

Events

- 13th October Book Making craft course
- 22nd - 28th October National Curry week in the Orangery
- 29th Oct - 2nd November Halloween specials in the Garden Café
- 3rd November Shibori Dyeing craft course
- 17th November Christmas prints craft course
- 13th & 14th December Christmas Fair, 5pm-8pm
- For more information and to book please email bookings@derwen.ac.uk or call 01691 661234 or log on to www.derwen.ac.uk/events

New Reception and Hub

Our new reception area is located at the heart of the college and can be accessed via the main entrance gate (Orangery Restaurant entrance). Derwen has recently been successful in securing funding from The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Midlands Engine to take forward a project aiming to support people with learning difficulties and disabilities into work, and also to provide support to their employers. We are developing a range of apps to support people in hospitality work areas, assisting employees to get to work and aid employers to recognise where employees might need additional support at work. We have also upgraded our meeting rooms at the college and created 'The Hub @Derwen' with funding from the project. The Hub will provide employers with meeting rooms and access to training resources.

Find out more at www.derwen.ac.uk/TheHub



Duke of Edinburgh's Awards



Wow what another amazing Duke of Edinburgh's Award ceremony! Held in June with over 60 students receiving awards it really was a great day

for all involved. Expeditions and residential activities such as walking through the Snowdonia Mountains and activities in the Lake District formed part of the challenge.

In May, five current students and two former leavers were invited to Buckingham Palace to collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.



Derwen College's Duke of Edinburgh's Award sponsors this year include The Basil Houghton Trust, Cae Glas Lodge, Fitz Alan Lodge, Lodge of St Oswald, Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association, Rotary Club of Oswestry, Rotary Club of Elthorne-Hillington, Rotary Club of Ascot and Rotary Club of Deeside. Shropshire Paddlesport have kindly loaned equipment and supported with training.



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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We have had another successful year at College and this issue contains details of some of the highlights of 2017-18 and news of exciting events and activities planned for the Autumn term.

We congratulate all our students and clients for their fantastic achievements during the 2017-18 academic year. Our students have excelled in their vocational and independence learning and have represented the College brilliantly while on work experience placements, through the work of 'Derwen on Tour' and through participation in external competitions and awards. The Summer Show 'Come Fly with Us,' devised and performed by Creative Studies students, was a real treat on Fete Day. Another highlight was the wonderful Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony where more

students than ever before received their bronze, silver and gold awards – congratulations!

I would like to wish all our Summer 18 leavers the very best of luck in the future – we are so proud of you all.

Finally, I would like to thank staff teams across College and at our satellite sites for their continued hard work, dedication and creativity – you are what makes Derwen College 'Outstanding'.

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Premier Inn

In June we hosted a very successful Disability Awareness day for Premier Inn staff. The day included talks and training from Derwen College and Premier Inn staff. Two former students who are now working in Premier Inn hotels in their home area told us about their journey from college to work. In the afternoon, Premier Inn staff took part in have-a-go activities in all college work areas as well as a tour of the Premier Inn Training Hotel on site. Our Hospitality students had a busy day preparing and serving refreshments, showing VIPs around the Training Hotel, and representatives from the Student Union Board escorted tours in the afternoon.



We are very proud to have assisted the Oswestry in Bloom team in preparation for the town's Britain in Bloom bid. Our Horticulture students planted hanging baskets and tubs and also got to meet the judges on the day that they were in the town... we look forward to hearing the results in October!

News from the Satellites

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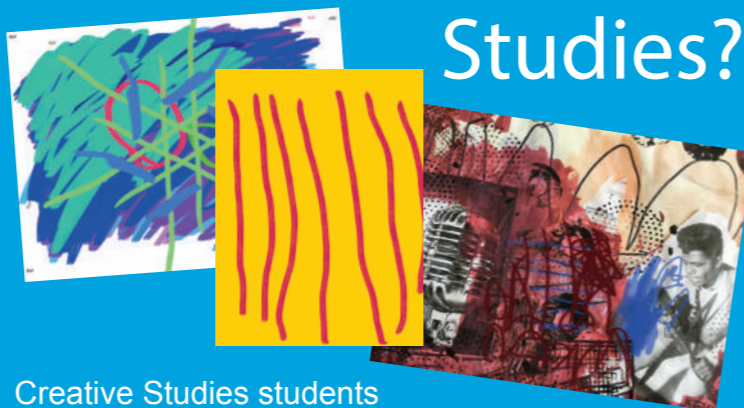
We will soon be launching our new online upcycled furniture business – Hwre (Welsh for 'hooray'). This will be run from our Ashdale House site and presents a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of our students. We will keep you posted on our website!

Walford

Students at Derwen@Walford have been busy on hanging basket production for Morris Leisure and horticulture students have been busy at their work experience placement at Stan's supermarket in St Martins.



What's been happening in Creative Studies?



Creative Studies students took part in the 'Painting by Pixels' art exhibition at Qube gallery, Oswestry. 12 students took part in workshops in May, learning to use Sketchbook Pro to create patterns and pictures and learning different techniques. Their work forms part of the exhibition alongside leading artists.



Our amazing Derwen on Tour (DOT) team performed on the main stage at Llangollen International Eisteddfod in July. Their performance featured on S4C's television coverage of the event - what an achievement for the whole team!

Craven Arms

Students from Derwen@Craven Arms and Derwen@Walford met up for a great team building day earlier this year. The day was a fantastic Learner Voice opportunity as students worked together to undertake new tasks as part of the satellite meet up.



You can keep up to date with all our news at the satellites on Twitter

@DerwenWalford
@DerwenCravenA
@Ashdale_Derwen

Awards Round Up



The UK IT Challenge

Jamie Bullock and Sam Innes took part in the UK IT Challenge for Disabled Young People earlier this year. The event

hosted by Shaw Trust and supported by BT presented a new opportunity for 13 to 24 year olds to enhance their skills and achieve their personal best. Over two days teams of disabled young people from all across the UK competed in a variety of IT challenges to test ability, creativity and skill using different computer programs.

"This was an amazing and incredible event. The students got to meet lots of people including fellow competitors as well as Aaron Phipps, Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby team member at the London 2012 Paralympics and the first British person with a disability to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, who was a special guest at the UK IT Challenge" said Zoe Wood, Admissions and Progression Manager at Derwen College. Sam and Jamie returned home to College with T-Shirts, certificates and medals and huge smiles on their faces and they can't wait for next year's event. Watch this space ...



NUS Awards

Derwen's Student Union Board won the Democracy Award in the national NUS Awards – huge congratulations to them.

Outstanding Student/Learner Experience

Derwen College picked up the award for Outstanding Student / Learner Experience at the Tribal Empower Conference. Joy Rush collected the award and said she is delighted that Derwen has won this.



Charity News £60K Appeal



Thanks to all our amazing supporters who came along and took part in our new look fete this year. It was a bumper year for us in terms of visitors and fundraising. We appreciate all the work of volunteers, staff and to all who came along to support the event.



Many thanks to Georgi Cleveley for raising over £600 for Derwen College by taking part in this year's Shrewsbury Half Marathon. Georgi's sister Charlotte was a student at Derwen College and was in her final year at the time. Georgi said she wanted to support the great work being done at Derwen College to support more students like Charlotte in the future. Her donation will go directly towards our £60,000 appeal for the Therapy and Fitness Centre.



For all fundraising enquiries, please contact:
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Digital Awareness

Please see more information about the possible dangers of the APP DOKI DOKI at www.derwen.ac.uk/news - we would like to draw parents and professionals' attention to its existence.