

STOKE STUDIO COLLEGE

“Educating the Next Generation of Experts

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Studio College Easter Message

Easter Newsletter—2017

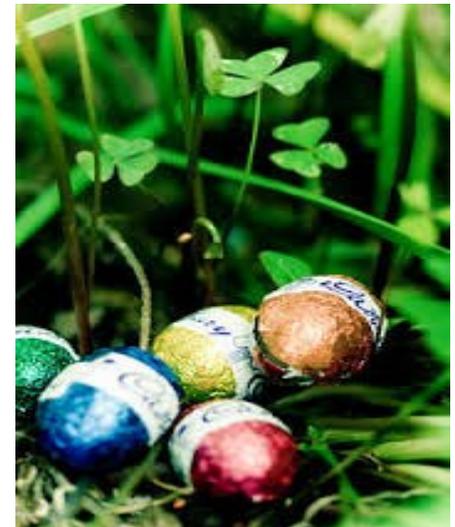
It has been a very busy term with much to celebrate and share with you.

Stoke Studio College has been a hive of activity over the past few months with fantastic opportunities and experiences for our students and staff.

We have continued to build links with both local and nationwide employers, and have established links with the community and secured jobs for our students. Our students have also been fortunate enough to travel both in the UK and overseas, with the Go 4 Set project and Challenge Africa.

It is a very exciting time at the Studio College with huge interest from students wishing to join our Post-16 provision and benefit from our state of the art facilities.

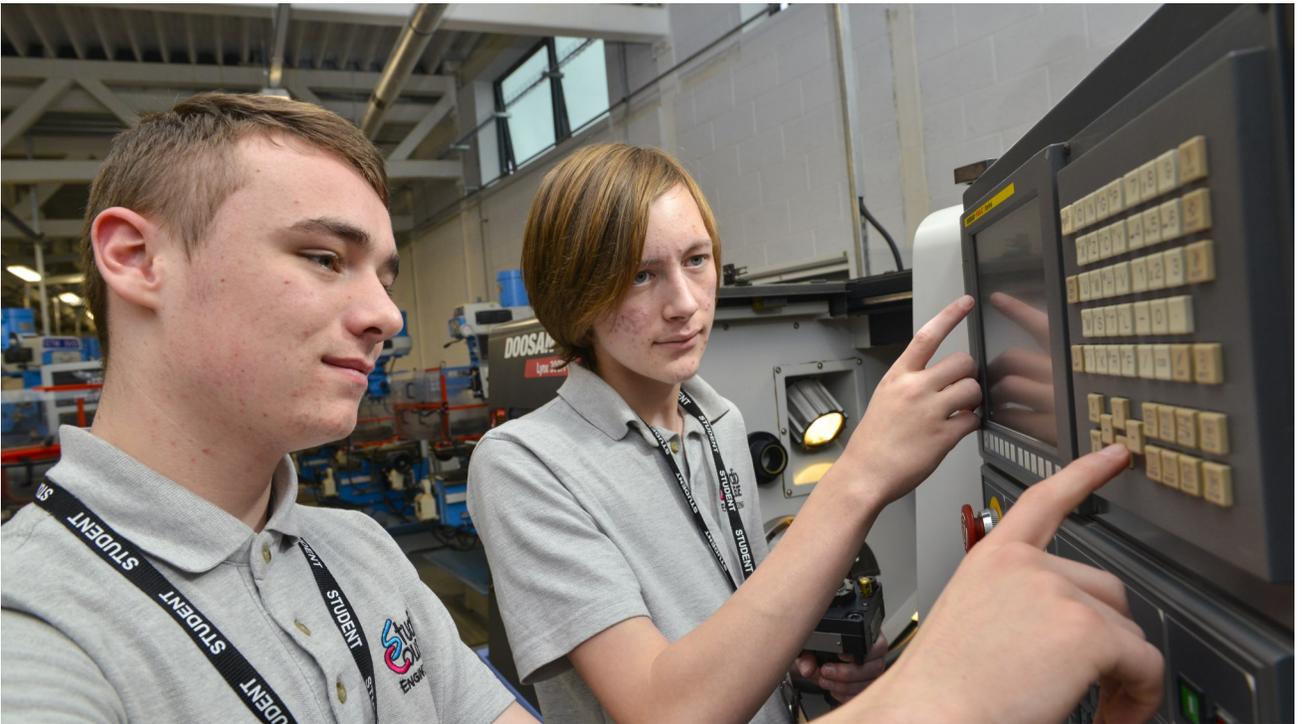
Studio College would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, parents and students a Happy Easter and would like to wish the best of luck to all of our students with their up and coming exams.



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Studio College opens for students on Monday 24th April 2017



Post 16 Courses

We are currently recruiting for our Level 3 courses for September. Once again we will be offering opportunities to join us and study from the following options;

Level 3 Extended Diploma in **Construction and the Built Environment**

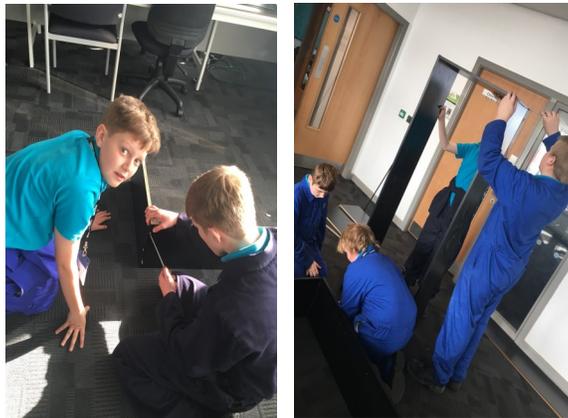
Level 3 Extended Diploma in **Engineering**

If you are interested in joining us and require a bit more information, please contact **Mr. Miles 01782 603171** who will be happy to help.

What we offer

- Project based learning
- Work Experience placements
- Ipad and laptop loan facility
- Paid travel expenses to work placements
- Exciting Enrichment programme
- Master classes with industry leading experts





Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Project leads to full time Professional Careers & paid for University fees

Two Year 13 Level 3 Construction students been accessing paid work experience placements which have been funded via the CITB funding which the Studio College was awarded three years ago.

Lynden started a two-day paid placement at Bennett Architectural in 2016 whilst studying for his BTEC Level 3 Construction qualification. The work placement allowed him to gain hands on experience in industry which linked into his assignments at the same time.

Lynden feels that “the experience has really helped me with my studies and allowed me to gain further knowledge in the construction industry. Also the placement helped me gain experience in a working environment and I had the chance to meet new people and gain experience off individuals in professional job roles at the company”.

In fact his placement has been so successful that he has been offered employment with Bennett Architectural and they are also paying for his University Degree in Architectural Technology at Birmingham City University.

Sipan has been on numerous paid placements at companies including; Wood Goldstraw & Yorath, Staffordshire Housing Association and Bennett Architectural. The experience gained has resulted in Sipan being offered a full time job as a Trainee Architect at Townsend & Renaudon, a chartered quantity surveying company after he finishes his studies .

Townsend & Renaudon are funding Sipan’s Degree. Sipan says that “the funding I was provided with has allowed me to purchase equipment, which I have used to further develop my skills. I also used the funding provided by completing my work experience to get my driver’s licence, (by funding my driving lessons and test. This will open further opportunities by allowing me to travel to work, university and construction sites).

Why not come along to our open event?

Our next open event at the Studio College is on:

- Thursday 15th June 2017

The event runs from 5pm to 7pm.

Our Student Ambassadors will also be present at the event. They will be on hand to speak with perspective students and their parents, answering any questions that you may have.

Please come along and see our world class facilities and career progression opportunities that we have to offer.

You will also get a tour of our amazing facilities where you will get to see our NEW ‘Architecture and Design Suite’ which has the latest technology serving industry.

You will also see our brand NEW Library which has been built by our Year 9 students themselves.

It's all about Homebuilding and Renovation!

On the 23rd March our Year 13 students visited the Homebuilding & Renovating Show at the NEC Birmingham. The show is the largest event for self-builders, renovators and home improvers in the UK. Our students had the opportunity to learn about a huge variety of skills, career opportunities and the latest technology developments.

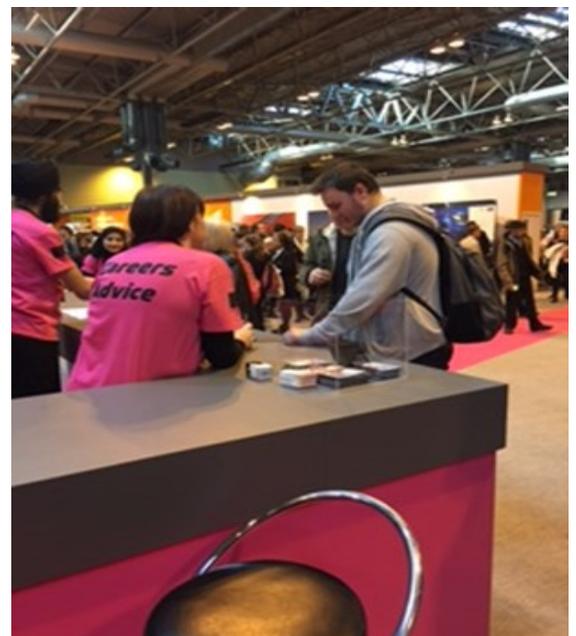
Our students spoke with architects and industry experts about all elements of a construction project from the initial ideas and costings, to design and planning permission.



Our students received independent and impartial advice and were inspired by Master Classes that they participated in covering everything from Interior Design to Building a Sustainable Home.

There were also practical demonstrations on the 'Tricks of The Trade' stage which our students really enjoyed watching.

Grant Major the Construction Lead at Studio College said "The homebuilding and renovation show has provided students with an opportunity to gain knowledge and make connections with individuals from industry. Students shared their ideas with architects and reaffirmed their chosen university and career paths following completion of their qualification. This experience has shown students their value in the world of construction and enlightened them on future technology and practice".



GO 4 SET 2017

Stoke Studio College Library

This month has seen a significant investment from the CITB leading to the creation of a new state of the art Library and Careers Hub.

This suite will allow students to access a range of resources related to construction alongside supporting them in selecting and pursuing their chosen career pathways.

Students have already discovered the benefits of these resources in the completion of their personal statements, study for construction assignments and further researching their chosen professional pathways.

Stoke Studio College hopes to continue to develop this state of the art library with the integration of media including iPads to support research and equipment to loan for personal study.

In the forthcoming months master classes, guest speakers and real world projects will be developed and implemented in conjunction with the CITB.

This years Go4SET saw exceptional interest as 40 Year 9 students were put through their paces undertaking interviews and challenges to form the final 12 competitors participating in this years national competition.

Students with an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) will spend the next 10 weeks working alongside a mentor from Network Rail helping to transform Stoke on Trent Station into a railway station of the future.

Students have already embraced the project visiting Stoke-on-Trent Train Station to detail the Grade 2 Victorian architecture, conduct questionnaires and catch a first class train journey to the recently developed Birmingham New Street Station. The Go4SET teams had a unique tour of the 700 million pound redevelopment from the heights of the new engineered atrium to the underground tunnels spanning the city. A personal highlight saw students taking to the mainframe of the station allowing them to track train journeys throughout the country and provide their own professional announcements to the public.

Students will continue to work with industry to produce a detailed project brief, conduct experiments, analyse future sustainable practices, develop concept ideas and produce a small scale architectural model to exhibit.

The final celebration event will take place at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry where students will present their project to teams of industry judges competing against over 100 schools from around the country.

Challenge South Africa

Two students from Stoke Studio College; Callum and Sirraaj have returned from their once in a life time opportunity visiting South Africa.

After personally achieving the £1000 fundraising target, students embarked on the trip of a lifetime in February with peers from Stoke on Trent College to learn about the country's history and culture, alongside sharing some of their expertise in construction.

As part of the Challenge South Africa programme students visited shanty towns to deliver food parcels, organised sporting events and completed art and craft workshops to local schools and visited some of the islands outstanding natural landscape.

Sirraaj Mahmood said "The Challenge South Africa project has been a eye opening experience that will stay with me for a long time. After returning I have a new appreciation of travelling and how much I have to offer to those less fortunate than myself. I would suggest that everyone makes the most of the Challenge China programme and contributes to this fantastic experience."

Term Dates 2016—2017

Spring Term 2017

Opens for staff training	Tuesday 3rd January
Opens for students	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 20th to Friday 24th February 2017 (inclusive)
Closes	Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Opens	Monday 24th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1st May 2017
Half Term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017 (inclusive)
Closes for students	Friday 21st July 2017

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