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Record-Breaking Showcase!



November the 12th saw our busiest Showcase Open Evening on record yet! With just over 840 people pre-registered, both College campuses were filled with potential learners deciding on their next steps. There was a bustling atmosphere felt throughout; especially in our Creative Industry department where staff led presentations to announce our new Performing Arts courses upcoming for 2026! We'd like to thank our employer partnership Sharp UK for also attending and hosting presentations to highlight the wonderful industry work we do too.



Student Governors



Welcome to our newly elected Student Governors, Daniel Holland and Naomi Hiskett. They have already attended the AoC Conference and spoke at the Essex Youth Assembly, great work!

Pass it On and Inspire

We're inviting employers and industry professionals to share their expertise with our learners. Whether it's a guest talk, demo or workshop, your insight can inspire the next generation. Visit

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www.chelmsford.ac.uk/passiton and help shape future talent across our T Level sectors now, or you may join Inspire to Teach and look at a new career!

Recruitment Event Proves Successful

On Wednesday 6th November, we hosted our Inspire to Teach Recruitment Event at our Princes Road campus in partnership with Dovetail & Slate. The evening welcomed professionals from construction, building services and public sector roles who were interested in discovering how their industry expertise could be brought into the classroom. Guests from across the sectors met our hiring managers and college staff, toured our specialist facilities and learned how careers transitioning from industry to teaching can be rewarding. The event had a lively atmosphere with positive conversations and strong interest from visitors wanting to learn more about teaching and training opportunities. Staff were impressed by the engagement on the night and the range of experience guests shared. So much so, the conversations and connections have continued beyond the event, as we look to recruit across roles. For anyone considering a meaningful next step in their career, we are proud to offer the support to help professionals inspire the next generation.



Developing Life Skills

We continue to champion our “Ready, Respect, Safe” ethos, reminding learners to be ready, respectful and safe in their decision-making. Alongside embedding this in everyday teaching, we had alternating Ready, Respect and Safe Weeks to strengthen the message across College at the start of term. Each week welcomed employers and speakers who delivered talks or ran interactive stalls. The Wilderness Foundation and Essex Safer Roads Partnership set up in reception, offering valuable guidance on road safety, wellbeing and eco-friendly living. Learners engaged in meaningful conversations and gained practical advice. Guest speakers such as HSBC and Gavin McKenna also visited classes, sharing useful tips and information on managing debt and making positive life choices. Gavin’s powerful story of learning from past mistakes and building three successful businesses especially resonated strongly during Safe Week.



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Remembrance Day

Our Uniformed Services learners inspiringly led powerful Remembrance Parades across both our Princes Road and Moulsham Street campuses on the 11th November. After a College-wide alarm sounded, staff and learners gathered together to reflect and honour those who served. At Princes Road, we proudly welcomed Sidra Naeem, Deputy Lieutenant for Essex, who represented the King. A poppy wreath was laid, followed by a thoughtful speech from Sidra and readings from both staff and learners. Uniformed Services learners then marched with pride, demonstrating respect and discipline. At Moulsham Street, the parade included wreath-laying led by Stan, representing the Jewish community, alongside our Chief Operating Officer, Debs Hurst. Learners there also took part in marching, creating a meaningful tribute to those who bravely fought. Both parades were captured by our talented Photography learners with support from our Marketing team, helping create an everlasting reminder of remembrance throughout the year. These events help us provide meaningful experiences to learners and showcase our community.



Dates for the Diary

- **INSPIRE Xmas Carol Concert:** 05/12/25
- **Christmas Market:** 16/12/25
- **Start of Term:** 06/01/26
- **Showcase:** 04/02/26

Upcoming Festivities

We will be holding a Christmas Market as part of the EDI Networks' Culture Connections initiative. Taking place on Tuesday the 16th December at our Moulsham Street campus Pavilion, the event will celebrate community and bring the joy of Christmas to College. Learners and staff can enjoy foods from around the world, browse stalls for gifts and stocking fillers and even take part in festive face painting and photo opportunities too. We look forward to as many staff and learners as possible joining the Christmas cheer and helping round 2025 off together.



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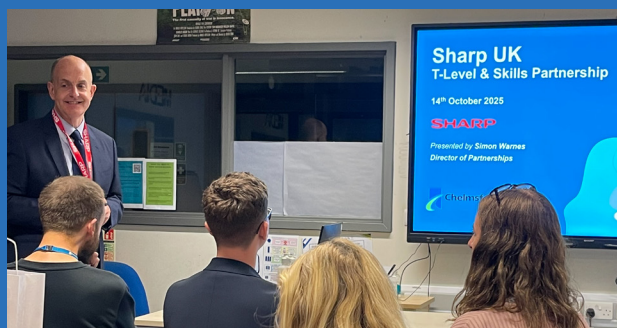
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Bricklaying Partnership Helping Build Futures

We are delighted to announce our new employer partnership with the Classic Brick Company, who support the development of the next generation of bricklayers. Working alongside EH Smith (Witham), the partnership is helping bricklaying learners gain both practical experience and technical knowledge as they prepare for careers in construction. A key benefit is Classic Brick's generous donation of a range of handmade bricks, allowing apprentices to train with the same textures, weights and finishes they will encounter on real sites. The materials are already being put to use, with learners constructing a small building on campus. This allows for them to practise traditional methods and build confidence in real working conditions. Principal and CEO David Warnes thanked Classic Brick for its support, noting how partnerships like this help develop the skilled workforce needed to meet government housebuilding targets. We look forward to continuing with this and seeing the learners' building progress.



Stakeholder Event



In October, we hosted a Digital and Media Stakeholder Engagement Event, bringing together key employers to help shape the future of the curriculum. Partners including Sharp UK and Essex County Council shared insights into industry needs and celebrated successful collaborations with us. Employers also took part in networking and feedback discussions, offering valuable guidance on skills and future opportunities. Thanks to all attendees for visiting and helping us bridge education and industry together.

Focus on Fundraising

Foundation Provision and Hair & Beauty raised funds for Macmillan Cancer Support through coffee mornings, raffles and beauty treatments. Childcare and Foundation Provision learners also raised £366 for Children in Need 2025 while some of our ChangeMakers raised over £280 for Cancer Research UK through cake sales. Great team work shown by all.

