

RuTC Employer Wire

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 edition of the Employer Wire, you will find information on free safeguarding training, events that have taken place at RuTC and hear from one of our current apprentices.

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

Robin Ghurbhurun
Chief Executive and Principal

Apprenticeships
officially rated
GOOD
(Ofsted 2016)

RuTC Hosts Awards for Engineering Apprentices

At the end of June, RuTC celebrated the achievements of apprentices on the ECITB Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship Project Control and Design Courses at an annual awards ceremony sponsored by engineering company Fluor, global engineering provider Jacobs and ECITB, the engineering training board.

Janna Cooper, Curriculum Director for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM), opened the ceremony reflecting on 80 years of RuTC and the success of the apprentices.

ECITB sponsored the first award which celebrated the successful

completion of the additional components. The award was handed out to all three apprentices, Ellis Styles, Dan Cooper and Spencer Boyle, by Senior Account Manager at ECITB, Dawn Thompson.

The second award, Mike Reynolds Apprentice of the Year, was sponsored by Fluor and was awarded to Ellis Styles by Project Control Manager at Fluor, Mike Rathge.

A memorial plaque was also revealed for the late Mike Reynolds who worked with RuTC in the development of the college's engineering apprenticeships. The plaque will be displayed in the college's new

STEM block which is being built as part of the redevelopment of the college due for completion in 2018.

The final award celebrated the HNC student of the year and was awarded to Jacob Collins by Tim Smith, Chief Engineer at Jacobs who sponsored the award.

Mark Rogers, Curriculum Manager for Technology and Engineering, commented "the apprentices have worked extremely hard and have been a credit to themselves and their employers."



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

RuTC Safeguarding Training for Employers

Employers who are providing any form of work-related learning, such as an apprenticeship or work experience placement, have a primary duty of care for the student.

To ensure you are up-to-date we are delighted to invite you to our free safeguarding training event. The event will provide advice on what to do in the event of a safeguarding issue. Further details of the event will be in the next issue of Employer Wire.

To receive a 'Safeguarding Guide', contact the apprenticeships team.

apprenticeships@rutc.ac.uk

A World of Opportunities

Jakub Brewka has been working as a Level 3 IT Apprentice at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) since 12th September 2016.

Why did you choose to do an apprenticeship?

I chose the path of an apprentice as I didn't have the confidence for university. I was shy, timid and saw this as an opportunity to improve my self-confidence. Not only are

you earning while you're learning, you are also gaining real work experience which will help you to stand out when applying for a job in the future.

What do you enjoy most about being an apprentice?

What I enjoy most about being an apprentice at NPL is that I am treated as an equal in my team and given responsibility to work on projects which further builds my confidence and independence.

Feeling like a valued member of a team fills you with motivation to do the best you can and helps build you into a better person.



Employer Forums

We need your support to form industry specific employer forums at RuTC. We are seeking your expertise in designing qualifications in your sector.

Please see the confirmed dates below or contact eileen.ogara@rutc.ac.uk for details of forums discussing your industry.

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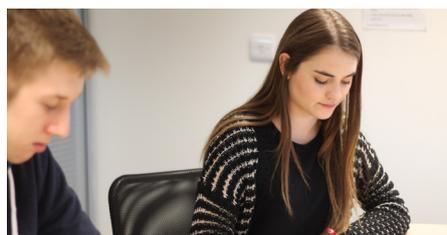
28th September 2017 3pm

**Engineering
September 2017**

Apprenticeship Mentoring Scheme

We are currently setting up a formal mentoring scheme for our apprentices. The free scheme is designed to support hiring managers when they are employing an apprentice with little or no experience of employment.

If you are interested in or are currently acting as an apprentice's mentor, we would love to hear from you. Please contact eileen.ogara@rutc.ac.uk



Festival of Learning 2017

Last month we celebrated the Festival of Learning which highlighted the benefits of continuing to learn as an adult.

As part of the celebrations we nominated our AAT Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Accounting student, Marie Armstrong, for the Outstanding Individual Learner Award.

Would you like to upskill your staff? Visit our website to find out about the wide range of opportunities available at RuTC including apprenticeships and part-time adult courses.

Festival of Learning



Celebrating 80 Years of RuTC

On Wednesday 28th June, RuTC celebrated its 80th Anniversary with a number of special guests including staff, governors, local businesses and the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Councillor Lisa Blakemore.

The celebrations opened with a speech from Robin Ghurbhurun, Principal and CEO of RuTC, who spoke about life at the college since it opened as Twickenham Technical College and School of Art in 1937.

Robin commented "it was great to see so many familiar faces join us to reflect on the colleges 80 years of history and look forward to its exciting future."

Guests were served with canapés and drinks from the college's training restaurant, Merits, and there was a celebratory 80th Anniversary cake created by the catering team which was cut after the speech by the President of the Student Union, Hanifa Mohammed, and Vice President of the Student Union, Andreea Tatu.

Nominate your Apprentice of the Month to appear in this newsletter

Contact eileen.ogara@rutc.ac.uk for more information