



# Success

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at **BURY COLLEGE**

## BURY COLLEGE STUDENTS CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR OF EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Bury College students who have achieved excellent results on a wide range of A Level and Advanced Level courses.

Over 800 students secured places at universities and are now studying a range of subjects which include:

Further Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Film Studies, History, Ancient History, Art, Craft and Design, Dance, Graphic Design, Maths, Photography, Law and Environmental Science.

**Melissa Belk** has secured a place at the **University of Leeds** to study **Geography and Spanish**. Melissa is a former pupil of **Woodhey High School** and has achieved an A\* in English Language and Literature and A grades in Geography and Spanish.



**Rhagiv Gourgel**, a former pupil of **Haslingden High School** has secured a place at the **University of Manchester** to study **Mathematics with Finance**. Rhagiv achieved an A\* in A Level Mathematics and a D\* and Distinction in Information Technology.

**Aimee Hussey** is celebrating achieving Triple Distinction Stars in her Extended Diploma in Applied Science. Having secured the best grades possible, the former **Siddal Moor** pupil will now progress onto a sponsored **Drug Analyst** degree with **AstraZeneca UK**.



**Nishan Nathoo** achieved an A grade in A Level Psychology and two B grades in Biology and Chemistry. The former **Sharples School** pupil will now progress onto the **University of Manchester** to study **Biochemistry**.

# PERFORMER CROWNED OLIVIER AWARD WINNER

Former Bury College Performing Arts student **Brian Hook** has scooped an Olivier Award for his outstanding work on the highly acclaimed production of Rotterdam. Brian left Bury College in 2006 after securing a triple distinction. He has since gone on to pave a successful career within the industry and has starred in a number of acting roles.

Brian is overwhelmed to have co-produced the show which took home the award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre at the 2017 Olivier Awards. The highly prestigious awards ceremony, which recognises and celebrates excellence in professional theatre, was held at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Brian credits Bury College for giving him the foundations to progress his career. Upon receiving the award Brian said,

**“I am a Rochdale boy who went to Bury College where everyone was incredible and really supportive. I cannot believe that I am stood here right now! It is really weird and amazing!”**



The former  
Wardle Academy  
pupil

# RISING GB SUCCESS FOR STAR SPORT STUDENT



Former Thornleigh Salesian College pupil

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma sport student **Alex Bradshaw** has reached new heights with Team GB as he continues to take home medals as a trampolining gymnast. Alex recently returned from Japan after competing in the Kawasaki Cup with the Great Britain trampolining squad where he won bronze in the 17-18 year old category. This award adds to the many that he has previously secured since joining Team GB four years ago.

Alex is approaching his studies with the same drive and determination that he has applied in the gymnastic arena and is on target to achieve good grades in the first year of his diploma and progress onto the second year.

Alex is now working towards the next Olympics which will take place in Japan in 2020 and is hoping that his Bury College Sport diploma will help him achieve his overall career goal of becoming a trampolining coach.

Alex said, “I am really enjoying my time at Bury College and learning about the different types of strength conditioning exercises and diet plans that I can apply to my lifestyle which helps me with my training.”

# STUDENT PRESCRIBES PATHWAY TO PHARMACIST CAREER

Bury College offers students the chance to develop and expand their employability skills during their studies through a wide range of work experience opportunities. A Level student **Ashleigh Dawson** was given an insight into her dream career within the pharmaceutical industry after completing a work experience placement at Boarshaw Pharmacy Ltd, based in Middleton.

Ashleigh, who is studying A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Maths, undertook responsibilities which included shadowing a pharmacist and handling customer enquiries. Working alongside industry professionals gave Ashleigh the experience needed to apply for university.

Ashleigh said, “My work experience placement was great and my confidence has really improved as a result of it. I have been able to include my placement onto my university application which is good as it sets me apart from other applicants.”



Former Middleton Technology School pupil

# FOUNDATION STUDIES STUDENTS SCOOP TOP PRIZE

Developing business and entrepreneurial skills is an important element of Bury College courses and prepares students for employment and life after college.

Foundation Studies students completing the Business Challenge course have received a highly acclaimed award at the Bury and Bolton Area Board Young Enterprise Finals competition after being highly commended by the judges.

Over the duration of the academic year, Business Challenge students have been running their newly formed 'Jackpot' business which has involved attending a range of events and completing work such as VAT, registration fees and shares.

During the Bury and Bolton Area Board Young Enterprise Finals competition, the Business Challenge Group won the Best Company Report award. The report involved a detailed account of the success of the business over the past few months.

Former **Elmsbank High School** pupil **Rabia Ahmad** said, "The awards were very exciting. We all cheered really loud when we heard that we had won and we are all proud of our hard work."



# MAYOR OF BURY CELEBRATES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



Pimhole Community Farm enjoyed a visit when the Mayor of Bury met Bury College Animal Care students.

Bury College's ongoing partnership with Pimhole Community Farm allows

students to put the theory learnt in the classroom into practise by helping to look after the general welfare of the animals. Councillor Mike Connolly's visit celebrated the continued commitment it shows to caring for animals including donkeys, alpacas, horses, chickens and shetland ponies.

Former **Our Lady's RC High School** pupil **Zara Goggins** is a Level 3 Bury College Animal Care student. Zara said,

"Today has been great and it is nice that all the work we do is appreciated. I really like working at the farm and working with the animals."

# ENGINEERING THE TALENT OF THE FUTURE



Level 3 Electronic and Electrical Engineering students have used the skills and knowledge they have developed during their course to deliver practical STEM workshops to pupils of Elton Primary School. Bury College students visited year 6 pupils and encouraged them to partake in an interactive project where they were given an introduction to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects.

During the project, students from Bury College taught the pupils how to use technical equipment to measure wind speed and light intensity. The workshops were a great opportunity for students to share best practice. It was also a chance for them to pass on their knowledge and enthusiasm to the younger generation and highlight the importance of STEM subjects and the careers available.

Former **Haslingden High School** pupil **Matthew Coong** was one of the students who delivered the workshop. Matthew said, "I have really enjoyed teaching the pupils how to use the equipment and how to work out the power, voltage and current. It has been good to interact with the pupils and help them to learn. This session has been an introduction to how they can use and apply STEM and how valuable it is to everyday life."

# BURY COLLEGE ALUMNI



Former Broad Oak Sports College pupil

Congratulations to Bury College alumnus **Mohammed Ahmed** who has achieved outstanding career success after being appointed Policy and Programme Manager at the Department for International Development.

Since leaving Bury College in 2011 with A grades in A Level English Language and Sociology and a B grade in Economics, Mohammed has built up an impressive CV. Mr Ahmed travelled to Uganda for a three-month voluntary placement before completing a Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship Scheme which then led him to his role working within the Government.

Mohammed said, "I truly believe that my time at Bury College prepared me for further studies and employment. The teaching and support I received was instrumental in helping me secure my career within the Civil Service."

# INTERACTIVE MEDIA STUDENTS SET INDUSTRY BRIEF



Games Design and Interactive Media students

Games Design and Interactive Media students were challenged to create an inspiring new brand concept for Bury Art Museum to promote the wide range of resources available to visitors.

Students worked together to create fonts and colours before splitting into groups to design a website, logo, promotional video and an interactive game. Learners also created a range of merchandise such as t-shirts, mugs and sketchbooks.

During the live brief, students were tasked to consider their target audience, stick to a budget and plan a time schedule. This experience gave students an insight into how it would be to work in a fast-paced industry environment, to think creatively, overcome problems and think independently.

**Rowan Byrne** a former pupil of **St Gabriel's RC High School** said, "This has been a really good in-depth project. I especially enjoyed creating a video and helping to design a logo."

# SCHOOL PUPILS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE PROGRESSION

Bury College is delighted to host a range of after school clubs for high school pupils. Providing young people with an introduction to hairdressing, construction, catering and performing arts; Trade School, Junior Chef Club, Style School and Performing Arts Academy have been designed to engage those who are interested in gaining skills to help them progress.

**Harry Parkinson** completed six sessions of the Plumbing Trade School and was introduced to the basic principles of plumbing and given the opportunity to use industry standard facilities to learn a range of new skills.

Harry, who is a **Prestwich Arts College** pupil said, "I have really enjoyed completing the sessions and learning how to solder and make frames and model aeroplanes. I have applied to study Plumbing at Bury College and think that I have developed a lot of great new skills ready to use in September."



Trade School pupils





Former Siddal Moor pupil

## SOARING SUCCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISM MANAGEMENT UNDERGRADUATE

As a Bury College student, you will have the opportunity to progress through a wide range of course levels and gain experience and qualifications to help further your career. Bury College University Centre offers full-time and part-time university qualifications meaning that it is an ideal way to progress your career.

**Zoe Kenzitt** progressed from a Level 3 Travel and Tourism diploma to the International Tourism Management course at Bury College University Centre and has secured a place on the 2017 Premier Inn Graduate Scheme where she will now undertake a year-long training programme. Young professionals from across the country competed for a place on the highly competitive training programme. Once Zoe has completed her training, she will be appointed as an Operations Manager at a Premier Inn hotel.

Zoe said, "I have really enjoyed my time at Bury College and I feel I have been well prepared for my progression into employment. My tutors have been really supportive and approachable."

## OFFICE MANAGER LEADS TEAM TO SUCCESS



Stephanie Moyle

**Stephanie Moyle** has progressed through the apprenticeship levels and has returned to Bury College to gain the skills needed to lead her office team.

Stephanie achieved her Level 2 Business Administration in 2014 before completing her Level 3. Stephanie secured her apprenticeship at Eatock

Primary School in Bolton and worked in the school office.

Upon completion of her apprenticeship, Stephanie secured the role of Office Manager. Having appointed two members of staff to support her, Stephanie has undertaken the Team Leading apprenticeship. Stephanie said:

"I am proud to have achieved my dream job and to have reached a peak in my career."

## STUDENTS TACKLE WORKSHOPS AT GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Level 1 Public Services students with fire fighters

Opportunities to bring subjects to life help support the success of many Bury College learners. Over recent weeks, Public Services students have been completing workshops at the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service.

During a careers related module, students received training on how to use and operate different equipment including hose pipes and how to apply them on different size buildings.

Former **The Derby High School** pupil **Maciej Szarkowski** said, "Learning how to use the different equipment and finding out more about the job of a firefighter has been great. Once I complete my Public Services diploma at Bury College I would like a career in the police or fire service. This was an ideal opportunity to see the different jobs first-hand."

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“There is lots of support and help outside of lesson time. You are always able to see someone if you need help with anything.”

**Alexander Balshen**, a former pupil of **Parrenthorn High School** is completing A Level Biology, Chemistry, History and Ancient History.



“I like the range of enrichment activities which I can take part in during my free time.”

**Emily Brown**, a former pupil of **Little Lever School** is completing the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science.



“I get the support from tutors that I need and I am encouraged to be more independent.”

**Yusuf Ahmad Butt** a former pupil of **Abraham Moss Community School** is completing the BTEC Level 2 IT diploma.



# FUNDRAISING AT BURY COLLEGE

Throughout the academic year, Bury College students are given the opportunity to further develop employability skills by taking part in a range of fundraising initiatives. Their charity activities raise essential funds for national charities such as Comic Relief, Children in Need and World Mental Health Day. Staff and students are also committed to fundraising for regional charities and invest their time and hard work into supporting our local community. Recent examples include:

Bury College Engineering students supported Red Nose Day 2017 by challenging their peers to help them run a marathon. Learners took to a local athletics track and worked together to run a staggering 26 miles.

Business students held a fundraising event where they sold a range of confectionary items to raise money for local homeless charity Mustard Tree. The money they fundraised will help to transform the lives of people in Greater Manchester who are facing poverty or homelessness by providing food, clothing and furniture.

Level 1 Business student **Muhammad Patel**, a former **Sharples School** pupil said, “As part of the fundraising event I was responsible for helping to run the tombola and some of the pop up stalls across the campus where I sold food and drinks. I felt motivated to raise money for charity because there are people less fortunate in this world and I wanted to help them.”



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