

## Welcome from our CEO & Principal

Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) is proud to have strong links with regional and national employers who help us to provide an extensive range of apprenticeships and work-based programmes for our students. In this newsletter we look forward to the new academic year by welcoming new staff members to the apprenticeships team and celebrating the achievements of our apprentices.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and we look forward to working with you in the future.

**Robin Ghurbhurun**  
Chief Executive and Principal

**Apprenticeships**  
officially rated  
**GOOD**  
(Ofsted 2016)

## Welcoming three new Team Members

This year we welcome three new staff members to our apprenticeships team to RuTC.

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## Tell us your views

Thank you for your recent feedback in the SFA Employer Survey.

In order to prepare us for the new academic year and for Ofsted, we would appreciate it if you could complete the Employers View Survey.

The Employers View Survey asks for your opinion on a range of aspects. These include – would you recommend this provider to other employers and do employees receive the support and feedback they need? These views will help us to understand what we are doing right and how we can improve our service to you and our apprentices.

If you need any assistance with completing the survey, our apprenticeships team will be happy to help. Please contact [apprenticeships@rutc.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@rutc.ac.uk)

Please note that you may receive this from Ofsted directly.

[Click here to take the Employers View Survey](#)

## Employer Logo Request

To showcase the range of excellent employers we work with, we are asking for your logos for use on our website and future marketing materials.

Please send your logo files to [marketing@rutc.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@rutc.ac.uk) in jpeg and png formats.

**Nearly all apprentices feel that they acquire or improve their skills as a direct result of their apprenticeship**  
(gov.uk)

## Ofsted Inspections: a Guide for Employers

Alongside this newsletter you will find a PDF of the Ofsted guide for Employers.

*Click here for your guide* which includes information on the Ofsted process and explains your role in the inspection.

Your views will be used to help Ofsted reach their judgement.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the apprenticeships team.

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## Studying Fabrication and Welding at RuTC

Camile Walters Wright is currently working as a Metal Fabrication Apprentice at the National Theatre and has recently completed the Level 2 Welding Skills course at RuTC to support him in his role. He joined the National Theatre in September 2016 with no prior welding skills and now helps to build the scenery that is needed for the plays.

Camile enrolled on the Fabrication and Welding Level 1 Intensive course at RuTC in May and progressed on to the Welding Skills Level 2 course in June.

He commented "I was inspired to take this course and progress onto Level 2 because I knew it would equip me with the skills and knowledge I need to make me a better welder which will make me more employable in future and help me in my job now."

He continued "I have enjoyed learning about the different types of welding and how to set them up properly and safely."

Kate John, Scenic Construction Project Co-ordinator at the National Theatre says "we were keen for Camile to undertake professional training at RuTC so that he is taught the correct and most up-to-date welding methods

and techniques and most importantly, that he has certification that he has been trained to industry standards."

Camile will continue to build on his skills at the National Theatre to support his future ambition of a career in welding.



## RuTC Celebrates Exceptional Achievements at Student Awards 2017

On Thursday 7th September, RuTC celebrated the exceptional achievements of some of its students at the annual awards ceremony at York House in Twickenham.

Around 130 guests attended the ceremony including students, parents, staff and members of the local community including Twickenham's MP, Sir Vince Cable and the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Councillor Lisa Blakemore.

CEO and Principal of RuTC, Robin Ghurbhurun, hosted the awards alongside RuTC alumni member and founder of animation studio Blue Zoo, Tom Box, who spoke about his journey since leaving the college in 1997. His advice to the students was to "work hard and do things outside of your comfort zone in order to succeed."

25 awards were given to students

who were nominated by staff members and fellow students for their outstanding achievements from the last academic year.

Jodie Head received the Apprentice of the Year Award.

Jodie works at the National Physical Laboratory and is described by her manager as motivated, hard-working, incredibly well organised and good fun. She has completed her apprenticeship in the HR department at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington to an exceptionally high standard and has now been appointed as the HR Administrator.



As well as her new role, Jodie has recently completed her Chartered Institute of Personal Development Level 3 Diploma and will be starting the next level this September.

CEO and Principal of RuTC, Robin Ghurbhurun, commented "this year's Student Awards ceremony was a spectacular evening that gave the college an opportunity to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students. It was great to see so many guests celebrating what has been a fantastic year. We wish all of the students leaving us this year the very best of luck for the future."