

IN FOUR DAYS YOU COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE

It's been one week since the GCSE results were announced. A week isn't a huge amount of time to get your head around things and contemplate your options. That's precisely why Chelmsford College have a Post Results Service. You can call them on 01245 29 30 31 or "drop-in" anytime between 10am and 2pm today and tomorrow.



Look out for Chelmsford College's "Don't Panic" campaign on social media

"Although it's easily done, please try not to panic," says Sarah-Jane, a member of the Careers Advice Zone Team at Chelmsford College, "This is the time to take a breath, have a think about what you'd like to do next and explore the options open to you."

We've been conditioned to think that there is only one route to success. When you ask people how they discovered their career their answers often reveal a different, less direct route than anticipated. Where there's a will, there's a way.

"Too often we hear from our students they've been told "you're not clever enough to do that" or "that subject is too competitive to get into" and those comments simply aren't helpful. Our students prove the people behind those words wrong. If you work hard enough you're in with a chance and if you want something badly enough you can make it happen.

"A good place to start is by looking at what you may already be interested in, the skills you have and the jobs you've dreamt of doing." Sarah-Jane concludes.

The Careers Advice Zone at Chelmsford College can direct individuals to lots of free resources which can help you appreciate your natural qualities and skills and match them to potential course options and create a career pathway or plan.

You could take inspiration from friends and family. Alternatively you might like to choose a broader course so you can experience different elements and establish a strong understanding of a main subject and then, once you've truly clicked with something, you can specialise.

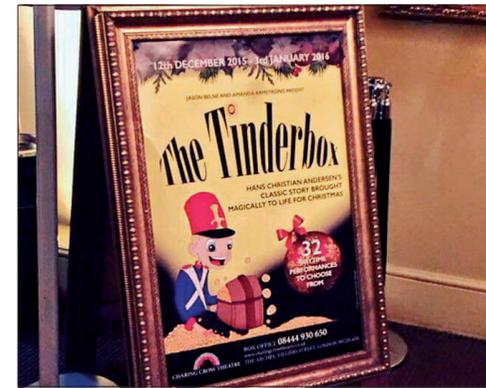
There's still time to apply to study with Chelmsford College this year. The key message from the careers team at the College is to explore your options now. By mid-September most courses and plans for study will defer until the following academic year, so it's crucial to move fast and secure your place at College as soon as possible.

The important thing is to not let anything hold you back.

Investing in yourself with training and education stands you in good stead for



Principal Andy Sparks, Honorary Award Winner Graham Horwood and Curriculum Manager Tanya Gower



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life. Chelmsford College's recent Honorary Award Winner, Graham Horwood of Hairways (Hair and Beauty Ltd) says "I am a big believer in education and I have always put the effort into support and work closely with schools and colleges as I know the students of today are the future of tomorrow. To learn a trade is something that stays with you forever, lots of students will go on to a rewarding career in the Hairdressing and Beauty industry and some of these will also become business owners who

hopefully will take their knowledge and pass it onto the next generation."

College days can be the best days of your life. This year, the College's social media summer campaigns focused on sharing stories where students have triumphed over adversity. Teachers know this only too well. Award-winning Chelmsford College Graphic Design Tutor, Jon was told that he didn't have the skills in Art to be successful. Jon says "During my education experience, I had a teacher who

openly told me not to pursue a career in Art and Design. However, although many people would get disheartened by this, I saw it as an opportunity to demonstrate that I did have what it takes to succeed in the Art and Design industry. Since then, I have worked for many creative companies and have become a successful illustrator. I feel that everyone has the opportunity to succeed in areas that they are interested in, but students need influential and motivating peers to help with confidence and career direction."

strong sense of community and inclusivity.

The College has two campuses, just outside of the City centre, making it easily accessible via public transport and within walking distance of the train station.

In four days time you could be starting College.

Andy Sparks, Principal of Chelmsford College says "This is your time to choose what you want to do next. Don't let anyone or anything hold you back from choosing what you want to do with your life. If you have ambition and are prepared to work hard, the whole College team will do everything they can to help you turn your career dreams into reality."

Talk to Chelmsford College today. The Post Results "Don't Panic" helpline is available on 01245 29 30 31 or visit for drop-in sessions from today and tomorrow from 10am until 2pm. For more information please visit www.chelmsford.ac.uk or email information@chelmsford.ac.uk

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Director Marco Iciek, IAG Team Leader Sarah-Jane Easdown and Director Sarah Hamilton greeting visitors at the College Open Evening



Student Yasmin Nasir in the Secret Garden



Public Services Students Celebrate the GOOD



Student Denisha Hedman taking part in a photoshoot