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Achieving Success in English and Maths

English and maths skills are essential in order to secure a good job or progress into further study. If 16 – 18 year old students do not have GCSE Grades A* - C in maths or English when they join The Isle of Wight College, they are helped to work towards achieving these qualifications. This may involve initially completing functional skills qualifications and then progressing on to GCSE.

Even if students have already passed GCSE maths and English, they will continue to practice these vital skills by embedding maths and English into lessons.

The Isle of Wight College's success in English and maths is demonstrated by the high pass rates students achieve. Last year GCSE pass rates at The Isle of Wight College were:

- **GCSE English A* - C 71%**
(31% above the national rate)
- **GCSE mathematics A* - C 75%**
(30% above the national rate)



Hair Show

If you have an interest in hairdressing and make-up come along to our annual Hair Show to see the high standards Isle of Wight College students can achieve.

**Wednesday 12 March, 7pm
at Medina Theatre**

Tickets £5.00 – sold by Medina Theatre
Level 3 theme 'Timeless'
Level 2 theme 'Night and Day'

**Next Open Evening
Thursday 6 February 4 – 7.30pm**





New sensory room officially opened by Debbie Lavin (Principal) and Andrew Briggs (Isle of Wight Commissioning Manager for 14 – 19s)

The multi-sensory approach is a fun and flexible way of meeting the diverse learning styles that are needed when working with students with additional needs.

The sensory room offers a range of experience. It offers an atmosphere of relaxation that is good for the learner's emotional health and gives a chance for the learner to explore feelings and to become interested in the immediate environment. The room can be stimulating and amongst other things can help to improve hand and eye co-ordination and develop language skills. It can also improve levels of concentration, well-being and heightened interest of cause and effect responses.

The room also contains an interactive system that projects highly visual images on to the floor and wall space. The light beams respond to the smallest gesture or movement. Those in wheelchairs can operate it via a light beam from a torch, enabling students to easily interact and engage and activate a huge variety of sounds and visual effects making it a highly empowering experience.

LED lights have been fitted that can be easily operated to change the colour of the surrounding walls and there are tactile wall tiles to enjoy. With 300 different programmes across 5 categories, different images and colours can be changed to give different experiences. There are fibre optic strands in changing colours, a sound bench and a vibrating platform which all add to the experience.

College Principal, Debbie Lavin said "The bid that funded the sensory room was submitted jointly with the IW Council. We were delighted when we secured the funding, and even more so now we have the finished room. Young people now have use of this fantastic facility and a progressive, challenging and engaging curriculum to support them – they are working well and certainly enjoying it."

Andrew Briggs said "What a great room this is. When we put the bid in we recognised that there are lots of young people with needs, not just at the college and we felt that we needed to improve the resources on the Island."

The sensory room is also available to hire to other organisations, such as care homes and primary schools. For more information please contact Jane France, Section Leader jane.france@iwcollege.ac.uk

Picture shows: front left to right Debbie Lavin, (Principal), Oliver Bagnall, Amy Wheeler, Charles Edwards, Jane France (Section Leader). Back: Samantha Rooney (Head of Department), Andrew Briggs (Commissioning Manager 14 – 19, Isle of Wight Council), Fidelma Washington (Assistant Principal).

Reading Club

The reading group will be held on Tuesdays at 12.30 – 1.30pm in the LRC, starting 28 January. The first book will be **'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'** See you all there!



Present in the picture (left to right) are: Alexander Oliver, Mr Andrew Turner MP, Erica Cooke, Catherine Jackson, Chloe-Mae Harrison, Sophie James, Stephanie Boothroyde, Ugne Duns-kute, Danielle Bucket, Jody Blackmore, Callum Preece and Laura Garner’.

Politics on the Agenda

Mr Andrew Turner (MP) visited F6rm, the Isle of Wight College’s Sixth form Centre, to talk to students on A/S Level Government and Politics and A/S Level History courses about current political issues. The students sat around a table and asked a range of Question Time-like questions on topics such as Thatcherism, the European Union, military intervention in Syria, gay marriage, the rise of UKIP, the miners’ strike, poll tax and university tuition fees.

The students listened with enthusiasm as the role of the MP and the Ideology of Conservatism are studied within the Government and Politics syllabus. The History students will be covering Thatcherism as part of their studies.

Although put ‘under the spotlight’ Mr Turner said he had enjoyed meeting the students and would be very happy to do so again in the future.



Discounts for students

The Isle of Wight College Students can get discounts at the Microsoft store online. All you need to do is verify you are a student at The Isle of Wight College and then you will get special student discounts – use your college email. This gives discounts on software and hardware including laptops and the Microsoft Surface.

Just follow the link:

<http://bit.ly/IWC-MSS>

Insights

Recent apprenticeship successes of Insights learners; congratulations go to:

- Harry Green - Business Administrator and radio DJ at Isle of Wight Radio. He presents the evening show from 6pm to 10pm on Monday to Thursday.
- Katie Bryan - Apprentice at Precision Hair.
- Trey Burnett – Customer Service apprentice with Vectis Windows.

Courses for school leavers starting in September 2014



- **A Levels (AS and A2)**
Choose from wide range of subjects and study in our modern F6rm Centre
- **Access to Higher Education** for those aged 19+ looking to gain university entrance. Science, Education, Humanities, Nursing and Social Science options
- **Activities Leadership (in partnership with UKSA)**
This course is delivered at a large water activities centre in Cowes
- **Animal Care**
For those who dream of a job improving the lives of animals
- **Apprenticeships**
Earn while you learn with flexible work-based learning apprenticeship programmes
- **Art and Design**
Discover which aspects of art and design you are most suited to and build an impressive portfolio
- **Beauty and Complementary Therapies**
Fashions may change but health and beauty is always on the agenda
- **Brickwork**
Brickwork is the foundation of the building industry and an excellent start to a successful career
- **Business Management and Finance**
Business acumen is the backbone of the world's economy and leads to rewarding careers
- **Commercial Music (in partnership with Platform One)**
Use professional recording studios, rehearsal rooms, and music technology suites.
- **Computer Games Development**
Gain the exciting, transferable computing skills employers are looking for
- **Computing and I.T.**
I.T. skills provide fast-paced and dynamic career opportunities
- **Early Childhood Studies**
A career in child care will give you the opportunity to affect the lives of future generations
- **Electrical**
Electricians are skilled technical professionals enabling the safe use of electricity
- **Engineering**
The basis of many exciting careers from aerospace to automotive and manufacturing
- **Fitness and Exercise**
The health and fitness industry is ideal for those with drive, ambition and focus
- **Football Development (in partnership with AFC Bournemouth)**
Combine your passion for football with academic study
- **Football Coaching (in partnership with AFC Bournemouth)**
Gain FA coaching qualifications in a global industry which inspires people around the world
- **Graphic Design**
Harness the power of visual media to be seen by, and influence, a global audience
- **Hairdressing**
With UK hairdressing regarded as the best in the world there is ample opportunity to travel internationally and use your skills abroad
- **Health and Social Care**
Enhance people's lives and offers the ultimate reward if you enjoy working with people.
- **Horticulture/Countryside**
For those who want to manage, nurture and protect our environment.

- **Hospitality and Catering**

A fast-moving industry which is both rewarding and hectic. Become a great chef, leader or manager

- **Insights**

Individual programmes to give progression into employment, training or further education

- **Interior Design**

Use your creative flair and technical skills to prepare interior design schemes

- **Leisure Industries**

A truly global industry with varied and exciting career paths

- **Media Production**

Communicate on a global scale as the media's influence stretches to every corner of the world

- **Motor Vehicle**

This work is challenging and logical involving a lot of problem solving

- **Office Administration**

Learn essential skills necessary to ensure the smooth running of the modern busy office

- **Pathways Programmes**

Designed especially for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

- **Painting and Decorating**

Add colour and interest to new architecture and rejuvenate and modernise the old

- **Performing Arts**

Competitive and demanding, yet exhilarating and rewarding for those with enthusiasm, ability and ambition

- **Plumbing and Gas**

Once qualified plumbers can work towards technician and supervisory level jobs, specialise in a specific area and/or go self-employed

- **Public Services**

Develop the ability to perform under the most challenging circumstances. Leads to careers with Police, Customs, Prison, Fire Services and Armed Forces

- **Wood Occupations**

Carpentry and joinery skills are always in demand and open up opportunities across the globe



Most above courses available at all levels from Entry Level to Level 3

- **University courses**

In partnership with University of Portsmouth and University of Chichester

- HND Business
- Foundation Degree Business
- HNC/HND Computing and Software Development
- HNC/HND Engineering
- Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies
- Foundation Degree Graphic Design

Part time courses starting soon

| Start | Course | Weeks | Day | Times | £ |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|---------|
| 28/01/14 | Health & Safety Awareness Level 2 | 1 day | Tue | 09:00-16:30 | £75 |
| 30/01/14 | Get Safe On-line | 2 hrs | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £12 |
| 30/01/14 | Keep Your Pictures Safe | 2 hrs | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £12 |
| 30/01/14 | Protect Yourself and Others on | 2 hrs | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £12 |
| 01/02/14 | Introduction to Bread-making | 1 day | Sat | 09:30-16:00 | £69 |
| 03/02/14 | HABC L3 Supervising Food Safety | 3 wks | Mon | 09:00-17:00 | £175 |
| 04/02/14 | HABC First Aid at Work | 3 wks | Tue | 09:30-17:00 | £245 |
| 05/02/14 | Site Supervision (SSSTS) | 2 days | Mon/Tue | 09:00-17:00 | £295 |
| 06/02/14 | Make Money with Your Pictures | 2 hrs | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £12 |
| 06/02/14 | Tweet for Fun and Success | 2 hrs | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £12 |
| 07/02/14 | LPG | 1 day | Fri | 09:00-16:00 | £445 |
| 11/02/14 | HABC Risk Assessment Level 2 | 1 day | Tue | 09:00-16:30 | £75 |
| 12/02/14 | Introduction to Indian Head | 4 wks | Wed | 18:00-21:00 | £50 |
| 17/02/14 | HABC Emergency First Aid at Work | 1 day | Mon | 09:30-17:00 | £95 |
| 17/02/14 | ECDL Extra | 6 wks | Mon/Tu/Fri | 09:25-13:00 | £504 |
| 17/02/14 | ACS Gas Renewal | 1 day | Various | 09:00-17:00 | Various |
| 24/02/14 | Drawing & Watercolour for All | 4 wks | Mon | 18:00-20:00 | £49 |
| 24/02/14 | Site Managers (SMSTS) | 5 days | Mon-Fri | 09:00-17:00 | £695 |
| 24/02/14 | HABC L2 Food Safety in Catering | 1 day | Mon | 09:00-17:00 | £59 |
| 25/02/14 | HABC L2 COSHH | 1 day | Tue | 13:00-17:00 | £49 |
| 25/02/14 | HABC L2 Award Door Supervision | 1 wk | Tue-Fri | 09:00-17:00 | £295 |
| 25/02/14 | Working Safely at Heights | 1 day | Tue | 08:30-12:30 | £445 |
| 25/02/14 | Core Strength Yoga | 6 wks | Tue | 17:45-19:15 | £59 |
| 25/02/14 | ITQ Level 1 | 6 wks | Tue/Fri | 13:30-18:30 | £467 |
| 25/02/14 | Car Maintenance for All* | 5 wks | Tue | 18:00-20:00 | £65 |
| 25/02/14 | Photoshop - Taking it Further | 6 wks | Tue | 18:00-20:00 | £79 |
| 25/02/14 | Developing Your First Novel-Taking | 6 wks | Tue | 19:00-21:00 | £79 |
| 25/02/14 | Hairdressing Prof Updating 2 Adv | 8 wks | Tue | 14:00-17:00 | £130 |
| 25/02&04/03/13 | WORD Intermediate | 2 days | Tue | 09:00-12:30 | £75 |
| 26/02/14 | Basic Book-keeping | 6 wks | Wed | 18:00-20:30 | £179 |
| 26/02/14 | RYA Marine Diesel Engines* | 5 wks | Wed | 18:00-20:00 | £89 |
| 27/02/14 | RYA Essential Navigation | 8 wks | Thur | 18:00-20:00 | £139 |
| 27/02/14 | Dressmaking Made Simple | 6 wks | Thur | 18:00-20:30 | £119 |
| 27/02/14 | Graphic Design Getting Started | 6 wks | Thur | 18:30-21:00 | £119 |
| 27/02/14 | Basic Sage Accounts | 6 wks | Thur | 18:00-21:00 | £199 |
| 28/02/14 | Award in Computer and Online | 6 wks | Fri | 10:30-12:30 | £99 |
| 28/02/14 | Portable Appliance Testing | 4 wks | Fri | 13:30-16:30 | £149 |
| 28/02/14 | C&G 2394 Inspection & Testing | 6 wks | Fri | 13:30-16:30 | £445 |
| 28/02/14 | HABC L2 Up-skill Door Supervisor | 1 day | Fri | 09:00-17:00 | £99 |
| 01/03/14 | Catch of the Day | 1 day | Sat | 09:30-16:00 | £69 |
| 04/03/14 | Cooking Around the World | 4 wks | Tue | 18:00-21:00 | £99 |
| 06/03/14 | HABC L2 Personal Licence Holder | 1 day | Thur | 09:00-17:00 | £175 |
| 10/03/14 | Unvented Hot Water | 1 day | Mon | 09:00-17:00 | £295 |
| 11/03/14 | Day Skipper | 16 wks | Tue | 18:00-20:30 | £259 |
| 11/03/14 | IOSH Managing Safely | 4 wks | Tue | 09:00-17:00 | £425 |
| 12/03/14 | HABC Emergency First Aid Work | 1 day | Wed | 09:00-17:00 | £95 |
| 15/03/14 | Introduction to Sourdough | 1 day | Sat | 09:30-16:00 | £69 |
| 17/03/14 | Abrasive Wheels | 1 day | Mon | 09:00-14:00 | £75 |
| 18/03/14 | HABC L2 Award Door Supervision | 1 wk | Tue-Fri | 09:00-17:00 | £295 |
| 21/03/14 | HABC L2 Up-skill Door Supervisor | 1 day | Fri | 09:00-17:00 | £99 |
| 22/03/14 | Taste of the Wight | 1 day | Sat | 09:30-16:00 | £69 |
| 31/03/14 | Portable Appliance Testing | 4 wks | Fri | 13:30-16:30 | £149 |

* Personal protective equipment required

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call 01983 526631 or enquire at Admissions Office**



New £6.5m STEM Centre

Plans have been submitted for a new £6.5m Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Centre to open in 2015.

Like the college on Facebook or follow on Twitter to keep up to date with all the latest news and developments.



Hot Green Bus Dance Group

Pathways learners in the Hot Green Bus Dance Group will be performing at Quay Arts on Thursday 22 May, at 7pm. The performance is based around dance and poetry and one of the pieces will be in collaborating with a small group of sixthformers from St George's School.

Pathways learners were recently filmed by film-maker Paul Windridge. Paul invited people to dance in various places on the island so he could film them, and the learners were pleased to take part.

College Hair and Beauty Salons

Professional results at discount prices. Now taking bookings for hair and beauty treatments. Extra special discounts for students

See our salon price lists online at www.iwcollege.ac.uk For more information or to book appointment pop in to one of the salon receptions or call

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beauty salon to get **10% off** already
discounted prices during February 2014

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Picture shows Sam Scragg (right)

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award for Sam

Level 3 Public Services student Sam Scragg (17) has achieved his Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Gold Award. This Award involved passing five separate challenges:

Skills: For this Sam learnt to drive a car and passed his driving test in January.

Physical: This involved working out in a gym regularly every week for a year.

Volunteering: Sam chose to help at the Apollo Theatre building theatre stage sets.

Expedition: Sam sailed on a yacht across the Channel to France, Sark and Alderney and then back. He was with four other young people and it took 4 days and 3 nights.

Residential: The residential was held in Norfolk. This had to be done completely independently. There was no help or support and the residential was with other DoE people Sam had never met before, who had come from locations across the country. Sam had to raise the money for the residential himself.

Sam said "I am really pleased to gain the award because there was a lot of work involved. I am looking forward to the presentation event in London later in the year"

Public Services tutor Terry Gaskin said "I am very proud of Sam. He has done all the work completely independently and to gain a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award will be great on his CV and when applying for jobs or university".

If you would like more information about any courses or our help services

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