

**YEAR**  
**BOOK**  
2018/19



# ***PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME***



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## **Welcome to our Year Book; a review of another successful academic year for Barnsley College.**

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Over the year we were delighted to receive many awards and accolades for our staff, students and Barnsley College as a whole. We won a Silver Award in the College of the Year category at the national BTEC Awards 2019. BTEC praised the College for developing students' skills through additional work placements and industry experience. Georgia Nield won Apprentice of the Year at the Barnsley Chronicle Young Champion Awards 2019; and our Sport tutor, Amy Horsfield, won the Yorkshire Netball Teacher Award for outstanding contribution to netball at the Golden Globe Awards.

This recognition of the fantastic work the College does evidences that we provide a great place for our students to achieve the very best, and for our staff to work. Transforming lives is key to everything our staff do and they are fully committed to ensuring that students have a good time, achieve their aims and progress into employment or Higher Education.

The Barnsley College community of approximately 9,000 students and 800 staff raise thousands of pounds each year in support of local and national charities. Our fundraising efforts over the past year have included bake sales, craft fairs, sporting events and more. In addition, we hosted multiple awareness days across our 11 campuses and contributed our time and energy to several community projects.

This year our students have also made some impressive sporting achievements and taken advantage of many great opportunities and experiences outside of College. The College continues to play a pivotal role within the local community, as reflected in events including the Tour de Yorkshire and the Mayor's Parade.

I hope you enjoy reading the review of our 2018/19 academic year.

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**Yiannis Koursis**  
**Principal and Chief Executive Officer**



## ***BARNSELEY COLLEGE APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL***

### ***Barnsley College welcomed Yiannis Koursis as our new Principal and Chief Executive Officer.***

Yiannis has been with Barnsley College since 2016 as Deputy Principal for Development, joining from Loughborough College where he was Vice Principal.

Originally from Greece, Yiannis came to the UK in 1999 to further his studies. He is married to Liz with two young children and has over 10 years' experience as a senior leader in the Further Education sector.

Simon Perryman, Chair of Governors at the College, said: "We are delighted to have secured the appointment of Yiannis to lead Barnsley College and continue to promote our vision of 'transforming

lives'. Yiannis will strive to further grow and develop our College as we continue to ensure that all our students have a great time, achieve their aims and progress onto work or Higher Education."

Yiannis added: "I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead and further grow an exceptional College. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Deputy Principal for the last three years, working with an outstanding staff team and fantastic students, and I really look forward to working with governors to build and strengthen our links in the local community and beyond."

Whilst welcoming Yiannis, we bid a fond and thankful farewell to our former Principal and Chief Executive Officer,

Chris Webb who moved into a new role as Chief Executive Officer for Bradford College.

Chris said: "I am very excited to be joining Bradford College as their new CEO. They presented such an exciting opportunity that I just couldn't turn it down, however the decision to leave Barnsley College wasn't an easy one.

I've been incredibly lucky to work at Barnsley College for the past eight years and it has been a great honour for me to lead such a fantastic organisation for the last three. I will certainly miss everyone at the College."



## ***BUSINESS STUDENT SHOWS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT***

***Level 3 Business Student Georgia Riley used the knowledge she learnt whilst studying her course to start her own business, Shop Festival, which sells a range of clothing and accessories aimed specifically at festival attendees.***

Georgia launched her business just over a year ago after creating an account on Depop, an online platform, and starting to sell merchandise to her target market.

Georgia currently sells over 170 product lines and since launching the business, has sold over 3,000 items internationally

and has over 10,000 followers on her Depop account.

Georgia, 18, said: “I’m really proud of my business and what I’ve achieved in a relatively short space of time and whilst studying a full-time course at College.

“I’ve used the knowledge I’ve gained on the Business course, especially the units which focused on customer service, international trading, marketing and creative promotion, to sell my products and grow my business.

“The Enterprise department also helped me to secure a £250 grant from iTrust

which I used to expand the range of products I was selling.”

Angela Kerley, Head of Business, Warehousing and Logistics at Barnsley College, added: “We are really proud of Georgia. Not only for having the confidence to start her own successful business, but to do this alongside her course is amazing.

“I hope her business continues to be successful and I wish her the best of luck for the future.”



## APPRENTICE KATIE WINS NATIONAL AWARD

L-R: Don Tomlinson, presenter and founder of the Unsung Hero Awards, Katie Claydon, Business Administration Apprentice and Chris Browne, ambassador for the Unsung Hero Awards and Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

**Apprentice Katie Claydon, who is employed as a Communications Apprentice at Barnsley Hospital, celebrated being named Apprentice of the Year in the 2019 Unsung Hero Awards.**

The Unsung Hero Awards are the only national awards for non-medical NHS staff and volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty, highlighting the hard work that they do on a daily basis.

Katie is studying a Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship with Barnsley College. The 20-year-old beat off tough competition from

apprentices studying all over the country and was nominated by her colleagues for being a 'vital member of a small team – who always provides a fast, efficient response to the many requests received each day in a busy hospital'.

Katie said: "I am still in absolute shock that I took home the Apprentice of the Year Award. I would like to say a massive thank you to all my colleagues, both past and present, for their support over the last two years to get me to where I am now."



## FINE ART STUDENTS HOST RENDERED INTENT

**BA (Hons) Fine Art Practice third year students showcased their talents at the Rendered Intent touring exhibition at The Civic Barnsley and the Church View Centre, Doncaster.**

The exhibition was the final show of the year's BA (Hons) graduating class's work, with the artwork presented comprising digital installations, painting and sound work.

Evan Wood, HE Curriculum Leader for Creative Industries at Barnsley College, said: "The Rendered Intent exhibitions close the final chapter on our graduating class of BA (Hons) students.

"Throughout the run-up to the show, students have been exploring the blurred lines of digital technology, how it impacts us and shapes the way we experience life. This exhibition allows the public to view the incredible work developed by our graduating students and offers an opportunity to engage and discuss their work, offer support and guidance, satisfy a curiosity, be part of a community of artists and celebrate the necessity of making."

# STUDENTS' PRIDE AT REPRESENTING ENGLISH COLLEGES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

L-R: Ellie Hawcroft, Luke Forgiore, Sports Performance and Athlete Development Coordinator at Barnsley College and Betty Cheetham.

## **Barnsley College students Ellie Hawcroft and Betty Cheetham secured a place in the English Colleges Football Association national squad.**

Ellie, a midfielder who plays for Sheffield Football Club and Barnsley Sports Academy, secured a scholarship in America after impressing coaches at a PASS4Soccer showcase, which arranges soccer scholarships in USA universities for players from the UK, Europe and around the world.

Betty, a striker who plays for Barnsley Football Club and Barnsley Sports Academy, will train at St George's Park, the English Football Association's National Football Centre, and will have the opportunity to gain experience of playing at a higher level by representing the College in nationally recognised competitions.

Ellie said: "I'm over the moon to have been selected to represent Barnsley College at national level. Barnsley Sports Academy has really helped me improve my football. We train three times a week which works around our classes really well."

Betty added: "I was shocked and overwhelmed when I found out I would be representing the College; it's a very special feeling to be selected for English Colleges Football Association. The tutors at the College have been fantastic and have really supported us."



## STUDENT COOKS LIVE AT STAR-STUDED EVENT

L-R: Kyle Hall, Catering and Hospitality student and Martyn Hollingsworth, Catering and Hospitality Course Leader.

### **Catering and Hospitality student Kyle Hall enjoyed cooking live on stage in the food theatre at The Great Yorkshire Show.**

Under the supervision of the College's Catering and Hospitality Course Leader, Martyn Hollingsworth, Kyle had to prepare, cook and serve lamb rump with greens and black pudding and a rhubarb and ginger fool. Kyle and Martyn shared the stage with TV celebrity chef, Rosemary Shrager; Chef Patron, Michael Wignall; and Head Chef, Callum Bower plus many more.

Kyle, 21, said: "The cookery demonstration was an incredible experience! Just being around a lot of talented and inspirational people was brilliant."



## EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS HONOURED

The winners of the student Awards 2019.

**Students from across Barnsley College and Barnsley 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 Award, Enterprise Award, Jeff Townend Memorial Award, Overcoming Adversity Award, Progression Award, Societies Award, Student of the Year Award, Student Voice Representative Award, Talent United Employer Engagement Award and the Principal's Award.

The Principal's Award was presented to one student selected from the award-winning students during the evening.

This year's winner was Tiegan Scholey, a Level 3 Animal Management student, who also received the Student of the Year Award. She impressed judges with her caring personality, dedication and enthusiasm.

Guests enjoyed live music from the Barnsley Sixth Form College Musical Theatre Society; Odd Socks, a duo made up of two Music students; and Enis Bakolli, a solo singer studying BA (Hons) Popular Music at Barnsley College.

Barnsley College Principal and Chief Executive Officer Yiannis Koursis 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 us, and the awards evening is a culmination of everything that has been achieved. It provides a fitting tribute to those students who go above and beyond in their studies and in College life."

The event was made possible through the kind support of local and national businesses including Andrew Barton London Education, ASOS, Awesome, Barnsley Chronicle, Barnsley Independent, Barnsley Museums, Barnsley Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, Ellisons, Forward and Thinking, Genius Division, Henry Boot Construction, Oakwell Events, Sun Healthcare and The Civic.



## STUDENTS SERVE UP ROYAL FEAST

**Four Catering students spent the week at Windsor cooking for the Royal family, friends and acquaintances during the annual Royal Windsor 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 hosted VIPs and exclusive guests.

Ellie Goodlad, 18, said: "Serving food knowing it was going to the Queen and members of the Royal family was really exciting and something that I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of. It has been amazing, and all the long hard hours have been worth it!"



## STUDENTS HELP TO BUILD NEW HOMES

L-R: Nick Arnold and Sean Waine.

**Over 100 Construction students helped to build Barnsley's new Honeywell Grange housing estate through work experience with Miller Homes.**

Miller Homes, a national construction company that has built a large number of new high quality family homes in Barnsley, has taken on over 100 Construction students on two-week work placements since 2017.

Students have gained first-hand experience of working on a live construction site at Honeywell Grange and gained an insight in to how a large construction business

operates whilst building their real-life construction skills.

Under the guidance of Miller Homes, the students took part in a health and safety induction, took a tour of the site, learned more about preparing the foundations for a new house and undertook practical work in joinery and bricklaying.

Construction student Sean Waine said: "My work placement helped me gain an apprenticeship with Miller Homes. I would tell other students to go for it as it does help you get a job if you show commitment and work hard."



## PREMDOR ACADEMY STUDENTS MEET THE MAYOR

L-R: Gavin Day, Organisational Development Manager at Premdor; The Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Steve Green; Abby Cooper and Alfie Webley, Premdor Academy students; Chelle Charlesworth, Programme Manager for C-STEM at Barnsley College and Peter Nichols, Curriculum Leader for C-STEM at Barnsley College.

***The Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Steve Green, visited Premdor in Barnsley to find out more about Barnsley College's Premdor Academy and meet some of its students.***

The Premdor Academy is a partnership between Barnsley College and Premdor, a leading UK manufacturer of timber doors. Launched in July 2018, the aim of the Academy is to develop a highly skilled, motivated and engaged future workforce and to provide students with the expertise and knowledge required to ensure they become employable within engineering and manufacturing.

The visit started with a presentation from Gavin Day, Organisational Development Manager at Premdor,

who explained in further detail how the Academy will help young people in the community to develop, grow and equip them with the skills required for a successful career with Premdor.

Gavin described how Premdor is also working with schools and businesses to raise awareness of the engineering and manufacturing industry and to create opportunities for the people of Barnsley and the surrounding areas.

Guests enjoyed a tour of Premdor's facilities where The Mayor had the opportunity to speak to employees at Premdor, Barnsley College staff and current Premdor Academy students Abby Cooper and Alfie Webley.

The Premdor Academy is based at the Barnsley College's Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Centre. The College and Premdor work together to tailor the curriculum to ensure that students gain the skills that meet the business needs of Premdor.

The Mayor of Barnsley, Councillor Steve Green, said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the site and learning more about the projects being developed to support apprenticeship and employment opportunities. The scale of production on the site is huge, and the company is clearly passionate about developing local skills to support their growth, which is great to see."



## ***HORTICULTURE STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL FRUIT-FULL COMMUNITIES COMPETITION***

***Huge congratulations were heaped upon our Horticulture students who are joint winners of the national Fruit-full Communities orchard competition for the planting and development work at land next to The Fleets campus.***

In partnership with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Barnsley YMCA, Learning through Landscapes and TWIGGS Grounds Maintenance, this really was an amazing project to be part of and a brilliant example of a community working together. Fantastic work!



## ***FOUNDATION LEARNING STUDENTS ENJOY AFTERNOON TEA***

***Foundation Learning students enjoyed a tour and afternoon tea at Wentworth House.***

Having little or no experience of exploring such places, the visit had a wonderfully positive impact on the group.



## ***GCSE ENGLISH STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE LAW***

***Some of our GCSE English students made weekly visits to Barnsley Law Courts where they sat in on a range of court cases as part of their project on crime and punishment.***

What a great way for them to see how the criminal justice system works!



## HAIR AND BEAUTY STUDENTS GET INSPIRED

***Our Hair and Beauty department played host to a range of events to give students an insight into the industries they aspire to join.***

As part of 'Industry Week', experts in hair and beauty were invited into College to exhibit their products and talk about their careers. This included professionals such as Sherry Richardson, owner of Hats by Sherry; and Rose Dyson, Pura Cosmetics owner.

The week also included specialist workshops and competitions including nail art, plaiting and twisting, blow drying, foiling techniques, basic make-up and salon management. These helped the students develop their skills within their chosen discipline.

Anita Wilkinson, Hair and Beauty Programme Manager at Barnsley College, organised the events within the department to help students on their way to getting job-ready. She said: "It's brilliant to see professionals genuinely interested in inspiring the next generation of hair and beauty employees. The students who attended the sessions were thrilled at the variety of talks and workshops and found the week both educational and enjoyable."



## STUDENTS PUT HEADS TOGETHER FOR CHARITY

Claire Throssell (third from right) receives the cheque.

***A group of students raised £440 for Heads Together Barnsley, a charity which supports families experiencing severe trauma.***

Six students on our Level 3 Counselling Skills diploma course organised a series of fundraising activities over a two-week period, including a Name the Easter Bunny competition and a raffle for Easter hampers.

Heads Together Barnsley was established by Claire Throssell in memory of her young sons, Jack and Paul, who lost their lives in a house fire which was deliberately set by their father.

The help provided by Heads Together Barnsley ranges from helping families access grants to support with additional expenses, to signposting them to organisations which can provide specialist help

and assistance. The charity has also raised £24,000 in its bid to hit a fundraising target of £30,000 for the creation of a family room within the Burns Unit at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield.

Student Heidi Fowler said: "Initially we thought we might raise between £100 and £200 in two weeks, so to raise £440 was a real bonus. Students and staff from the College dug deep to give whatever they could and we appreciated their generosity."

Claire Throssell added: "It is amazing for the students to raise so much money in two weeks. The Barnsley community is one of the best in the world and the support it has given me inspires me to give something back through Heads Together Barnsley. Such generosity shows how great Barnsley can be and really touches my heart."

## STUDENT SETS UP QUIRKY NAUGHTY UNICORN BUSINESS

Jennifer Hammonds applying cosmetic glitter to Made in Chelsea star Alex Mytton.

**Young entrepreneur Jennifer Hammonds juggled her Higher Education studies at College with launching a new business, Naughty Unicorn Glitter, designing trendy t-shirts and face make-up.**

The 21-year-old is an event and festival regular at Leeds Festival, V Festival, The Big Festival and Pride events across the country. As a young teenager she set up a stall at Tramlines Festival in Sheffield that sold tie-dye t-shirts. She expanded her business five years later to offer glitter make-up, which earned her the opportunity to showcase her business overseas in Germany, Sweden and France.

She took home the Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the 2014 Proud of Barnsley awards for her previous business, The Blue Frog Clothing, and was shortlisted recently in the Young Entrepreneur category at the Young Champions awards.

Jennifer, a Sport, Health, Fitness and Exercise student, said: "I have always had a passion for health and fitness, and a keen business instinct. Whilst studying I have had time to push the business, which has grown massively. I'm even looking to recruit more members of staff to help me on the stalls."



## CHILDCARE STUDENTS HEAR FROM TOM DICKINSON DURING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

**Our Childcare and Teacher Training students met former College student Tom Dickinson and heard his story relating to his brother, who took his own life.**

Tom talked about mental health and his desire to see an end to the stigma around asking for support. A video of the session was shared with students on placements, giving everyone an opportunity to listen to the session.



# ***BARNSELY COLLEGE STUDENTS TRIUMPH AT THE HALLAM HERO AWARDS 2019***

L-R: Emma Hubbard, Georgia Nield and Azaria Lawton.

***Business Administration students, Azaria Lawton, Emma Hubbard and Georgia Nield, triumphed in the Customer Service, Apprentice of the Year and Student of the Year categories respectively.***

Azaria began her Level 2 Business Administration Apprenticeship at Barnsley College in November 2018. Previously employed as an Apprentice Secretary at Barnsley Sixth Form College, Azaria provided an excellent front-of-house service on reception and displayed a willingness to carry out new tasks and improve her skills.

Emma began her Business Administration Apprenticeship in February 2018, completed her Level 2 qualification ahead of schedule and is now close to completing Level 3. Emma's skills and attitude have earned her a permanent position as Health and Safety Assistant at College.

Georgia joined Barnsley College's HR department as a Level 2 Business Administration Apprentice in January 2017 with no experience or knowledge of Human Resources, but she showed commitment to her learning by attending workshops which developed her knowledge whilst

building her confidence and competence within the job role.

Georgia completed her Level 2 Apprenticeship and progressed onto the Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship before securing a permanent role of HR Assistant.

Georgia also had another reason to celebrate when she was crowned the winner of the Apprentice of the Year award in the Barnsley Chronicle's Young Champion Awards 2019.



## ***BARNSELY COLLEGE RECEIVES BTEC AWARDS RECOGNITION***

Barnsley College Principal and Chief Executive Officer Yiannis Koursis receives the BTEC Silver Award from Simon Perryman, Barnsley College's Chair of Governors.

***We celebrated winning a Silver Award in the College of the Year category at the national BTEC Awards 2019, an annual ceremony which rewards students, teachers, schools and colleges for their achievements.***

The College was shortlisted in April 2019 after being recognised for demonstrating outstanding achievements and commitment worthy of celebration through its BTEC course provision.

As a Silver Award winner, the College was commended for achieving excellent grades, demonstrating clear passion for the subjects offered and its significant contribution to the life and/or study of students through activities such as mentoring and coaching.

BTEC heralded the College for developing students' skills through additional work placements and industry experience. We were also praised for high achievement and going 'above and beyond' in our commitment to promoting extracurricular activities,

such as volunteering and entering competitions.

Yiannis Koursis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Barnsley College, said: "We are very proud to receive this award. Our mission is to transform the lives of our students and our staff work to an extremely high standard in order to make this happen. This award is a testament to the achievements of our students, the skill of our staff and the hard work of everyone connected with Barnsley College."



## SPENCER TAKES HIS ART TO THE CAPITAL

**Graphic Design student Spencer Hughes was selected to exhibit his artwork at the Origins Creative Arts Festival at the Truman Brewery in London.**

The Origins Creative Arts Festival is organised by the UAL Awarding Body and provides art lovers, critics and industry professionals from the creative sector the chance to meet original 14-18 creative talent from across the UK.

The festival promises a unique first look at the as-yet-unseen future stars of the creative scene from UK schools and FE institutions taking pre-degree creative arts subjects including Creative Media, Music, Fashion and Performing Arts.

18-year-old Spencer's graphic work, titled Anonymous

Secrets Mental Health Awareness, explores anonymous posts on the internet that can lead to mental health issues and caught the attention of the UAL Awarding Body's curators from over 360 submissions they received for the festival.

Spencer said: "At a time where mental health is taking precedence, I felt it imperative that I not only created something experimental and modern, but also informative. It was important to me that I made use of my final major project to convey a practical message, speaking out about mental health in my design language. We can all benefit from sharing knowledge and experience in the emotive subject of mental health awareness."



## BARNSLEY COLLEGE AND AMCOGIFFEN LAUNCH A NEW ACADEMY

Andries Liebenberg, Managing Director at AmcoGiffen, cuts the ribbon to open our new Academy; accompanied by students, AmcoGiffen colleagues and College staff.

The new AmcoGiffen Academy was officially launched at a special event held at the College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Centre on Old Mill Lane.

Guests had the opportunity to find out more about this new partnership between the College and AmcoGiffen, which will provide local young people with the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge within engineering.

Students at the Academy will study a Level 1 Engineering course and will be taught by the College's expert tutors. AmcoGiffen will be actively involved with the Academy by providing industry talks and site visits to their Head Office in Barnsley, as well as regularly assessing students and ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary skills to prepare them for employment. Successful students will also have the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship with AmcoGiffen.

Andries Liebenberg, Managing Director at AmcoGiffen, said: "We recognise that the industry needs to do more to raise skill levels in the UK and that all employers have an obligation to ensure that we have a skilled workforce now and in the future."

Chelle Charlesworth, Programme Manager for C-STEM at Barnsley College, added: "Academies are an excellent way to bring education and industry together and the AmcoGiffen Academy will help our students to develop their engineering skills and prepare them for the world of work. We would like to thank them for providing this amazing opportunity for our students."



## STUDENTS RAISE OVER £1,500 FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY

College staff present the cheque to Barnsley Hospital Chairman, Steve Wragg.

**Students and staff marked the 70th birthday of the National Health Service (NHS) by raising over £1,500 for the Barnsley Hospital Charity.**

Students and staff from the College's Health, Science and Social Care Professions department collected a grand total of £1,504 whilst performing a bed push around Barnsley.

The push started at the College's SciTech campus and headed past the Old Mill Lane campus and down Huddersfield Road to the Honeywell campus, before travelling up Victoria Crescent and Gawber Road to Barnsley Hospital.

After a break for photographs at the hospital, the push continued down Summer Lane to the Town End roundabout, then on Shambles Street past Barnsley Sixth Form College and Church Street campus, before returning to the SciTech campus.

Student Melissa Zemlik, 27, said: "Everyone we saw along the route was very welcoming and generous. People were opening their car windows to give us money and we collected a lot of donations at the hospital and the College campuses. My son receives ongoing support from the NHS so I know how important its services are

and was pleased to be involved in supporting the Barnsley Hospital Charity."

Steve Wragg, Barnsley Hospital Chairman, added: "It's fantastic to see students and staff coming together to help us celebrate the landmark NHS 70th anniversary. The hospital already has several links to the College and it's great to see these community links building further. The bed push was a great idea and it was a wonderful way to raise money whilst celebrating and spreading awareness, the money raised will help make a real difference to patients and their families in Barnsley."



## COLLEGE STUDENT RACES AHEAD

**Sport student Cole Kilner competed in the IAME International Karting Final in Le Mans, France, in October 2018.**

The 16-year-old took up go-karting in 2014, following in his father's footsteps who was crowned British Quad Champion. He trains with Mick Barrett Racing, where he came fifth in Kartmasters British Grand Prix and ninth in the Super 1 National Kart Championships, a premier karting championship producing many famous drivers including Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Cole raced against the very best drivers from each competing country at top speeds of 80mph. As well as working hard on his studies, Cole spent many of his weekends honing his driving skills on the track to prepare for the competition.

Cole is part of the Barnsley Sports Academy within College and has been able to access an Elite Sports Performance Bursary to fund aspects of his competition such as equipment and travel. Cole said: "It has been fantastic to follow in my dad's footsteps and compete at a high level in motorsport."

"I would like to become a top driver and progress into motor racing. I was shocked and overwhelmed when I found out I would be competing internationally, it's a very special feeling."

"The College has been really supportive with me and my driving. I've been given a grant to help towards my equipment, travel, accommodation and competition costs. Not only this, but I've had access to advice on sponsorships and promotion so that I become a better rounded athlete."



## STUDENTS QUIZ COUNCIL LEADER

**Barnsley Sixth Form College students had the opportunity to quiz Barnsley Council Leader Cllr Sir Steve Houghton CBE, during a digital surgery conducted via video link.**

The students posted pressing questions to Cllr Houghton as part of the Digital Surgeries programme, created by social enterprise The Politics Project. The Politics Project aims to transform the way in which students engage with their elected representatives by connecting students and politicians using online platforms such as Skype and Zoom.

Several preparatory workshops took place beforehand to equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to engage in politics and with their local communities.

During the hour-long surgery, Cllr Houghton discussed topics including youth service funding cuts, Brexit and perceptions of crime in Barnsley measured against statistics.

Cllr Houghton said: "It was a really challenging but enjoyable experience from which I came away impressed with the talent and quality of our young people."

The Politics Project's director and founder Harriet Andrews added: "We really enjoyed working with Barnsley Sixth Form College to hold the digital surgery with Cllr Houghton. The students asked some excellent questions and really demonstrated how engaged they were in political issues and in their community."



## PAUL'S PASSION MOTIVATES SPORT STUDENTS

Sport students with Paul Heckingbottom (second from left).

**Former Barnsley FC Player and Manager Paul Heckingbottom visited our Sport students to talk about his extensive career in football.**

Paul came to the College as an inspirational speaker to give an insight into career opportunities available in sport and management. The students took the opportunity to ask Paul questions related to coaching, athlete development and sport science.

Paul said: "I visited the College to share with students the opportunities available to them after their studies and how anything is possible with the right mind-set. It is vital for students to gain an idea of the life and commitment involved in sports. It was an honour to talk to the students and hopefully inspire the next generation."

Dan Connolly, Sport Higher Education Pathway Leader at Barnsley College, added: "We were grateful and thrilled when Paul spoke to our students about the sacrifices you have to make as a footballer and manager, and the opportunities available to our students within the sport industry. I'd really like to thank Paul for sharing his vision with our students."



## ***COLLEGE MARKETING TEAM WINS SILVER AT NATIONAL AWARDS***

Members of the Barnsley College Marketing, Communications and PR team. (L-R: Sue Tazzyman, Senior Digital Marketing Officer; Paul Spenceley, Senior Graphic Designer; Bethh Oliver, Digital Marketing Officer and Liz Smith, Senior Marketing Officer.)

### ***We celebrated winning two awards at The College Marketing Network's national FE First Awards 2018.***

Bethh Oliver, Digital Marketing Officer at Barnsley College, won the Silver Award in the Outstanding Individual category and the College won the Silver Award in the Full-time Prospectus category at the awards ceremony which was held during the College Marketing Network's Annual Conference. The FE First Awards recognise and celebrate the best in college marketing.

Bethh was nominated for the award for being a driving force in overhauling the digital and video marketing activity that the College implements. Bethh has worked hard to find methods where the College can expand its digital marketing,

enabling it to interact with the target audience in a medium they regularly use.

The College's full-time prospectus is an annual publication aimed at Year 11 students who want to study a vocational course or an apprenticeship. The 2017/18 prospectus was nominated for the award based on the success of a redesign process which was centred on stakeholder feedback received about the 2016/17 prospectus.

Rachel Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the College Marketing Network said: "Congratulations to Barnsley College for being shortlisted in both the FE First Awards categories they entered this year. The College won two Silver Awards against stiff competition, building on

the award for website development they won last year and demonstrating the all-round strength of the marketing team."

In 2017, the College was highly commended in the Website Development category at the awards ceremony. The 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.

## STUDENTS RECREATE RETURN FROM THE FRONT

**Travel and Tourism and Acting for Touring Theatre students successfully launched a living history event to remember the end of World War One (WW1).**

The Home from the Front installation at Elsecar Heritage Centre provided an authentic recreation by using a steam locomotive No.813, built in 1904 in Leeds, and Great North of Scotland No.34, a six-wheel railway carriage for the event.

Acting for Touring Theatre students played the role of the demobilisation of troops, nurses and others around the UK between 1918 and 1920.

Oliver Edwards, a Travel and Tourism student and Co-Organiser, said: "The event has helped strengthen relationships between students and the wider community. We are grateful to all our partners for their help in making this event a success. It has definitely provided me with experience I can use in the future."

Neil Johnson, Head of Service Industries at Barnsley College, added: "The students' behaviour and attitude was exemplary. They really got into their roles and gave the public a realistic experience of life during World War One. Each student played their part in helping achieve the aims and objectives of the event, making it a huge success."



## CATERING STUDENTS COOK AT SPEED

**Eleven Catering students gained valuable catering experience at the Goodwood Festival of Speed 2019.**

Under the supervision of the College's Catering and Hospitality Course Leader, Martyn Hollingsworth, the students helped produce and dispatch dishes that catered for more than 1,000 people, including chef and television presenter James Martin and Princess Beatrice of York.

The festival was held over a week with students cooking and preparing breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with a variety of classic and modern cuisine such as caramelised onion and fig tart, poached eggs, cheeseboards and seafood.

Oliver Barrett, 19, said: "To be able to cater for these big numbers we had to be cooking and preparing at 6.30am every day. I am very honoured to have experienced this occasion and I'd like to thank my Barnsley College tutors for making it happen."

Martyn Hollingsworth added: "Catering for such a high-profile event was a challenge for me and I'm highly-qualified and experienced, so for our students to take on the challenge and do such a wonderful job is extraordinary. They worked to professional standards throughout the week and were praised by industry experts for their diligence and remarkable work ethic."





## STUDENTS SHOWCASE ARTWORK AT BARNSELY'S COOPER GALLERY

L-R: Yiannis Koursis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer at Barnsley College; Danya Bילו, Art and Design Student and Liz Leek, Vice Principal Curriculum and Culture at Barnsley College.

### **Art and Design students showcased their 'Plot to Print' exhibition at the Cooper Gallery.**

This exhibition was a collection of print-based works produced by Level 3 Art and Design students in response to their research into the centenary year of The Land Facilities Act, 1919, as well as The Allotments Act, 1922, farming, agriculture and growing produce.

The collection of work featured different print techniques including lino cut, wood cut, collograph, etching, intaglio and mono print-based works.

The College's Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Yiannis Koursis, and Vice Principal of Curriculum and Culture, Liz Leek, were invited along to judge the students' work and award certificates for the best in print. They were extremely impressed by all of the students' work but narrowed it down to four best in print winners: Danya Bילו (17), Luke Frostick (17), Louisa Clarke (17) and Niall Monks (16). The students were presented with a certificate and art supplies to encourage their developing artistic skills.

Liz said: "The examples the students have created are so brilliant in the variety of colour, texture and perspective. I am extremely proud of the work they have produced and I am so glad to have been asked to come and judge it."



## COLLEGE HOSTS EVENING WITH BARNSELY FC

L-R: Kyle Walker, Creative Media student and Bobby Hassell, Academy Manager at Barnsley FC.

**South Yorkshire's new online radio station The Vibe, supported by Barnsley College, hosted an Audience with Barnsley FC, where former Chief Executive Gauthier Ganaye talked about his role within the football club.**

The special event was hosted by Carlo and Chris from The Vibe's The Red's Report show and Barnsley Creative Media student Kyle Walker. Special guest Gauthier was joined by Barnsley FC's Academy Manager, Bobby Hassell, and Under 23s Head Coach, Martin Devaney. The 130 attendees took the opportunity to ask questions and network with fellow Barnsley FC fans.

The event raised over £250 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance on behalf of Barnsley FC fan Steve Croft, the volunteer who suffered a heart attack at Oakwell in September.

He was saved by medical staff from both clubs as well as paramedics before being airlifted to hospital by an air ambulance which landed on the pitch.

Steve said: "The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is run by voluntary donations and it costs over £12,000 a day to keep both of Yorkshire Air Ambulance's helicopters maintained and in the air. It was a brilliant event and the support from Barnsley FC and the College has been amazing."

Lee Barber, Barnsley College Media Teacher and The Vibe Radio Manager, added: "It was great to see so many fans attend the evening. A big thanks to Carlo, Chris and Kyle for hosting, and for the technical staff who worked tirelessly to ensure it went ahead as smoothly as possible."



## ***COLLEGE STUDENTS CAUSE A STORM***

***Our Performing Arts students performed Youthquake at The Civic as part of a collaboration with Zest Theatre, a national touring theatre company creating eye-opening new work for young people.***

The production, exploring Teen Britain in the 21st Century, took two years to produce and featured audio from 800 young adults who were interviewed across the country, as well as a thread through one of the voices of the young people in the show that is Barnsley specific, ensuring Barnsley's story was told on a national scale.

The performance used the words and opinions of young people in an attempt to ask what it actually means to change the world, touching on a variety of subjects from social media and body

positivity, to politics and education.

Catherine Fowles, Producer at Zest Theatre, said: "The young people are the backbone of the performance; if we didn't have the young people then we wouldn't have a show.

"Barnsley College's involvement has been the pinnacle of making the show happen in Barnsley. The team at Zest are really impressed by the students' progress, their performative journeys have just been incredible."

Considered a particularly contemporary performance, Youthquake has proven its prominence with a range of audiences as adults have responded strongly, sharing the show's ability to alter their perceptions and how they teach or parent.



## ***PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR ROYAL BRITISH LEGION***

***Level 3 Public Services students took part in the Lake District Challenge to raise £500 for the Royal British Legion.***

The three-day challenge included abseiling 100ft at Cathedral Quarry, kayaking on Lake Windermere and participating in the Via Ferrata at Honister Slate Mine – an extreme mountain climbing challenge.

Charlotte Pickering, a Level 3 Public Services student, said: "The challenge was an amazing way to end the College year. I learnt to never give up, we all pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones to complete each challenge. The activities brought the group together and we have all bonded making great memories that will last a lifetime."

Jed Wright, HE Teaching Associate at Barnsley College, added: "The students showed great resilience and enthusiasm in all the activities; they displayed personal growth developing a range of skills to support them in the next steps in their uniformed services career."



## ***STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ANDREW BARTON'S MASTERCLASS***

***Celebrity Hairdresser and former Barnsley College student Andrew Barton returned to showcase his expertise and talk about his extensive career in hairdressing at a special event.***

Andrew visited as an inspirational speaker to talk to current Hair and Beauty students about his career path and give tips on being successful within the competitive industry, as part of his Andrew Barton London Education (ABLE) contemporary training programme.

ABLE was created to meet the needs of full-time students or apprentices and the programme gives students an extended qualification linked to the

hairdressing industry. During the event, Andrew awarded certificates to the first graduating class of ABLE.

Andrew started the event by sharing how his hairdressing journey began as an apprentice who trained with the College. He later carried out live demonstrations that showed his modern twist on creative cutting, styling and dying.

Dane Haywood, a Level 3 Hairdressing Apprentice, won the opportunity to work with Andrew at the event. Dane said: "I have followed in Andrew's footsteps by completing the same apprenticeship at Moodyhair in Barnsley so was honoured to support Andrew at the event.

The ABLE programme has not only developed my hairdressing skills but also given me experience on how a successful business operates."

Andrew added: "I visited the College as part of the syllabus for the ABLE programme which was exclusively launched at Barnsley College, the first in the UK to have the ABLE scholarship, and as part of that the students get to spend the day with me and I get to spend the day with them.

"It's really exciting to share new techniques and ideas and also to touch base with the ABLE students who are following the scholarship."



## ***CREATIVE STUDENTS GAIN INDUSTRY INSIGHT***

Barnsley College students Milena Dabrowska and Kurtis Gill with Artist Jenny Beard (middle).

***We played host to a week-long range of talks and workshops with 18 of the top names in the creative industries to give students an insight into the careers they aspire to join.***

The week-long event was organised by the Creative Industries and Enterprise departments to allow students from Art and Design and Media, Music and Performing Arts courses to hear from industry experts. This included professionals such as Everly Pregnant Brothers' lead singer, Shaun Doane; Emmerdale's First Assistant Director, Rachel Jovanovic; and Camera Operator, Amy Lowes.

The week also included specialist workshops such as a music masterclass

with Musical Director Dave Culling; Graphic Design skills with Ginger Fox Studios; and Chinese Dance training with the Wanlin Dance School.

These workshops helped the students develop their skills within their chosen discipline.

Event organiser Kat Jackson, Senior Tutorial Team Leader at Barnsley College, said: "Industry week has been an opportunity for Barnsley College to showcase a variety of professionals who work in the Creative Industries as an influential tool for raising aspirations with our students. Across the departments we cater for a wide and diverse career sector covering Fashion, iMedia, Music, Photography, Graphic

Design, Games Design, Journalism, Dance, Performing Arts and Film and TV and it was great to be able to host professionals from all of these backgrounds.

"Some of the Creative Industry Week highlights included Jenny Beard, a former Barnsley College Art student, who has just had her first solo art show at the Civic; Kay Heeley a business woman who creates fashion show pieces for Jane Macdonald, and Composer Chris Haigh who creates music for film and games trailers. The students who attended the sessions were thrilled at the variety of talks and workshops and found the week both educational and enjoyable."



## COLLEGE STUDENT SKATES TO SUCCESS

**Public Services student Yasmin Demircek set her sights on competing in the National Ice Skating Association's Oxford Open in October 2018.**

The 18-year-old took up figure skating after her mum took her to public sessions, where she recognised her love for the sport. After completing her level one to ten grades she developed a skater's control and balance which demands lots of practice, patience and time.

Yasmin will compete against some of the best figure skaters on the national circuit at the prestigious competition. Currently part of the Ice Sheffield Club, to prepare for the competition she has a gruelling training

routine, with eight hours of sessions on the ice each week and strength training at the gym.

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

Yasmin said: "The College understands the demands of ice skating and is always encouraging me to develop further. Barnsley Sports Academy has made me become more confident and helped fund aspects of an expensive sport through the College's Elite Sport Bursary."



## COLLEGE RACE FOR LIFE RAISES OVER £4,000

**An event organised by Barnsley College saw 500 pupils from Barnsley-based primary schools take to the race track to raise over £4,000 for Race for Life, Cancer Research UK.**

The event took place at Dorothy Hyman Stadium in Cudworth where students and staff from Barnsley College were joined by pupils from Kexborough Primary School, Meadstead Primary Academy, St. Helen's Primary Academy, Laithes Primary School, Churchfield Primary School and Greenfield Primary School.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a series of events raising money for research into all 200 types of cancer. Over the past 20 years, more than 8 million people have taken part in the Race for Life, raising over £547 million to fund the charity's life-saving work.

Amy Daniels, Hair and Beauty Course Leader at Barnsley College and Race for Life runner, said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole team at Barnsley College who organised this event and well done to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. The money we have raised will help Cancer Research UK make a real difference."

Amanda Sowerby, Barnsley College Sports Maker and event organiser, added: "The Race for Life event was a great success and I am proud of what we have all achieved. The fact the money we raised will go to helping Cancer Research UK fight cancer makes everyone feel proud."



## ***BARNSELY COLLEGE AND ITS GROUP COME TOGETHER***

Barnsley College Chair of Governors Simon Perryman (left) and Martin Hornshaw, Chair of Trustees for the ITS Group, sign the contract watched by staff and governors from both organisations.

***ITS Group was incorporated by Barnsley College as a wholly owned subsidiary in February 2019, maximising the strengths and shared values of both organisations whilst building on a long-standing relationship.***

Joining with ITS Group provides further opportunities for students in the form of an additional employer-led delivery infrastructure to enhance our existing successful apprenticeship offer. ITS Group will benefit from the College's resources and investment for growth, whilst both organisations will retain

their individual identities and complementary offers.

Yiannis Kouris, Principal and Chief Executive Officer at Barnsley College, said: "We are looking forward to working with ITS Group to offer a complete education solution to local people and businesses. The coming together of both organisations will mean an opportunity for a greater pool of strengths and experience to support long-term growth for the region. We will form a responsive organisation which will make a positive impact on Barnsley and the wider region."

Dr Chris Payne, former Chief Executive Officer of the ITS Group, added: "The coming together of Barnsley College and ITS Group is a positive decision which will certainly benefit local people, businesses and the community".

"Our common accord is to develop career pathways for young people whilst raising the workforce skill level and productivity for employers. We look forward to working with Barnsley College."



## ***PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS ARE PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES***

***Our Public Services students took part in the Royal Marines 'Look at Life' course, where they embarked on an intensive week-long training exercise with one of the UK's elite forces, the Royal Marine Commandos.***

The students participated in a variety of activities including the famous Royal Marine Commandos endurance course, and the challenging bottom field and assault course, all done at the Royal Marines training centre in Devon.

This rare opportunity allowed students with aspirations of joining the military to learn the basic skills of a Royal Marine Commando and train with potential Royal Marines undergoing basic training with the supervision of some of the Royal Marines' most experienced instructors.

Megan Slater, a Level 3 Public Services student, said: "As the only girl on this trip, I found it very daunting but after the first day I was fine. The course is a good insight of what a Marine's life is

like. The training camp makes you want to push yourself to your limits and makes you realise that you can do more than you actually thought."

Luke Hellewell, Public Services tutor at Barnsley College, added: "All students pushed themselves both physically and mentally within what is considered to be one of the longest and most arduous basic training programmes in the world. The students were a credit to themselves and the College."



## ***CONCORDE LANDS IN BARNLSLEY***

***Travel and Tourism students are now able to visit Concorde after the College's Learning Technologies Unit and Travel and Tourism departments created a full 360° virtual reality tour.***

The virtual reality tour will allow students the opportunity to gain knowledge of the Concorde aircraft as well as taking a tour of the plane from their classroom at any time.

Concorde was the first supersonic passenger-carrying commercial airplane, built jointly by aircraft manufacturers in Great Britain and France.

The College worked closely with Manchester Airport Visitor Park staff to create a tour of the plane both internally and externally to enable students to be able to visually reflect on their visit to the airport and use the tour as a vital tool to aid revision.

Rebekah Morris, Travel and Tourism Curriculum Leader at Barnsley College, said: "Our courses are about engaging our students. We focus on ensuring our students gain industry relevant skills and knowledge and the 360° virtual reality tour is a way of enabling this."

Rob Lea, eSystems Technologist at Barnsley College, added: "It's been an educational experience to work closely with the Travel and Tourism students and it's wonderful to see them grow in confidence and skills.

"All of our students will benefit from virtual reality whether they are studying dance, sport, construction or healthcare and early years and we'll be working with departments to use digital technology in innovative ways to enhance student learning."



## THE VIBE GOES LIVE

L-R: The Vibe Radio Managers Aaron Outram and Lee Barber with guest Stephanie Hirst in the station.

**A VIP launch party marked the beginning of Barnsley's new online radio station, The Vibe, supported by Barnsley College.**

Guests including radio presenter and former Barnsley College student Stephanie Hirst, came to the College to celebrate the launch of the town's new indie music radio station. Based in the heart of Barnsley, the station plays purely indie music and presents shows for everyone including local comedians Pete and Chris' The Indie Annual, The Opium Hour and The Reds Report.

The radio station was created by Barnsley College Media Teacher and The Vibe Radio Manager Lee Barber, who has extensive experience in the radio industry. Lee said: "The Vibe originated after a meeting I had with an indie-rock station in London last year. I knew that this type of music would work well in the Yorkshire area and quite a few of our students would buy into it. As soon as I got back to Barnsley, the project began.

"The radio station serves two main purposes. One is to allow students to gain valuable experience in broadcasting, alongside developing soft skills such as communication, team-work and time management. The second is that it allows the College to integrate itself within the community by giving local musicians, broadcasters and comedians a space to communicate with the town. Our policy is that we look for passionate, creative people who have something to prove and stories to tell."

The Vibe is available online, on mobile and via smart speakers. For more information or to get involved in the station go to [www.barnsley.ac.uk/the-vibe](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/the-vibe) or find them on Facebook and Twitter @TheVibeBarnsley.



## STUDENTS COMPLETE NEW-LOOK APPRENTICESHIP

L-R: Apprentice Stacey Pelling (left) with College Trainer Karen Fowler.

**We became the first provider in the country to successfully support students through a new-look NCFE Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship programme.**

Nine students completed the Level 2 apprenticeship using the new End Point Assessment (EPA) which has replaced continual assessment throughout the programme.

The EPA is designed to test whether each apprentice has gained certain skills, knowledge and behaviours during their studies.

The Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship is designed for those who are currently, or wish to be, employed as Care Workers in residential or nursing homes, home care, day centres or a clinical healthcare setting.

Trainer Karen Fowler said: "I am very proud of each and every one of the students who worked so hard both during the programme and to complete the EPA. The new format of the programme was a step into the unknown for everyone but the students managed to overcome obstacles with the valuable support of our trainers and our Exams and IT Services departments."



## MEDIA STUDENTS ARE TOP OF THE LEAGUE

***Creative Media Production students Matty Hugill, Kyle Walker and Karl Wellbelove came out on top at the Young Audio and Radio Industry Awards (Young ARIAs), winning the Best in Sport category for their football show on online radio station, The Vibe.***

The students travelled to London to attend the Young ARIAs ceremony at the BBC Radio Theatre, where they beat two other shortlisted sport radio shows to the title of Best in Sport.

The prestigious event was hosted by Matt Edmondson and Kiss FM's Daisy Maskell with the awards presented by big names in the radio industry including Mollie King, Sara Cox, Richie Anderson and Jack Pepper.

The three College students run their own radio show, Everything Football, outside of their studies, with the weekly show dissecting the upcoming football fixtures, delving deep into the latest rumours and debates and discussing tough topics in the world of football.

To be shortlisted for the Best in Sport award the students needed to demonstrate, through their submission of content, that they and their show lives, breathes, eats and sleeps sport.

To then be in with a shot of winning they had to prove their passion and expertise in sport reporting, commentary, debate, interview or documentary and exhibit in-depth knowledge of their subject producing a show that is both informative and entertaining.

The judges saw all of these traits in the Everything Football show stating: "They have really great engaging discussions, a professional manner and natural feel to the show. You can really tell how passionate they are about the subject."

Lee Barber, Barnsley College Media Teacher and The Vibe Radio Manager, suggested that the students enter the Young ARIAs for the work they have done on the show and their coverage of hard-hitting subject matter such as sexism and racism in football.

Lee said: "This is a brilliant achievement for the lads and brilliant news for The Vibe in general. To have an award-winning show on our schedule this early on is fantastic. The three students should be very proud of themselves."



## ***PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS***

Student Ashley Angel with former Barnsley College Chair of Governors Frank Johnston.

***Our Public Services students were presented awards for Special Recognition, Public Services Student of the Year and the Johnston Award for Outstanding Achievement.***

Award winners at the ceremony included James Banks, Tyler Brettner, Charlotte Dunn, Zak Edim, Josh Martin Smith, Beth Simmons and Charlotte Williams.

The prestigious Johnston Award, sponsored by the former Barnsley College Chair of Governors, Frank Johnston, was presented to Ashley

Angel. Ashley, a Level 2 Public Services student, impressed Frank with his dedication and enthusiasm for the course and his ambitions for a career in the Police Force.

Frank gave an inspirational speech about careers within the Public Services and encouraged the students to be proud of their roots at Barnsley College.

Frank said: "I was thrilled to be asked to speak as I am passionate about Barnsley College and the Public Services. I sponsor the award as I come from a military and policing background so I

understand the importance of students being recognised for their outstanding achievements. The ceremony provided a fitting tribute to those students who go above and beyond in their studies and in College life."

Ashley added: "I am very shocked and happy to have won the award and it's an honour to be part of the awards ceremony. The course has prepared me for my career in the Police Force, I have a lot to thank Barnsley College for."

## TUTOR RICHARD SET FOR GERMAN EXHIBITION

**Barnsley Sixth Form College Art tutor Richard Kitson exhibited his work in Barnsley's twin town, Schwäbisch Gmünd, in Germany.**

The exhibition, entitled Richard Kitson: Portraits, ran for six weeks in the Labor im Chor gallery within the Museum und Galerie im Prediger.

Richard was invited to stage the exhibition after members of the Barnsley Schwäbisch Gmünd Twin Town Society saw his work on display at The Cooper Gallery during a visit to South Yorkshire in 2018. The German visitors were so impressed that Richard then received an official invitation from the Lord Mayor of Schwäbisch Gmünd,

Richard Arnold, to exhibit his work in Germany.

Richard Kitson said: "I feel very fortunate to have exhibited my work in Schwäbisch Gmünd. I think it is important to maintain and build new cultural links and it was good to get to know our twin town and its people."

The exhibition at the Labor im Chor gallery was Richard's first international solo exhibition. In 2018, he was selected to participate in Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year and has already painted several notable figures including Barnsley MP and South Yorkshire Mayor Dan Jarvis MBE and Paralympic Gold medallist Kadeena Cox MBE.



## **BARNSLEY COLLEGE GIVES A WARM RECEPTION TO VISITORS FROM NORWAY**

Staff from our Learning for Living and Work and Foundation Learning departments have shared their knowledge and experiences of education with visitors from Stend High School in Bergen, Norway.



## ***TUTOR NETS AWARD FOR COACHING EXCELLENCE***

***Sport tutor Amy Horsfield won the Yorkshire Netball Teacher Award for outstanding contribution to netball at the Golden Globe Awards.***

The award recognises those who have made an outstanding contribution to netball outside of their statutory teaching responsibilities.

Amy, a Level 2 Netball Coach, has helped develop the College's Netball Academy with record numbers of students participating in the sport and taking up volunteering opportunities outside of College.

Amy is currently Assistant Head Coach at Sheffield Hallam University, Under 13 Lead Coach at Dronfield Netball Club and is part of the South Yorkshire Performance Pathway, which has enabled her to develop links for current students.

Amy's work at College and in the Yorkshire area is part of a wider effort to inspire more girls to immerse themselves within the sport.

Amy said: "It's a great honour to receive this award. There are many fantastic volunteers who have definitely played a part leading up to this achievement. I hope by developing netball at Barnsley College we can raise the profile of the sport.

"We currently have students who are volunteering alongside me at the South Yorkshire Performance Pathway, it's been a great opportunity for them to gain experience.

"This has inspired some of the girls to join netball clubs and complete their coaching qualifications."



## ***SIXTH FORMER DOMINIC ADDRESSES PARLIAMENT***

### ***Barnsley Sixth Form College student Dominic Jones spoke on behalf of local youngsters in the House of Commons.***

Dominic is a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for Barnsley and was involved in a discussion about lowering the voting age to 16 at the annual MYP debate.

The debate was chaired by the then Speaker of the House of Commons, the Right Honourable John Bercow MP, and broadcast live on BBC Parliament. Prominent politicians including Jeremy Corbyn and Diane Abbott watched the

debates and Andrea Leadsom, Valerie Vaz and Wes Streeting gave speeches from the dispatch box.

For Dominic, who studied A Levels in History, Politics and Sociology at the Sixth Form College, the experience provided a day to remember.

He said: "It was a fantastic feeling to represent the young people of Barnsley and act as a voice for them in Parliament. It was an honour simply to be at the debate and I was very lucky to also be asked to speak.

"I am very proud of the way we, as MYPs, are engaging with young people in Barnsley. The latest Make Your Mark survey was completed by 11,000 11 to 18-year olds in Barnsley, which amounted to 48 per cent of people in this age group within our town.

"This was both the highest total and highest percentage in Barnsley since the survey was introduced in 2011, a fact which demonstrates the political awareness of young people in Barnsley."



## STUDENTS SHINE ON GRADUATION DAY

Photo by Gavin Joynt.

### **Barnsley College students were honoured in our annual Graduation ceremonies.**

Led by a local brass band, graduands processed from the Old Mill Lane campus to The Civic whilst being regaled by cheering and applause from members of the public and local business representatives who lined the streets to support them.

The ceremony, for those students who completed Higher Education courses, 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.

Liz Leek, Vice Principal of Curriculum and Culture at Barnsley College, congratulated each and every graduand and praised their hard work, dedication and resilience. She said: "I would like to congratulate all the graduands and wish them well in their chosen careers."

## BARNSELY COLLEGE SHORTLISTED IN EDUCATE NORTH AWARDS 2019

**We were shortlisted in the Further Education College of the Year category in the Educate North Awards 2019.**

The award recognises one leading further education institution within the North of the UK that can demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas of teaching, student experience, innovation and economic impact.

Yiannis Koursis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Barnsley College, said: "I am really proud of our staff who work tirelessly to transform the lives of our students. To be shortlisted for this award acknowledges that hard work."

## FUNDING BOOST PROMISES IMPROVED FACILITIES

**We are fortunate to be one of 11 providers to receive funding from the Department of Education.**

£2.2million will be invested in a new Digital Innovation Hub and will also contribute towards the delivery of new technical courses (T Levels) and the development of our digital curriculum.

Yiannis Koursis, Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Barnsley College, said: "We are elated to have been awarded this additional funding so we can prepare our buildings and ensure our students continue to learn in state-of-the-art facilities when they join the College in September 2020."

Barnsley College is one of only 54 colleges, and the only college in South Yorkshire, to offer T Levels from September 2020.



## ***COLLEGE AND YOUTH CHOIR JOIN TOGETHER IN HARMONY***

L-R: Chris Webb, former Barnsley College Principal and Chief Executive Officer and Mat Wright MBE.

***We began backing the creation of musical opportunities for the town's young people by sponsoring Barnsley Youth Choir.***

The College's sponsorship will allow around 400 children to continue their involvement with the choir and enable others to access the opportunities available.

The choir has developed an outstanding international reputation and is now ranked fourth in the world. Children from the age of four are involved in high-quality musical experiences and are international ambassadors for Barnsley. The choir is a registered charity and relies on the support of local organisations,

businesses and people to remain viable as, although the costs of being involved are very low, a significant number of young people struggle to meet them.

Mat Wright MBE, Artistic Director of Barnsley Youth Choir, said: "We are relishing an opportunity to work in partnership with Barnsley College, which is an outstanding organisation with an excellent reputation. This support will enable us to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to be involved with Barnsley Youth Choir, no matter what their financial circumstances are.

"The two organisations share similar values and are passionate about providing the very best for young

people in our borough. This financial support will have a significant impact on some of our most vulnerable members and we hope that this marks the beginning of a longer term relationship. We would publicly like to thank the College for this wonderful support."

Chris Webb, former Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Barnsley College, added: "Barnsley Youth Choir is a superb organisation which facilitates the musical development of our town's young people whilst giving them valuable life experiences. We are proud to support the choir and look forward to seeing its success continue."



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