



# COLLEGE

## Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE FROM TERESA GLYNN, DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

It has been a very positive year at College, with learners accessing increased off site learning, volunteering and work. They enjoyed a wonderful Prom and we all celebrated our leavers and continuing learners at Graduation. We are now focussing on all preparation for the start of the new academic year. I am delighted to introduce new Lecturers: Melina who started with us in May and Robinne starts in August. A couple of our LSA staff have moved on; we wish them every success in their new careers. We are currently recruiting and begin interviews on 24th July. I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment and hard work over the past year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the College Governing Body for their support and guidance and direction. I look forward to seeing you all when we return in September, have a lovely summer.

### Monthly LEARNER Award

#### Group 1 – Ahmed

For improving your College attendance

#### Group 2 – Ollie

For your hard work and dedication to your work placement

#### Group 3 – Daniela

Effort to work and not give up

#### Employee of the month:

Zain - you have worked responsibility, with great maturity



# Group 1

During this academic year, Group 1 have undertaken a range of exciting City & Guilds Units. They were able to develop greater confidence in the community by using public transport. They each had the opportunity to use the bus and train to visit local parks in Bishop's Stortford and Harlow. Our group visited a range of settings such as Outdoor pursuits, places of worship and places of interest such as the sea life centre. The purpose of the visits was to learn about how to behave in the community; to build confidence in travelling; and develop interests outside of college.

The learners engaged beautifully with their Independent Living Skills lessons where they had weekly shop, cook and eat sessions. It was good fun planning recipes and shopping lists before going to a local supermarket to find the ingredients. The learners then made a wide range of dishes such as chorizo pilaf, stir fry, pizza and Thai green chicken curry. The learners are encouraged to work together to create the dish and then enjoy this shared meal together. Thank you for a wonderful year Group 1. - **Vicki**



# Group 2

This year the learners in Group 2 have been working towards 4 units in the City and Guilds Personal Progress award, these cover work skills, independent living skills, using the community and problem solving. The learners have been on a number of community visits including to a pumpkin patch, bird sanctuary, local church and paradise wildlife park. During these visits and other college sessions, the learners have learnt to make choices, identify solutions to problems and relate to others in a variety of sessions. All learners have engaged well in their learning and it has been great to see their enjoyment, and watch them develop in skills and confidence as the year has progressed. - **Corrina**





## Group 3

Since I started teaching in Group 3 in May, we have been busy learning about the 'World around Us'. During these sessions our topic has been developing our understanding of our local area. The learners have engaged well throughout. They enjoyed learning more about the St Elizabeth's centre; what is local to us; and the Henry Moore Foundation. They have created informative fact files, created beautiful sculptures out of clay and have developed their research and discussion skills.

It has also been my absolute pleasure to facilitate learning around their health and well-being. The learners have learnt about healthy eating and healthy relationships. The learners have also had the opportunity to practice mindfulness, taking part in a number of calming activities, including mindful breathing, meditation and mindful colouring. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. - **Melina**





## Community Visits

Group 1 & 3 have had a great half term visiting their local library in Ware. Every fortnight the learners developed the routine of returning and selecting new books. On the alternate weeks they were able to explore the wilderness of local parks such as Great Notley. This was great fun as the park had equipment that they could use to develop their fitness by moving, spinning and jumping.

Group 2 have developed a greater awareness of financial independence during their weekly Tesco's and Costa visits. They very much looked forward to buying a snack or magazine of their choice each week.

Group 1 & 3 had a fantastic time at Hollywood bowling while we had the heatwave and had great fun being competitive with one another to who could get the most strikes!



## St Elizabeth's Charity Shop

Our learners have been gaining work experience at our charity shops. A big thank you to the staff and the Harlow and Ware branches. The shops have been able to expose our young people to understanding the world of work by undertaking work experience. A typical day at the shop could be from talking to customers to sorting the clothes.

One of our learners expressed his enjoyment at his time at the shop and liked the responsibility he had. He checked the quality of the clothes and then ensured the clothes sizes matched the size number on the hanger.

Another learner has helped to reorganise the entertainments section in the Ware shop. He made a huge difference in making this area more appealing to the customers.





## The Drawing Room

It has been a wonderful year in The Drawing Room. The learners have made some lovely creations and learnt lots of new skills. The first project they undertook was to make a utensil holder from clay. They developed the skills to roll the clay to the correct depth and sticking the clay together using 'slip'. Slip is old clay mixed with water that acts like a glue. Learners then decorated the vases using different instruments to make different textures.

The final part of the process was glazing it with their choice of colours.

Another learning activity was designing an apron to wear for their cookery lessons. The design themes were food. The learners become increasingly more confident drawing fruit and vegetables and it was wonderful watching them draw and then make those improvements to make it even better by adding more detail.

In addition, the creativity continued by designing a tea pot using London themed transfers. The learners had to carefully choose and cut around the design and follow the instructions to apply it without creases. It required a lot of concentration!

The last project of the year was to make and decorate a cake plate using all their new skills, ready for the graduation celebration. The learners raised over £70 for their work during the summer fayre which is a fantastic achievement!



## Ashvale

In Ashvale this term the learners have been getting their produce ready to sell. They have been collecting and washing the chicken eggs, washing produce such as onions and garlic, and putting price tags onto the tomato plants that they grew last term.

This week each group have gone out to the school, college, supported living bungalows, and down into the main corridor to the offices to sell their items. They were really happy with the amount of food they sold.



HELLO  
SUMMER!