

# CAMPUS

Round and about at Shrewsbury College  
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## Developments for 2014!

We are building a community college and improving facilities and learning opportunities for all students. From September 2014, nearly all courses will be run from our London Road Campus for a more inclusive feel.

The College already boasts some of the best industry quality facilities, including the recently refurbished Engineering & Construction Centre, the new Business Enterprise Centre and the new commercial restaurant, Origins.

But at Shrewsbury College we are always expanding our students learning experience...

From September 2014 at our London Road campus we are introducing a new modern Learning Resource Centre and student zone, a new hair and beauty department - including the already successful Elements salon, a new Health and Childcare centre, as well as officially launching The Agency.

In addition to introducing new facilities for our students, we pride ourselves on our strong partnerships within the local community. We are looking forward to our recently announced new partnership with Severndale Specialist Academy in 2014.

## Pioneering Thomas Cook shop unveiled at Shrewsbury College

Shrewsbury College is working in partnership with Thomas Cook of Pride Hill to help students and staff avoid the hustle and bustle of town centre shopping and make booking holidays more convenient.



The new scheme, which is being trialled for the first time this year, will give students at Shrewsbury College valuable work experience whilst generating extra business for Thomas Cook.



Steve Somerford, Assistant Manager at Pride Hill Thomas Cook, said: "I think it is fantastic that Shrewsbury College is generating strong relationships with local businesses and our hope is that this can become a valuable ongoing part of the students' Travel & Tourism course."

The shop is being trialled for students and staff with the hope of eventually opening up to members of the public.

The College invited ex-student Chris Moss, who now works as cabin crew at Monarch Airlines, to perform the official opening.

Chris said: "This is a brilliant and innovative idea and will definitely go far in helping students gain fundamental work-experience."

"I finished my course at Shrewsbury College last summer and since then I have been working for Monarch Airlines. The tutors here are extremely supportive, and I received a lot of help when applying for my job."



"It is important to stress that the travel industry is not all glamour and it is tough to get into. But I would highly recommend anyone wanting to work in the industry to study at Shrewsbury College, as the course is specifically designed to help students get ahead and become work-ready."

## American Football touches down at Shrewsbury College

The county sports partnership, Energize Shropshire Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Revolution American Football Club have linked up with Shrewsbury College in the first community collaboration of its kind with the sport.

Ben Harper from the Shropshire Revolution American football team which competes in the British league, said: "This is the first time we have run a community outreach programme and we picked Shrewsbury College because we know of the principal's passion for the sport and for working with the community."



## Open Evening sees record attendance!

Our Open Evening in November was the first time we had welcomed all visitors to one site on one night to see all of the exciting courses and facilities we have on offer.

The visitors said it was good to see the College so busy and in fact we welcomed a record number through the doors. The College now offers new ways to combine a programme of studies to help gain the qualifications students want.

We are focussed on helping students gain employability skills that will help train them for the workplace or progress onto further qualifications at the College, including Apprenticeships, vocational courses, A Levels, BTECs, GCSEs, higher level qualifications and part-time courses, among others.

## Record enrolment numbers for 2013/14

**There was a 12% increase in learners aged 16-18 and adult learners were up by 23%**

September 2013 saw a dramatic increase in enrolments from all age groups due to an increase in course opportunities and new facilities at the College. These included; extra sport opportunities, new training kitchens and more A Level choices.

**There are a whole range of new courses on offer from 2014 including:**

Production Arts, Aeronautical Engineering and Marine Engineering, Motor Sport, Futsal and higher level Business Management Courses and new GCSEs including Astronomy and Russian.



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## College raises over £1000 for charities in five days

Students and staff at Shrewsbury College raised over £1000 in five days for four major UK charities.

Over £450 was raised during November's Remembrance ceremony for Help For Heroes and the British Legion. The College hosted a Remembrance breakfast serving food and drinks to students, staff and invited guests – including current and ex-military personnel.

That week also saw the re-opening of the College's British Red Cross Shop, selling donated vintage clothes, shoes, home wares and Christmas decorations. Over £500 was raised in the first couple of hours – all of which was donated to the Red Cross Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.

Throughout the week students took part in cake sales around campus, in order to raise funds for Children in Need and on the Friday student volunteers dressed up in their winter onesies and spent the morning collecting donations.

Phil Castle, Progression Specialist at the College, said: "A big well done to all of our students and staff who helped make this week of fundraising so successful. The College prides itself on its ability to bring everyone together in a warm and friendly atmosphere. We managed to raise a phenomenal amount."



## Shrewsbury College wins Award for Global Entrepreneurship Week

In return for their hard work during Global Entrepreneurship Week, Shrewsbury College has been given a High Impact Award.

During the week, which was held to inspire the next generation of budding business leaders and encourage entrepreneurial spirit, the College welcomed highly successful international, national and regional business people to share their start-up stories in a series of talks and workshops.

Talks were held from a variety of entrepreneurs and businesses including; Dave Courteen, Managing Director at Imagine Spa, Phil Allmark from Asset Surfacing Ltd and Rybrook Mini - who exhibited two mini coopers at the London Road campus.

The High Impact Award, from the Global Entrepreneurship Week Team (GEW), recognises organisations that provide role models, offer practical support, develop enterprise capabilities and evaluate success.



## British Red Cross Shop Relunched at College

A pioneering charity shop at Shrewsbury College was re-launched in a bid to raise money for the British Red Cross.

Enrichment programme students have been learning retail management skills and put this to good use by selling donated wares to staff and students. Items on sale included; shoes, vintage clothing and household goods.

Catherine Craig from the British Red Cross, who worked with the students, said that she was delighted with student enthusiasm in launching the shop.

Shrewsbury College was the first college in the country to open a charity shop on campus, and has paved the way for other college and University campuses to do the same.



## Students exhibit art at Shropshire gallery

Art students exhibited their work at entertainment and arts venue The Hive in Shrewsbury during November.

The exhibition, Time Pieces, included work from three second year contemporary art practice students, and followed on from the College's previous exhibition, Shrines.

The students; Rebecca Evans, Bill Sample and Rebecca Collins, had in their own individual ways, been exploring themes related to absence; the trace of something that once existed, whether they are physical or things that can't be seen. This exhibition was about bringing to life these ideas.

Bill Sample, Year Two Foundation degree student, said: "It is great to have the opportunity to exhibit our work in a public gallery and The Hive is a fantastic location for artists to showcase their work."

Habib Malik, Marketing Assistant at The Hive, said: "Following on from the Shrines exhibition, we are certainly pleased to be hosting Time Pieces within the gallery space."

"It's been highly positive to involve students of the College amidst our exhibition programme this year - connecting with the College arts department, whilst also offering the chance for members of the public to engage with students work and activities."

Bill Sample, also exhibited part of his art work, a full sized wicker bull, at the College's London Road campus, as well as incorporating a dance piece with Performing Arts student, Kai Cannon.



## Students design and hand-craft arbours for Severn Hospice



Construction students created seated arbours to be donated to Severn Hospices in Shrewsbury and Telford and December saw their official unveiling.

Students, Simon Kirlaw, Hamid Ghorbani and James Harvey, who are studying for their Level 3 Diplomas in Bench Joinery, were given the opportunity to work on the project over the summer. They had been asked to consider a volunteering project and to think about who it

would benefit in the community.

The group agreed to construct a seated arbour for Severn Hospice. Simon Kirlaw, 21, whose father works at Severn Hospice, said: "We were all working towards our Level 2 Bench Joinery qualification, so this was the first time we had made something on this scale."

"We planned all of the designs, using examples from the internet. It was definitely a big challenge, but as I enjoy the practical side of the course, there was a real sense of achievement at the end, especially as it was for a great cause.

Richard Weaver, Carpentry & Joinery Lecturer at the College, said: "The process involved, generating full size plans and elevations of the arbours, producing cutting lists for the materials required and all of the practical work involved with manufacturing each of the arbours. The students did a fantastic job."

All materials for the project were generously donated by Shropshire Building Supplies, a local supplier and John Ambler, Sales Manager, also attended the unveiling of the arbours. Ian Beaver, MD Shropshire Building Supplies, said: "Shropshire Building Supplies is proud to support both our long term trading partners Shrewsbury College and the Severn Hospice by donating some materials.

"We feel that it is vital for our industry to be supporting the students at Shrewsbury College as they are part of the future in the construction industry. We are currently in the process of recruiting five apprentices.

"We also find it important to support local good causes such as the Severn Hospice through schemes like this, where all participants gain benefit."

Barry Caudwell, Facilities Manager at Severn Hospice, said: "We are thrilled with the new arbours, they look fantastic and the workmanship is very impressive. As the students have kindly made two arbours for us we are able to place one at each of our hospices for patients and their loved ones to enjoy.

"We are truly grateful to the students and Shrewsbury College for choosing to support the hospice and to Shropshire Building Supplies for donating the materials."



## Apprentice paints six-foot original Shrewsbury skyline at College's new restaurant, Origins

A 20-year-old Shrewsbury College Painting & Decorating Apprentice has been showcasing her talents by painting a six-foot silhouette mural of some of Shrewsbury's most recognisable landmarks.

The mural, which was designed by the College's marketing department, has been painted directly onto the feature wall in the College's new commercial restaurant, Origins.

The design was projected onto the wall and sketched out by apprentice Katie Powell, aged 20, who then expertly painted it on and filled it in.



Katie, from Shrewsbury, said: "I really enjoyed my course at the College and I received a lot of support from my tutors. Doing an Apprenticeship at the College after my course has given me the chance to put my skills into practise.

"As an Apprentice it is great to be given the opportunity to work on large and creative projects. I was really happy to be asked to paint the restaurant's focus wall and am proud of how it has turned out."

Restaurant manager, Ted Coxon, said: "The idea was to design a silhouette skyline, depicting the major places from around the town to link in with the restaurant's Darwin-inspired name. I think it's a striking piece of art. Katie has done a fantastic job."

Dean Howe, Estates Supervisor at the College, said: "As well as working for the Estates team, Katie is currently studying at the College and is progressing well with her course."

"We are very proud of the work that both of our Apprentices produce, and Katie has a particular talent for this type of work and has completed several similar pieces throughout the college, which have all been very well received.

"The Origins restaurant and training facility is a great example of the combined hard work of both staff and students."



## If you love football, why not study Futsal at Shrewsbury College?



Love Football? You'll love Futsal! Shrewsbury College has teamed up with Shrewsbury Town Football Club (STFC) and Futsal UK to deliver a Level 1 BTEC sports qualification alongside Futsal training and development. This is aimed at the post-16 age group.

This exciting new course, which started at the end of January, enables young people who are passionate about football, to gain a BTEC qualification in Sport and Coaching along with Maths and English, whilst playing Futsal with STFC.

Students will also represent STFC at matches played at Futsal's fantastic Birmingham Hub, where they play the only form of indoor five-a-side football approved by FIFA, UEFA and recently adopted by The FA.

## Trust donates narrow boat tug 'Bittern' to Shrewsbury College

A narrow boat tug that sank 18 months ago in the North Wales Canal has been donated to Shrewsbury College.

Engineering and Motor Vehicle students at Shrewsbury College will have the unique opportunity of refurbishing and renaming the boat, which will be painted in College colours.

On its completion, Bittern will be commissioned and returned to the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust.



## Vested Interest are springing into action

Shrewsbury College's theatre company in residence are already brimming with ideas for the Spring term.



Adult members of Vested Interest performed alongside students studying on the HND Performing Arts course at Christmas in an original production called 'The Anti-Panto'.

This project enabled the young performers to engage with original text. Vocal and Performing Arts lecturer, Michael Jenkins, felt that the students gained a greater insight from the collaboration. "As part of the course the performers have to create their own theatre company, so it was invaluable for them to observe how Vested Interest devise new characters as well as operate as a business venture," he said.

Founder of the company Vicki Duckett felt inspired by the collaboration. "We had so much fun working with the HND performers. It was a lighted hearted look at how people celebrate and survive Christmas so it gave us the opportunity to explore each performer's experiences of Christmas. They gave us so much material to work with. I can't wait to get to work on the next project!" Vested Interest will be working with learners studying on different performing arts courses throughout 2014.

This Spring will see local choreographer Poppy Mansfield lead a new project. "I don't want to give too much away, but I'm interested in how we might explore masculine representation in video games. I'm excited to see what actions we can create together," she said.

To find out more about what Vested Interest will be getting up to in 2014 email [vestedinterest@live.co.uk](mailto:vestedinterest@live.co.uk) or click on

<http://vestedinteresttheatre.wordpress.com/about/>



## Shrewsbury Painting & Decorating student attended prestigious award final

A Year 2 Painting & Decorating student was shortlisted for the prestigious Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year Award and came second in the finals.

Sam Clorley, who is also doing an Apprenticeship with JM Roberts of Wem, said: "Entering the competition has been a valuable opportunity and competing against students from across the country was a great experience. I am proud to have achieved the highest scoring second place in the heat at Liverpool and also coming second in the overall final."

Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year is a painting and decorating competition which launched in 2005 and celebrates young talent, promotes best practice and encourages young people to pursue a career in the decorating industry.

The overall winner received a package of prizes worth £2000 and was crowned "Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year".

Richard Tart, Painting & Decorating Lecturer at Shrewsbury College said: "It's been great for Sam to get to the final of the Johnstone's competition, as it was a very high standard. Sam has shown some great skills and motivation to learn and represented the College in many competitions.

"These competitions give Sam and other students the chance to showcase their skills and be proud of what they achieve."

Sam added: "I chose to do the Painting & Decorating course at Shrewsbury College because of its reputation and convenient location. My Apprenticeship employer, Jamie Roberts, also studied his Painting & Decorating course at the College and highly recommended it."

The finals of Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year award took place at the Ricoh Arena Coventry, on November 19 and 20.



# Spooky Walks

Performing Arts and Music students combined forces at the popular Halloween self-guided walks at Attingham Park, and for the first time students took up residence in the 18th century mansion - offering a fantastic backdrop for more horror delights.



# The Agency

In September 2013 Shrewsbury College launched The Agency - an innovative concept to ensure students get the experience they need to help them on to further education or employability.

The Agency, officially launches in September 2014, but already the team are working on student progression and there are huge plans in the pipeline for the organisation as the College moves forward with its £15m re-development, including the Employability Passport scheme.

Students will be able to sign up to get involved in five areas - academic achievement, work experience, volunteering, enrichment and enterprise activities. They will have to work to gain credit in all five aspects and will then gain their passport which they can use to demonstrate their skills to employers. The scheme has already been endorsed by The Shropshire Business Board.

Agency Manager, Karen Hayward, said: "The Agency was designed to support student progression onto higher education or employment and we offer careers advice, work experience opportunities and employer projects.

"We arrange work placements for students either as part of their curriculum or for experience for their CVs. We act just like a recruitment agency and are organising about 900 work experience placements this academic year.

"Students who have gained their Employability Passport will be able to demonstrate that they are at the top of the 'employability tree.'"



# University Destinations

These are the Universities / HE institutions where our students went to in 2013...

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| 1. Aberystwyth University              | 25. Shrewsbury College              |
| 2. Bangor University                   | 26. Southampton Solent University   |
| 3. Bath Spa University                 | 27. Staffordshire University        |
| 4. Birmingham City University          | 28. Swansea Metropolitan University |
| 5. Bradford College                    | 29. Truro and Penwith College       |
| 6. Brighton Institute of Modern Music  | 30. University of Bedfordshire      |
| 7. Buckinghamshire New University      | 31. University of Bradford          |
| 8. Coventry University                 | 32. University of Brighton          |
| 9. De Montford University              | 33. University of Chester           |
| 10. Edge Hill University               | 34. University of Cumbria           |
| 11. Glyndwr University                 | 35. University of Derby             |
| 12. Harper Adams University            | 36. University of East London       |
| 13. Hereford College of Arts           | 37. University of Gloucestershire   |
| 14. Leeds College of Art               | 38. University of Hertfordshire     |
| 15. Leeds Metropolitan University      | 39. University of Northampton       |
| 16. Liverpool John Moores University   | 40. University of Nottingham        |
| 17. Manchester College                 | 41. University of Portsmouth        |
| 18. Manchester Metropolitan University | 42. University of South Wales       |
| 19. Middlesex University London        | 43. University of the Arts, London  |
| 20. Newcastle College                  | 44. University of Winchester        |
| 21. Northumbria University             | 45. University of Wolverhampton     |
| 22. Nottingham Trent University        | 46. University of Worcester         |
| 23. Ravensbourne                       | 47. University of York              |



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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AT MAIN CAMPUS - 2014

Thursday 20 March, 5 - 7pm  
Advice & Enrolment for all courses

For more information  
please call 01743 342342

Thursday 1 May, 5 - 7pm  
Advice Evening for Higher Education

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Thursday 10 July, 5 - 7pm  
Advice & Enrolment for all courses

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