

# DEFINING FUTURES

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to the latest edition of the Defining Futures Newsletter which provides an overview of college activities from when we returned to college after Easter until the May half-term break.**

Students are now nearing the end of the academic year and have been preparing for their exams but have still found time to take part in enrichment activities to enhance their learning - bakery students paid a visit to a major production company in Evesham, cookery students took part in a ration pack challenge with chefs from the Royal Logistics Corps, and health and social care students raised money to buy bedding sets for homeless children.

A construction apprentice who is in the unique position of working for the company that is building the £1.93 million extension to our construction block - where he's studying for his professional qualification - gave his views on the benefits of apprenticeships in a feature in the Express & Star.

Read more on these stories from **page 2**

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## Electric Vehicle and Green Technologies Training Centre hits the road

**A classic DeLorean car, as seen in the film Back to the Future, was the star of the show at the launch of our new Electric Vehicle and Green Technologies Centre at Bentley Bridge in Wednesfield.**

The centre, which offers courses from beginner to advanced level, was officially opened by Jane Stevenson, MP for Wolverhampton North East, and Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands, and was attended by around 150 guests from partner organisations and the local automotive industry.

**Read more here**



## Discovery Day - Friday 1 July

**We're looking forward to welcoming new students for the start of the 2022/23 academic year in September, however, because that's still a few months away, we're holding a Discovery Day on Friday, 1 July, to give them a taste of college life in advance!**



The day will be an opportunity to meet their tutors and new classmates, have a tour of the campus, find out where their classroom and training area is, take part in activities relating to their chosen subject, and tuck-in to a free lunch in the college canteen.



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## IN THE NEWS...

### STUDENTS GET A TASTE FOR BAKERY PRODUCTION AT DAWN FOODS

**Bakery students were given an insight into how a major production company operates during a visit to Dawn Foods in Eversham.**

Students studying for the Level 2 and Level 3 diploma in professional bakery and the bakery and patisserie foundation degree were given a tour of the factory, attended a product presentation, took part in a discussion about latest industry trends, and got hands-on with frosting, sprinkles and chocolate decorations during a practical session.

[Read more about the visit here](#)



### CATERING STUDENTS FALL IN LINE FOR ARMY RATION PACK CHALLENGE

**Cookery students learnt how army chefs produce meals for soldiers when they took part in a ration pack challenge run by 167 Catering Support Regiment, part of the Royal Logistics Corps, which provides catering to the Regular Army and Army Reserve.**

The group of 13 students, who are studying for a Level 2 diploma in professional cookery, were provided with ration packs which the army use to feed their soldiers when training or on operations, as well as bread, potatoes, eggs, vegetables, flour, cream and chocolate, and were given two hours to plan a menu and produce a three-course meal.

[Find out more about the challenge here](#)



### KIND-HEARTED STUDENTS DONATE BEDDING TO HOMELESS CHILDREN

**Kind-hearted health and social care students organised a series of fundraising events to raise money to buy sets of bedding for children who have been subjected to domestic abuse and homelessness.**

The group of 16 students, who are studying for Level 1 diplomas in health and social care, organised a raffle and cake and samosa sale to raise money for The Haven which supports women and children across the city who are vulnerable to domestic violence, homelessness and abuse.

[Read more here](#)



### APPRENTICE GAINING SKILLS ON COLLEGE BUILD

**For 19-year-old trainee site manager Jacob Ellis, doing an apprenticeship at Wolverhampton-based company Interclass Plc has put him in the unique position of working on a £1.93million construction project at City of Wolverhampton College, where he's studying for his professional qualifications!**

Jacob, who is working towards a Level 4 construction site supervisor apprenticeship standard, combines working for Interclass – which has the contract to build two new mezzanine training areas in the construction block at the college's Wellington Road campus – with studying for a Level 4 HNC in construction and the built environment on a day-release basis.

[Find out more about what Jacob had to say here](#)



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## Student Stories

We're always keen to hear from students about how their courses are going and what plans they have for the future.

Since the last edition of the newsletter we've had an update from A Level and creative arts students on how their second term is going, been tempted by the delicious cakes made by students on the bakery foundation degree course, spoken to beauty students who are hoping to start their own businesses after completing their qualifications, had a chat to a barbering student who's been so inspired by his tutors that he wants to become a tutor himself in the future, and heard from a digital marketing apprentice on how what she's learning is helping her in her job.

To read more about what they have to say and their plans for the future, click on their pictures below:



**Paulina Patzova**  
A Levels



**Abdus Wahij**  
A Levels



**Adam Cater**  
Games design



**Alex Pavey**  
Music technology



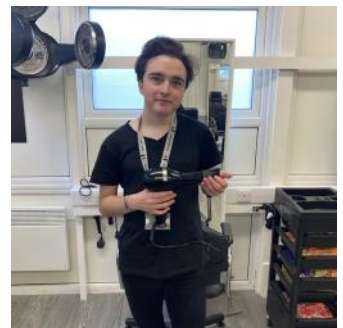
**Rhiannon Cooper**  
Photography



**Preeti Jhali**  
Bakery



**Comfort Komape**  
Bakery



**Liam Davis**  
Barbering



**Ayesha Paul**  
Beauty



**Laura Dwyer**  
Digital marketing apprentice



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