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## Grantham College and Job Centre Join Forces for Careers Fair

On Tuesday 29th March, Grantham College & University Centre, in collaboration with the Job Centre, welcomed visitors on campus for our careers & progression fair, for the first time since the Covid interruptions.

The event brought together nearly 40 local employers and services to the exhibition on Tuesday, including McCains, DHL, Belton House, Fruehauf, Bluebird Care, Moy Park, the Army Reservists and many more.

This year's variety of stall holders gave students and Job Centre clients the opportunity to explore their future career prospects, whilst meeting industry professionals who were able to offer job vacancies to interested individuals.

Overall, the event was a huge success with over 300 visitors attending throughout the day. Students from Grantham College, Greenfields Academy, Priory Ruskin, Grantham Priory and The West Grantham Church of England Secondary Academy all attended and spoke to employers from a range of professions.





## Welcome The New Members of Our Team!

Name	Department	Job Role
Katie Scotney	Animal Care	Animal Care Technician
Jane Rawlinson-Falla	Beauty	Beauty Lecturer
Chloe Rosser	Day Break	Daybreak Helper
Thomas Armson	Marketing	Marketing Assistant
Ashleigh O'Meara	Marketing	Marketing Assistant
Daniel Dineen	Marketing	Digital Marketing Apprentice
Anne Richards	Refectory	Functions Assistant
Michelle Marshall	Student Services	Industry Placement Employer & Student Engagement Lead
Bozena Wasowska	Estates	Cleaner
Hollie Bullock	Student Services	Student Mentor – Behaviour and Well-Being
Sophie Swoffer	Performing Arts	PA Lecturer
Rajni Bala-Patel	Student Services	Counsellor
Ruth Whalley	Day Break	Passenger Assistant
Kieron Power	Day Break	Mini Bus Driver
Kelly Richardson	Estates	Cleaner
Robert Taylor	Automotive	Automotive Lecturer
Anita Harvey	Exams and Registry	Exam Invigilator
Hayley Carrington	Human Resources	HR Apprentice
Kit Gunby	Business	Bank Business Lecturer
Lee Matthews	Construction	Construction / Plumbing Technician
Paul Davies	Estates	Cleaner
Stephen Bond	Engineering	Engineering Lecturer
Janet Smart	Day Break	Mini Bus Driver
Lyda-Bell Hunt	Registry and Exam	Exam Invigilator
Helen James	Business	Business Assessor / Lecturer

Have a glance at our new members of staff. It always helps to know the new faces. We definitely look forward to seeing more of and working with them as time goes on.

Welcome!





## Staff and Students Step Up to Help Ukraine!

As many of you will be aware, the college has been involving itself in community efforts to aid Ukraine.

This started with joining the collection organised by Mr Madejski from Walton school. Following Mr Madejski's commencement of the appeal we asked our staff and students for donations of critical items such as: blankets, sleeping bags, tinned food, nappies etc.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March these donations were taken to Walton prior to them being transported to Ukraine. The donations were destined for Tuchów, a Ukrainian town to which many Ukrainians are fleeing as the war progresses, and Mr Madejski's hometown.

We were really happy with the response from staff and student and of course, happy we could help the appeal and good work.



## Stories and Perspectives from People Involved in The Process

Michelle Marshall:

'I had been speaking to Debbie Wood and she had mentioned that she was taking some donations to Walton, so I offered my car if she needed it. On the day, she said she would be most grateful for my help, so at lunchtime, I drove my car around to the front of the college and went in to Sarah's office where I was overwhelmed by the amount of things people had donated. There was so much stuff, that we got another colleague, Robert Moreland, to bring his car round too. I had donated some toiletries, but other people had donated bedding, clothing, shoes, food and toiletries.

We loaded up the cars with the help of another colleague, Dave Ferguson, and we set off for Walton School. The team ended up transporting 3 car loads of donations. When we got there, there were lots of cars in the carpark, each one filled with things people were donating, and so many people carting goods into the foyer of the school.

In the foyer, there were people carting the goods into a hall, but as quickly as the foyer emptied, it was filled again. After quite a few trips from my car to the foyer, my car was finally empty. We caught up with the others from the college, and posed together for a quick photo once our cars were empty. It wasn't much, but it felt like I had helped in a very small way.'



## Grantham Round Table

The next step for donations made by the college and all donations made to Mr Madejski's appeal was them being loaded in trucks and vans, and transported to Ukraine. Through Anita Harrison and her son, the chair of the Grantham Round Table organisation, we received an update on this important work:

"On 28th February, Grantham Round Table received a call asking for some help with donations to Ukrainian refugees from a local school.

What we hadn't anticipated was the scale of the operation...

Having collected the donations from the school on Saturday, the clothes, medical supplies, nappies, wet wipes etc, all needed to be recorded and their quantities, weight per item and total weight ready to be included on the customs paperwork.

Tonight a team of more than 30 volunteers from Grantham Round Table, Grantham 40+ and Newark and District Round Table worked their way through the donations.

We worked our way through enough donations by documenting and packing up so that two vans and one lorry can be sent full of donations for refugees. A total of 19,247 items of clothing weighing 2.9 tonnes as well as tonnes of medical supplies, sanitary products etc too. What a colossal effort!

Thank you to all those involved, and love to you all!"



This first delivery effort used 1 lorry, 3 vans and over 100 volunteers. However, even with all those vehicles and people power, not all the donations collected from Walton could fit! To facilitate more journeys to deliver the rest of the donations, Grantham Round Table started a fundraiser.

The staff of Grantham College were made aware of this and many contributed, the fundraiser to this date has raised £2,500!

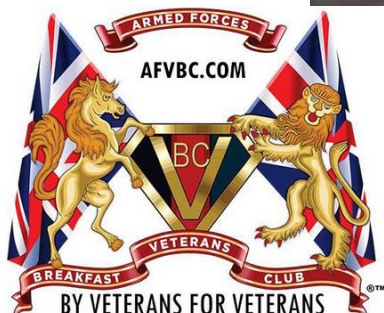


# Public Services Join Veterans to Help Ukraine

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 9 students and staff from the Level 2 Preparation for Public Services course travelled to Sleaford to help load donations made over the prior weekend onto a 10 ton lorry. The collection had been organised by the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club of Sleaford. The donations had all been made to support the population of Ukraine whilst they struggle with the Russian invasion.

The lorry then transported the goods to Scunthorpe where they were then transported to Poland.

Our staff and students joined members of the Sleaford Veterans Breakfast Club, members of the public and local freemasons, who worked together to get the job done. The loading took place at the Sleaford masonic building. The students not only gained experience assisting a community project, they also chatted with ex-service personnel about their experiences in the services, gaining valuable advice and perspective. One of the organisers, veteran Anthony Woods commented, 'The students have been a fantastic help this morning and should be proud of the contribution they have made. They have all worked extremely hard. Thank you.'





# Career Net Success

Career Net is aimed at 15-24-year olds who are not currently in employment, education or training and seeks to move individuals towards their long-term career goals.

It is co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) and Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), and is delivered in partnership with Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP).

Recently the Career Net programme has done some great work and helped their students achieve real life changing goals.

## Misty Thulborn

Misty came to Career Net after being on a previous course 'Building Better Opportunities'. She had severe anxiety, the sort that prevented her from leaving the house.

Once she was on the programme staff worked with her to discover her passions, her background and how they could support her. She was on the programme for 9 months and in that time she became the Career Net mentor to learners with learning needs.

After gaining qualifications in Maths with the programme, she went to university to study Anthropology.



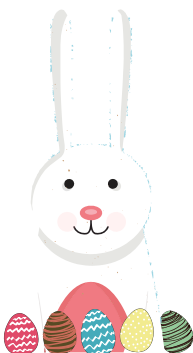
## Jasmin Van Biljon

Jasmin was struggling to find employment due to a lack of confidence when she was referred to the Career Net programme. While on the programme she undertook training to develop her CV and covering letter and joined additional courses to boost her employability.

Jasmin worked at her own pace and told staff she felt appreciated that the assessments were always clear and easy to follow, she added that the staff were "incredibly supportive and understanding of my personal circumstances, whilst going out of their way to help me throughout the programme".



While part of Career Net, Jasmin applied for a position as a Facilities and Health & Safety Administrator here at the college, and received support from the programme in completing her application and preparing for her interview and, as a result, secured the position.





## Jessica Bentley

Prior to joining Career Net, Jessica had left university and was struggling to find employment due to anxiety and a lack of work experience.

Whilst on the programme, she developed an action plan with staff that included one to one support and distance learning to help her settle her anxiety. This and the other training Jessica received helped her develop her confidence and employability.

Upon completing the programme, Jessica was successful in applying to a job here at Grantham College.

At the end of that placement, Jessica decided to continue working at the college and is now completing a Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship.



## Access to HE gets the offers in!

The Access to HE course is a Level 3 course for adults. It provides students the opportunity to gain the qualifications and academic skills needed to progress successfully to a degree course. They currently have three Diploma options: Science, Humanities & Social Science and Healthcare, with an Art & Design Diploma ready to run in September.

This year they had 36 students, who were aiming to start or change their careers by returning to education. Most of them still work part time and many have young families.

Their hard work has paid off, as 91% (33) of students have already received offers of places at local and national universities. These include: Computer Science at Hull, Zoology at Nottingham Trent, Nursing and Midwifery at Lincoln and Nottingham, Physiotherapy at Sheffield, Sociology and Psychology at Lincoln and English at Nottingham. In addition, three students will be starting BGU Foundation Degrees in SEND and Education here at college.

We also recently heard back from an ex-student of the course, who has done great in her time at university:



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*Emily Warner*

Course:  
Access to HE (Humanities and Social Science)

Emily completed the Access to HE (Humanities and Social Science) Diploma course in 2017. She went on to study Theology at the University of Manchester, and recently finished her master's degree.

Emily won prizes for the best master's dissertation in the area of Religions and Theology and for the highest grade master's dissertation in Jewish Studies whilst at the University of Manchester.

She says, "I'll be forever grateful for the opportunity I had to do the Access course at Grantham and your decision to take a chance on me."







## Skills Prize Finds Worthy Winner

The Essential Skills Prize was recently awarded to Harry Doughty for developing his speaking skills.

Harry is studying on the Level 3 Bricklaying course. He was nominated by his tutor Dennis Mudvitzi who said, "Harry is a student who is highly motivated to learn. He is a real team player, sharing his good practice with other learners too."

Claire Temprell, our Vice Principal for HR and Student Services, presented Harry with a certificate and £50 gift voucher, commenting, "It is a pleasure to reward Harry with the Essential Skills Prize. He is a very worthy winner and is clearly aiming high!".

Remember to nominate your students for this reoccurring prize in the future, it rewards students for developing the essential skills that will help them in the future, particularly in the workplace. Skills like Leadership, Creativity, Staying Positive, Problem Solving etc.



## Free Part Time Courses

To celebrate the launch of our exciting, new and industry focussed AEB courses at the College, we are inviting you to become involved in spreading the word!

These courses are an amazing way to upskill, or simply try something totally new. From cyber security to baking bread, whatever your interest is Grantham College & University Centre have got it covered. What's more, these programmes are absolutely free\*!

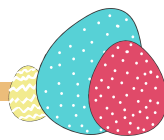
We are also asking you to please get involved with recommending these courses to all of your friends and family.

As a token of our appreciation, and to say thank you for your support, we will be offering a generous 20% off for all purchases in the Refectory, Apple Tree Restaurant and R&R salon, for a 3 month period, for any staff member that recommends to someone they know in the wider community. In order to claim this incentive, they must enrol and complete the chosen AEB course successfully. Be sure to let the IAGE team know that you have recommended someone, to ensure they are matched to you!

Please note that this does not apply to those working in the College already – this is an external campaign.

\*individual needs to be 19+ to be eligible to undertake the course free of charge. Other T&C's are available to view on course information on the website.

If you have any questions, please contact the marketing team for further support.



# National Apprenticeship Week 2022

On 7 -13 February 2022, Grantham College celebrated National Apprenticeship Week.

During this week Grantham College hosted many activities and events that showcased the benefits to students and employers when considering an apprenticeship. From information points in the local community, to employer engagement lunches, we celebrated all things apprenticeships!

Amy from the Business Development team plays a crucial part in growing their employer network and recruiting apprentices to the Engineering department at our college:

"The past few years have been difficult for most but we have had some wonderful experiences with many employers, developing a fully qualified apprentice that they have helped gain industry experience and developed skills that are an absolute necessity for their business.

We are slowly getting back to "normal" after the pandemic are now making regular visits to our employers and apprentices again. Face to face interaction is so important for us as a smaller College. We want to keep up that interaction and believe it to be vital for learning, support, mental wellbeing and keeping that familiar consistence.

One of our engineering companies, Baker Perkins had this to say about one of their engineering apprentices with us:

"The apprenticeship schemes have provided Dean with a wealth of engineering knowledge and skills which have enabled him to successfully tackle some of our most challenging design projects. Through gaining his new skills as an apprentice and his dedication and enthusiasm he has been promoted from an Apprentice, to a Design Engineer and is now a Senior Design Engineer."

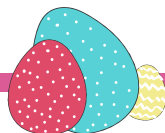
It is a true delight to work with employers and apprentices to aid them both in gaining the skills, knowledge and behaviors, not only to help a business grow but to help someone grow as a person and have that satisfaction that we have supported them as best we can."



Apprenticeships at the college continue to create fantastic growth and opportunities for our students, both those training at the college and those employed here also.







# Apple Tree Funding a Feast

Over recent months the Apple Tree have been hosting many themed nights and creating many amazing menus. Keep your eye out for these theme nights in the future, as the student staff do a great job creating tasty food and a professional dinner service. Their upcoming theme night can be seen below:



## CHARITY EVENT SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

**Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 6.30pm**

**£22 Per Head (inc £2.00 to Charity)**



### To Start

Terrine of Smoked Salmon and Cream Cheese  
Served on a Bed of Rocket and Toasted Wholemeal Bread

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### Intermediate

Pink Champagne Sorbet

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### To Continue

Roasted Fillet of Pork with a Potato Puree Flavoured with  
Wholegrain Mustard & Calvados Sauce

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Galette of Aubergine with Tomatoes and Mozzarella  
(Vegetarian option to be pre-ordered)

Sugar Snap Peas  
Ribbon Carrots

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### Dessert

Assiette of Desserts

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### To Finish


English Cheese Board

Tea  
Coffee  
Truffles

**The evening will include a Charity Auction bidding for a selection of items  
kindly donated by Apple Tree customers and local businesses.**

If you have a food allergy or intolerance of any kind, please  
inform a member of staff when placing your order. Thank you.

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