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Welcome to West Thames College.



Tracy Aust, CEO and Principal, welcomes you to our Making Waves – Summer edition!

DEAR READER,

It has been an incredible year so far at West Thames College.

In the latest edition of Making Waves, we share success stories, news, and information surrounding life at West Thames College.

One of our highlights of the year is our annual Student Awards Ceremony which commemorates students who have overcome challenges by going that extra mile in order to achieve success. Our students received their awards in front of their families, friends and a number of dignitaries which included the Deputy Lieutenant (DL) of Greater London and Representative DL for the Borough of Hounslow: Rosi Prescott, Deputy Mayor of Hounslow: Councillor Harleen Atwal Hear, Hounslow Council Leader: Councillor Shantanu Rajawat, our MP for Brentford & Isleworth: Ruth Cadbury, our College Governors and former student Asim Chaudhry. Asim is an actor, writer and director as well as British comedian best known for co-creating the BAFTA Award winning series 'People Just Do Nothing' (BBC). We also had a range of employers support our Student Awards this year, many of whom were there in person to present awards for the categories they generously sponsored.

The celebrations continued with our newest cohort of HNC and HND graduates at our annual HE Awards Ceremony which included an audience of proud family and friends who saw our graduates collect their certificates from their respective course tutors.

This year has certainly been a memorable one so far with our students benefitting from the excellent partnerships that we have with local businesses. We have held a number of employer events including our hugely successful Aspire Careers Fair where our students were able to meet with a range of employers to learn more about the exciting job opportunities they had on offer

as well as potential career pathways. The careers theme continued with our ICT students visiting Ajar Technology to explore the challenges in cyber security and our Animation students were lucky enough to hear first-hand from the globally renowned animator Jennifer Kidd, who kindly shared her top industry tips with them.

National Apprenticeship Week took place at the College and shone a light on the positive impact our apprenticeships have on individuals, businesses and the wider economy. Some of our partnership highlights include: launching a new internship programme for young adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities with Marriott London Twickenham, a visit from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, and our Makeup students supported Ealing's Sewn Up Sustainable Fashion Show.

Our students made their own headlines with our Maths students overcoming the odds to secure trophies at the Mathematic Education Innovation's Further Education Maths Challenge competition, Public Services student Matthew Bedwell lent a medical hand at the London Marathon, and Sports student Ryley Wallace-Orgil completed his gym instructor qualification with the support of our award-winning training partner, Health and Fitness Education. We also welcomed local schools to our campus to participate in a highly-enjoyable basketball tournament. You can read more about all these exciting stories in this issue.

I would like to conclude by thanking our fantastic staff and students, who continue to represent West Thames to the highest standard and are an absolute credit to the College.

T. Aust

Employers Inspire at Aspire

West Thames College proudly welcomed some of the world's biggest employers to our Isleworth Campus for Aspire – our annual careers and jobs fair for students.

At Aspire, students met employers to find out more about what it's like to work in their industry as well as learn about the skills they need to access a diverse range of jobs to start their future career.

Major employers in attendance:



Here's what they had to say:

It was great to meet all the students and I thoroughly enjoyed the event. I wanted to be here as I feel it's very important to give something back to the community and I hope to be back next year.
Ansa, Amazon Web Services

It was really rewarding to meet so many ambitious students today. I am an apprentice at Microsoft and I wanted to promote why this is a great scheme for school leavers or career changers. I also wanted to really emphasise the fact that you don't have to be technical to work at Microsoft as we have such a wide range of jobs available across various departments.
Emma, Microsoft

We had a really successful day explaining what positions we have in GP practices across Northwest London. It was great to speak to people who are a range of ages within the local community.
David, Primary Care NHS

It was a great day to reach candidates who may be interested in our apprenticeships opportunities within Heathrow Airport and London.
Stefan, K10 Apprenticeships

We had a great time meeting students at the recruitment fair and we're looking forward to hearing back from them.
Tilly, Gather and Gather



The event was organised by our own Martina Greeves, Head of Careers & Work Placement, who said: "Every year, Aspire brings together a fantastic group of employers who are really keen to speak to our community and enrich our students' knowledge of the many career opportunities that are out there for them. I am very grateful that so many of these employers have taken the time to be here today and know they inspired many to consider a career with them when they finish College."

Round Robin Basketball Tournament Debuts

West Thames College welcomed local schools to take part in a basketball Round Robin tournament at our Isleworth campus.

Year 10 and 11 students from the schools below took part:

Heathland School

Lampton School

Rivers Academy

Cranford Community College

The tournament was organised by our own **Chiedozie Offiah**, who said: *"We had a great turnout on the day. All the boys played with maximum effort and showed good sportsmanship between them, which was a credit to their PE teachers. The event wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did if it wasn't for the sports ambassadors, the enrichment staff, and the marketing team at the college – all-in-all, a real team effort!"*

Lampton School were crowned the winner of the tournament – congratulations to them for their excellent performance.



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Marathon Man! Matthew Supports Others at 2022 London Marathon

Level 2 Uniformed Public Services student, Matthew Bedwell, played a key role in the 2022 London Marathon as a health volunteer at one of the many race treatment centres.

The centres look after the runners upon the completion of their demanding effort. The volunteers in these centres help runners to ensure they're physically safe to make their way home after the marathon.

Some of the regular tasks that Matthew carried out included checking the glucose levels, blood pressure, pulse rate, pupil dilation, and temperature of runners. He even helped administer saline to a runner with the support of an experienced paramedic. His services were very



much in demand as he completed a marathon of his own by working from 5am to 10pm that day!

Matthew's no stranger to helping others and uses his learned skills in first aid, radio communication, fire safety, and more by volunteering his support at a range of events.

Matthew said: *"From working at the London Marathon, I gained great experience in communication. I've already built up my communication over the years, but there is still room to continue improving. At the London Marathon, I learned how to do blood glucose and parts of manual blood pressure which is a key skill in the role of a first aider."*

From Student to Gym Instructor! Ryley Begins Fitness Career Journey

Award-Winning training provider Health and Fitness Education (HFE) is set to support West Thames College student, **Ryley Wallace-Orgil**, to complete his Level 2 gym instructor qualification.

Ryley, who is currently studying a BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development at West Thames will complete his gym instructor qualification alongside his existing BTEC studies.

Many of the subjects Ryley will study to become a qualified gym instructor already feature in his BTEC programme, including anatomy, physiology, nutrition, health, and wellbeing. Thanks to the tuition he's received at West Thames, we're certain that he will be able to hit the ground running and fast-track his achievement with HFE.



West Thames College Lecturer Gary Peters said: "Ryley has demonstrated a desire to work in the fitness industry in the future, and has shown himself to be a hard-working and capable student. I am pleased that HFE has chosen to support Ryley

at the start of his journey into the fitness industry, and sure he will succeed."

Lee Cain, Managing Director of HFE said: *"We're delighted to be able to provide this support and qualification to Ryley and we're confident that he will continue to grow and develop as he progresses through his qualification. We're certain he will find the experience invaluable and he'll also be able to access work opportunities as soon as he finishes his course."*



New Internship Programme for Young Adults with Learning Disabilities

A new life changing supported internship programme for young adults with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum conditions, has just launched at Marriott London Twickenham.

West Thames College in partnership with Marriott London Twickenham and national charity DFN Project SEARCH, have formed a collaborative partnership to give young people with learning disabilities and/or autism vital work-based learning opportunities to help them to secure competitive employment.

The pioneering programme involves total workplace immersion at its very best, facilitating a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on skills training.

This local programme comes after DFN Project SEARCH recently launched a new employability campaign #InclusionRevolution, which aims to support 10,000 young adults aged between 18 – 25 with a learning disability or autism into paid employment by 2030.

The initiative highlights the shocking reality that only 4.8% of people with learning disabilities in England secure paid employment, compared to 80% of their peers. That means an astonishing 95% will be forced to live a lifetime on benefits.

DFN Project SEARCH is a national transition to work programme for students with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum conditions. They work in partnership across the public, private and voluntary sectors to create supported employment internships within private and public



settings. This is undertaken during their last year of education, helping them to make positive transitions from education to the world of work.

With the largest data set in the UK, DFN Project SEARCH's evidence-based model challenges misconceptions and changes the way society views and enables young adults with learning disabilities and autism to ensure that they reach their true and full potential.

Tracy Aust, CEO and Principal of West Thames College: "We are delighted

to be launching another DFN Project Search programme with our fantastic new partner – the Marriott London Twickenham. West Thames have been running Project Search supported internships for 11 years and we have seen first-hand the transformational impact this has had on the lives of so many young people. It's not just the interns that benefit from these programmes but it's also the hugely positive impact on the College and the host employer. Here at West Thames, we've had the privilege of employing an intern and what a great appointment this has been. We are really excited to be working in partnership with the Marriott on this new venture."

Debbie Robinson, CEO of Kaleidoscope Social Enterprise Ltd: "We are very much looking forward to building on our already successful relationships with Marriott London Hotels family, West Thames College, London Borough of Hounslow and DFN Project SEARCH, because we know first hand the positive impact that this transition to employment program can have on the young people we work alongside on their journey into paid work."

Nicky Bitar, DFN Business Liaison at the London Borough of Hounslow: "We are proud to be working in partnership with the Marriott London Twickenham, West Thames College, Kaleidoscope and DFN Project SEARCH. The Project SEARCH model provides brilliant support to young people with Education Health Care Plans providing them with all the tools and wrap around support needed to transition from education into full time meaningful paid employment. Collectively we are passionate to ensure this opportunity is maximised for our local residents."

Linda Hawkins, Marriott Multi-Property Director of Human Resources: "We are excited to welcome the DFN Project SEARCH programme to Marriott London Twickenham and are eager to support all the interns in gaining work experience to enable them to gain employment. We believe that this partnership will not only benefit the program participants but also enrich our hotel's culture and contribute to the broader community."

About DFN Project SEARCH:

DFN Project SEARCH is a business-led, one-year transition to employment programme for young people with a learning disability and autism or both.

DFN Project SEARCH believes that everyone deserves the right to aspire to the very best future, yet 4.8% of people with a learning disability who are known to local authorities in England go on to secure full-time paid employment. Its ambition is to ensure that everyone with a learning disability or autism can attain high-quality, integrated employment in their local area.

The programme has supported more than 1,600 young people into paid work and has the aim to support 10,000 interns into work by 2030, and 20,000 by 2035.



READ MORE

For more information on how to enrol on the course, please contact Mitsie Butler on mitsie.butler@west-thames.ac.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Visit



On Thursday 19 January, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust visited our Isleworth campus to share an informative, on-topic presentation, hosted in our very own Endeavour Theatre.

West Thames governors and over 100 students attended the event. The day itself is for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

The presentation started with a welcome speech by our Mayor Raghwinder Siddhu.

West Thames College wants to show appreciation to Gabriel Stein for sharing his family's stories and experiences during the Holocaust.

Gabriel told the story of his mother, Marie Stein (née Mazur), and how she and her family survived the Holocaust in Poland. In 1939, when Marie was ten years old, she lost her childhood forever. Word War Two broke out, with Germany invading Poland, overpowering the country in less than a month. From then until their liberation she lived with the risk of getting beaten up, killed, or sent to a concentration camp. She remembers that each and every night, she feared that she might have said something that could have endangered the family and could cause them to be killed.

Gabriel shared this story in remembrance of his own family. He believes that Holocaust survivor narratives should be actively shared.

These experiences and contributions gave us a unique insight into the lives of those who have endured persecution.



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ICT Students Visit Ajar Technology

Last November, our ICT students were at Ajar Technology in Brentford where they participated in an array of tech-lead activities:

Cybersecurity

Command and Control

Network Infrastructure

Programming

Alongside Ajar's IT Networks Manager and AV Technical Manager, our students looked at current trends and challenges in cyber and cloud security. The group also had the chance to work on some technical design, specifically around the requirements for a control room. To assist with their planning and technical design, the company gave the students behind-the-scenes access to the Control Room technology which they deployed

for UK Police Forces and Heathrow Airport.

Tara McLaughlin, Sales & Marketing Manager, at Ajar Technology thanked our students for their enthusiasm and engagement and said that they "demonstrated a great understanding of their courses and how this would apply to a business such as Ajar. They impressed many people at Ajar and have bright futures ahead of them".



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Caps, Gowns and Celebrations at our HE Awards 2023

West Thames College celebrated its latest cohort of HNC and HND graduates at our annual HE Awards Ceremony.

A memorable night was hosted by our Assistant Principal, Katrin Lehmann, and College Governor, Bruce Armstrong, to celebrate our students who have worked exceptionally hard in their respective courses. An audience consisting of proud family and friends as well as our staff saw our graduates collect their certificates on the night from their course tutors. A major highlight from the night was a stirring speech by graduate Dylan Curtis Steward who said:

"Today, we gather here to celebrate the culmination of our journey at West Thames College. This moment would not be complete without expressing heartfelt gratitude to our remarkable lecturers and mentors, all who have guided us with their wisdom and support. Equally deserving of my gratitude tonight, are the fellow students who I have shared this remarkable journey with. As we embark on new endeavours, let us carry with us the lessons learned and the bonds formed during our time at West Thames College. Armed with passion, resilience, and dedication, we are ready to make our mark."



THE 2023 WEST THAMES COLLEGE HNC/HND GRADUATES IN FULL:

HND Applied Sciences (Biology)

Jonathan Hosein
Joscilia Teesha Rebello
Jyoti Purja Pun
Kalsoom Sherzad
Riwayda Mahamed
Sukhmeet Kaur
Tania Da Costa Bote
Tia Haria

HNC Business

Valenie Fernandes

HND Creative Media Production

Dylan Curtis Steward
James Frederick Nobes
Kamil Oles
Luca Padeanu
Maria Abaga Ekor
Rhys Jones

HNC Performing Arts (Acting Pathway)

Alexandra Bairrao
Daniel De La Perrelle
Hollie Darbon
Laiqah Sekason
Tyrese Chioma

HNC Performing Arts (Dance Pathway)

Beau-Frances Wilkins
Kian Melhuish
Renee Quamina
Shelay Busby

HND Specialist Makeup

Alexandra Lavender
Caitlin McDonald
Leah Austen
Marta Nikolajuk

WE WISH ALL OUR GRADUATES THE VERY BEST FOR THE STEPS THEY TAKE IN THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR JOURNEY.



Maths Students Overcome the Odds

Maths students from West Thames College have beaten the odds to secure trophies at the Mathematic Education Innovation's (MEI) Further Education Maths Challenge. This competition is for post-16 students who are working towards gaining a Functional Skills maths qualification or improving their GCSE Mathematics grade.

The final of the competition held at Goldsmiths University is a culmination of many regional finals held in colleges and sports stadiums with 40+ teams represented from across the country.

The West Thames College team consisted of Ako Rostami, Erosha Araujo, Dmytro Horlov, Kateryna Bodnar, Stephanie Espinoza Sevilla and Thomas Hall. Despite having one of the smallest teams in the competition, our students managed to win the following trophies in two of the three categories available:

- **1st place** in 'The Funkies' category which is for students whose highest GCSE grade is a grade 1.
- **3rd place** in the 'Ein2steins' category which is for students whose highest GCSE grade is a grade 2.

West Thames college Maths Lecturer Gloria Ackah who was in attendance with our students, said: *"It was a great pleasure to attend MEI Maths challenge with the students, and I am immensely proud with what they have achieved which is a real testament to their dedication and hard work."*





Exceptional Students Celebrated at our 2023 Student Awards Ceremony

West Thames College celebrated its exceptional students at our annual Student Awards ceremony. These awards recognise students across our subject areas who have overcome challenges by going that extra mile in order to achieve success. They also reward those who have gone out of their way to help others succeed.

In attendance at the ceremony were the friends and families of our award winners as well as a number of local dignitaries including the Deputy Lieutenant (DL) of Greater London and Representative DL for the Borough of Hounslow: Rosi Prescott, Deputy Mayor of Hounslow: Councillor Harleen Atwal Hear, Hounslow Council Leader: Councillor Shantanu Rajawat, our MP for Brentford & Isleworth: Ruth Cadbury, our College Governors and former student Asim Chaudhry.

We had a range of employer partners – Dennis Williams, HSBC, Hyatt Place, Jelly, Mindful Education, Qlue, TOLL Logistics and West London Chambers of Commerce – support our Student Awards this year. Many employers were also there in person to present awards for the categories they generously sponsored. We thank them all for their ongoing support of the College.



The night started with perhaps one of the most well-known members of our alumni community taking to the stage, Asim Chaudhry. Asim was born in Hounslow and is an actor, writer and director as well as British comedian best known for co-creating the BAFTA Award winning 'People Just Do Nothing' (BBC) and been nominated for, and a recipient of, many national awards.

Students then proudly took the stage to collect their awards.

WINNERS

14-16 Award

Faisal Ahmed Zaland

Access to Higher Education and Science

Vidya Ruth Fernandes

Art & Design

Sponsored by Jelly
Ismael Mohamad Wahid Daharee

Beauty & Hairdressing

Sponsored by Dennis Williams
Simran Multani

Beauty Therapy (Adults)

Oxana Sapojnic

Business

Sponsored by HSBC
Sarah Moursy

Computing & ICT

Sponsored by Qlue
Amanuel Hailemichael

Construction & Building Trades

Ahmed Mohamed

Dance, Performing Arts & Makeup

Nashwyl Pires

Engineering & Motor Vehicles Maintenance

Sponsored by West London Chambers
Laurence De Menezes

English & Maths

Sponsored by HSBC
Thomas Hall

ESOL (Adults)

Sponsored by Mindful Education
Svitlana Kukalo

ESOL Threshold

Sponsored by Hyatt Place
Mobina Roozegar

Health & Care

Rachel Callant

Media & Music

Sofia Quershi

Partnership (Adult)

Sponsored by Mindful Education
Ahmad Ibrahim Aloudat

Sport & Uniformed Public Services

Corneliu Gancerenco

Supported Learning Student of the Year

Sophie Kent

Travel, Tourism & Aviation

Sponsored by West London Chambers
Syed Ali

Apprentice of the Year

Sponsored by TOLL Group
Remi Colin

Ernest Harrison Award (Adult Learner of the Year)

Mariana Rekrutiak

Andrew Ward Creative Award

Jasraj Sidhu



Three awards were given to the students who have given that little bit extra and also recognised for their efforts across the College. These awards were presented by the MP for Brentford & Isleworth, Ruth Cadbury, and the winners were:

The Contribution to the College Award

Vidya Ruth Fernandes

The Determination Award

Sarah Moursy

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Nashwyl Pires

The event concluded with a rendition of 'I Gotta Feeling' which was wonderfully sung by our student, Lina Lahlimi.



Principal and CEO, Tracy Aust, said: Thank you to our wonderful staff and to the parents, friends and families of our students – your support throughout their studies has been key to their success. The biggest thanks of all goes to our students – well done and congratulations to everyone who won an award. To those who are leaving us, good luck for the future and whatever you decide to do, please stay in touch!





Animation Guru Shares Industry Tips and Secrets

Last November, our first and second-year Creative Animation students were part of a virtual Q&A with globally renowned animator, Jennifer Kidd.

Jennifer has had an illustrious career. Jennifer combined her animation journey with studying for her MA in Experimental Animation at the Royal College of Art, London, and also the Stan Winston School of Character Arts. She is now the Director and owner of London-based Scale Model Studios Ltd, which specialises in miniature prop-making, puppet

fabrication, set dressing, and set-building.

Since 2016 she has worked on several high-profile projects including: "Isle of Dogs" (2018); Rag'n'Bone Man's video "All You Ever Wanted" (2020); "Deliveroo – The Forgotten Milk" (2022). "Sampires" (2020) was a particularly favourite project of hers

as "although there were time and financial constraints, it was a really good family vibe and we got it done". One of her recent projects which received a lot of coverage on the BBC was Jennifer's amazing opening credits for the 2022 Winter Olympics held in China. We thank Jennifer for taking her time to inspire the next generation of animators.

Jennifer's advice to our aspiring animators included:

- Learning paper and artistic skills and continual professional development from student days onwards is crucial
- Research (on YouTube and Google) is crucial for the development of the project narrative
- Ensuring that your CV with portfolio contains your very best work and is image-based and polished but simple
- Be mindful of Health & Safety, particularly when working with chemicals and carpentry tools
- Make your characters and colours "real and rich" and your timelines "authentic"
- Collaboration with a mentor, fellow animators, and family & friends.



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Visit west-thames.ac.uk/art for information on our Animation courses.

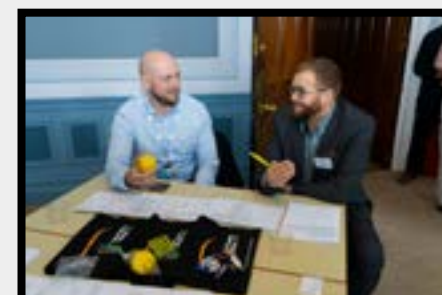
National Apprenticeships Week 2023

This year's National Apprenticeships Week brought together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make on individuals, businesses, and the wider economy.



During this week, we proudly showcased the fantastic work of our apprentices and the businesses that employ them. Here's some highlights from the week:

- We revealed brand-new videos from West Thames College apprentices who told us why they chose this route of study.



- New case studies launched from apprentices thriving in business – visit west-thames.ac.uk to read Krystyna and Lori's stories.
- Alex Cutler, Assistant Principal for Teaching, Learning, and Quality, launched our brand-new T-Levels on YouTube. Our new T-Levels in Health or Digital Production, Design & Development start this September.



Topping off the week was an Employer Networking Event where local businesses were invited to learn more about harnessing the potential of apprenticeships within their businesses.

The event began with an opening keynote from Principal and CEO, Tracy Aust, followed by video testimonials from apprentices. The digital testimonials then switched to a real-life Q&A with three former apprentices who talked about what inspired them to become apprentices and where this journey has taken them professionally and personally. A fantastic way for us to conclude National Apprenticeship Week 2023!



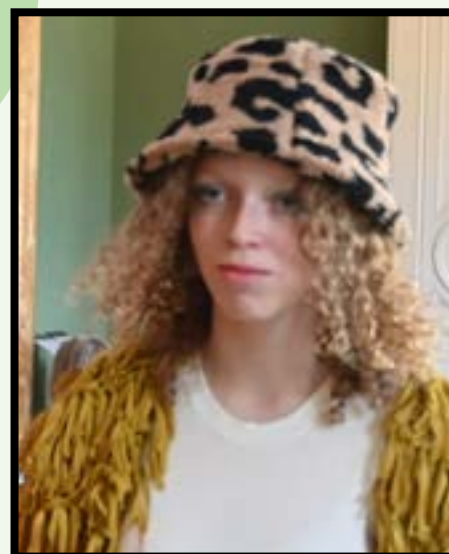
Looking to become or hire an apprentice?

Visit west-thames.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Students Dazzle at Sustainable Fashion Show and Clothes Swap

West Thames College is proud to have been involved in supporting the debut of Sustainable Fashion day and supporting the environmentally-friendly cause.



Sustainable fashion is ethically vital for our planet and people, saving natural resources, reducing our carbon footprint, and ensuring fair and safe working conditions.

Our makeup artists were kept fully active on the day as they prepared models for the catwalk. Volunteering to be a part of such an eagerly anticipated event, was a great opportunity for our students. It was a chance for them to show off their amazing talents and get some hands-on insight into the backstage experience of live fashion shows.

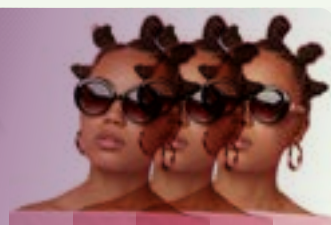
Natalie Baylis, an organiser of the event, said: "The students delivered the brief and helped the event run smoothly and efficiently. They followed all instructions perfectly and were a pleasure to work with. As if that wasn't enough, they also left the dressing room immaculately clean and tidy leaving one less thing for the event organisers to worry about. With this positive and professional approach, these particular groups are a credit to West Thames College and an asset to any event in which they participate. Thank you and well done!"

The event was a remarkable success! Most importantly, the day saved over 350kg of clothes from waste (almost the equivalent weight of a grand piano)!



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Visit west-thames.ac.uk/makeup for our range of highly-revered Makeup courses.



Progression Pathway Agreement Launch

Further Education (FE) Colleges and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with campuses across the seven West London boroughs have worked with the West London Alliance and West London Business to develop a pioneering agreement to help students progress from courses in further education to higher-level study.

The agreement is designed to increase the number of people progressing into a higher level of study in important sectors of West London, helping the sub-regions economy grow – and local residents to benefit from and support that growth.

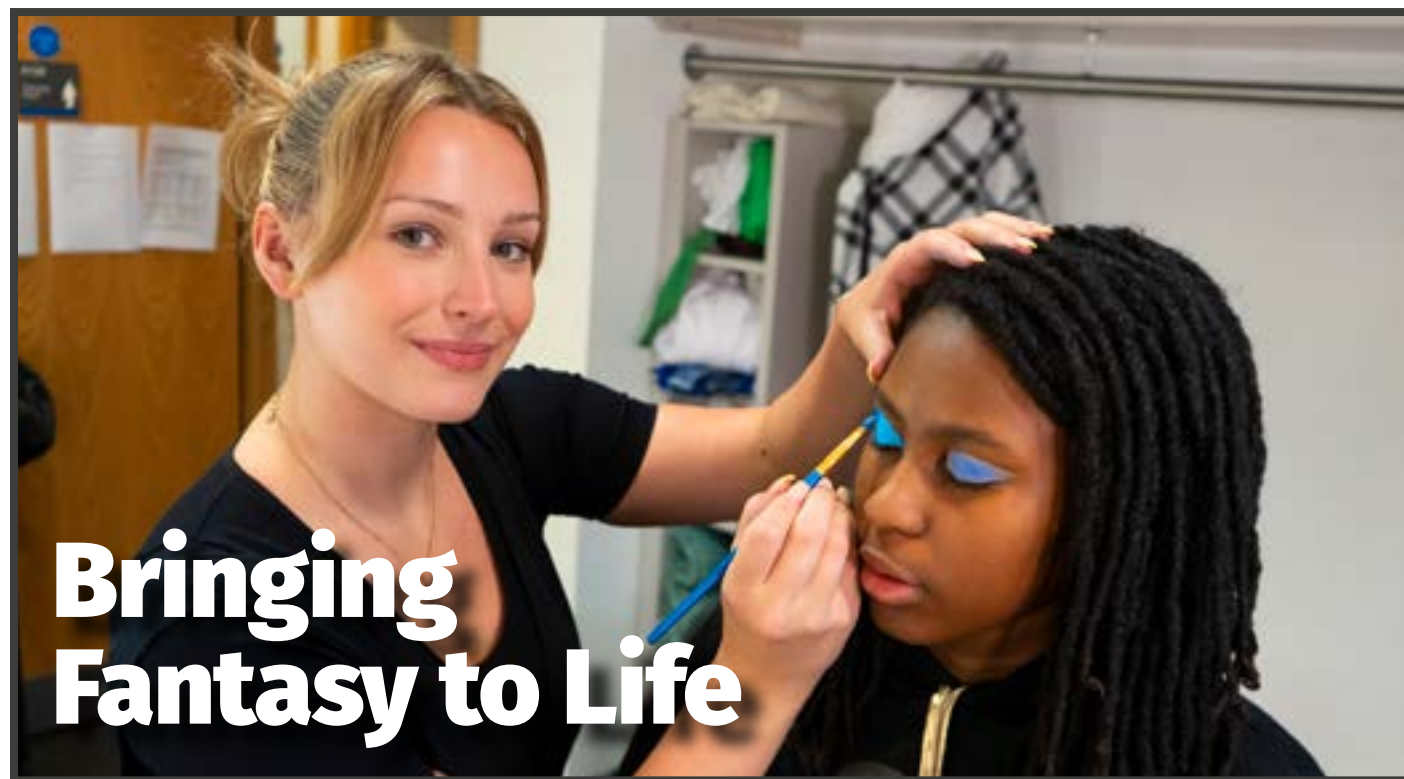
Focused on courses in some of the most significant growth sectors for West London's economy – Digital, the Creative & Cultural sectors, the Green Economy, and Health & Care – this multi-institution agreement builds on earlier local, bi-lateral agreements between individual institutions, often focusing on just one course. Taking a wider, multi-institutional, multi-course approach, this new progression agreement provides clear pathways for students across West London to a wide range of further study.

The agreement commits participating HEIs to offering places to students securing specific grades in a range of Level 3 qualifications at participating colleges on several 'matched' degree programmes – provided students meet relevant admission requirements.

Tracy Aust, Principal of West Thames College and chair of the West London FE Principals Group said: "As colleges, we're committed

to helping our students reach their full potential, including through supporting them in their next steps. By working closely with our higher education partners across West London on this progression agreement, we're delighted to be putting in place a mechanism that should make progressing from further to higher education – in courses really important to our boroughs' future labour market – all the more seamless."





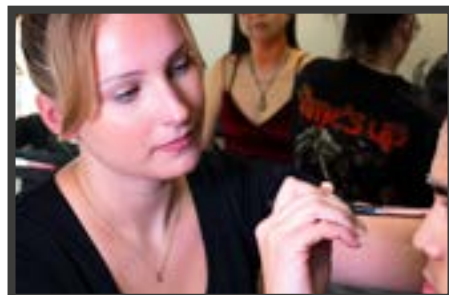
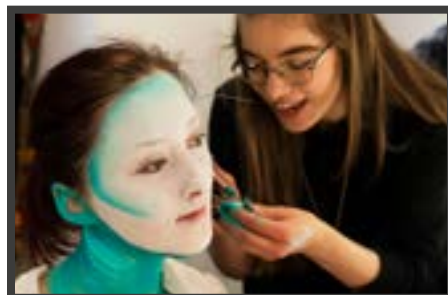
Bringing Fantasy to Life

A collaborative project called 'The Good, The Evil...And the Misunderstood' showcased the skills of our HND Specialist Make-Up students and our Level 3 Performing Arts students. Our Performing Arts students were asked to create an original 'Fantasy Character' and devise not just a 'look' for this character, but also a detailed backstory. All Performing Arts students wrote a monologue and duologue, which they performed as their characters.

At the very beginning of the process, the Performing Arts students linked up with the Specialist Make-Up

students to discuss ideas and ways in which make-up and prosthetics could visually enhance the character. Designs were created, dialogues developed and students, from both disciplines, worked hand in hand to achieve the final result.

The project allowed both Actors and Make-Up artists to appreciate creative roles outside their immediate specialism. The finished work was seen on 23 February 2023 when our actors presented their work before a packed audience in the College's Endeavour Theatre. Both the 2.30pm show and the 7pm show were a huge success!



T-Levels Launch

West Thames College are proud to announce the launch of T-Levels which are a new post-16 alternative to A-levels and Apprenticeships. The new qualifications with work placements have been designed to take work-based learning to the next level.

Learners spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they implement their learned skills.



T-Levels offer:

- An alternative to A levels, apprenticeships, and other 16 to 19 courses
- A qualification equivalent to three A Levels
- Routes for students into skilled employment, higher study, or apprenticeships
- An in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

We have two courses starting this September 2023:

- Digital Production, Design & Development
- Health



APPLY NOW

For more information, please visit west-thames.ac.uk/t-levels

We're on Tik Tok!



Our new TikTok channel has officially made its debut earlier this year, showcasing student life and the extensive talent we have at West Thames College.

In a successful first few months of exclusive WTC TikTok content, students have engaged with – and contributed to – our new channel!

Be sure to follow our channel, and all our other socials to keep up with exclusive content from West Thames.

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Amazing Courses with Fantastic Support

West Thames College is split between two main campus sites – **Isleworth** and **Feltham**. Each campus boasts an extensive and highly-coveted array of courses designed to build core skills and qualification and help you achieve your dream career.

Isleworth Courses

Art & Media

Makeup

Business

Performing Arts

Computing

Science

Hair & Beauty

Travel,
Tourism &
Sport

Health & Care

Feltham Courses

Carpentry

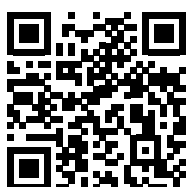
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Construction

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Electrical
Installation

Motor Vehicle



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