

Business FOCUS



Introduction

Welcome to the April edition of the Business Improvement newsletter, Business Focus. I hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and to get you back in the swing of things, we have put together a number of events for you to sink your teeth into. Being the new kid on the block within the Business Improvement Team, I have been assigned the beauty and hairdressing sector as my main clientele, so I thought I would treat all you beauty professionals out there with a sneak peak of our future College developments concerning our Town Centre campus salon. The new salon will open up numerous new opportunities for local businesses so there are some exciting chances for you to get involved. The newsletter also contains our usual listing of upcoming training courses to help you with your business needs. I hope to be getting my face out and about within the business community so if you see me don't be afraid to say hello. Kind regards,

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Focus on: Upcoming Events

Focus on: Apprenticeships

Louise Simmonite, 18, from SNA Europe is our latest 'Apprentice of the Month' - well done to Louise.

Louise has been with SNA Europe since February this year as an HR Apprentice and she is currently working towards her NVQ Level 2 in Business Admin.

Her manager, Michelle Clarke, explained that Louise always has a very professional manner and has done a fantastic job in organising a number of events where international colleagues visited Rotherham for a training course.

Michelle said: "Towards the end of her first week she was tasked with organising several visits to our Bramley site by ten European visitors from various locations around Europe.

"On a different week she was asked to sort out further travel plans and arrangements for an extra five people, one of which was the Vice President of Operations. All of this was done with minimal supervision, with no fuss or problems.

"She has already proven that she is a valuable member of the team and I cannot think how we have coped without her."

As a well done, Louise was presented with a certificate and some Meadowhall vouchers by Charlie Grayson from the College's Business Improvement Team.



There a number of events coming up in the near future to help employers learn more about how they can get involved in the College and how we can help you with your business needs.

Engineering Business Event

9 May, Town Centre Campus, 11am-4:30pm

Aimed at the engineering employers out there, this event is designed to show you what facilities the College boasts in the world of engineering and a chance for you to talk to some of our full-time students who would like to join the engineering profession.

Event agenda

10:45 am- Arrival and registration

11am – 12pm – Tour of the engineering facilities and a chance to meet the tutors who carry out the learning.

12pm – 1pm – Lunch, presentation about the financial support available for employers looking for an apprentice.

1pm – 4:30pm – Engineering event for students. Employers attending the event can hold their own stall as part of a student event where youngsters can approach them for career opportunities and advice on working in the industry.

We will be hosting different themed events in the future which will include, care, motor, construction and hair and beauty. To be involved, please get in touch with us.

Focus on: New facilities

Hair and beauty is an area that the College is very keen to promote amongst the local business community. With the development of the new salon, which will be based at our Town Centre campus, there are going to be new opportunities for local businesses.

The Inspire Hair & Beauty salon will be moving into the ground floor of our Clifton building, where the public will have easy access from the street.

With a zebra and lime green theme, the new facility will boast modern equipment alongside stylish comforts.

As we look to encourage hair and beauty apprenticeships, the new facility will offer the perfect learning environment for any apprentice especially with the added bonus of gaining experience of working with the general public.

As well as hairdressing facilities, there is a nail bar plan set in place to help launch the new Nail Technician Apprenticeship.

The new salon will be ready to open in September and any employer interested in taking on an apprentice in this area will be able to look around the new facility and discuss the apprenticeship in more detail.



Focus on: Career Events

We have two career events coming up, where we are looking for businesses to host a stall and promote themselves to our students and local schools.

We are inviting students from across Rotherham to come along and discuss their career options and to promote progression amongst our own students.

There are two different dates available:

4 May 2012, 12pm - 4:30pm, Wentworth Building, Town Centre Campus

11 May 2012, 12 – 4:30pm, Lecture Theatre, Rother Valley Campus

To book on to either of the events above, you can do so by contacting the Business Improvement Team on 08000 890909 or email business@rotherham.ac.uk.

Course	Start Dates	Duration	Cost	Who for?	Benefits
ILM Certificate in First Line management	9 May – 18 July	5 days	£346.50	Practising or aspiring first line managers	Increased confidence. Better time management including delegation. Greater understanding on how to successfully manage staff members.
NEBOSH	29 June – 5 September 19 September – 5 December	12 days	£995	Managers Supervisors All staff who need a broad understanding of health and safety issues.	Provides a dedicated health and safety representative compliance NEBOSH General Certificate accredited qualification
IOSH	15, 22, 29 May 5 June 17, 24, 31 July & 7 August	4 days	£485	Managers Supervisors	Understanding of Managers responsibilities to Health & Safety compliance IOSH accredited Managing Safely qualification
TAQA	To be advised	1 day in college, then remote learning	£720	Anyone working in - or hoping to take up a role in - assessment and internal quality assurance.	Provide people who carry out assessment and internal quality assurance roles in their organisation with the opportunity to develop and improve their practice as well as achieving a professional qualification for their roles.
First Aid at Work	7,14, 21 June	3 days	£220	Anyone wanting to be a first aider	Support the wellbeing of staff and visitors Fully endorsed by the HSE . Valid for three years.
Emergency First Aid	10 May 12 July	1 day	£95	Existing first aiders	Keep up-to-date on first aid Refresh existing knowledge.
Health & Safety Level 2	14 June	1 day	£90	All staff	Confidence that they're working in a safe environment. Raising awareness of health & safety risks in the workplace. Aids reduction in accidents at work.
Food Safety Level 2	24 July	1 day	£95	All staff who handle food	Helps maintain professional hygiene standards Improved confidence and expertise to deliver quality food.
Supervising Food Safety Level 3	24 May	2 days	£195	Managers / Supervisors	Greater knowledge of hygiene procedures and regulations. Ability to support staff members to improve their hygiene standards and knowledge.
Managing Stress within the Workplace	24 April	1 day	£125	Managers / Supervisors / HR Teams	Helps managers and employees to manage the levels of stress when individuals or team members return to work after a period of unemployment.
PTLLS (Prepare to teach in lifelong learning sector)	14 May	5 days	£352	Anyone who wants an introduction to teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector Trainers in industry or technicians and support staff in further and adult education	Understand own role, responsibilities and boundaries of role in relation to teaching. Understand teaching and learning approaches in the specialist area. Demonstrate session planning skills. Understand how to deliver inclusive sessions that motivate learners. Understand the use of different assessment methods and the need for record keeping.