

Spring is in the air and First College Celebrates Apprenticeship Week 2013

First College supported Apprenticeship Week 2013 by attending and hosting a variety of events throughout the week.

Alex organises First College Apprenticeship Week

Alex Rees, a Business/Administration Apprentice, has only been with the company for a few weeks and one of his first jobs was to co-ordinate Apprenticeship Week.

Amongst many tasks, Alex produced a template of activity and facilitated a learner forum.

He produced a square draw sheet/poster for a raffle for red nose day and he is pictured here on the right with our Recruitment Adviser Wesley Everton.



Apprentice Alex Rees (pictured right) and Recruitment Advisor Wesley Everton (left)



First College attend 'Have a Go Week'

As part of Apprenticeship Week, First College attended the Work Based Academy 'Have A Go Event' at Springfields in Spalding on 13th and 14th March.

The event was opened up to all Schools in the area and over the two days there were approximately 350 Year 10/11 pupils that attended. The event was organised to allow all the pupils to try out different potential careers, rather than just talk about it.

There were over 30 different activities for them to 'have a go' at including - Plumbing, Hairdressing, Construction, Childcare, Sport, Beauty, Motor Vehicle and First College's contribution of Hospitality.

We offered young people the opportunity to decorate biscuits and then, of course, eat them!! The event was a huge success and is hoped to be repeated next year.



Kevin Brewer, First College Assessor/Tutor

What do employers look for in an apprentice?

Mark McGrath, Hotel Manager of the North Shore Hotel and Golf Club in Skegness, kindly agreed to participate in a group discussion to explore what employers are looking for when appointing apprentices.

The potential apprentices were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on employment opportunities and ask questions and gain inside information.



Mark McGrath (back row, 2nd on right), Hotel Manager from North Shore Hotel and Golf Club

There has never been a better time to get involved with Apprenticeships

NEW COURSE

First College are now offering Intermediate and Advanced Level Apprenticeships in IT Application Specialist.

Martin Manufacturing located in Louth are working with First College on this new and exciting development.

"The opportunity to pilot such a scheme excites me and all the staff involved, the outcome of such training will undoubtedly facilitate improvements to our organisation and the individuals involved, hence a win/win situation for all participants.

Knowing from experience the manner in which First College operates, it fulfills me with confidence that we will receive flexible, high quality and professional delivery. Roll on celebrating the successful completion"

Jason Andrews, General Manager, Martin Manufacturing

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First College Celebrates Lincolnshire Hospitality

Invited employers enjoyed a cookery demonstration at Kenwick Park Hotel by local celebrity chef and Lincolnshire food ambassador Rachel Green. Rachel was assisted by Apprentice, Jack Rance, who works at the hotel. He did an excellent job and Rachel was very impressed with his skills and his attitude.



The event promoted all that is good about Lincolnshire food. Nigel and Victoria Hopper from the Brown Cow in Louth were the lucky winners of a wonderful Lincolnshire food hamper which was donated by First College. Pictured here with First College staff Rebecca Barker and Kerri Taylor.

First College Achiever of the Year goes to...

Butlins and First College recently made a presentation to the Achiever of the Year and to the two runners-up.

The winner was Laurence Ashoori who was presented with an iPad donated by First College. The two runners up were Michal Piezcko and Andrew Wooding who were awarded with a Kindle kindly donated by Butlins.

Pictured above with Butlins Resort Director Chris Baron, Caroline Ennis and First College's Business Manager Ian Dickinson.



The event also promoted the advantages of apprenticeships and training to the guests. Paul Hugill from The Priory Hotel in Louth and Rachel Robinson from Compass Point Business Services both gave an excellent talk on how they have embraced the apprenticeship scheme and the benefits it has brought to their businesses and to the apprentices they employ. Mike Crosby from the National Apprenticeship Service also spoke about the scheme and how it can help to ensure that employees have the practical skills and qualifications businesses need now and in the future. The event was a huge success.

Aged 24 or over and thinking about further education?

The 24+ Advanced Learning Loan may help you pay fees

If you're starting a course on or after 1 August 2013 you may qualify for a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan. These loans help you to pay the fees charged by colleges and training organisations.

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https://www.gov.uk/24_advanced_learning_loans/overview

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