

IAIN WOLLOFF IS APPOINTED NEW PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to announce the replacement for Anne Murdoch, who retires in February 2018 after 17 years in post. Currently the Deputy Principal at Farnborough College of Technology, Iain Wolloff will join us on 1st February and take over as Principal on 10th February when Anne officially retires.

Commenting on the appointment, Corporation Chair, Geoff Knappett, said: "Governors, staff and students were all involved in the selection process, and we were fortunate enough to have a high

number of strong applicants to choose from – a testimony to the excellent reputation Newbury College has in further education circles. Anne will be a tough act to follow, but we are confident that Iain has the experience and skills necessary to continue the College's upward path to outstanding."

Farnborough College of Technology is an outstanding institution and has been in the top 10% of all colleges nationally for the last seven years. In his role as Deputy, Iain has been instrumental in all aspects

of quality improvement and established the University Centre at Farnborough, which offers 43 foundation and honour degrees in a range of subject areas.

"I am delighted to be joining Newbury College at such an exciting time," said Iain. "After the recent inspection confirmed the high quality of the College's work, I look forward to working alongside the fantastic students, staff and governors to continue the success story."



Picture: Principal, Iain Wolloff, officially takes post on 01 February 2018

INTRODUCING...

HAZEL CASSEL | STUDENT GOVERNOR

The new student governor for the 17-18 academic year is Hazel Cassel.

[Read more inside.](#)

CALCOT COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE TO CLOSE

The Calcot Community Learning Centre at Sainsbury's Savacentre in Calcot will close at the end of January. The popular short-courses offered by the centre will still continue to be offered from the main campus on Monks Lane in Newbury.



MEET YOUR NEW STUDENT GOVERNOR – HAZEL CASSEL (CONT. FROM FRONT PAGE)

The new student governor for the 17-18 academic year is Hazel Cassel. The role of the student governor is to ensure that the students have a voice on the corporation board and also to chair the student council.

Hazel is on the first year of her Level 3 Child Care course and attends College three days a week (Tue, Wed and Fri) and a work placement in Thatcham for the other two. Hazel previously attended Newbury College as a Public Service student a few years ago and has returned to retrain

so that she can go on to university and become a family support worker.

Already a student ambassador with responsibility for anti-bullying, Hazel is keen and enthusiastic about her new role. Her particular passion is student mental health and well-being, and she hopes that she can help promote awareness of these matters at board level.

Contact Hazel at h-cassel@student.newbury-college.ac.uk



Picture: Hazel gets involved with the November Open Evening

AVANT-GARDE HAIR SHOW INSPIRES STUDENTS

For creative inspiration, Level 3 hairdressing students were taken to The Alternative Hair Show – Utopia at the Royal Albert Hall on 15 October. The show celebrates the artistry and creativity of hairdressing teams from across the globe, whilst raising vital funds for Fighting Leukaemia at the same time. Part of the show includes an award ceremony in three categories: cut and colour, men's hair and avant-garde. Avant-garde

hairdressers work with experimental, radical or unorthodox methods to create brand new styles.

Staff and students had a great time and thought the catwalk shows were amazing. The students were blown away with the designs and came away with plenty of ideas that they can use in their end-of-year show.



Picture: Students outside the Royal Albert Hall

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Picture: Dr Anne Murdoch OBE, Principal.

Welcome to all of the new students who started College this term, I hope that you have settled in well and are working hard on your course. As those involved with your induction said, if you work hard, attend classes, complete your coursework and exams, you are sure to do well here. We all want you to achieve the best grades possible and for you progress to further or higher level studies, an apprenticeship or a full-time job.

We also welcome back our returning students and wish you all the best of luck in the next stage of your learning.

You may have noticed that our new prospectus for full-time courses starting in September 2018 is now out. You can pick one up by reception. Many of our current students feature in the prospectus and we thank them for being involved. If you know of anyone who might want a copy, please pass it on.

The stories that feature in this newsletter celebrate our students' achievements and showcase the variety of activities available for you to get involved in. I hope you enjoy reading it.

This is my last student newsletter as Principal of the College. I leave in February next year when Iain Wolloff takes over after the February half term. I know Iain will be as proud of your achievements as I have been. It has been a pleasure to serve as Principal of this College and I wish you all the very best in your future careers.

Dr Anne Murdoch OBE
Principal, Newbury College

UPCOMING EVENTS

15
DEC
Last day of term
(Christmas holidays)

04
JAN
First day back

15
JAN
UCAS Deadline
See Student Services for help

08
FEB
Open Evening
16:00 - 20:00

28
MAR
Taster Event
16:00 - 18:00

More events and details online
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POSITIVI-T TAKES OVER

Students at Newbury College showed their support for World Mental Health Day today by writing positive words of encouragement for each other on specially designed t-shirts. According to the NHS, as many as one in four people are affected by a mental illness in the UK. The 'positivi-T' t-shirts, which are on display at the College, are a thought-provoking way for the students to openly discuss and share issues surrounding mental health.

College Sport Maker, Louise Neil, said: "We were delighted by the fact that so many students came forward and wanted to get involved, as it is not always easy for students to openly share their feelings on this subject. We also distributed the NHS's Little Book of Sunshine – a book offering tips to help young people cope with stress."

Tutorial Programme Manager, Steve Greenwood, said: "Working with the students on World Mental Health Day is the start of a concerted campaign to highlight and improve the wellbeing of our students. Here at the College we are fortunate enough to have our own counselling service and a highly experienced team of pastoral tutors. The event helps to raise the profile of mental health at College and highlights the hugely important role that students and education professionals have in providing support and solutions."

TV AUCTIONEER THOMAS PLANT IS SPECIAL GUEST AT GRADUATION

On the evening of Tuesday 05 September students gathered together with family and friends to celebrate their academic achievements at the College's annual Graduation and Award Ceremony. Guest of honour was BBC antiques expert and local businessman, Thomas Plant.

The event is held for students graduating from Level 4 courses and above, and for those who have worked exceptionally hard on further education courses (up to Level 3). Students were invited on stage to accept their certificates and awards from the College Principal and Chief Executive, Dr Anne Murdoch, the guest of honour and representatives from local organisations who helped sponsor the event.

Speaking about the evening, Dr Anne Murdoch said: "It is always an honour for us to come together and celebrate the achievements of our students. This year the event took place in an indoor

marquee in our Sports Hall which added to the sense of occasion.

"We were very grateful to Thomas and his wise words of encouragement to our students. He told them not to be afraid of starting at the bottom and working up – that way by the time they reach the top they would have experienced all they need to know to make a success of their career. We hope he inspired the students to be as passionate about their careers as he so obviously is about his own."

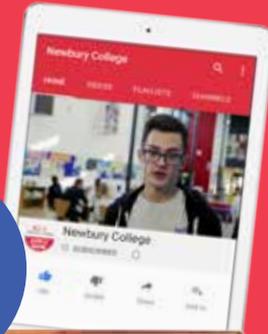
Winners of special awards were as follows: George Collins – Outstanding Higher Education Mechanical Engineer Elliot Taylor – Outstanding Higher Education Electrical and Electronic Engineer Karen Welton – Outstanding Higher Education Learner Award Hamish Hearn – Tony Allen Award for High Achievement in further education. Congratulations to them all.



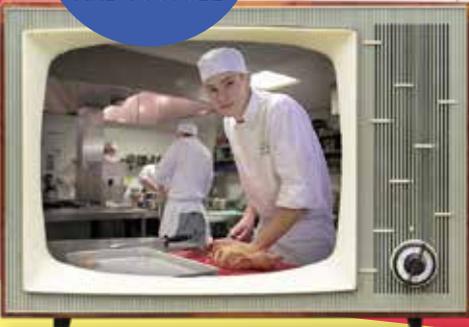
Pictures: Thomas Plant, award winners and local dignitaries

WATCH OUR NEW VIDEO

See our fantastic facilities and hear from real students.



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Share your experiences with our SnapChat geofilter exclusively on the Newbury College campus.

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SHAUN'S WINNING GRAPHIC DESIGNS

The HND Graphic Design students often take on small design projects to help them gain experience and build a portfolio of work for their personal project unit.

One such project was working for The Priory Primary School in Pamber End, Tadley. All the students put forward



Pictures: Shaun Maule with his winning design.

designs of different marketing materials to promote the school's Christmas bazaar. The school decided to implement Shaun Maule's designs and worked with Shaun in getting the different materials produced.

Shaun communicated with professionalism and worked to meet the school's deadlines.

Jennifer Saunders, Chairperson of the Priory Parent Teacher Association said: "I would like to congratulate Shaun on his winning design. His attention to detail stood out. He was able to take our basic ideas and through his combination of colour choices, cleanness of font, clever use of topical shapes and recognisable icons, he added tiny detail of shadow and perspective to create us a fantastic design. Well done!"

Shaun has also created designs for Whitelands Primary School's Christmas bazaar and is about to redesign its logo. Keep up the good work Shaun!

YOUR GUIDE TO THE NEW GCSE GRADES

Traditional A* to G grades are being replaced by a numerical system that scores students on a scale from 9 to 1.

You can see how the 9 to 1 grades compare with the A* to G scale in the table on the right-hand side.

For more information, contact our Information, Advice and Guidance Team.

NEW STRUCTURE	PREVIOUS STRUCTURE
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
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MORE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO PROGRESS

Newbury College offers higher education qualifications at level 4 and above that are equivalent to one or two years at university and cost significantly less than university fees.

Our high-quality Foundation Degree, HNC and HND courses provide you with the skills you need to succeed, whether you want to go on to further study at university or develop a career.

Subjects include*:

- Accountancy (AAT)
- Art & Design, including Graphic Design (HNC/HND)
- Care (HNC)
- Computing (HNC)
- Engineering (Electrical & Electronic, Manufacturing and Mechanical) (HNC/HND/ Degree Apprenticeship)
- Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning (University of Reading)
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