

RIVERSIDE COLLEGE NEWS

Riverside
College
Widnes & Runcorn

WINTER 2022



WORLD SKILLS UK GOLD MEDAL FOR PAINTING & DECORATING STUDENT JADE OAKES!



**RIVERSIDE COLLEGE:
IN THE TOP 10
ORGANISATIONS
FOR MEDAL POINTS**



ESPORTS LEAGUE SUCCESS



HAIRDRESSING COMPETITION



GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS



MICHELIN STAR MASTERCLASS

PLUS:

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- COMMUNITY SPIRIT
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- LOVE OUR COLLEGES WEEK
- SCHOLARSHIPS

& MUCH MORE!



**FOR ALL THE
LATEST NEWS**



A WARM FESTIVE WELCOME TO THE WINTER EDITION OF COLLEGE NEWS

At Riverside College we have had a hugely successful winter term with students inspired by top industry specialists during Aspire Week and competing in the finals of national competitions including WorldSkills UK.

Our caring college community have organised and taken part in various activities to raise much-needed funds for charity, celebrated their own achievements at the Student of the Month celebrations and have focussed on important topics such as mental health, wellbeing, and sustainability.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing break and best wishes for 2023.



Thalia Bell
Head of
Riverside College

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our hard-working students who have received awards so far this year at our Student of the Month celebrations.



#LOVEOURCOLLEGESWEEK 2022



The fifth Colleges Week took place in October and focused on Staff, Students and Skills as this is what makes a college.

During the week we celebrated some of the amazing skills our new and existing students have developed and worked on during their first term.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Caring students and staff have taken part in a range of activities during this term to fundraise, support and remember.



Therapy dogs visit college



Remembrance Day



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Staff and students raise money for Children in Need

ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Students from Riverside College and Cronton Sixth Form College came together for a Mindful Sustainability Conference to look at ways to tackle the stigma of mental health and develop a plan to increase sustainability across the two colleges.

The students were treated to a series of talks throughout the day, beginning with an inspirational talk about health and well-being by Sean Bailey from 'Sean Bailey Wellness', followed by sustainability talks from Molly Bolton from Chartwells, Abdul Hussain from Equans UK + Ireland, and John Hughes from Suez Recycling.

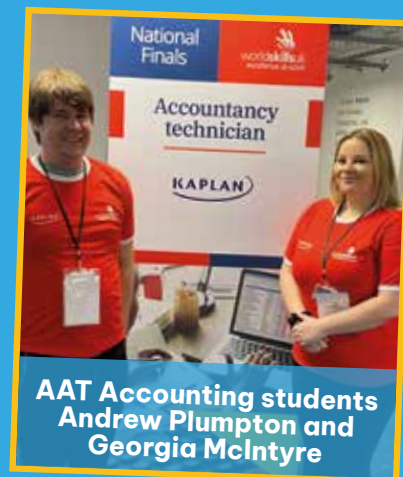


TOP 10 IN WORLDSKILLS 2022

After a successful medal collection at the WorldSkills UK finals during the last few years, we are celebrating the 2022 results with a TOP 10 position in the national league table.

Riverside College is the only UK college featured in the top 10, which is a testament to the hard work and talent of the students and staff who have taken part in this prestigious competition.

In 2022, nine talented Riverside College students reached the national finals with successful students securing gold and bronze medals alongside 'Highly Commended' certificates.



**AAT Accounting students
Andrew Plumpton and
Georgia McIntyre**

Congratulations to Painting & Decorating student Jade Oakes who won a Gold Medal, Beauty student Emma Dunne who achieved a bronze medal, and to AAT Accounting students Andrew Plumpton and Georgia McIntyre who won Bronze Medals!

BRAVE THE SHAVE

A huge well done to Level 3 Multimedia Computing and Cybersecurity student Aidan Carroll who took part in a sponsored beard shave to raise awareness and money for Alzheimer's Research UK. Aidan has raised over £130 for the charity so far.



GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

The Higher Education Class of 2022 have celebrated their fantastic degree results at the annual Graduation Ceremony which took place in the Cronton Playhouse with 45% of students receiving a First-Class Honours Degree.

Students graduated from Degrees, HNC's and HND's in Computing, Counselling, Health and Social Care, Construction, Education, Engineering, Sport and Teacher Education.



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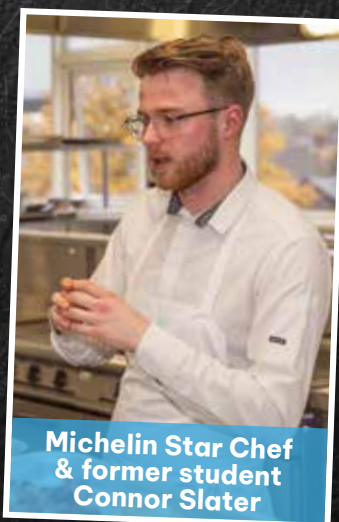


THE FLAVOUR OF SUCCESS

Scholars Training Restaurant welcomed a series of guest chefs during Aspire Week to inspire students from the Centre of Excellence in Hospitality and Catering.

James Holden, Regional Chef for the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts 'Adopt a School' charity, came in to demonstrate expert fish preparation and cooking techniques and Executive Head Chef Chris Marshall joined the students via web stream from Qatar, where he is currently working at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The students were also joined by Connor Slater, Michelin Star Head Chef at Mana Restaurant in Manchester. Connor, who was a previous Riverside student, talked about his journey from student to Michelin Star Head Chef and demonstrated his incredible culinary skills by cooking delicious plates, including Scallop chawanmushi with a scallop broth and chives, and salt-aged barbecue duck breast with beetroot and bread sauce.



Michelin Star Chef
& former student
Connor Slater



ESPORTS TEAM SUCCESS & ASPIRE WEEK TALKS

Riverside Rockets and Riverside Ravens; the Riverside College E-Sports teams are currently doing extremely well in the ESports colleges league.

Watch the teams compete every Wednesday LIVE from 4pm on Twitch, playing Rocket League and Valorant.



**TWITCH
CHANNEL**



It was great to welcome former Computing and IT student and UX Designer at CAVU, Adam Withington, to our College last week for our ASPIRE Week!

Adam delivered an inspirational talk to our students about his time at Riverside, his experience working as a UX Designer at CAVU and the fantastic opportunities working in the Computing and IT industry.



UX Designer & former student
Adam Withington meets students

THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN HAIR, BEAUTY, NAILS & MEDIA MAKEUP

Talented students from the Centre of Excellence in Beauty, Hair, Media Makeup and Nails performed brilliantly at the finals of the WorldSkills UK, with Emma Dunne achieving a wonderful bronze medal in the Beauty Therapist section and Lucy McNamee, Commercial Makeup and Elle Goodman, Creative Media Makeup receiving a 'highly commended' in their sections.



Student Emma Dunne achieved a bronze medal

Aspire Week 2022 offered students an opportunity to learn more about the industry and pick up new skills and techniques from specialist guest speakers during the week of exciting activities.

Former student and WorldSkills UK GOLD Medalist Georgia Durr joined our Nails students last week for a masterclass on TOMICCA Acrylic Nails.



WorldSkills UK gold medalist & former student Georgia Durr



Hairdressing students also showcased their skills in the inhouse hairdressing competition. The talented hairdressers are now preparing their final styles for the Concept Hair Magazine 'Learner of the Year 2023' competition.



Congratulations to our successful Media Makeup and Beauty Scholars who were awarded their brand new Peaches & Cream professional makeup kits worth over £150!



Peaches & Cream

A HAT TRICK OF SUCCESS FOR JADE OAKES

Painting and Decorating apprentice Jade has had a run of success this year after achieving joint second place in the Painting and Decorating Association competition. She went on to win first place in The Painting and Decorating Association Apprentice Paperhanger of the Year 2022 and then, after selection at the regional WorldSkills competition, she topped it off with an amazing GOLD medal at the WorldSkills Finals 2022.



ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION ASPIRE EVENTS

As part of Aspire Week at Riverside College, Engineering & Construction students took part in trips, masterclasses, and inspiring talks by industry specialists.



Adam Gould from Code A Weld spoke to the Engineering students about the fantastic opportunities within the welding industry. Adam also tested his welding skills on our Lincoln Electric Virtual Welding Machines.



Chris Bailey from InterGen and Rocksavage delivered an inspirational talk on the fantastic opportunities in the energy industry, including apprenticeships at InterGen.



David W Sime from Riio Digital Ltd. spoke to our Engineering students about the fantastic Virtual Reality industry.



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If you have applied, you will hear from us with a date and time for your college interview. This may take place in school or at college.



SCAN TO APPLY

NEW STUDENT DAY 2023

This will take place in July after you have completed your GCSEs.

You will have the opportunity to sample your course, meet your tutors and fellow students, and prepare for starting college.

UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2023, 5PM - 7PM

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023, 5PM - 7PM



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