



DerwenCollege

Where Learning Comes to Life

Autumn 2017



Students graduate

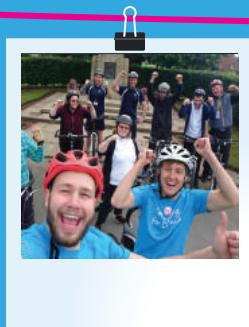
Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We have had another busy and successful term with some wonderful student and trainee achievements including a Gold and Silver Award at the national Inclusive Skills Competitions and recognition by the National Union of Students for our Learner Voice work. Students and Trainees have continued to work hard on site and at the many external work experience placements they access, developing skills and confidence for their future lives. Our skilled staff teams across College and at our satellite sites do an amazing job every day to help all our young people achieve their potential and I would like to thank them for their continuing hard work and dedication.

It was an absolute pleasure to catch up with our Summer 2017 leavers at their Graduation Ceremony at the Lion Quays Hotel in October. Helping them to celebrate the culmination of their years at Derwen, hearing all their news and seeing them receive their awards was really wonderful and we wish them all the very best for the future.

As our 90th Birthday Celebration Year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the amazing support we have received. It has been a fun-filled, action-packed year where we have honoured the past, celebrated the present and looked forward to a bright future.

Meryl Green
Vice CEO, Principal
Director of Learning & Quality





We have had an amazing year celebrating our 90th birthday in 2017 and we appreciate all the enthusiasm and support you have shown, it has been fantastic sharing our story with you – **THANK YOU.**

We've had many memories being shared and lots of inspirational ideas from our students. During the Autumn Term we have planted the remaining trees in the Birthday Tree Avenue and buried our time capsule leaving something for our future students to discover! 2018

presents us with the opportunity to create futures for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities set against a challenging and changing political, social and economic background in the education sector. We are ready for the challenge and if you would like to be part of our story helping to change lives please do get in touch, visit our outlets and take a look at website for more inspiration.

Winners!

INCLUSIVE SKILLS COMPETITIONS



Huge congratulations to Joe Griffiths and Adam Richards who competed at the Inclusive Skills event at The Skills Show in November. Joe won Gold in the Table Laying Competition and Adam won Silver in the Catering Competition. We are so proud of them and their achievements, competing at a national level at the NEC Birmingham. Their smiles say it all! Find more information about Inclusive Skills at

www.worldskillsuk.org/champions/inclusive-skills-competitions

We're on the move!

Young's Farm shop will be relocating during the Spring Term and will sit within the current Garden Centre Shop. The shop will still be part of the Retail Studies curriculum and continue to sell the range of dc handmade foods and gifts as well as local artisan foods. This move will mean that the shop remains at the heart of the commercial outlets and a vibrant, challenging and relevant work experience placement for our Retail Studies students. We have exciting plans also for the current shop area watch this space!

News from the Satellites

Adopt a Christmas Tree at Coleg Derwen@Ashdale

Did you know you can adopt a Christmas tree for the Christmas period then return it to Ashdale after Christmas.

Students will look after it for the rest of the year and this next time year your adopted tree will be ready again for you to pick up.



Craven Arms

Did you know? Employability Skills and Business Administration are just two of the vocational pathways students can access at Craven Arms.

Walford

Students at Walford work for a number of community projects including Leaton Church Yard, Wale Room Bomere Heath Gardens and Petton Church Conservation.



Did you know?

Three of our dc handmade jams and chutneys have been awarded the Great Taste Award; Raspberry Jam, Butternut Squash and Apricot Chutney and Spiced Apple. All available in Young's Farm Shop.



NUS Election News

Thomas Shacklady stood in the National Union of Students (NUS) elections and has been successfully voted on to the committee which represents students across the UK.

Thomas stood against learners from mainstream colleges across the country to obtain a place as Vice President on the Further Education Committee.

Sarah Laszlo, Learner Voice Programme Co-ordinator at Derwen College said: "We are delighted to announce that Thomas was successful in being voted on to the Committee. He will now continue the work that former Derwen student Robin Ferguson has been doing with NUS for the last two years to drive forward change within the movement for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The former pupil at St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School and Carmel College, in St Helens, started at Derwen 2015 and is studying Creative Studies.

Thomas's father David Shacklady said that he and Thomas's family was 'very, very proud' of his achievement.



Karten Print Shop are very excited to announce that they have secured funding from Karten Network. A total of £25,000 has been awarded which will fund a new

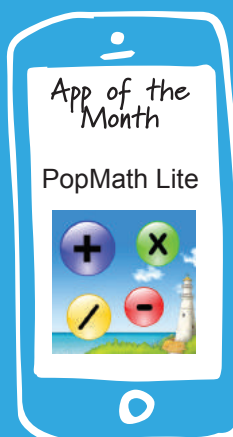
production level printer and folding machine. Students within Retail Studies will benefit from this funding enabling them to continue to work at industry standard levels. The Karten Network is a network of IT centres for disabled people. The centres are funded through the Ian Karten Charitable Trust, with the purpose of improving the quality of life and independence of adult people with congenital or acquired physical, cognitive, sensory, learning disabilities or mental health problems. The Karten Centres provide a supportive learning environment together with access to the latest in adaptive computer technology, and are located in a wide range of host organisations.

Charity News

A Massive Thank You - we did it!

Thanks to all our supporters who have helped us achieve over and beyond our £50,000 fundraising target for 2017! You swam, walked, ran, cycled, mountaineered, made cake, ate cake, got together with friends, donated birthday gifts, even skydived and so much more to raise money for the students at Derwen College. With your amazing efforts we will be able to commence work on repairing the heating system of the pool directly improving the lives of our students.

Visit www.supportderwen.org.uk for more information on fundraising ideas or email charity@derwen.ac.uk to order a Scratch and Win fundraising game – ideal for the workplace or for sharing with friends and family.



PopMath is a fun way for students to practice basic maths. Six pairs of bubbles with numbers float on the screen above beautiful backgrounds. Each bubble contains a number: simply pop the corresponding bubbles!

Events

- 31st December Happy Birthday Dame Agnes
- 3rd January Spring Term 2018 starts
- 3rd January The Orangery Restaurant and Garden Cafe reopen for the New Year
- February Valentines Afternoon Tea
- 25th March Derwen Sponsored Walk

Looking ahead

- 31st May Fete Day
- 14th September Charity Golf Day

For more information on all the events and activities taking place and how you can join in visit www.visitderwen.co.uk



Fun charity fundraiser game

for home or office!

Email us to order your copy of this fundraising game. Ask family, friends and work colleagues to donate £2 to guess Imogen's dream job when all entries are in, simply scratch the silver box to reveal the answer.

Donations can be sent in to us by cheque (made out to Derwen College) or by BACS (30-99-95 37231060).

Email us at bookings@derwen.ac.uk to order your game. Order before 21st December for a special Christmas version!

Derwen SPONSORED WALK 2018

Get your walking boots ready... the 2018 Sponsored Walk will be taking place on Sunday 25th March. Last year you raised an amazing £15,000 on the sponsored walk – thank you.

You can register your interest for 2018 at bookings@derwen.ac.uk

Did you know?

Students in Land Based Studies have been cutting up wood for morning sticks and selling in the recycling area for £2.50 per bag. Excellent value!

Derwen College, Gobowen,
Nr Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 3JA
Tel: 01691 661234
Email: enquiries@derwen.ac.uk
www.derwen.ac.uk



DerwenCollege

Where Learning Comes to Life



@DerwenCollege
@DerwenLeisure



@DerwenCollege
@shopatderwen



'dcharity' is a working name of Derwen College which is registered in England and Wales, company number 8615826, charity number 1153280. Registered office, Derwen College, Gobowen, Nr Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3JA