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Schools Newsletter
Spring 2023

WELCOME

Welcome to our schools newsletter! This is designed to keep you up to date with events, courses and initiatives happening this year.

**ANTHONY BRAVO,
PRINCIPAL**



THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY

We still have places for courses starting this September. Browse the courses on our website and join us at our next open day in May. As a reminder, you need to create an account and apply at: **bcot.ac.uk**.

If you have any questions during your application, we're here to help. **Please email nextyear@bcot.ac.uk or telephone 01256 306679**

BOOK NOW FOR OUR COLLEGE EVENTS

Bookings are now open for our Apprenticeship Fairs and May Open Event.

Come and visit our campus, meet our lecturers and students and find out more about courses and what life at college is like.

We have two Apprenticeship Fairs coming up where you can find out more about how apprenticeships work. And don't miss our last open event of the year where you can have one last look at the courses we offer.

REGISTER TO ATTEND [BCOT.AC.UK/APPLY](https://bcot.ac.uk/apply)

Apprenticeship Fair

Monday 6 February, 4.30pm to 7pm

Monday 19 June, 4.30pm to 7pm

Open Event

Tuesday 2 May, 4.30pm to 7pm



ALREADY APPLIED? HERE ARE THE NEXT STEPS

1. You will be invited to our Welcome Event on Friday 30 June 2023. Join us for the morning or afternoon to meet your future classmates, explore the campus and facilities and ask any questions you may have before joining in September.
2. You can come and see us if you need to on GCSE Results Day on Thursday 24 August 2023. We will be open and happy to help.
3. You will be invited to enrol on your course between Wednesday 30 August and Friday 1 September 2023. We will send you an appointment with a date and time to attend so you can collect your ID badge and computer login details and provide us with evidence of your exam results.

BRONZE FOR BTEC COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

We're delighted that BCoT has been awarded Bronze for BTEC College of the Year at the prestigious Pearson's annual BTEC Awards which recognises how BCoT brings BTEC qualifications to life inside and outside of the classroom.

Lorraine Heath, Deputy Principal - Curriculum, Performance and Innovation at BCoT said:

"We are extremely proud of this award which is a testament to the hard work of our teachers and students and the important collaborations we've made with business and industry. Our work placements give our students the experience they need to be career-ready."



QUALITY CAREERS ADVICE

Our careers service goes from strength to strength. We recently achieved all eight Gatsby Benchmarks (which are statutory careers requirements set by the Government) - one of only seven out of 88 establishments to achieve this. And to top this, we also achieved Matrix accreditation in May 2022, the quality standard for information, advice and guidance.

SCHOOLS LIAISON VISITS - DIARY DATES

Our Schools Liaison Team will be out and about visiting schools over the next few months. Save the date!

08/02/23	Get Inspired Basingstoke	Apollo Hotel
09/02/23	Careers Fair	The Wellington Academy
27/02/23	Year 10 assembly	Amery Hill
28/02/23	Careers Fair	Fernhill
06/03/23	Y10 assembly	Bishop Challoner
07/03/23	Year 7 assembly	Cranbourne
08/03/23	Year 8 assembly	Cranbourne
09/03/23	Careers Fair	Trinity School
09/03/23	Careers Fair	Westgate
10/03/23	Year 9 assembly	Cranbourne
10/03/23	Year 10 assembly	Dove House
13/03/23	Year 8 assembly	Bishop Challoner
16/03/23	Year 10 assembly	Everest
29/03/23	Year 9 assembly	Fernhill



T LEVELS

Our first three T Level courses launched last September in Engineering, Education and Childcare and Health.

T Levels are the new academic qualification on the block. Equivalent to three A levels, they combine the career focus and practical elements of current technical and professional qualifications like BTECs and NVQs, with the theory and study of traditional A Levels. What makes T Levels unique is that students will apply the theory they learn in the classroom to the workplace on an industry-based placement, ensuring they have career-ready skills, giving them a head start towards the career they want.

Coming 2023: T Levels in Construction, Media, Beauty and Business.
Find out more here: bcot.ac.uk/tlevels



APPRENTICESHIPS CURRENT VACANCIES

If you're considering undertaking an Apprenticeship, we have a list of current vacancies available at bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies. Year 11s will be able to gain an idea of the sort of thing likely to be available to them next year.





CAMERA AND ACTION

Our Media students were thrilled to be invited by Black Hangar Studios for a visit this term. They received a tour around the stage and the production facilities, giving them a chance to explore the physical and technical side of film production. We are excited to continue to build this relationship as our students develop their industry skills.

STUDENTS SHARE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

BCoT students got festive in December on a special sleigh project in collaboration with the Basingstoke Round Table.

Students from automotive, construction and art courses worked together to design, build and decorate a new charity sleigh for the Round Table tour of Basingstoke in December. Santa and his elves toured different areas in the town, from Kempshott to Old Basing, raising money for charities.



HOSPITALITY STUDENTS WIN AT BRITISH CULINARY COMPETITION

Our Hospitality students recently took part in The British Student Culinary Competition, one of the UK's largest live competitions.

The competition was divided into five categories: live hot, live cold, restaurant, display, bakery and food photography, in which the students created a selection of dishes to be judged. Our student chefs enjoyed a taste of the competition experience and achieved five silver and two bronze medals. Congratulations to George Asan, Ellie Davies, Adarsha Lama, Liberty Crozier, Gary Salmon, Grace Campbell and Riley Lock.

Course Director and Restaurant Manager, Dan Spittle, said: "There is so much that can be gained from competition work. All our students who won walked away with a medal and certificate, I'm so proud of them all. They got their creative juices flowing with dishes such as octopus and a novelty cake in the shape of burger."

To book a table in our restaurant, call 01256 306306

BEAUTY VISIT

Owner of Barley Barn and Beauty, Claire Killick, visited our Beauty Therapy students to discuss expectations of a therapist in a salon and how to get the best out of industry placements.



SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES

Relax and pamper at our Evolve Salon

To book please call 01256 306322.

Treat yourself to a cut, beard trim or wet shave at Mike Taylor Barbers

No appointment necessary.

See bcot.ac.uk/miketaylor for more information.

Enjoy fine dining at The Restaurant at BCoT

To book a table please call 01256 306306 or email restaurant@bcot.ac.uk.

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