



LEARNER'S NEWSLETTER

News, events, competitions and special offers.

Welcome to **YOUR** weekly newsletter, highlighting key events taking place, competitions and latest news in the College.

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WELCOME

Welcome back from the October half-term. The winter months are finally on their way – but do not let the chill in the weather affect your attendance.

There are so many good reasons for you to be at College. We are pleased that 95% of our learners who completed our recent Induction Survey have told us that they are enjoying their lessons so far! We want to ensure that you are all having a positive learning experience. 100% attendance and punctuality is essential if you want to get the best possible grades!

There are some wonderful trips and activities being planned over the next few weeks. Many of these are linked to your course and will increase your knowledge, experience and also be fun.

Speaking of fun, I hope by now you have made some good friends at the College and that you are encouraging each other to stay on track. Sometimes studying a course can be stressful, but if you ask for help from your teachers, support staff or friends/family you will succeed.

Both Adults and 16-18s will now also be receiving their bursary payments – all subject to excellent attendance. This month we are introducing a new cashless payment scheme for your meals in the College canteens. We want all 16-18s (who are eligible) to claim their free meal allowance – see your Tutorial Learning Coach or Course Leader.

We are helping more learners to fulfil their career goals! We have so far this year dedicated £443,502.40 to learners in support of Childcare (excludes funds for January and April starts). This compares with the total 2013/14 allocation of £462,297.13.

This year we have been able to ensure that the majority of learners were able to begin the term with childcare support compared to previous years. This demonstrates our commitment to supporting our learners.

If you have any concerns about your course, are in need of financial support or your experience at the College – please speak to your Course Leader/Teacher or Tutorial Learning Coach – or Course Representative.

Paul Chambers

Director of Learner Services



Incentives for Learners

Exciting incentives will be offered by Learner Services to learners who have achieved high attendance level so far.

Namely, Adult learners who will raise their attendance for the month of November to 90% could win a £20 voucher for The Restaurant SW4 or a £10 voucher for The Salon SW4.

16-18 tutorial groups who will raise their attendance for the month of November to 90% will win a festive group meal at Nando's.



Trips and Events

Adventure Trip

As part of the Study Programme, the Tutorial Learning Coaches took seventy learners on an overnight, two-day residential visit to Kingswood Activity Centre in the beautiful Kent countryside during the half-term break.

Learners had an opportunity to develop their teamwork and communication skills as well as build their self-confidence by taking part in a variety of activities including 3G Swing, Outdoor Climbing and Aeroball.

Learners' feedback was very positive, with some of them claiming they faced their fears with abseiling, loved working in a group and enjoyed the activities offered.

We will be taking more learners on residential trips in the February half-term break and throughout the academic year so watch this space!



Access students visit the London Access Higher Education Admissions Fair

On Friday 24 October 39 Access students attended the London Access Higher Education Admissions Fair held at Central Hall, Westminster.

With 54 higher education institutions (HEI's) from across the UK in attendance students had the opportunity to speak with knowledgeable recruiters and get answers to some burning questions to smooth their progression into higher education. As the event was exclusively for Access students HEI's were well prepped and able to answer even the trickiest questions (e.g. What childcare support is available when I'm on a night shift placement? Unfortunately, the answer was "None", but it was good to have a definitive answer in order to make an informed decision).

There was also the chance to attend a series of workshops, from "How to make an effective application" to "Everything you wanted to



know about nursing and midwifery". The outcome was that it has enabled Access learners to make the best possible choices to give them the best possible chance of making a successful progression into HE.

BTEC Fashion students visit Fashion Retail College

A group of very ambitious fashion students attended the Fashion Retail College Open Day last month to find out more about their Level 4 and 5 courses, apprenticeships and employer links.

Students were impressed with the central location, state of the art facilities and their Vogue magazine back catalogue. The visit was rounded off with a trip to the world renowned fabric shops in Berwick Street where students were able to collect fabric swatches for their new designs.

Students reported that the day had really inspired them and helped them appreciate the importance of fashion to the London economy.



Black History Month

The Student Union organised a Black History Month Showcase aptly titled 'Rep Your Heritage' on the 21st of October in the Clapham HUB. The event was attended by over 150 students and showcased the talents of various learners as well as highlighting the rich cultural heritage and contributions that black people have made to society all over the world. It was also an event to celebrate the diversity of Lambeth College and encourage learners from all backgrounds and walks of life to wear something to the event that represented their own culture and heritage.

The Student Union members entertained the audience with a short play about slavery which was very insightful and thought provoking, they also had two outstanding singing performances which brought the crowd to their feet! In addition, there were two dance routines as well as three learners performing rap songs.

At the start of the Showcase and in between performances, TLC's Shane Dennis and Kevin Garvey inspired the audience with great quotes from Black icons such as Bob Marley, Marcus Garvey, Maya Angelou and Barack Obama.

Feedback from the event has been very positive, with the common theme being learners really enjoyed it and hoped the Student Union would be putting on more such events to help enrich their college experience.

One learner said: "It was wicked! We need to make this a regular thing".

Another learner was quoted as saying she really enjoyed it and it had inspired her to get involved with college activities.

All in all, a successful event, which the learners enjoyed



immensely. To extend the BHM theme, TLC's will be taking groups of learners to the Black Cultural Archives in November and December.

Money For Life Challenge

The Challenge is part of Lloyds Banking Group's award-winning Money for Life programme, which aims to equip communities across the UK with the skills and capabilities they need to make the most of their money.

The Challenge is a UK-wide competition for 16 to 24 year olds. Teams apply for £500 grants to deliver innovative and impactful money management projects in their community. In the 2014/15 programme, 300 grants will be awarded across the UK. The most inspiring and impactful projects progress to the National Finals and the UK Grand Final, and have a chance to win shopping vouchers, business mentorships and donations of up to £3,500 to a charity of their choice.

Applications must be made online via the Challenge website by **Wednesday 19th November 2014**.

If you and your course mates think you've got what it takes to compete, Course Leader we will support an application from your School with Careers & Employment Advisers and TLCs.

This also provides a chance to raise the profile of your area and group with the support of the Marketing Team, as well as contribute to the Study Programme.



100th Anniversary - Armistice Day 11th November 2014

At 11am on Tuesday morning there will be an opportunity for staff and learners to respect the 2 minute silence in memory of those who have been lost in conflict.

The college alarm will ring at 11am and then 2 minutes later.

Staff and learners at Clapham are welcome to join managers in the reception area to observe the silence.

Please note that the alarm will sound at all three sites.



Royal British Legion Project

Learners from different Schools and courses have organised an event in support of the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**.

A show created by Performing Arts Level 1, 2 and 3 entitled 'War Does Not Determine Who Is Right' will run at 1.30pm and 7.00pm. Business Level 1 learners will be involved in the organisation, while Photography Level 2 and 3 and Media learners will take pictures and

record the performance.

Raffle prizes will be given away during the event, including vouchers for Nandos, Waitrose luxury cakes and The Restaurant SW4.

The show will take place at our very own Theatre SW4 and tickets can be purchased at the door for £3 or booked contacting Katherine Cubert, kculbert@lambethcollege.ac.uk.

Vox Radio Returns with Record Number of Listens

The new team Vox is keeping up the good work of previous learners by continuing the Vox On Demand show. The weekly shows started with two Black History Month Specials. The programme can be listen to inside and outside the college. This year's team have had record listens on the audioboom platform, racking up over 120 listens to the last show which was also featured on audioboom. Brand Vox is building it's audience and is praised by many industry professional. The learners are very excited about breaking the 100 listens barrier.



If you want to listen to the hour long weekly programme just click the blue Vox button on LCnet or though Moodle. The shows are also available on <https://audioboom.com/channel/voxradi> and <http://www.mixcloud.com/VoxRadio/>.

If you have any news or events you want Vox to cover please contact Sheila Smith ssmith1@lambeth.ac.uk or follow Vox on Twitter @voxradiolambeth.

Attendance

This week texts we have sent out Attendance postcards to learners whose attendance is under 85%.

In addition to this, we have sent 2000 certificates celebrating the top attending learners and their commitment to their studies. All learners will also receive a certificate in the post attesting their attendance. To best stress how attending is vital to succeed at College, we have also created postcards which were sent to learners during half-term break.



Careers and Employability

*Employers are interested in people with the right skills for the job. If you have strong personal qualities and are reliable, punctual and have a positive attitude, you are well on your way towards securing your **dream career**.*

Careers Academy Network Event

We are holding our annual Careers Academy Network Event on Thursday 20th November in the Hub, Clapham Centre.



This event will provide an excellent opportunity for you to network with a wide range of organisations and individuals. You will also have the opportunity to listen to our current learners who have completed their Internship placements in the summer and have attended a range of employer visits, received master classes and have been supported by their partners in business during their time on the programme.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Laura Flynn, who is a Chief Operating Officer at City University and mentor to one of our current Careers Academy students.

There will be representatives from companies such as; Buro Happold, The University of Law, Lambeth Council, Peabody, Zet Uk Limited, Advance 360, Ofgem, Wood Macdonald, Accenture, The Royal Academy of Engineering and Careers Academy UK in attendance and others who are great supporters of the Careers Academy programme at Lambeth College.

Career Focused Weekender for Lone Parents

On November 14th-16th the Learner Services team will be hosting a unique careers focused residential event which will contribute to the on-going strategies for supporting adult learners who are 24+.

The 40 targeted students for this event are lone parents studying Service & Leisure industries, Science & Business, and have excellent college attendance. Guest organisation includes 'Mum and career' who will be delivering the main session.

The weekend will inspire and motivate lone parents to achieve their qualification and plan their career goals.



Services

Healthy Gourmet Cafe'

The new relocated Healthy Gourmet Café at the Vauxhall centre has been a great success so far.

Students on the entry level work skills programme have cooked up a storm since their arrival.

We have had special menu celebrations of Eid Al Adha, Black history month and Diwali in September and October.



The new look café has won praise from a number of staff and students and we are pleased to say that the healthy eating drive has been warmly received and appreciated by our customers.

In response to the last course representatives meeting we would like to add that there is always a cheap eat for £2.00p (at least one freshly made soup of the day with a baguette, a chicken dish of the day, which is different every day and a vegetarian option which if served with the potato or rice dish and 1 vegetable of the day for £2.80p)

Any queries on the food at Vauxhall please come and see us and give us your suggestions.

We are more than happy to listen to our valued customers.

First Aiders

Please find below a list of the First Aiders for each Lambeth College campus:

Clapham Centre

Name	Room	Extension
Nicholas Brick	C125	5466
Paul Smith	S127	5773
Security	Reception	5033



Vauxhall Centre

Name	Room	Extension
Julie Johnson	A230	5525
John Chiles	A230	5484
Candice Clement	AM30B	5525
Neil Dickson	A331	5749
Mike Lewis	A229	5433
Jason Mitchell	A234	5513

Robert Whitehead	A228	5698
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Brixton Centre

Name	Room	Extension
Angela Li	A014	5249
Rudo Dumbwizi	B203	5146
Denise Mkarrem	A024	5188
Dawn Benson	A026	5573
Security	Brixton Reception	5225

Please Note:

All first aiders listed above are trained to deal with First Aid situations at the College.

Please contact any of the above listed staff when First Aid is required

Do you need someone to talk to?

- Is there something troubling you?
- Are you feeling bullied or threatened?
- Do you want to talk to someone, but don't know who?



Help is available.

Call "The Voice" on 0207 501 5777 or contact a member of the Safeguarding Team:

Clapham: Kasia Falkiewicz Room B024
kfalkiewicz@lambethcollege.ac.uk
 020 7501 5462

Vauxhall: Bernard Aidoo. Room B200A
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