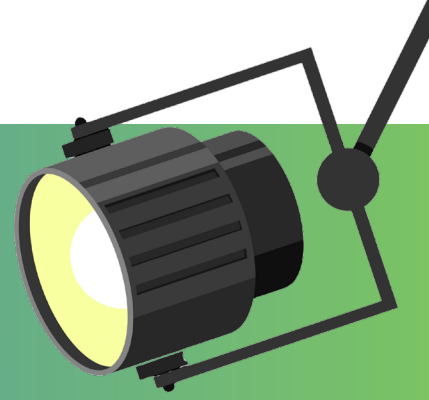


Spotlight



The Summer 2024 newsletter for **Chelmsford College**

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Step Into a New World!

We're thrilled to introduce our brand-new immersive space, the Igloo Vision! Located at our Moulsham Street campus, we are excited for our learners, staff and the local community to experience this fantastic space.

With 360-degree projectors, you will feel like you're stepping into a giant VR headset. Perfect for presentations and virtually transporting you to places you may not usually be able to visit, we can't wait to see the opportunities the Igloo Vision will bring to our community!



New Academic Year

Welcome to all of our new and returning learners for the 2024-25 academic year. Read more on **page 2**, to see what they got up to during their first week back.

Are You Looking to Apply?

Scan the QR code to explore our variety of courses.



To learn more about our facilities, adult learning courses, and more, please visit:

www.chelmsford.ac.uk 

Staff Go Beyond for Back to the Floor Day

We held our second 'Back to the Floor Day' on the 28th of March 2024, offering staff the opportunity to step outside their regular roles to improve skills, share practices, volunteer, or participate in community projects. This initiative shows our commitment to continuous learning, teamwork, and community engagement. Staff members engaged with a variety of organisations, including local charities, industry-related companies, and educational institutions like Essex Business School and Colchester Institute. Notable experiences included a Media Lecturer working at Chelmsford Community Radio, a Marketing Officer at ITV Lunchtime News, and various staff volunteering at organisations such as Cancer Research and The Wilderness Foundation UK. Overall, this allowed staff to gain valuable insights and skills beneficial to both their personal growth and the enhancement of our learners' studies. We are excited to have two Back to the Floor Days this academic year and look forward to seeing the new skills our staff will develop this time round.



Welcoming Learners

With the 2024-25 academic year beginning on September 2nd, we had a great first week inducting nearly 2,500 learners. These learners became acquainted with our Ready, Respect, Safe way of working and enjoyed our Freshers Fair, where several visitors, such as Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Safer Essex Roads and Anglia Ruskin University, hosted stalls. With spaces still available on a range of courses, including Beauty, Childcare, Electrical, and Science to name a few, we look forward to welcoming even more new learners. We also welcomed our returning learners back on the week beginning 9th September. We hope all learners enjoyed their summer breaks and are ready for the new academic year. We're sure it's going to be a good one!



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



Awards All Around

On June 27, 2024, we celebrated our learner achievements at St John's Church. In two special ceremonies, staff, stakeholders, learners, and their families gathered to present and watch the learners receive their well-deserved awards.

Principal and CEO David Warnes opened the event, followed by speeches from alumni guest speakers Amy Charlton and Phoebe Fuhr. The awards presentation then commenced, with Deputy Principal Debbie Garroway presenting the curriculum area awards and Deputy Principal Debs Hurst presenting the cross-college awards.

The ceremonies praised our learners' success, dedication, and commitment to education.

David Warnes proudly expressed, "This is my favourite night of the year; it was brilliant celebrating the successes and achievements of our 2023-24 learners. We heard some brilliant stories of triumph over adversity that I'm sure will have a lasting impression on all who attended."

With awards all around, our staff Personal Development Week (hosted on the first of July) saw numerous staff members celebrated and recognised. With awards ranging from Recognition for Outstanding Team to New Staff Member of the Year, among many others, it was a week filled with celebration, activities, and good food (thanks to our refectory team!).



Dates for the Diary

- **Showcase:** 9th October
- **Half Term:** 28th Oct - 1st Nov
- **Green Skills Fair:** 4th November
- **Showcase:** 13th November

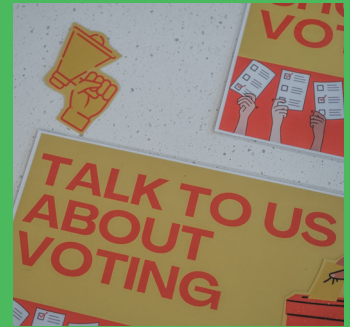
We're Finalists!

Marking another exciting milestone in our sustainability journey, our Nexus app, which encourages eco-friendly actions via weekly pledges and gamification, has reached the "Creating Impact" finals of the Green Gown Awards. Winners will be announced at the 20th anniversary Awards Ceremony on 13 November at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.



Encouraging Voting and Election Win

Ahead of the general election, we invited local candidates to our College to highlight the importance of voting. Marie Goldman from the Liberal Democrats, Vicky Ford representing the Conservatives, Mark Kenlen from the Workers Party, and Richard Parry from the Labour Party engaged with learners and answered their questions. The candidates' visits, including impromptu classroom visits, were appreciated for providing a valuable learning experience and emphasising the significance of voting rights. Alice King, the Life Skills and Enrichment Manager at Chelmsford College, expressed "I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming local election candidates to speak with staff and learners. It has been a great opportunity for all involved, so a big thank you to all of the candidates." Following the July election, Marie Goldman is now the MP for Chelmsford. We're excited to continue our positive relationship with Marie and look forward to inviting her to future events. We wish her the best in her new role!



Celebrating Cultural Awareness



We took pride in celebrating Cultural Awareness Day. The diverse backgrounds of our staff and learners bring so much to our College community. This diversity adds to our learning environment, helping us all be more inclusive and celebrate the different cultures and perspectives that exist around us. Though we celebrate Cultural Awareness Day, our goal is to recognise and celebrate it daily.

WorldSkills Success

For the second year in a row, one of our learners has participated in the prestigious WorldSkills UK competition! Olivia, one of our beauty learners, spent the day in Oxfordshire showcasing her talent. With over 400 applicants and only around 100 making it to Olivia's round, she did amazingly and made the whole of Chelmsford College very proud!

We'd also like to congratulate Olivia for her success at our Celebration Event in which she received an Award for Excellence.

