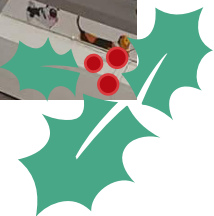
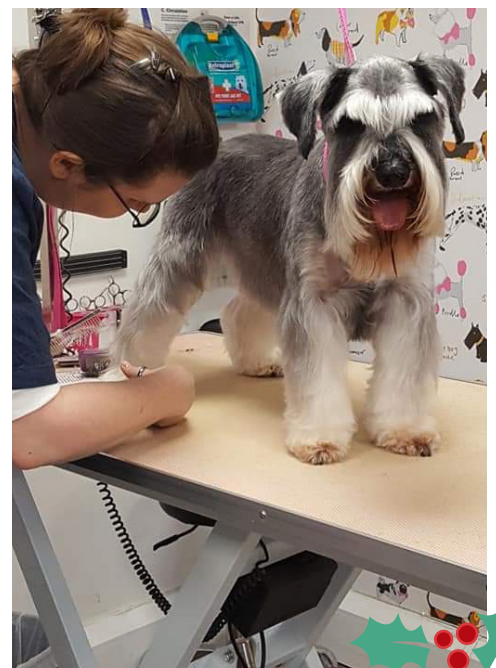


# GC SUCCESS





## The amazing journey of a shoe box gift begins with you!

Our Learning Development students, Daybreak clients and staff at Grantham College have been filling a shoebox full of thoughtful gifts for the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal created by Samaritan's Purse.

We have made a total of 36 shoe boxes packed with toys, gifts, and supplies for boys and girls ages 2-14 around the world who have been affected by war, poverty, natural disaster and famine and disease.

Thank you to everyone for making these shoe boxes with love. We hope they bring a smile to each child this Christmas!



## Bringing Christmas joy to Local Veterans!

Local Veterans celebrated their Christmas lunch with our Public Services students and staff members in the Grantham College Refectory.

Our staff member Chris Williams and Public Services students raised **£2,000** by completing various fundraising challenges including Challenge 100, where students worked in teams running around the sports field, rowing and biking (100 miles for each time and for each activity) as well as exercises and activities all with the number 100. Why 100? Because it is the 100th year that the Royal British Legion has supported the Armed Services!

The money raised paid for the Veterans Christmas lunch held on site and for Scotty's Little Soldiers, which is a charity that supports children that have lost a parent or parents through active service or have committed suicide because of PTSD and other mental health issues.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved! A wonderful time was had by all.



"It is important that we never lose sight of the commitment and sacrifice that service personnel have given and are still giving in order for us to have the freedom that we have. The Christmas lunch and the raising of money for different service charities, is just a small way for students acknowledge and thank them for their service as well as taking the opportunity to talk to them about their experiences and the highs and lows of service life."

Chris Williams  
Uniformed Protective  
Service Lecturer





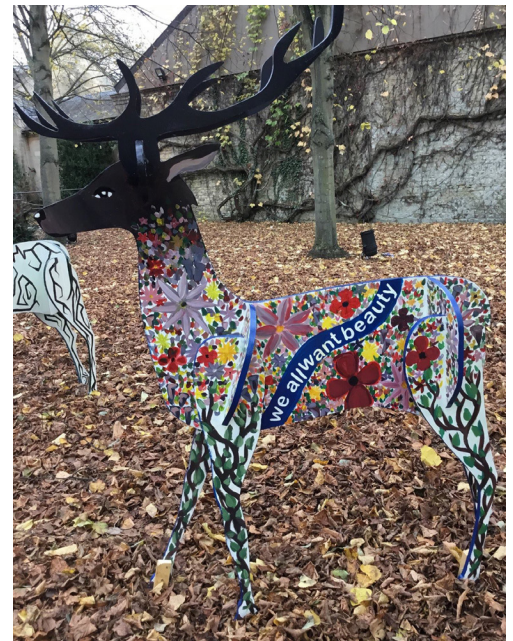
## Art & Design students have unleashed their creativity for a Christmas display.

### The festive reindeer have returned to Belton!

The BTEC National Diploma Art & Design Practice YR1 students have designed a herd of Christmas reindeer sculptures for Belton House and they will be displayed on the West drive for Christmas at Belton 2021.

The students were asked to design some artwork to communicate the 'Reconnecting Grantham' project for the National Trust and Woodland Trust, who are working together to reconnect Grantham to its historic landscapes.

Congratulations to our students. They are truly amazing!



## Real-life production

Our Level 3 Media students were lucky enough to gain real-life work experience with Shooting Fish Theatre Company where they worked on pre-production and production of the short film 'An Exploded View'.

An Exploded View celebrates the real stories from Grantham's engineers' past and present. The experimental shadow film combines stunning visuals with heartfelt storytelling.

The project was funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and was showcased at the Guildhall Arts Centre.



## Student Testimonial

"I love the Foundation Course at Grantham college. I love how well we work together to achieve our aspirations, share our experiences and collectively think together to shed some light from all different backgrounds. The course is a fantastic starting point allowing us to gain experience whilst gaining further knowledge to improve on our practice."

**Lauren Rudd**  
Currently Studying on the BGU Foundation Degree - Professional Studies Education Pathway



## Media Student Chae Price WOWS Local Video Company in Grantham Film Challenge

Grantham College Media student Chae Price has won a 'five-star review' and a job offer from local company Property Video Solutions after competing in a challenge to create a short film to showcase Grantham.

So impressed was the company with Chae's film of Grantham, it offered him a short period of work experience, whereupon the student wowed the business again, resulting in a job offer this autumn.



Chae, 17, who is currently studying for a Level 3 Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production at the college, chose a selection of Grantham's attractions to feature in his film. He said: **"I really enjoyed researching and creating the film, partly because I got to discover and try out lots of the activities available in the town, such as bowling and trampolining, while I was making it! I never imagined it would lead to a job offer."**



Chris England, Managing Director of Property Video Solutions, who set the challenge for the all the students in the Level 3 Media Studies group, said: "The challenge was an opportunity for each of the students to create a valuable piece of work that is vocationally relevant and which would support their learning. It was also a chance for them to exhibit their talents and create a film to add to their personal portfolios.

"After reviewing the students' films, Chae's stood out as excellent in many aspects. It showed his varied technical skills, including use of animation, aerial footage and overlays. His film was engaging and well story-boarded with a clear narrative and a strong start, middle and end. It was edited to a very high standard and was the perfect length too."

Chae has now taken up a part-time role with the company, working there alongside his college studies. To date, he has assisted with more than 30 film projects, creating content and helping with film shoots for a range of commercial clients, including national companies.

Chris added, "During his work experience with us, Chae quickly displayed all the attributes we look for in an employee: commitment, drive and wanting to do well. He continually looked to support other staff and was willing to help with any job that needed doing. Also, unusually for a young person these days, he was never distracted by his mobile phone! We could instantly see that he would be a great addition to our team."

Chae says he is very grateful for the opportunities he's been given by Property Video Solutions, with the chance to develop his skills and knowledge, and, to talk to the staff about the projects they have been involved with. He said, "It has been a real insight into what it's like to work in the real world and has helped me to create a clearer vision of my future career in the industry."



# Grantham College Institute of Technology (IoT)

We're excited to announce that the Grantham College's Institute of Technology (IoT) facility is now open. The doors opened to learners and tutors on 01 November 2021, filled with great learning spaces and specialist equipment. Our IoT site sees the historic Grade II-listed Stonebridge House converted into a state-of-the-art Engineering, Science, and Digital Skills hub. The IoT project has restored Stonebridge House to its former glory by turning it into a cutting-edge teaching and learning facility. The building is equipped with IT design studios, digital technology suites, and Engineering robotics facilities

IoT's are collaborations between colleges, universities and employers. They focus on the specific technical skills required to bridge the skills gaps in our local area. IoT's provide employers with a skilled workforce and students with a clear route to technical employment. Grantham College is a member of the consortium of further and higher education providers, led by the University of Lincoln that will bring substantial capital funding to our region with the Lincolnshire Institute of Technology (#LIoT).

IoT's specialise in delivering higher technical university-level education (at Levels 4 and 5) with a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. At Grantham College, the Institute of Technology focuses on Engineering and Digital routes. Grantham College has a strong background in Engineering and welcomes the opportunity via the IoT to fill skills gaps in local industries. As the IoT will provide the latest innovative technologies to work with, the College is putting on many new Digital courses.

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**Right on your doorstep: a brand-new multimillion-pound centre featuring IT design studios, digital technology suites, and Engineering robotics facilities. IoT courses at Grantham College include HNC/D Computing and Systems Development, Cloud Computing, Digital Technologies, Engineering (Manufacturing, Electrical, and Mechanical) courses and new apprenticeships in Automation and Controls, and Software Development.**



IoT courses are employer led and informed. The Lincolnshire IoT involves working partnerships with employers including Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery Ltd, Olympus Automation Limited, and Bakkavor Plc. The employers will contribute in a real way to the delivery of the courses, providing opportunity for students to visit and attend businesses, and ensuring that IoT graduates can deliver what businesses want when they graduate. The Grantham College IoT is creating the training that local businesses need, and that give students the best opportunity of employment when they graduate, in good jobs.

In changing the way higher-level education is delivered, and featuring innovative new courses and cutting-edge facilities, Grantham College's Institute of Technology is genuinely transformational. It is designed to make a significant improvement in the region's economic situation, and will be the space in which business and education combine to produce a highly skilled technically proficient workforce focused on the future.



## Day Break clients get creative for Christmas tree festival .

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Wulfram's returned in November which saw The Grantham landmark transformed in to a winter wonderland, with an ice-skating rink and the popular Christmas Tree Festival.

Since beginning in 2015, the Christmas Tree Festival has attracted thousands of visitors to the church, with schools, businesses and other members of the community bringing along their own tree for people to enjoy.

To join in with this festive celebration, a number of clients from Day Break participated in designing, creating and decorating a tree for St Wulframs. The hand-made decorations, produced by the clients, were placed on the tree, boasting a theme around positive quotes related to disability.

I think we can all agree, they did a fantastic job!



## Football Team unbeaten!

Our football team have had a great start of the new season!

In the league, they are unbeaten! Playing 4 games, winning 4 games. Scoring 32 goals and conceding only 1 goal in the process. Averaging 8 goals a game.

In the Men's National Cup, our Football Team have progressed in the first 2 rounds, winning 5-0 in both games, leaving us in round 3 (last 64 teams left out of 256).

Well done to our Football Team! Keep up all the hard work.



## Student Testimonial

"I recommend the HNC/HND Arts Practice course to other students as it is very independent, and you are treated like an adult. Grantham College has helped me understand what I have to do to get the grades I want and have helped me with my dyslexia. You can work at your own pace, choose the direction and outcome you want. The course is very diverse, and you get a lot of group opinions and ideas."

Cara Newton  
Currently Studying  
HND Arts Practice



## Open Event Success!

Thank you to everyone that played a part in making our recent November Open Event a great success. It was so rewarding to see all of the different areas of the College coming together collaboratively to deliver an immersive and interactive experience for visitors. There was a real buzz on campus that I think will leave a lasting impression on potential students.

There was a total of 142 guests out of the 170 originally registered actually attended the event. Additionally to this we had another 81 walk-ins who registered at the event, making a total number of 223. This is not even including parents/guardians who were also present so I suspect we had well over 250 throughout the evening. Students came from not only Grantham, but also Sleaford, Melton, Lincoln and Newark which is extremely promising. A wide range of subject areas were of interest across FE, HE and our short course/online provision.

We have had many new applications as a result!

I look forward to seeing you all again at the January open evening and welcome any feedback moving forward to ensure that we deliver the best event possible.



## Media students film scenes in the Mayor's Parlour for a movie trilogy.

Media filmed part of their trilogy of movies in the Mayor's Parlour.

The filming took place on Monday, December 6, by nine second-year Media Production students.

The students filmed the third part of a buddy cop movie trilogy they have been developing over the course of two hours, where two MI4 agents find themselves needing to disarm a bomb in the Mayor's office.

**Steve Healey, Media lecturer for the group of students, said: "They all had a great deal of fun and produced some wonderful footage."**

The scene filmed features Kodie Lagden and Steve Healey as the MI4 agents, with one being serious and the other anything but.

Despite being a short scene, the students used editing and special effects to really add to the suspense and drama unfolding.

You can find out more about the trilogy and other work by the students by following **@granthamcollegemedia** on Instagram.





## Beauty students successfully gain jobs at Eden Hall and are loving it!

Emma Sudlow has gained a close business relationship with the Recruitment and Beauty Department at Eden Hall to secure recruitment, apprenticeships and work experience for our Beauty students.

All of the Level 3 Beauty Students from Massage and General route that had applied gained interviews, which consisted of a formal interview and a practical trade test. A number of our students were successful, and have been recruited on to 23hr contracts. Eden Hall are working closely with the college making sure our students can still attend their weekly lessons but also providing work base training.

And this academic year work placement is in place for not just beauty but hopefully sports,



## Student Testimonial

"Grantham College has helped me socially and I have gained lots of new friends since attending. Over the last year, I've been pushed both with my practical work and my theory work. I've been set a lot of challenges to push and help me improve my skills. I've learnt all the basics of bricklaying, from using basic trowels and jointer tools to successfully completing decorative brickwork. This includes brick on edge, soldier courses, projection work, flaunching and simple cuts with a hammer and bolster.

"In the long run I would like to become a fully qualified bricklayer. But I am planning on completing my full-time Level 1 and 2 courses before I can start an apprenticeship, so that I am prepared to enter the working arena."

Joshua Farrington  
Level 1 Bricklaying

## Odd socks.

Staff and students got involved in wearing odd socks to support the start of Anti-Bullying week

This is where we recognise what makes everyone unique and raise awareness of bullying.



## Remembrance day memorial

Public Services course Leader, Chris Williams and his students held a memorial service in the Refectory on 11 November to remember those who gave their lives during war or conflict.

During the moving service, students recited poems, a presentation of photos was displayed and everyone took a minute's silence to think about those who have fallen.



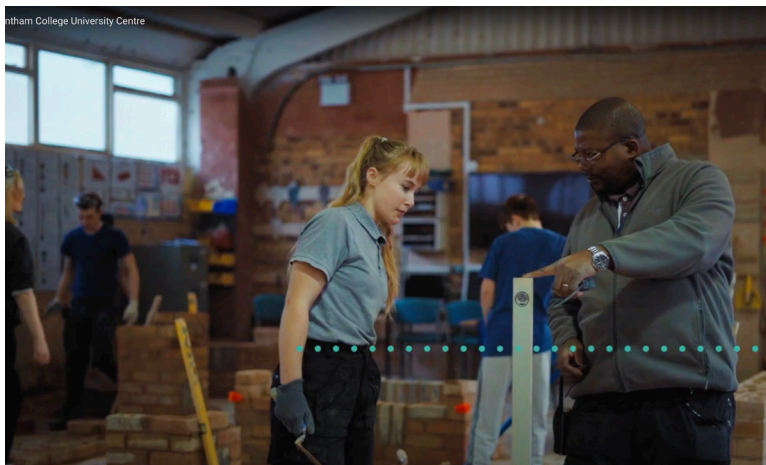


## New Grantham College HE promo video - watch now!

We are pleased to invite you to watch the brand-new promotional video for our HE courses here:  
**<https://www.grantham.ac.uk/university-centre>**

The video features our great facilities, tutors and students, was made by a professional film company, and was funded by LinCHigher.

Featuring our dedicated University Centre, newly opened Institute of Technology, and the Renewable Energy Centre opening in 2022!



A recent customer said: "Today my two dogs have been groomed and they have done an excellent job!"



## Free Dog Grooming for Staff.

The Dog Grooming department would like to invite all staff and students to book their dogs in for a professional pamper and groom.

On Wednesday & Thursday the Dog Grooming Department offer a full styling service plus nails

On Friday the Dog Grooming Department offer a limited styling service and nail trim.

Each dog will be temperament assessed for suitability. Will need to be friendly with people and dogs, fully vaccinated, and will periodically be housed in a cage.

### AM

Drop off is 9.30am  
Collection 12.30pm

### PM

Drop off 1.30pm  
Collect 3.30pm

Staff: FREE  
Public: £10 small £15 Medium

Later collection for staff can be arranged when booking.

We can only accommodate large dogs if dropped off at 9.30 and promptly collected due to no suitably sized housing.

Please email or book via Teams by contacting Bee Plumb **[bplumb@grantham.ac.uk](mailto:bplumb@grantham.ac.uk)**.



# T-LEVELS.

## Welcome to the next level!

From 2022, we are offering T Levels in a variety of subject areas:

- Business Management & Administration
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Site Construction - Carpentry and Joinery
- Site Construction - Brickwork Pathway
- More T Levels will be introduced over the next few years, as they are developed jointly by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and employers.

### What are T Levels?

T Levels are an exciting new vocational study option available after you have completed your GCSEs. T Levels are two year programmes, equivalent to 3 A Levels, which are a unique hybrid of high quality technical training in the classroom and an extended industry placement. 80% of your time will be spent in the classroom with a further 20% out on placement with an employer gaining invaluable, up to date industry skills.

T Levels are designed to give you the knowledge and experience you need to get a head start on your chosen career. When you complete your T Level qualification, you will be able to go straight into employment, an apprenticeship or higher education. Grantham College was among the first colleges in the country to be chosen by the government to deliver T Level qualifications as a high quality vocational alternative to A Levels.



**Paul Deane, Principal and Chief Executive of Grantham College, said:** "T-Levels have been created by the Department for Education to ensure companies can recruit 'work ready' candidates who have the skills and attributes sought by industry.

"We, as a college, are focussed on furnishing students with the skills industry needs and so are embracing the opportunities T-Levels bring. Industry placements are the first step and have already brought real benefits to students and businesses alike."



### Transition Programme

For those who are not quite ready to embark on a full T Level, we are also offering the option of a one year T Level Foundation Programme at Level 2 to support our students with a smooth transition to T Levels. The Foundation programme is a dedicated pathway to help prepare you for the theory, concepts and skills that will be developed on the full T Level programme.



Come and see our brand new facilities and meet our inspiring staff at our upcoming Higher Education

 **OPEN DAY** 

Saturday 15 January 2022

10am – 1pm



Engineering | Computing | Sports | Media |  
Digital Technologies | Biology | Performing Arts |  
Health & Social Care | Art & Design |  
Business & Management | Teaching Pathways |  
Animal Management | Public Services



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I'd like to say a big thank you to all of you that have helped pull this edition of GC Success together.

As you know it has not been advisable on safety grounds to pull the whole college together as we usually like to do to celebrate things like awards evening, all college staff briefings and development so there is nothing better than being reminded of all the wonderful things that are going on at Grantham College and sharing them with colleagues. It really is inspirational and reinforces why you can all be really proud of your college.

I'm sure many of these stories will help promote the college externally too but I think it is important to share them with colleagues as many are unaware of the range of really exciting things taking place.

Thank you so much for supporting our students and community.

Best wishes for Christmas & the New Year!

Paul Deane  
Principal & Chief Executive



# Events

We have been busy at events in and around Grantham, helping students make their important decision on starting a course here at Grantham College.

## OCTOBER 2021

7th	Priory Bottesford
7th	Priory Grantham
12th	Bourne Academy
14th	Longfield Academy

## NOVEMBER 2021

22nd	University of Lincoln Health & Care Event
30th	Access Creative Lincoln

## DECEMBER 2021

2nd	Charles Read Academy
10th	The West Grantham Church of England Secondary Academy



# Upcoming Events

If you would like to attend any of the below events to showcase your subject area and promote the college, please get in touch with Chelsea Toulson [ctoulson@grantham.ac.uk](mailto:ctoulson@grantham.ac.uk)

## 2022 Event Dates

January 19th	Toothill School
January 26th	Thomas Cowley High School
March 25th	St Georges Academy
March -	Kings Shool Grantham
October 6th	Bourne Academy
October 13th	Spalding Academy
October 27th	Giles Academy

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