Andrew will compete against some of the best karate fighters on the international circuit.

To prepare for competition he has a gruelling daily training routine, with a five-hour training session in the evening.

Andrew is part of the Barnsley Sports Academy within College and has access to an Elite Sports Performance Bursary to fund equipment and travel.

He said: *"I'm looking forward to competing in a prestigious international event and gaining experience from it. I'm currently the European Champion for my age and weight so this will be a great test of my abilities."*

*"The College understands the demands to compete at a higher level and the support I have received has really helped me to pursue my goals in karate."*





## ***STUDENTS SHINE AT GRADUATION CEREMONY***

**Students from University Campus Barnsley (UCB) and the College were honoured at the 2017 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 the 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.

Student Olivia Johnson, 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.”*

## ***BARNSELY COLLEGE NAMED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY***

**The College was ranked second in the country in the NICDEX 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. The College received full marks for learner and employer satisfaction.

Principal Chris Webb 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.”*



From left to right: Phillip Bennett, Peter Robertshaw, Robert Dyson, Joanne Beverley, Carrie Abbott and Alasdair Kirkpatrick.

## ***COLLEGE HOSTS SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS WEEK***

**The College hosted the Safeguarding Awareness Week launch event, designed to increase awareness of safeguarding in Barnsley and how the public, businesses and partners can address concerns or issues to prevent them escalating.**

Carrie Abbott, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's Service Director of Public Health, officially opened the event which was attended by The Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards, Robert Dyson, and a number of partner organisations including Berneslai Homes, Barnsley Hospital, Hesley Group, Shared Lives (an alternative to home care and care homes for people who need support to live independently), the College and local schools.

Phil Briscoe, Vice Principal Quality, said: *"We were delighted to host and help to launch such a meaningful, impactful and important event. It was great to see so many organisations coming together, with the support of Barnsley Council, in what is a fantastic example of partnership working at its very best."*

# STUDENTS ARE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

Students from the College and University Campus Barnsley students celebrated winning two awards at the inaugural Barnsley Young Champions 2018 awards.

Business Administration Apprentice Tommy Mansell was crowned the winner of the Young Apprentice Award, and Ellen Auckland, a BA (Hons) Popular Music student at University Campus Barnsley, won the Young Musician Award.

Tommy is employed as a Level 3 Business Administration apprentice working within the Enterprise department. He started his apprenticeship in 2017 and has since revived the College's student newspaper, The Grapevine; doubled the number of stallholders at the My Markets events and now runs monthly competitions to encourage students to get more involved.

Tommy said: *"The Grapevine is something a bit extra for people to do and an outlet for whatever they want to share. It might be something which is going on in groups or it could be health and wellbeing. It is not like a newsletter, it is quite informal."*

*"When I started I just had a name and then I started putting ideas together. I write and collect content, design it, get it printed and then handle distribution too."*

Ellen has been playing as part of the Barnsley Jazz Association since she was 10. She is a talented musician who plays numerous instruments including trumpet, piano and trombone and is eager to pass on her musical knowledge to the younger generation of musicians. To help new musicians, she set up her smaller band where they could experience playing as part of a group in a smaller environment.

Ellen said: *"I really enjoy teaching and I'm currently doing my degree in Popular Music at University Campus Barnsley. I want to do my PGCE and teach."*



## COLLEGE FOOTBALLERS CROWNED CHAMPIONS

**The College's Sports Academy male footballers celebrated winning the South Yorkshire Schools and Colleges FA Cup after an 8-0 victory over Thomas Rotherham College.**

The final was held at Doncaster Rovers' Keepmoat Stadium, where five goals from Jordan Kershaw and a goal apiece from students Tom Ward, Paul Jacobs and Mason Hunt put the game to bed. An impressive individual goalkeeping performance from Connor Hutchinson also played a vital part in the team's success.

Luke Forgione, Performance and Athlete Development Coordinator said: *"I'm pleased the team finished the season on a high and were rewarded for their efforts and positive attitude."*

*"The win bred confidence throughout the whole team. They deserve every accolade they are given and should enjoy the feeling of being champions."*



## BETHANIE TO REPRESENT GREAT BRITAIN

College Sport student Bethanie Jacobs was chosen to represent the Great Britain Ball Hockey team at the World Championships in the Czech Republic.

Bethanie secured a place on the Team GB flight after impressing in the selection trials and throughout the 2017/18 season. The defender competed against some of the best ball hockey players on the international circuit from teams around the world including Canada, USA and Norway.

Bethanie is part of the Barnsley Sports Academy within College and has access to an Elite Sports Performance Bursary to fund aspects of her competition such as equipment and travel.

Bethanie, a Sport and Exercise Sciences student, said: *"I'm looking forward to competing in a prestigious international event and gaining experience from it. My goal for the whole tournament is to just to make as many memories as possible and enjoy the experience. I'm proud to have been selected as assistant captain for the tournament."*



## JAMIE-LEIGH TAKES APPRENTICESHIP PRIZE

Apprentice Jamie-Leigh Mitchell had cause for celebration when she was declared a winner at the North Midlands and South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards.

Jamie-Leigh was victorious in the Barnsley Apprentice of the Year Award at the ceremony, which took place at the Showroom Cinema in Sheffield.

The 25-year-old scooped the award for her achievements as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant at Greenacre School, assisting pupils with special educational needs and helping them to overcome barriers which they may face with their learning due to their individual needs.

Jamie-Leigh's apprenticeship has been so successful that she will take up a full-time role at the school on completion of her studies.

Jamie-Leigh said: *"It doesn't seem real that I could have won an award on such a large scale. All the great things that have been celebrated about me have come from the apprenticeship and, most importantly, Greenacre School."*

*"I would recommend an apprenticeship to anyone, it is a fantastic opportunity to push yourself into the industry you want to be in whilst creating contacts and further opportunities for yourself along the way."*



## MAXIM AND LAURYN CLAIM DEBATING PRIZES

**Barnsley Sixth Form College students Maxim Fowler and Lauryn Healey won individual awards at the Debating Matters Yorkshire Championship.**

Maxim, who is studying A Levels in Drama and Theatre Studies; English Language and Literature; and History, received the Best Individual Prize for his contribution to a debate entitled 'Monuments to controversial historical figures should remain'. His efforts earned him a copy of The Routledge Guidebook to Mill on Liberty, a signed copy of Dr Paul Wetherly's book Political Ideologies and a Thomas Edison quote notebook.

Lauryn, who is studying A Levels in Government and Politics; History and Maths, claimed the Leeds Salon



Special Individual Prize despite not being involved in a debate, based on her excellent audience contributions and questions that she posed to the teams. The judges selected Lauryn as the student who most embodied the spirit of Debating Matters and she received a copy of Joanna Williams' book Academic Freedom in an Age of Conformity: Confronting the Fear of Knowledge.

Maxim said: *"I was very proud to win the award, especially as I came into the debating team at a late stage. I prepared for the debate by looking at different arguments around the subject and thinking of key questions which would need to be answered by both sides. The skills I learnt will be very useful in future."*

Lauryn added: *"The competition was a really good experience. I want to study politics at university so it was useful to see how other people approached their debates and the different angles they used in putting forward their case. I did a lot of research on the debate topics so I was able to get involved by asking questions from the audience."*



## NEW PRINCIPAL FOR BARNSELY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

**Barnsley Sixth Form College announced the appointment of Denise Jelly as its new Principal.**

Denise replaces Liz Leek, who has taken up the position of Vice Principal for Curriculum at Barnsley College.

Denise was previously Head of Faculty for Sixth Form, GCSEs and International at Nottingham College.

She has also worked as the Head of High Pavement Sixth Form and as Head of Additional Learning Support and Support Learning at New College Nottingham.

Denise said: *"I am really pleased to have taken up the position of Principal of Barnsley Sixth Form College. It is such an exciting environment to be in, full of hard working staff and students who are focused on being the best they can be. The building is both wonderful and welcoming and I am enjoying getting to know our students."*

Barnsley College Principal, Chris Webb, added: *"We are delighted to welcome Denise as the Principal of Barnsley Sixth Form College. She has a wealth of expertise and experience which will be valuable in continuing to provide our students with an outstanding learning experience."*



## STUDENTS TASTE THE BIG APPLE

Travel and Tourism and Public Services students enjoyed a whirlwind sightseeing tour of New York City.

Students visited a working Fire House and continued their unique link with the Suffolk County Sherriff's Department by having a tour of the Correctional Facility at Riverhead. The prison, which houses a range of prisoners from New York State and beyond, gave a unique opportunity for students to see how the penal systems of the US and the UK differ.

The group viewed many cultural sites including Madison Square Garden, the Empire State Building, Central Park, Strawberry Fields and Brooklyn Bridge.

## CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS CEMENT THEIR BRICKLAYING SUCCESS

College students Morgan Chambers and Adam Batty won first place trophies at the regional heat of the Guild of Bricklayers competition where students from 14 colleges from across Yorkshire were invited to showcase their skills.

Competitors were given a technical drawing on the day detailing what they had to build. Morgan and Adam used their bricklaying knowledge to interpret the drawing to set out and build a wall using different styles of brickwork. They were judged on the accuracy, neatness and overall finish of the final build.

Morgan said: "It's a fantastic accolade. Last year's success, where I won the Guild of Bricklayers Junior Competition, has given me the confidence to do the same this year, and without that confidence I wouldn't have had the same success."

Adam and Morgan also won first place at the regional heat of SkillBuild, the largest multi-trade competition in the UK for construction trainees and apprentices. Adam won the Brickwork New Entrant category while Morgan also won the Brickwork Senior SkillBuild Regional Qualifier competition and the national SkillBuild final at the NEC Birmingham.



Morgan Chambers.

## CATERING STUDENTS SERVE ROYAL FEAST

Four College Catering students spent the week at Windsor Castle cooking for the Royal 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.

Student James Hutchinson said: *"I found it challenging with the longer shifts and going into a new kitchen environment but I had a great time. My favourite part of the event was after we had finished we got to watch part of the horse show and see the riders perform amazing tricks."*

## STUDENTS CATWALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN

College students' Egyptian inspired designs stormed the Kuoni catwalk at the Great Yorkshire Show.

Second year Fashion students worked tirelessly to create incredible designs inspired by ancient Egypt, taking the Egyptian exhibition at Experience Barnsley and Cooper Gallery as inspiration. Before starting the project the students got the chance to speak with Barnsley-born Egyptologist, Professor Joann Fletcher, a former student at the College, who discussed in detail her exhibitions at Experience Barnsley.

Professor Fletcher enabled students to understand the complexities of ancient Egypt and how different social classes approached fashion. Students then used this information to develop their range of garment designs and textile samples.



## ALUMNI PUT THEIR STAMP ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BARNSLEY

University Campus Barnsley (UCB) Art and Design Alumni network, Nar/Then, found a home within UCB for their artwork.

Nar/Then is a collective of artists comprised of over 70 UCB Art and Design graduates. The group was formed by former student Michael Steer as a network for the artists which allows them the opportunity to contribute to the local art scene in Barnsley.

For the group's first project, the Nar/Then members were challenged to create a piece that reflects their own art practice, with the added complexity that it must fit within the dimensions of a postage stamp. 18 artists submitted artwork for the project and these pieces were then placed together in a single frame to create one work of art entitled First Class.



## BBC PROGRAMME TO FEATURE WIGFIELD FARM

Wigfield Farm was chosen as a location to appear in the forthcoming series of popular BBC programme *Escape to the Country*.

Tutor and former student Macauley Parkin did an amazing job in front of

the camera giving advice to the potential house buyers being featured about chicken-keeping.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the great facilities and the glorious South Yorkshire countryside.

## CONSTRUCTION STUDENT PAINTS HIS SUCCESS

Construction apprentice Sam Leak won a painting and decorating competition set by one of the world's leading suppliers of paints and coatings, PPG Industries.

Students were set a time limit to complete a painting exercise to test their cutting-in skills. They were judged on the accuracy and presentation of the finished piece.

Sam, a Level 3 Painting and Decorating Apprentice, was crowned the winner and presented with a bag of goodies and a painting tool kit from PPG Industries.

He was also invited to take part in the Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year competition, a prestigious annual painting and decorating competition which celebrates young talent across the UK.

Sam said: *"I enjoyed taking part in the competition and I was pleasantly surprised that I won! I used the skills and techniques that I have learnt throughout my apprenticeship and it's a great accolade to have on my CV."*





Angela Fisher (centre), Stephanie Colver (left) and Martin Gray.

## COLLEGE COMMENDED FOR RAISING ASPIRATIONS

**The College received recognition for its work with local schools in raising the aspirations of young people.**

The Raising Aspirations Project, a partnership between the College, Dearne ALC, Holy Trinity and Horizon Community College, was highly commended in the Community Impact category at the Barnsley and Rotherham Business Awards ceremony.

The project aims to improve young people's self-belief and raise their life goals by pairing them with a volunteer coach to help them fulfil their potential.

Assistant Principal for Students Jess Leech said: "We were delighted the Raising Aspirations Project was recognised for the positive impact it has had so far.

*"By matching young people with a coach from the business community, the project is raising the aspirational life goals of young people from across Barnsley.*

*"The project will continue to grow and provide ongoing support to young people to enable them to fulfil their potential."*



John Cope (left) and Suzan McGladdery welcome businesses to a networking event.

## NETWORKING EVENTS KEEP BUSINESSES IN TOUCH

**The College hosted a number of breakfast networking events over the year, which gave businesses expert insight on key topics.**

Andrew Osborn, Group Leader for Regeneration Projects at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, visited the College to inform delegates about the current and planned developments within Barnsley.

Ahead of the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Mark Ellis, Business Development Manager at Open Network Services (ONS), spoke about GDPR and its implications on businesses.

John Cope, Head of Education and Skills at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), explained the aims of the Perfect Harmony Report and the value the report provides for businesses, students and training providers.

Delegates at each event had opportunities to make new contacts and received an apprenticeship update from the College's Business Development Team.

# CAMBRIDGE STUDENT RHYS INSPIRES SIXTH FORMERS

**University of Cambridge student Rhys Proud returned to Barnsley Sixth Form College to inspire students by speaking about his experiences at an Oxbridge university.**

Rhys is studying Psychology at Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge. He studied A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology at the Sixth Form between 2014 and 2016, achieving one A\* grade and two As.

Current students who are part of the Sixth Form's High Flyers programme had the

opportunity to hear Rhys' views about his course, accommodation and student lifestyle. High Flyers is open to students who achieved strong GCSE results or those who flourish in A Level subjects and are identified as high achievers.

Rhys also talked about the Oxbridge application process and how students can enhance their applications to competitive universities or courses.

Rhys said: *"I was very nervous about applying to university in my time at Barnsley Sixth Form College, fortunately I was well supported. I'm glad I did apply and would encourage others to do the same if that's what their goal is.*

*"I urge students not to be discouraged by the stereotypes regarding Cambridge and to apply to fulfil their potential. It is an incredibly academically rewarding place and anyone who aims to get there should apply."*



# 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 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-life-time 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."*





## SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

**The College's Head of Human Resources Craig Leonard enjoyed a spot of pampering at an Open Day in the Eastgate salon by Foundation Learning student Bethan Wilkinson, experiencing his first ever manicure.**

The purpose of the event was to bring together departments based within the College's Eastgate campus to aid

understanding of the functions of academic and support areas. Afterwards, Craig said his hands had never looked or felt so good!

Hair and Beauty is just one of the options available to study as part of a Foundation Learning programme which aims to support students and encourage engagement with learning.



## TUTOR VIV RECEIVES COMMENDATION

**College tutor Viv Herbert was recognised for her contribution to the development of adult students.**

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

Health tutor Viv 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.*

*“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.”*



## ***COLLEGE STUDENTS SUPPORT WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE***

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College Public Services students took part in a live Public Order Riot Training exercise for West Yorkshire Police which tested how they would react in real life riot situations.

The students played the role of offenders which provided a rare insight into the principles of interventions when dealing with offenders and the practice of control and restraint techniques.

Student Joshua Nowland said: *“We were put into a role play situation and had been asked by the officers to make sure that we were hostile, a couple of us ended up getting ‘arrested’ as part of the role play.*

*“The day was brilliant from start to finish. It was an amazing experience that I would recommend to any Public Services student.”*



## ***ANDREW LAUNCHES NICHE TRAINING PROGRAMME***

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**Celebrity hairdresser Andrew Barton launched the ABLE Andrew Barton London Education training programme at The Open Kitchen restaurant.**

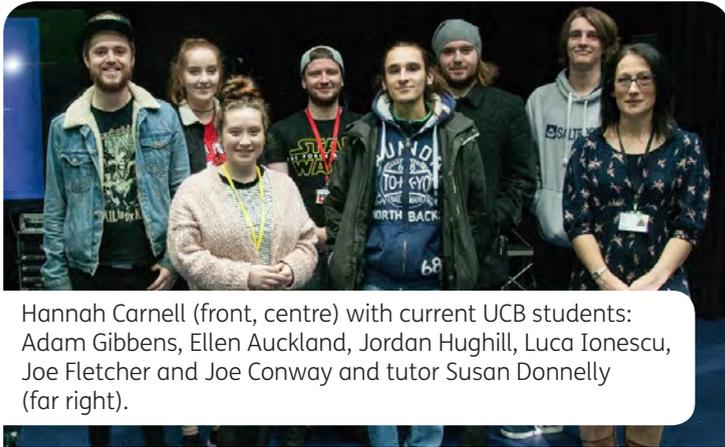
The programme was designed by acclaimed hairdresser Andrew Barton and offers colleges of Further Education (FE) a comprehensive add-on training to their existing portfolio of hairdressing education.

Created to meet the needs of full-time students or apprentices, the programme gives students an extended qualification linked to the hairdressing industry, and empowers their employment opportunities with an ABLE Andrew Barton London Education certificate alongside

the traditional NVQ or Technical qualification.

ABLE Andrew Barton London Education will provide stronger links between the College and industry specialists which will lead to an increase in good working relationships and further opportunities for work placements, traineeships and apprenticeships.

Andrew Barton said: *“I’m so thrilled to be launching my Andrew Barton London Education first here in Barnsley and to be presenting this exclusive launch at the College, where my career started.”*



Hannah Carnell (front, centre) with current UCB students: Adam Gibbens, Ellen Auckland, Jordan Hughill, Luca Ionescu, Joe Fletcher and Joe Conway and tutor Susan Donnelly (far right).

## HANNAH'S DREAM CAREER PROSPECTS INSPIRE STUDENTS

**After graduating from University Campus Barnsley (UCB), Hannah Carnell returned to inspire current UCB Music students with her passionate outlook on career progression.**

Whilst studying towards her BA (Hons) Popular Music degree, Hannah secured a voluntary 18-month work placement with Qdos Creates, a Barnsley-based organisation which delivers performances, workshops and accredited courses regionally and nationally for young people and adults.

Hannah's time with Qdos Creates allowed her to gain valuable experience and knowledge of music therapy. This experience helped Hannah in forwarding her career and her current endeavour to secure a master's degree in Music and Psychology.

*She said: "I told the students a little bit about what modules I chose at university and how my work experience and extracurricular activities really benefited and helped me through my final year at university. I hope the information I gave the students helped them feel a little more prepared for their case study or eventually life after UCB."*



## STUDENT SET FOR FRINGE DEBUT

**University Campus Barnsley (UCB) student Mark Olszewski and his theatre company took their play Stiffs to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.**

Through his studies on the Acting for Touring Theatre Foundation Degree at UCB, Mark has learnt the fundamentals of starting and operating a theatre company and put them into practice with fellow thespian William Batty creating the Marcus and Wilhelm theatre company.

Their first production, Stiffs, produced in association with The Civic Barnsley and inspired by playwrights Beckett and Stoppard, is an absurdist comedy that ponders the meaning of life and ideas of death through dark humour.

The show previewed at the Civic Barnsley to a theatre full of friends, family and members of the public, with the duo ending the show with a question and answer session, where they gathered feedback to help develop the play further.



Becky Newbould (far right) and College students hold up some of the flags displayed at the Old Mill Lane campus.

## ***LOCAL ARTIST WORKS WITH STUDENTS TO CREATE TOUR DE YORKSHIRE BUNTING***

Community artist Becky Newbould worked with College students to produce Tour de Yorkshire themed bunting in the lead up to the race.

The iconic red College building at the top of Old Mill Lane was adorned with the giant blue and yellow bike themed bunting with each unique flag being individually designed and made by students from the Learning for Living and Work (LflW) department.

Becky is employed by the College through the Civic theatre and worked with students with a range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities on various artistic projects to enable them to explore their creative capabilities through art, music and drama.

Becky said: *“All the students were very enthusiastic and excited about making the flags which were seen by many people. They really threw themselves into the project and came up with some amazing ideas to make each flag different.”*



Left to right: Yiannis Koursis, Lorraine Copley, Laila Lawton, Jess Leech, Kurt Taylor and Tony Johnson.

## ***MANAGEMENT BATTLE IT OUT IN THE JUNIOR MASTERCHEF FINAL***

**The College's Senior Management Team took part in the Junior MasterChef challenge final by putting on chef whites to cook in the student-led restaurant, The Open Kitchen.**

Staff had to prepare, cook and serve three dishes including pulled pork burger, traditional french cassoulet and baked seabass. The food was made in industry-standard kitchens at the College, where customers had the opportunity to critique and provide feedback.

Jess Leech, Assistant Principal for Students, and Laila Lawton, Vice Principal Finance, out-cooked their fellow colleagues Tony Johnson, Vice Principal Corporate Services; Kurt Taylor, Director of Quality and Performance; Yiannis Koursis, Deputy Principal; and Lorraine Copley, Executive Officer for Leadership and Management, to win the Junior MasterChef final.

# KICKBOXER BROGAN IS A PUNCH ABOVE

College Sport student Brogan Wilson was aiming to defend his International Combat Organisation World kickboxing title in Canada at the end of the year.

Brogan has previously won a European title belt and two International Combat Organisation (ICO) golds in both Germany and Italy, representing England.

Brogan started kickboxing at the age of ten and now train at the Combat Academy aspiring to be a professional fighter.

Brogan is part of the College's Sports Academy and works on his strength and conditioning with the coaching staff. This has enabled him to access an Elite Sports Performance Bursary to fund aspects of his competition such as equipment and travel.

Brogan, a Level 3 Sport student, said: *"The support I have received from the Sports Academy has really helped me to pursue my goals in Kickboxing. The College is always pushing me to achieve more and has been flexible with my studies so I'm able to participate in competitions and training through the week."*



# JORDAN NETS PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

College student Jordan Barnett 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. He has since signed for Burnley Football 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 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 many 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."*





Public Services and Hair and Beauty students supporting the NHS.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS SUPPORT NHS BARNESLEY

**College Hair, Beauty and Public Services students took part in a live emergency exercise for NHS Barnsley which tested how Barnsley Hospital would respond if a bomb went off in the town centre.**

The simulation, called Exercise Escorial, revolved around an explosion caused by incendiary devices in a busy town. Public Services students played the role of volunteer 'victims' who wore

theatrical make-up to simulate injuries created by Hair and Beauty students.

Student Bailey Naylor said: *"I really enjoyed playing a part in the Exercise Escorial and I find it a privilege to help out our emergency services. It definitely provided me with experience I can use in the future."*



From left to right: Megan Slater, Hannah Dickinson and Eleanor Greenaway.

## STUDENTS PRIDE AT REPRESENTING YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

**Three College students were selected to represent Yorkshire and Humber's rugby squad at the Association of Colleges' National Championships in Nottingham.**

Eleanor Greenaway, Megan Slater and Hannah Dickinson had the opportunity to gain experience of playing at a higher level by representing the College in a nationally recognised competition.

The students, who currently play for Sandal Girls under-18s, will compete in the Rugby Sevens competition which is a variant of rugby union where teams made up of seven players play seven minute halves.

All three students are part of the College's Sports Academy.



## WILL'S ARTWORK GOES UNDER THE HAMMER

**Barnsley Sixth Form College student Will Ward saw his artwork go up for auction after wowing the judging panel of a young artists' competition.**

Will was one of 32 people aged between 11 and 18 to have work selected for auction through the Young Artists Collection competition. The theme of the competition was Yorkshire and Will submitted a piece depicting the Chennells pub in Barnsley town centre.

Will said: *"My Art and Design teacher Richard Kitson advised me to enter the competition and I chose the picture of Chennells as I felt that it was my strongest piece fitting the Yorkshire theme.*

*"I'm happy that my work got selected for the auction, I didn't expect it and my work has never been picked for something like this before.*

*"I feel this competition is important as it gives young artists an opportunity to have their work sold at auction and because 40% of the money raised from the sale of each piece goes towards helping young people."*

The Young Artists Collection competition is organised by IVE, a social enterprise working to ensure a more creative future for businesses, teachers, children and young people. The artist gets 60% of the money from sales and the rest is used to fund IVE's charitable work.



Holly Ulyott (right) performs the official ribbon cutting duties alongside Liz Leek.

## SIXTH FORM COLLEGE LAUNCHES MINDFULNESS ZONE

**Barnsley Sixth Form College students have the opportunity to take a break from their studies by visiting a specialised mindfulness area on campus.**

The GAINSpace area was officially opened by former student Holly Ulyott at a special launch event attended by students, Principal Denise Jelly and Barnsley College governors.

Holly was involved in the development of GAINSpace as an area for students to take time out from the demands of their A Levels, based on her experiences as a student.

GAINSpace was launched ahead of Mental Health Awareness Week and is a student-led initiative with a planned programme of activities such as stress busting at exam time, chill and chat sessions, meditation, guitar playing, reading for pleasure, colouring and art activities.

Liz Leek, Vice Principal for Curriculum at Barnsley College, said: *"GAINSpace is the latest innovation in our approach to positive mental health and wellbeing. It is designed to be a very different space to the rest of the College and this enables people who visit to experience some 'down time' from the pressures of work and study.*

*"GAINSpace is entirely student-led. The students decide what they need and then call on wider resources to make those things happen. Activities can be anything from painting to yoga and we've already had reading groups, poetry writing and lots of positive affirmation work. I'm really delighted with the positive way this initiative has been embraced and I'm hopeful that this is something we can replicate on our other campuses."*



Chris Peel of Barnsley RUFC (left) and Luke Forgione.

## SPORTS ACADEMY TEAMS UP WITH BARNSELY RUFC

**The College's Sports Academy established a partnership with Barnsley Rugby Union Football Club (RUFC) which will give talented rugby players opportunities at both clubs.**

The new agreement could open doors for College students who are looking to get a foothold in rugby. The academy will have the opportunity to utilise Barnsley RUFC's modern playing and training facilities at Shaw Lane. The Club has three senior pitches and an all-weather 3G training area.

The partnership will enable the College's Performance and Athlete Development Coordinator Luke Forgione to send talented players to Barnsley RUFC for a trial.

Luke said: "We're delighted to establish this partnership with Barnsley RUFC, which will provide great opportunities for the College and our prospective students and current students with an interest in rugby. The Club has a great history and is a huge part of the Barnsley community.

*"This partnership will help to strengthen the current Barnsley College Rugby Academy which offers coaching, strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and match analysis. As an academy we aim to develop individuals through academic and sporting excellence."*



## PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

**College Public Services students were acknowledged for their outstanding achievements at a celebratory awards ceremony.**

Students were presented with awards for Special Recognition, Public Services Student of the Year and the Johnston Award for Outstanding Achievement. Award winners at the ceremony included Libby Turner, Kyle Siddons, Kyle Ruth, Robyn Clayton, Summer Herbert and Morgan Daykin.

The prestigious Johnston Award, sponsored by former Barnsley College Chair of Governors Frank Johnston, was presented to Rebecca Bullivant. Rebecca, a Level 3 Public Services (Uniformed Services) student, impressed Mr Johnston with her dedication and enthusiasm for the course and her ambitions for a career in the Police force.

Rebecca added: "I was very shocked to win the award. I was really proud to be recognised for my achievements both in College and my commitment to the public services. My tutors have been really helpful and have prepared me for a career in the Police force."



## ***COLLEGE AND PREMDOR ENGINEER THE FUTURE***

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**The College and Premdor, one of the UK's leading manufacturers of timber doors in Barnsley, launched the Premdor Academy providing young people with the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge within engineering and manufacturing and address the skills shortage.**

Students will study engineering and manufacturing courses which have been specifically designed by both the College and

Premdor in order to meet the business needs of Premdor. The aim of the Academy is to attract young people from the local area and develop their knowledge and experience in order to prepare them for a successful career.

Students can study a range of Level 1 and Level 2 courses and will be taught by the College's expert tutors. Staff from Barnsley-based Premdor will actively be involved with the Academy by providing industry talks, regularly assessing students and ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary skills to prepare them for employment after they finish their course.

The Premdor Academy will provide a solid foundation for students in engineering and manufacturing, offering them an opportunity at the end of their course which could lead to employment with Premdor.



## **TOM NETS AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP**

**College Sport student Tom Toulson scored a scholarship with William Carey Crusaders Men's Soccer in Mississippi, USA.**

The midfielder secured the scholarship after impressing coaches at a PASS4Soccer showcase, which arranges soccer scholarships in USA universities for players from the UK, Europe and around the world. The 18-year-old was picked after becoming a regular starter for Barnsley Sports Academy's male football team and captaining the team to silverware.

Tom played a vital part in the Barnsley Sports Academy male football team doing the double in 2016/17 by winning both the Association of Colleges (AoC) Yorkshire and Humber League and the Komm Mit International Copa Maresme Football Tournament.

Tom said: *"The support I have received from the College has really helped me to pursue my goals in football and education. College arranged a talk from PASS4Soccer who provided advice and guidance on soccer scholarships and universities in America. I'm getting the opportunity to play professional football whilst studying a degree and that's all thanks to the College."*



## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM'S SUCCESSFUL ADVENTURE ABROAD**

**The College's Sports Academy returned home from a prestigious international football competition in Spain with another trophy.**

The under-19 male team were undefeated throughout the Komm Mit International Whitsuntide Tournament in Catalonia, beating teams from Germany and Romania to secure a place in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the team were beaten 4-3 on penalties but recovered to beat Ludwiieller of Germany to secure the third place trophy.

Luke Forgione, Performance and Athlete Development Coordinator, said: *"The tournament was a huge success and the students loved the opportunity and experience gained from it. The performances from the team were outstanding throughout the tournament, considering the heat and number of games played during the four days of competition."*

*"Hopefully we can go one step further when we return next year and be crowned champions."*



Creative Interactive Media students.

## ***MEDIA STUDENTS WRITE THEIR FUTURE***

**Creative Interactive Media students Jaye Lycett, Amelia Bentley and Georgina Weston have jumpstarted their future careers through work experience as journalists with a local media company.**

When local media company owner Mike Dawson contacted the College to see if any students would like to be a part of his new free community magazine, he was directed to the Media department. Media Team Lead, Jess Lee-Henderson, offered the opportunity to all students in the department and Jaye, Amelia and Georgina jumped at the chance to gain this industry insight.

By taking part in this work experience the students are able to load their CVs with practical experience they will use in their future careers, setting them apart from other applicants when they apply for jobs in the field.

Jess Lee-Henderson said: *“Getting a chance to work in the industry alongside specialists is incredibly valuable to our students, they’re meeting clients, pitching ideas and developing their design and journalism skills for a magazine going out to thousands. This experience will support their future careers and show potential employers they are mature, skilled and most importantly committed.”*

Mike Dawson added: *“The students have shown amazing maturity, fantastic abilities, and an incredible appetite for work and quite simply they inspire me to greater efforts. As a team we want to show just what modern education is all about which we can provide through opportunities and training just like this. It is so refreshing to meet people like Jaye, Georgina and Amelia who never stop inspiring me and who love the work they do with the magazine.”*



GCSE English students outside Barnsley Law Courts.

## ***STUDENTS LEARN FROM VISITS***

**Some of our GCSE English students took weekly visits to the Barnsley Law Courts where they sat in on a range of court cases. Their project at the time was crime and punishment so this was a great way for them to see how the criminal justice system works and directly apply the things they had learnt to their course work.**

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students took a trip to the Experience Barnsley Museum where they had the opportunity to look around the museum and learn more about the heritage and culture of Barnsley which helped them to understand more about the history of Barnsley.

# GETAFE TAKE HIGHLY-RATED FOOTBALLER MO ON TRIAL

College student Mohamed Saeed secured a 12-week trial with top Spanish football club Getafe.

Mo, a left winger who previously played for Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley FC's Academies,

earned the opportunity to travel to Getafe for an intensive 12-week trial at the La Liga club.

The Sport student is part of the College's Sports Academy and has access to an Elite Sports Performance Bursary to fund equipment and travel.

Mo said: *"I'm over the moon to have been given the opportunity to play in Spain and I'm grateful the College have allowed me to have time off."*

*"The Sports Academy has made me more confident and has provided a great opportunity to play and show people what I can do."*



# FUTURE TEACHERS CELEBRATE 100% PASS RATE

University Campus Barnsley (UCB) Teacher Training students achieved a 100% pass rate with 65% of students receiving an 'outstanding' grade.

Many students progressed on to teaching careers at Barnsley College, Darton College, Leeds Trinity University and the University of Huddersfield.

Director of Teaching and Learning Karen Markham said: *"We are proud to see a 100% pass rate in our Teacher Training courses at UCB and would like to congratulate our students on their achievements."*



# COMPUTING STUDENTS SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN

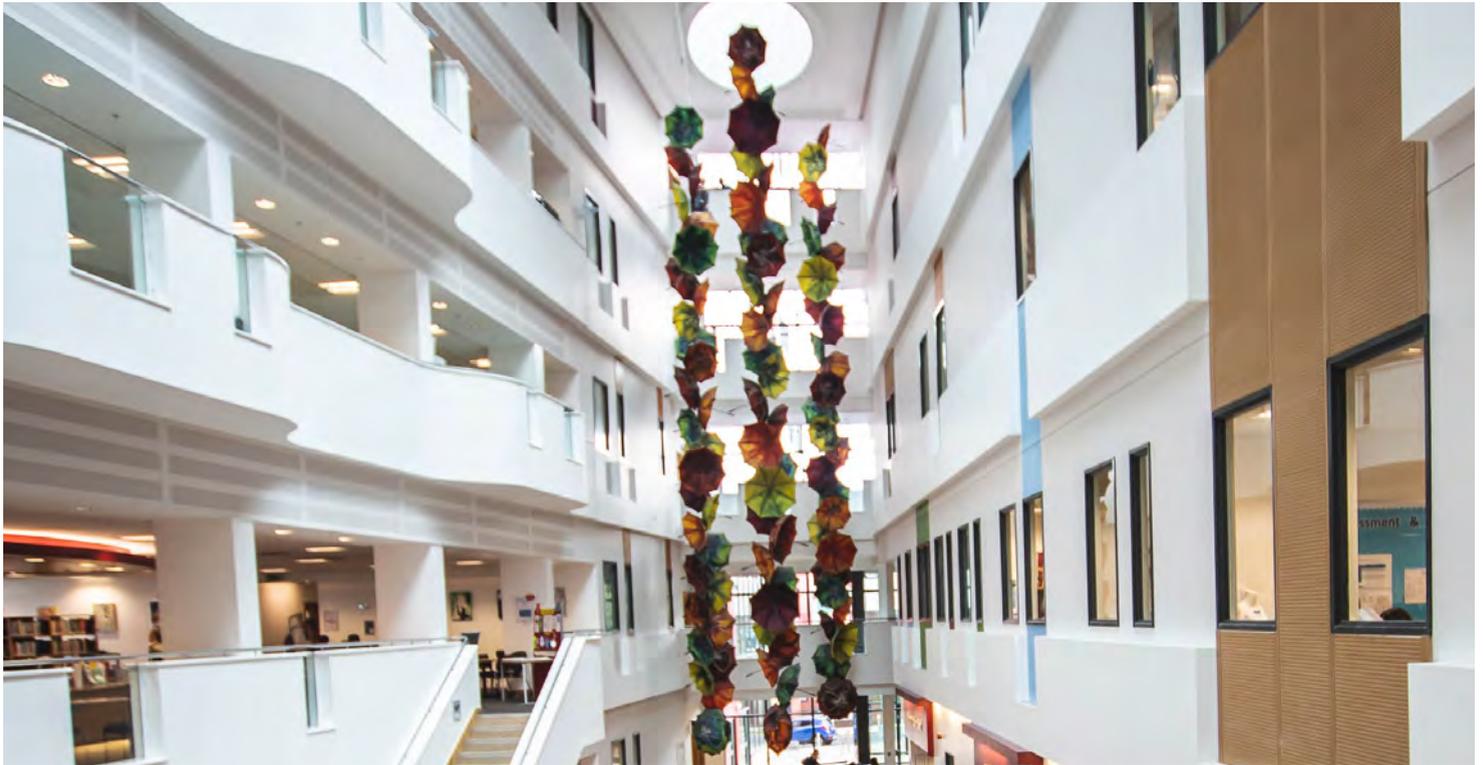
Computing students helped put smiles on the faces of local children by organising a successful 'selection box appeal' over the Christmas period.

The Level 2 students collected as many selection boxes as possible and donated them to foodbanks in Barnsley to be given to children as festive gifts.

The group invited fellow students from the College's Health and Social Care department to help them and a grand total of 300 boxes were collected. These were distributed by students and staff to four separate food banks in Barnsley town centre.



Students with some of the selection boxes.





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