

GC SUCCESS



All Aboard!

At Grantham College, the Travel and Tourism students have been working with local nurseries and childminding services to provide in flight cabin experiences, they were joined by 'Sweet Angels', 'My Nursery', 'Grantham Childminding Group' and more! Having the groups in is both important work experience for the students to practice their in-flight service, and it is also a great 'holiday' experience for the children, from checking in, going through security and watching the safety demo. They tried on the life jackets, had refreshments and watched in flight entertainment- leading to being presented with a certificate at the end.

This is a valuable experience for both groups and we thank the local nurseries for their co-operation!



Construction Open Day

We were delighted to welcome local schools from Grantham and Newark to our Construction Open Day, which gave year 10 students an insight into our industry-based environment with experienced and knowledgeable lecturers.

The interactive activities ranged from laying bricks, plastering a wallboard, creating a lap joint in carpentry and pipework in plumbing. This event provided the students with an opposed outlook on Construction, as some of the students never even considered the area as a progression route until visiting Grantham College.

This was an outstanding educational opportunity for the students but also for the lecturers to showcase our true to work life training facilities and make acquaintance with upcoming students. It was rewarding to hear and see the positive involvement, with lecturers inspiring the students, and students motivating each other.

Thank you to those involved that made this event a great success, the Construction team, Support Staff and Marketing.





Art & Design students 2023 Exhibition

Grantham College's Art exhibition, held on 28th June 2023, was a delightful display of emerging talent, showcasing a wide range of artistic styles and techniques. Each piece was infused with creativity, reflecting the unique perspectives of the artists.

All levels of the exhibition space buzzed with energy as guests immersed themselves among the vibrant, thought-provoking artwork. The show was a testament to the strong tutelage provided, and the boundless potential and promising future of the next generation of artists and graphic designers.



Thank you to our sponsor, Harlaxton Engineering!

Harlaxton Engineering Services Ltd is one of the main sponsors for the Awards Ceremony and presented awards to students in Engineering, Apprenticeships and Higher Education.

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Student Testimonial

" This Apprenticeship allows for me to achieve a higher qualification and gain valuable experience for future employment opportunities as it allows for a greater understanding of work and having a record of previous employment allowing for a broader potential in job opportunities."

James Sewell
HNC Higher Apprenticeship in Engineering
Harlaxton Engineering

Grantham College wins award for high quality Apprenticeships.

Grantham College is celebrating after winning the Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Training Provider Champion Award 2023.

The Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Champion Award acknowledges and celebrates the efforts and commitment of apprentices, apprenticeship training providers and employers who have gone above and beyond to make apprenticeships a success. Grantham College was thrilled to learn that it had won this award at the ceremony in Lincoln.

The awards are run in partnership between the Public Service Compact group, Lincolnshire County Council and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Grantham College's winning entry showed its commitment to designing and delivering high quality apprenticeships that meet both employer and apprentices' needs. This includes working with the local community and listening to our employers then working with them to find solutions to issues and develop the curriculum accordingly.

Judges praised Grantham College for encouraging young people in their apprenticeship and supporting them to produce work to the highest standard.

Apprentice Jack Perry who works for South Kesteven District Council and is undertaking his apprenticeship at Grantham College stated that "I have always had a positive experience at Grantham College and I feel they deserve this award for the amazing work they do for apprentices."

Congratulations to our Apprentices Alice Heaton and Charlie Tatchell who were both finalists for the Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Champion Award 2023.

The Apprenticeship Champion Finalists have demonstrated their commitment to overcoming barriers, excellence in skills development and their drive to support success and growth in what has been a challenging year.

James Laurie, Managing Director at JRL Brickwork said "Alice is an incredibly hard working, driven and talented young lady with very much a "can do" attitude – all of which makes me confident in the fact she has a very prosperous future ahead of her."

Richard Favell, Lecturer at Grantham College said "Charlie's attitude towards his work is unfailingly professional, he leads by example and when working alone his work never needs to be supervised. He has gained respect from his peers and college lecturer with ease."



Congratulations to all the finalists and winners!



Grantham College is rated Ofsted 'GOOD'.

21 March 2023

Grantham College & University Centre have been graded once again as a 'Good' college in its most recent Ofsted inspection.

The inspection that took place in January 2023, involved 8 inspectors who used a full four days within the college to visit lessons and meet with staff and students, leaders and governors, as well as a whole range of employers, community stakeholders and civic partners.

The outcome of this inspection offers a resounding vote of confidence in the college's direction of travel, the performance of its curriculum and quality of its leadership.

The inspectors recognised that at Grantham College young people participate in a wide range of effective activities that develop their employability skills. They undertake relevant work experience, complete live projects with employers and attend frequent guest speaker sessions. As a result, young people are well prepared to take their next steps towards further study or employment.

Paul Deane, Principal and Chief Executive said:

"I am delighted that Ofsted have confirmed yet again that Grantham College is a GOOD college, and I would like to congratulate and thank all the staff, students and partners of the college that have invested so much time and effort to make this such a wonderful place to study and work."

"Inspectors clearly witnessed that the young people, adults and apprentices that study with us have access to a good range of facilities and equipment that meet industry standards and that we collaborate effectively with a range of local stakeholders to understand skills needs and that employers and stakeholders have an active involvement in the curriculum."

"They also noted how our teachers are well qualified, knowledgeable and have relevant backgrounds or vocational expertise. They use this experience to effectively demonstrate and teach students how to meet industry standards." Grantham College & University Centre will take this latest result as evidence that strategy is effective and continue to work hard to drive change and improvement across the college.

"Grantham College will, as always, endeavour to be true to its values and ensure we deliver on our mission: To deliver inspirational vocational, technical, professional and higher education and training that empowers people, businesses and the community to achieve their goals. Fundamentally we continue to strive to contribute to the economic prosperity and social cohesion of the communities we serve."



Campus Tours

On Monday 10th July, Year 6 Pupils from Belton Lane Primary School swapped their classrooms for a tour around our college campus.

Pupils had an insight into college life, explored our exciting range of courses and asked lots of great questions about their futures.

Thank you visiting, we hope you enjoyed your time here at Grantham College!



Students go the extra mile and meet F1 driver Lando Norris

22 March 2023

Students studying creative courses at Grantham College met up with Formula One driver Lando Norris recently and took part in a promotional photo shoot for his brand Quadrant.

Ex-college student now Lead Apparel Designer for Quadrant and E-Sport company Veloce Will Kerr, invited the students down to Santa Pod Raceway Northampton to meet the F1 star and 'The Stig' Ben Collins.

The students, studying a range of courses including Media and Art & Design, were able to mix with professional photographers and film makers during the day which started at custom car garage Liberty Walk. They were able to see how the shoot was managed by Will and get involved, taking their own images and film.

Student Ebony Baines said, "The day helped me understand what opportunities are available to me when I have completed my education."

Ellie Harrington is hoping that there will more opportunities to work with Quadrant in the future, "I didn't realise how fast paced everything was and so busy, everyone had something they needed to do."

Alice Maplethorpe feels that the experience will help her cope with similar opportunities in the future "It's all about being prepared." said Alice.



Lecturer Wendy Turner thought that the day was a fantastic experience and enjoyed catching up with her old student. "It was great to see Will working with such high-profile people and enjoying his job. Our students go on to work within the creative industries across all disciplines, it certainly was an inspirational day for the students."

Other students involved were Zubin Fosse and Finley Cox.

Students enjoyed their time away on Turing trips!

Students from various different courses went abroad and completed vital work experience as part of their courses in Sweden, Germany, Italy, Seville and more. The students were able to gain real industry experience, and enjoy their time away as a group with day trips, welcome tours, beach volleyball and exploring the cultures and local communities.





Celebrations all round at Grantham College!

Grantham College celebrated its star students, staff and employers on Thursday 22nd June at their 2023 Awards Ceremony.

The ceremony was celebrated by over 300 people including award winners, family, friends, staff members and governors.

The evening opened with Principal and Chief Executive, Paul Deane reflecting on the College's highlights from the past academic year. Guest speaker, Anna Wooster-Man, founder and CEO of Greenio Ltd gave an inspirational speech and ignited the audience's passion for their futures.

Over 70 awards were given to students for going above and beyond in their subject area, ranging from Media, Animal Care, Plumbing, Business and Accounting, Access to Higher Education, Construction, Science and much more. Check our Grantham College Courses page on our website for the full list of subjects we offer.



The ultimate award to receive is the overall Student of the Year Award. This award goes to the individual who has triumphed in the face of adversity and truly given their heart and soul to their time at college. This student has studied with the college for two years on the Level 3 Childcare programme and has constantly exhibited exceptional dedication and a genuine passion for the subject throughout her studies. Our worthy winner of the Overall Student of the Year Award was presented to Megan Martin.

We all know how hard our staff work to ensure the success and enjoyment of the students' time here at college. This year we presented two awards, one nominated by staff and one nominated by students. These awards are a vote of thanks for all their hard work and efforts throughout the academic year. Access to Higher Education course leader, Judi Fisher won the Staff Member of the Year Award from our students and Life Skills Course Leader and SEN Support, Sarah Ellis won the Staff Member of the Year Award from our staff.

Work Experience Placement Employer of the Year Award went to Together Bridal who have gone above and beyond what we would have expected, having taken on more than one student and offering them quality hands-on work experience within the business.

Apprenticeship Employer of the Year Award went to South Kesteven District Council who accommodated apprentices recruiting across a wide range of sectors. Their support and mentoring they offer apprentices, to enable them to progress in their qualifications is exceptional.

Thomas Paice, a former student won the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognises the career and achievement of a past student who has made an indelible impact in their career after studying at Grantham College. Thomas attended Grantham College in the 1970's to complete his City & Guilds Quarrying and Advanced Quarrying course and recently revisited Grantham College the 'place where it all began' to mark 50 years since he completed his course.

The evening concluded with drinks and photos which staff, students, family, and friends all thoroughly enjoyed.



Special thanks go to sponsors who made the evening possible; Harlaxton Engineering Services Limited and LB Tech Solutions. All of which have donated very generously to make this evening possible and one more congratulations to our award winners.

Congratulations to all our award winners and we wish you well whether you are returning to study next year, have gained employment, or taking a gap year.

If you are joining us soon – it could be you getting an award next year!

Brand new industry standard Engineering workshops at Grantham College

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in the Office for Students capital bid and have been awarded just over £1m to buy brand new kit for, and refurbish, our mechanical, hydraulics, and automotive engineering workshops. Working closely with local Engineering employers, we have sourced and purchased the cutting-edge specialist equipment used in industry to train our students ready for the 21st century workplace. Our mechanical kit list includes new lathes, workbenches, vices, shadow boards, tooling and VR welding systems. Our manufacturing, maintenance and hydraulics kit list includes CMM measuring, CNC machining, CNC lathe, control simulator, conveyor machine, and hydraulics training systems. The OfS-published statement about our project is below. We look forward to welcoming you to view our new facilities in September 2023.

The project is to refurbish and equip a mechanical, manufacturing and hydraulics engineering workshop space to contemporary industry standard. It mirrors the College's Strategic Plan by expanding curriculum development in those areas most directly linked to employability. The funding will enable the college to outfit an Engineering Innovation Centre with cutting-edge mechanical, computer numerical control (CNC) manufacturing, maintenance, and hydraulics engineering equipment, and run a new suite of higher education short courses in high demand occupational areas. It gives the college the means to train and develop a more robust future workforce in areas where demand is greatest from employers, both currently and in projected skills gaps.

Faithfull Tools Gift



Simon from Faithfull Tools recently gifted our Construction Students with their prestige forged 11" Philadelphia pattern brick trowels. They are one of the markets best value solid trowels that money can buy, and it comes with a 10 year warranty!

Faithfull Tools are a long-established, respected hand tool range within the UK and ROI supplying all areas of construction trade via the 13000 retailers on a daily basis.

As part of their 'academy alliance' programme, they work with colleges and students to ensure they are informed correctly on features, benefits, safety and more!

Coronation Celebrations

Here at Grantham College, we celebrated the King's Coronation on 3rd May with a Coronation party in Isaacs bar, hosted by the wonderful LDC.

We also had a bake sale which showcased an impressive array of cakes and sweet treats baked by our staff and students to raise money for the Kings' Charities for Conservation!



Jonnie Rocket author enlists the help of our Media students



The very talented John Chapman, who played X-Wing Pilot “Red 12 Drifter” in the original Star Wars Movie – A New Hope Visited our Media students. Steven Healey, one of our Media lecturers reached out after finding him on social media once he’d seen the film ‘Elstree 1976’, a documentary film by John Spira made about the lives of the actors and extras behind one of the most celebrated sci-fi movies of all time.

This documentary discussed how John currently makes (educational) comic books for children, teaming up with charities for content and working with a designer to make sure all of his comic books are accessible to those with learning difficulties.

As someone who suffers with dyslexia himself, John wanted to create a comic book series that is engaging to everyone. With simple adaptations, such as making speech bubbles slightly yellow tinted for ease of reading.

Media lecturer, Steve, saw this and believed teaming up with John would be a great opportunity for our Media students to get real industry experience and develop their skills, both of which are vital for working in creative industries and ‘getting their name in the universe’.

To make the Jonnie Rocket comic books come to life, the students (ranging from Level 2 students to HE level 5 and 6) spent their time with John discussing ideas and asking questions. They were gifted many copies of Jonnie Rocket which they had the chance to read to become true ‘rocketeers’. Media students will be working with John to make films of the comics, whether this is live action, cartoon, motion graphics or more!

John says, ‘I am keen to work with great, young, talented people to gain some fresh ideas!’

We look forward to seeing what they create!



Student Testimonial

In 2020, I made the decision to go back into education. Something I’d been toying with for a long time. It turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life! After a year at Grantham college completing an access to higher education course, I’m now coming to the end of my second year of university. I would never have been able to make that step without the support given to me by the staff and fellow students during my year at Grantham College. I 100% would recommend anyone else wishing to get back into education to get in touch with Judi Fisher.

Be brave! Take that step! I promise you, it will change your life.

Culture in the Community

On the 23rd May, Grantham College hosted this year's Culture in the Community event. The successful event saw 32 different exhibitors with over 500 visitors coming through the doors.

The event highlighted a range of different community and culture groups from Grantham and the surrounding areas, showcasing the broad depth of diversity we have here.



Exhibitors included exciting interactive activities that the visitors could have a go at, such as making your own clay pots on a throwing wheel with Grantham Arts, tasting a variety of world foods from the Stamford Diversity Group, having a go with a VR simulator from the Grantham College IT department, testing your aim with the Grantham Tennis Club and even having a go with some Scottish Dancing with the Scottish Country Dance Group.



The mayor, Councillor Graham Jeal, attended the event walking around and talking to each of the exhibitors. He took part in some of the activities and games on offer with Grantham Tennis Club and the Sports department at Grantham College.

Alongside bringing together Grantham's different communities, it was also a chance to see the breadth of different courses on offer at Grantham College.

Access to Higher Education students completed their courses!



Access to HE students completed their courses this past month. Pictured are some of those completing Science, Humanities & Social Science, and Health & Social Care Diplomas.

96% of this year's cohort are progressing to higher level and degree qualifications, including Geography, English Literature and Media, adult and children's Nursing, Neuroscience and Nutrition.

Congratulations to all and we wish them the best in their future endeavors!

Apprenticeship Week Celebration

We celebrated National Apprenticeship Week with our apprentices at Grantham Bowling Alley, a treat to show how much we appreciate them!

It was a great way for our apprentices to meet one another no matter what industry, and there were smiles all round!

We were joined by local employers for our employer lunch. As part of our celebrations for National Apprenticeship Week, our wonderful catering students at Apple Tree restaurant provided delicious food as a thank you to our local community and all that our local businesses do for apprenticeships and apprentices.



Careers Fair

We were joined by 27 local employers, universities and businesses alongside our higher education department, in partnership with Bishop Grosseteste University and our Apprenticeships and T-levels teams for our Annual Careers fair.

Our students had the opportunity to discuss their future options and form any valuable networks with local employers and universities.

Thank you to all who attended, we hope to see you at our next one!



Our Table Tennis Academy win Semi - Finals!



Grantham College Table Tennis Academy won the semi finals for the English Schools Under 19's Competition.

This means they're now in the final for both the English schools and the national colleges Competitions!

Well done to our Table Tennis Academy and good luck in the finals!

Health and Social care visit:

FdA Health and Social Care Practitioner students visited the Laxton Holocaust Centre, the only centre in the UK entirely dedicated to victims of the Holocaust. The excursion was part of the Values Based Practice Module with Grantham College and University Centre first year students.

Sharon said "We were very privileged to be able to experience a talk given by 95-year-old holocaust survivor, Arek Hersh, who shared some of his insights from that terrible time in history. The main lesson he asked us to take from today? Be kind to each other and do not discriminate."



Catering Chocolate and Baking workshops



14 Catering students attended a Chocolate Workshop at Cocoa-Amore in Grantham.

The workshop consisted of: Tempering Demonstration, Story of Chocolate, Tasting Beans, Working with Colour, Transfer sheet lollyBar Making and Truffle Making.

After a hot chocolate the students left with the items they had made - a bar of chocolate, handmade truffles and a lolly decorated with a transfer sheet.

Thank you Cocoa-Amore!

Catering students have been cooking up a storm with a "Master Baker Masterclass".

It was delivered by Mr Leslie Gadd from "Lovely Loaves" in Grantham.

All three levels of Catering students were involved and produced a 5 plait milk loaf, cinnamon twist and a sweet brioche.



Eve Taylor Training

In February our Level 3 Beauty students had Eve Taylor training, delivered by Melanie from Eve Taylor.

The training was in electrical facial products, lymph drainage and back facial treatments.

Eve Taylor work in partnership with Grantham College, providing training to all levels of beauty.



Automotive have moved!

We would like to give Automotive a great big warm welcome to main site!



Open Event Success

Thank you for those of you that took the time out of your evening to represent the College and your area for the open evening on Wednesday 5th July. We saw over 130 visitors pass through our doors for a wide variety of subject areas.

We took a total of 14 applications on the evening for the following subject areas:

- 1 x Construction
- 1 x Beauty Massage
- 1 x Learning Development
- 1 x Animal Care
- 1 x British Sign Language
- 1 x HND Media
- 1 x Functional Skills English
- 1 X GCSE English
- 1 x GCSE Maths
- 1 x Professional Cookery
- 1 x Uniformed Public Services
- 1 x Carpentry & Joinery
- 1 x Plumbing
- 1 x Health & Social Care

These events wouldn't be possible without the continued support of staff in both admin and curriculum roles, thank you to everyone that have contributed this year to make all the events such a huge success.

Next academic year open event dates:

- Wednesday 20th September 2023 | 5-7pm
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 | 5-7pm
- Wednesday 31st January 2024 | 5-7pm
- Thursday 25th April 2024 | 5-7pm
- Wednesday 3rd July 2024 | 5-7pm

See more at: <https://www.grantham.ac.uk/our-events/>

We would love to hear from you!

It is always a pleasure to hear what our students and staff have been getting up to.

We love sharing all the good things going on around the college whether this is a success story for one of our students, a group trip or even a staff success. Please let us know all the things you get up to. Every single thing helps market your courses and hopefully in turn this will continue to increase your student numbers.

Please **let us know** if you have a story we can share.

Email our Marketing Team at marketingteam@grantham.ac.uk

Thank You!

Thank you to our dedicated staff members who have recently celebrated their 20th Anniversary here at Grantham College.

Jane Brunt	24/09/2022
Dave Ephgrave	31/03/2023
Wendy Saville	01/05/2023
Monica Mcguinness	01/06/2023
James Howarth	23/06/2023
Irene Chan	23/07/2023

SPARK Festival

Staff from Engineering, Computing, Marketing and Apprenticeships attended the Spark Festival Event at Lincoln Cathedral on the 7th and 8th July.

The fantastic event showcased the many STEM innovations in Lincolnshire and inspired future generations.

Our lecturers provided demonstrations on how to use the Dobot robotic arms and our VR equipment and then allowed school pupils and the public to have a go and try it out themselves. We also spoke about how we can help kickstart their career with our exciting range of courses on offer!

The event welcomed over 800 school children throughout the course of the day and it was also open to the public.



A warm welcome to our new staff members:

Sarah Brown	Bank Animal Care Lecturer
Laura Wilkinson	Bank Hair Lecturer
Sarah Wilkins	Beauty Lecturer
Lisa Tuck	Care Support Assistant
Jay Fox	SEND LSA
Ellen Thompson	Lead Specialist Assessor and Support for Exams
Sam Fisher	GCSE English Lecturer
Matthew Breedon	Cover Supervisor
Andrew Wakley	Electrical Installations Lecturer
Kerry Brooks	Counsellor
Rachel Fox	DL Business Engagement Assessor & DL Environment and Climate assessor
David Gardiner	ESOL Lecturer
Emma Beckwith	Animal Care Technician
Lisa Smith	Beauty IQA
Charles Proctor	Art and Design: Technician
Fiona Wood	LSA
Paul O'Reilly	LSA
Gail Allen	Care Support Assistant
Maria Merridan	Cover Supervisor
Karen Milburn	Assessor/IQA
Sandra Leach	Assessor
Samuel Hardingham	Lecturer/Skills Trainer
Emily Miller	Bank Child Care Assessor
Michelle White	Bank Barbering IQA

Events

We have been busy visiting schools and spreading the word at events

JANUARY

9th + 16th - West Grantham Academy Application Session
17th - Toot Hill School Careers fair
19th +25th - St George's Academy Careers fair
27th - KGGs T-levels Talk

FEBRUARY

6th - Suthers School Assembly
9th - West Grantham Academy Assembly
23rd - SWRA Careers fair
28th - Priory Ruskin Academy Application session

MARCH

1st - Newark Academy Careers fair
8th - Greenfields Academy Visit
8th - Priory Ruskin Academy Application session
9th - St Georges Academy Careers fair
16th - The Kings School Careers fair
17th - Willoughby Academy Futures Fayre
22nd - Suthers School Year 9 Options evening
29th - Sleaford Schools recruitment event
30th - Walton Academy Application Session

APRIL

21st - KGGs T-Levels Talk
24th - Bourne Grammar Assembly

JUNE

16th - Hill Holt Wood Careers fair
19th - KGGs Assembly
21st - Cottesmore Personal Development Fair
28th - Priory Ruskin Academy Assembly
30th - John Ferneley College post 16 event

JULY

7th + 8th - SPARK Event, Lincoln
13th - STEM Final Challenge