



H.E Newsletter

May Edition



WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of the Salford City College Higher Education Newsletter. This month students have been working hard towards their end of year showcases and preparing for their final assignments and exams. Find out what exciting things are coming up over the next couple of months and how you can get involved. Remember, if you have a story that you would like to share in the HE newsletter, contact jennifer.adamson@salfordcc.ac.uk

TOP TIPS FOR COPING WITH REVISION & EXAMS

As deadlines are looming and exams are on the horizon, there are many things you can do to make that time a little less daunting.

DON'T CRAM- try and build up your knowledge over time. If it's the night before and you don't feel prepared, give yourself a deadline to when you'll stop revising that day. Do as much as you can but once that time arrives, put your books down. If you don't know it by then, you never will!

LITTLE AND OFTEN- if you find yourself falling asleep mid-sentence then revising may not be your strong point. Try rewarding yourself for achieving small goals. For example, for every 500 words you've written read, make yourself a cup of tea. It will break the time up and you will be finished in no time!

EAT HEALTHY- it has been proven that certain foods are good for the brain. Fruit, veg, nuts and fish will keep your energy levels high and boost your brain power. A McDonald's breakfast won't keep you focused during your exam, save that for when you're finished.

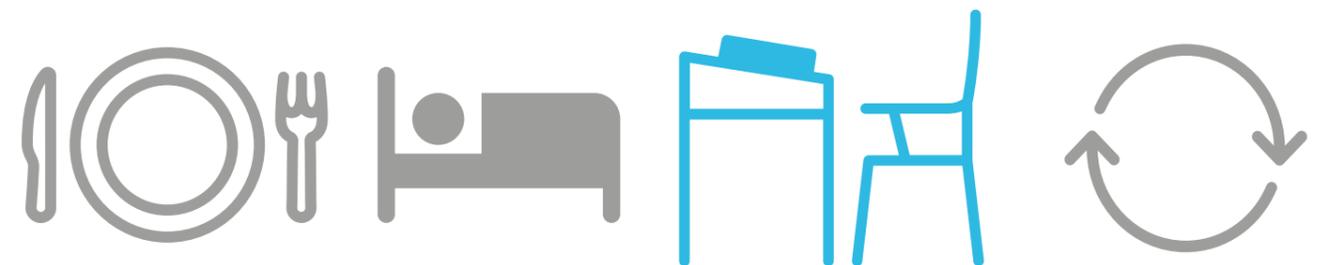
DON'T BE A REVISION GOBLIN- if you only do revision from now on you WILL turn into a goblin. It is important that you still do things that you enjoy and whilst you're doing them, try to relax and forget about revising.

SLEEP WELL- you may feel stressed the night before your exam but try to relax and get to bed at a reasonable hour. Playing on your phone until midnight may feel like the right thing to do but your brain needs to rest, even if you are finding it impossible to fall asleep.

FORGET ABOUT IT- once you've left the exam hall, there is nothing more you can do. Asking your friends what they wrote for question C will not change what you have written.

There are a number of services available through Salford University that are there to help you with your studies. From exam tips to referencing information- it really is worth a look. Click the link below for further information: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/skills-for-learning>

Eat. Sleep. **Revise.** Repeat.



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SCC STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Andrew Wilson and Craig Thomasson are currently studying for their PGCE. They started in September 2015 and have completed their theory and teaching practice at Salford City College.

As part of semester 2, a guest speaker from the National Citizen Service came to talk to students about The Challenge, which is a summer programme run by NCS. The Challenge provides opportunities for a diverse group of young people, aged between 15- 17, to work together through a series of activities, residential weeks and community projects. The Challenge is the largest provider of the programme and will see over 42,000 young people go through the programme this year.

Both Craig and Andrew applied for a position at The Challenge and were lucky enough to get an interview. The interview consisted of a full day group session, which assessed their interpersonal, communication and leadership skills. Most importantly, prospective staff were expected to demonstrate a positive attitude, non-judgemental and inclusive philosophies as well as practical skills.

After a long but fun day of interviews, both have been accepted onto the scheme. Craig is taking part in two 3 week programmes and Andrew will be working on one programme.

The success of NCS depends heavily on seasonal staff members, who work with young people to motivate, lead and inspire them.



SHOWCASES

Students have been working hard to pull together their end of year showcases. Come along to the events to see what they've been up to this year. Refreshments will be provided at the events.

Graphics Design "Loading" Exhibition

Wednesday 25th May, 18:00 at Apotheca, Northern Quarter.

Year 1 Media Makeup

Thursday 5th May, 18:00 at FutureSkills, Art Gallery Exhibition.

Year 2 Media Production

Tuesday 17th May, 18:30 at FutureSkills GF49.

Year 2 Media Makeup

Thursday 5th May, 18:00 at FutureSkills Live photo shoot and art gallery exhibition.



PROFILES

Student Profile: Daniella Simpson

What do you study?

I'm on the PGCE course.

What is your favourite thing about Salford City College?

My favourite thing about the college is the amount of support I receive from my tutors.

What do you plan to do in the future?

My future plan is to be a hairdressing teacher or assessor in FE.

What are your hobbies/ are you involved in any societies?

My hobbies include shopping, socialising and camping.



Do you have a favourite module on your course and why is it your favourite?

The Creating a Resource module is my favourite because it helped to push me out of my comfort zone. I am beginning to use technology more as I am usually quite old school in this area.

External profile: Kleon West

Job title?

Digital Marketing Agency Director

Briefly introduce your relationship with the college.

I'm proud to be a member of The HE Advisory Board at the college. The HE Advisory Board acts as a partnership between the College and the Greater Manchester business community, providing support at both a strategic and practical level, to help College students to reach their career goals.

What advice would you give to students who are preparing to go into work?

Network as much as you can! There is so much going on in Manchester and in most industries a simple Google search will reveal a number of free events that you can attend. Try to attend as many as possible and begin to build your professional network. Think about what is going to make you stand out. The working world is incredibly competitive and you'll be up against lots of other students. Is there anything you can do now to build your CV or experience? Can you start a portfolio, build up your experience doing freelance or do a part time internship at a small business? If so, do it. Not everyone will and the fact you were proactive will stand out to employers.

What is your educational background?

BA Hons Digital Marketing & Communications Degree

Some of our students are applying for further study or outside work, what do you think makes a great application form?

Be unique and get your personality across whilst maintaining a professional application. Employers are going to be looking through hundreds, maybe thousands of applications - how is yours going to stand out? Don't worry about not having lots of experience, employers will happily train you if you can demonstrate the right attitude, a willingness to learn and confidence.



PROFILES

Profile: Dr Contie Gabi

Briefly introduce your role.

On the BSc Psychology and Criminology programme I deliver Crime and Society and Criminal Justice and Human Rights. This is in addition to Health and Social Care and Access to HE Humanities and Health. Of course, teaching is the main focus. However, for teaching and learning to be effective, a lot goes on in the background. Thus, I consider teaching to be a process rather than a series of fragmented events. The process mainly involves planning, delivery and assessment. All these are done particularly with one person in mind - the learner. As I perform my role, I am laser-focused on students' individual needs, individual targets and aspirations and their overall student experience. Therefore, my role, alongside my colleagues' roles, is key to student experience and outcomes in the student life cycle at Salford City College.

What is the best thing about your role?

The best thing about my role is, probably, that I am in contact with talented, ambitious learners who bring the best out of me

as classroom practitioner. Thus my classes are not a one-way street. Collectively, my learners are divergent thinkers - and I like that because it means, as an education professional, my thinking does not remain static. When me and my students' thoughts interact, an endless motion of progressive thinking is initiated and improvement becomes ceaseless. It becomes a way of my working life.

What was your educational background?

I am a qualified teacher with experience in teaching in Primary and Secondary schools and Further and Higher Education. I hold a PhD Education; MSc Educational Research (Both from the University of Manchester; BA (Hons) Business and ICT Education with QTS (Manchester Metropolitan University and a BBA (Azaliah University). I also hold a Diploma in Primary Education and a Certificate in Marketing.

Why did you want to teach?

I believe teaching is learning. Because it gives me several opportunities to develop my knowledge and social skills, it

Presents the lifelong learning challenge I always crave. Probably key in all this, I believe that teaching is indispensable. It is a significant opportunity to contribute positively to students' lives and, in the process, to the whole country, developing knowledge, skills and values which make our learners valuable members of their workplaces and communities.

If money was no object, what would you have in your classroom and why?

I would make tablet computers available for every student during my sessions. With emerging educational technologies quickly gaining traction, having these devices would make my sessions digitally interactive and enhance my students' e-learning experience.

Give one piece of advice for students studying at Salford City College.

Keep trying - difficult does not mean impossible.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 1 & 2 Media Makeup Showcase- Thursday 5th May, 6pm (Future-Skills)

Year 2 Media Production Showcase- Tuesday 17th May, 6:30pm (Future Skills GF49)

Using Social Media and LinkedIn for Your Career- Tuesday 17th May, 2-4pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Investigating Drawing Practice in the Expanded Field- Friday 20th May, 4:30pm-7:00pm (Art Work - 95 Greengate, Salford, M3 7NG)

Preparing for Job Interviews- Monday 23rd May, 2:30- 4pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Year 1 & 2 Graphics Showcase- Wednesday 25th May, 6pm (Apotheca, Northern Quarter)

Salford University Exams- Monday 16th May- Friday 27th May (Future-Skills)

CV Workshop- Thursday 2nd June, 2-3:30pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Print Made Exhibition- Thursday 2nd June, 6:00pm-8:00pm (Islington Mill)

Envirolution Festival- Saturday 4th June, all day (Platt Fields Park, Fallowfield, Manchester)

Effective Job Applications- Wednesday 8th June, 2- 2:30pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Psychometric Tests- Monday 13th June, 2- 4pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

The Graduate Recruitment Fair- Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th June, 10:30- 4pm The Armitage Centre, Fallowfield, Manchester)

HE Open Evening- Thursday 16th June, 5:30pm (FutureSkills)

Salford Art & Design Graduation- Tuesday 19th July (The Lowry Theatre)

CV Workshop- Monday 20th June, 10:30- 12pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Preparing for Job Interviews- Monday 20th June, 2- 3:30pm (Salford University Derwent Building)

Salford Business School Graduation- Friday 22nd July (The Lowry Theatre)

Reboot Festival- Saturday 23rd July & Sunday 28th August (MediaCityUK Piazza)

Are you registered to vote?
Register [here](#) by the 7th June
to vote in the EU referendum
on 23rd June.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



MENTORING

Over the last couple of months we have seen the growth of the HE Mentoring programme. A number of students from FD Business have been paired with Mentors from the professional world to help them with their progression into their chosen sector. The students have already met their Mentors and set goals for the coming year. We caught up with Chantelle Corbin-Herbison, who told us all about her experience so far.

What do you study?

I am currently studying Business and Management (foundation degree).

What do you want to do after college?

After college I want to do a top up year at Salford University to finish my degree, then go into the Marketing sector.

Why did you want a mentor?

I wanted a Mentor as I think it is an amazing opportunity to have somebody, already in the industry, guide you and help you move in the right direction. It is also an opportunity to find out how businesses operate on a daily basis. I want to find out exactly what it's like to work in the marketing industry so that I can be completely sure I will be happy and confident when I start work. Having a Mentor will give me guidance and helpful information in my chosen field.

Who is your Mentor and what do they do?

My Mentor is Rebekah Wilkins, Director of Marketing and Services to Learners at Salford City College.

How has she helped you so far?

Rebekah invited me to the Head Office so I could speak to the marketing team and find out what each employee's task entails on a daily basis. It was a fantastic experience as I got an overview of the different areas in marketing and it made it much easier to see what area would suit me best.

How do you think they will help you in the future?

My Mentor will help me in the future with guidance, support on essays and hopefully an internship that will help my progress on my course.

If you are interested in having a Mentor next year, please email Jennifer.adamson@salfordcc.ac.uk with answers to the following questions:

Why would you like a Mentor?

Your education history

Your work experience

Tell us a bit about yourself (interests, hobbies etc.)

STUDENT

REPS

Students and reps have been hard at work giving feedback about the college at various meetings over the last couple of months. The HE Forum for semester 2 took place on Tuesday 29th March, where students gathered to raise any questions they had about the college and share their ideas. Student reps have also been attending termly meetings to raise any concerns or share good practice. Below are just some of their findings.

You asked- Why is there not a cash machine at FutureSkills?

They said- Unfortunately, a cash machine can't be provided on site as there would not be enough usage from students. Jason Turton, Head of Centre, stated that next year there will be a cashless card introduced, which can be topped up and used on campus.

You asked- Why has the Easter break been scheduled to fall a week after Easter?

They said- The holidays are set in line with those of Salford schools. The holidays will not follow the same format next year.

You asked- Why don't our holidays match the Salford University calendar?

They said- Salford University don't have spring and autumn half term but have 3 weeks off over Christmas. We therefore, have to align our dates as best we can so we are not too dissimilar in our delivery weeks.

You asked- With the addition of more students on campus the canteen is busy on certain days.

They said- The canteen will be refurbished and reconfigured over the summer, which will widen the space. In the short term, teachers are allowing students to take staggered breaks in the morning/ early afternoon.

You asked- Students are worried about their passwords expiring when they are on holiday meaning that they are unable to access work in this time.

They said- Staff can change passwords for students from the college. It is advised that students change their password as soon as they are reminded.

Comments

Media Makeup students are enjoying their Image Creation module. They feel they have a lot more freedom in this module as they are able to experiment with their ideas.

Students are really pleased with their teachers in Business- they are extremely supportive providing 1:1's and help when needed.

INFO FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

HE Open Evening- 16/06/16

The next HE open evening is taking place on Thursday 16th June at Future Skills from 17:30- 20:30. It will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about courses, meet the staff and see our facilities. We look forward to seeing you there!

UCAS

Remember, you must reply to any offers you receive from the College by **4th May** (unless you have a postal address outside of the UK or are using Extra to find a place) or they will be declined.

30 June 2016- If an application is sent to UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on this day, they'll send it to the chosen universities or colleges; applications received after this date will automatically be entered into [Clearing](#).

4 July 2016- Last date for applicants to add an [Extra](#) choice.

31 August 2016- The deadline for any remaining conditions to be met - otherwise the university or college might not accept the applicant.

21 September 2016- The final deadline for applications to 2016 courses. Applications must arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time).

20 October 2016- The deadline for adding Clearing choices and universities or colleges accepting Clearing applicants.

Follow this [link](#) for further information regarding UCAS.

Direct applications

Students applying for HNC courses do not have to use UCAS, you can apply directly to the College by completing the HE Application Form and returning it to:

By email: he.admissions@salfordcc.ac.uk; or

By post: Admissions, Salford City College, Frontier House, Merchants Quay, Salford Quays, M50 3SR; or

Drop your completed form into one of our centres.