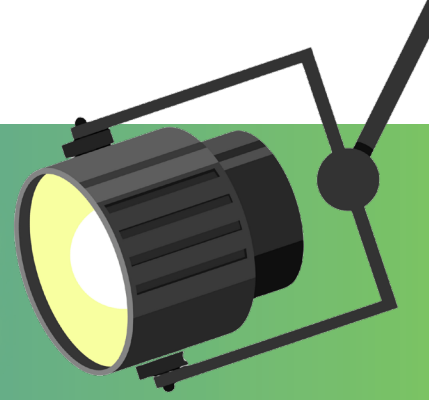


# Spotlight



The newsletter for **Chelmsford College**

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## Ofsted Visit Proves Successful!

Our most recent Ofsted inspection took place in March 2024, and we are pleased to announce that we have maintained our Good rating!

David Warnes, the Principal and CEO at Chelmsford College, said, *"This outcome is a testament to the hard work, passion, and dedication of our students, teachers, tutors, and support staff. I am very proud of the way that the whole college community has worked together to achieve great things, whether that's learners' progressing to university, getting onto the career path they want, or gaining greater independence. It is right that Ofsted has recognised the challenges some of our learners have to overcome and the highly effective support we provide to build their resilience and develop their wider essential skills."*

Turn to **page 3** to learn more about how we have impressively sustained our Good Ofsted rating.



## Football Milestones

Read the latest exciting football updates on **page 2**, including the launch of the newly established Billericay Skills Academy and Kasey K's goal-scoring victory.

## Are You Looking to Apply?

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## **Billericay Skills Academy Launch**

On the 1st of May 2024, Chelmsford College and Billericay Town Football Club (BTFC) enhanced their partnership by establishing the Billericay Skills Academy. This marks a collaborative effort to deliver and develop educational and community programmes that will benefit the college, the club, and surrounding communities.

The Billericay Skills Academy has significant benefits, with the outcomes advantageous for various people. It supports learners involved in the football teams and offers opportunities to other departments. Catering learners get to cook and prepare meals for parents, fans, players, and club staff, while media learners film matches and produce other exciting content.

Beyond numerous benefits for Chelmsford College, BTFC gains exclusive access to a pool of talent for its own staffing needs. Additionally, the success of the Billericay Skills Academy sees the evolution of the club grounds with many updates taking place. This partnership enriches the learning experience for all involved, with both parties excited about future prospects.

Special mention should be made to our learner and Billericay Town FC Women & Girls player, Kasey K too. She was the Top League Scorer for the Women & Girls U21 national league, winning the Golden Boot Award!

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## **Learners Inspire at ENT FEST! 2024**

Chelmsford College's annual ENT FEST! took place on the 20th of May 2024, with Level 3 Enterprise learners pitching their businesses and products to various staff members and real-life stakeholders.

The course has successfully prepared these skilled learners by teaching them how to set up and run a business covering skills like marketing, communication, and organisation. ENT FEST! highlighted the learners' commitment and effort by having their physical products on display which are already for sale. For many learners, this was their first time pitching to established businesses and they all performed exceptionally well making staff members very proud.

After deliberation, judges for ENT FEST! 2024 voted for the top participants in several categories. Following the vote, everyone came together for an award ceremony to accept their certificates and prizes.

**Scan the QR code to read more of our latest news!**



# Celebrating Ofsted Good

A successful Ofsted visit in March 2024 resulted in Chelmsford College retaining its Good grading as a further education provider.

The inspection involved 12 inspectors gathering evidence, observing classroom activities, reviewing learners' work, and engaging in conversations with learners, staff, and stakeholders. The report praises various aspects of Chelmsford College, highlighting its strengths in several areas. Ofsted concluded that learners feel secure and respond well to the high expectations set by leaders and managers. Special mention is also given to the INSPIRE curriculum, designed for learners with additional needs, noting that the study programmes help learners gain independence and prepare for living and participating in the local community. Additionally, the report acknowledges that robust careers advice is available for all learners, both adult learners and 16–18-year-olds.

Moreover, Ofsted found that leaders and managers have a high priority placed on the health and wellbeing of staff, positioning Chelmsford College as not only an officially Good place to study but also a supportive employer.

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# Dates for the Diary

- **Showcase:** 12th June
- **Bespoke Provision Prom:** 20th June
- **Celebration Event:** 27th June
- **Taster Days:** 9th and 10th July

# Broadened Horizons

Jenna Horner from Essex County Council officially unveiled Chelmsford Colleges T Level Horizon Suite on the 21st May 2024. The room provides an authentic office environment for business learners and features an Inspiration Lounge, allowing them to foster their creativity.



## Spotlight on INSPIRE

Our programmes for learners with special educational needs centre around INSPIRE, which aim to provide additional support for those learners who may require it. INSPIRE consists of four pathways: Bespoke Provision, Foundation Provision, Supported Internships, and Gateway Provision. Each one is varied and aimed at different learners.

Gary Holland, our Estates and Sustainability Manager, has been working closely with INSPIRE learners to enrich their learning experience. For instance, Foundation Provision spent a productive Friday morning with Gary, during which he gave them a brief tour of the essential health and safety features at Chelmsford College, from fireproof doors to various alarms. To build up their work experience, Gateway Provision learners have also kindly been helping Gary and his estate's team with the maintenance and updating of our Secret Garden. They've done a great job so far and we can't wait to see how it looks it's finished!



## Green Skills in Action



May proved a busy month for Chelmsford College with the launch of its Renewable Energy Centre also taking place. The college welcomed Shelagh Legrave CBE, the Further Education Commissioner, to officially open the new sustainable space. Quantum Group was also present to provide live demos of the equipment, which features air source heat pumps and solar panels. Chelmsford College looks forward to putting these skills into practice with learners using the new centre.

## Progression Fair

Chelmsford College celebrated National Careers Week by hosting a Progression Fair on the 5th March. Various exhibitors met and networked with the learners, offering advice on how to enter their future careers. The event was well received, with learners exploring opportunities. Exhibitors ranged from the Royal Air Force to LMA, the prestigious performing arts school co-owned by Robbie Williams and many more. The Progression Fair served as a tremendous professional opportunity and also allowed staff, learners, and businesses to socialise and come together in ways they might not usually.

