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INTRODUCING THE EMPLOYABILITY TEAM

What we do and how we can help you when you start your college experience?

We build sustainable working relationships with employers to offer you a wide range of employability opportunities. Working with students and parents, we offer advice and guidance on finding successful work experience placements and support you throughout the process.

Each curriculum area is supported by a specific member of the team, offering bespoke workshops, employability fairs, virtual and in person work experience placements, mock interviews and employer talks.

We ensure all work experience placements are safe and adhere to HSE regulations, DBS referrals and visits as required.

Want to talk to us? Contact us at employability@newcollege.ac.uk

THE FESTIVAL OF TOMORROW 2024

New College Swindon & the Swindon and Wiltshire Institute of Technology (SAWIOT) were delighted to take part in the Festival of Tomorrow at The Deanery.

The action-packed event explored the wonders of science, innovation and the arts to share new discoveries and technologies to help choose the future we want to see.

Darran Marks, Managing Director of SAWIOT said, "We had the best few days meeting young, curious minds who will be the next generation of pioneers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It was such a pleasure to be a part of and are already looking forward to next year's event!"

If you would like to sign up for next year's event, please email Carly Taylor at carly.taylor@newcollege.ac.uk

OPEN EVENINGS – STILL TIME TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

Visit our North Star campus, including the Swindon and Institute of Technology on 14 March 5pm – 7pm and our Queens Drive campus on 27 March 5pm – 7pm. These events are your opportunity to visit both our North Star and Queens Drive College sites to see the fantastic facilities and speak to Lecturers and other staff about life at New College Swindon. The Open Events are for all ages and all courses, so suitable for students in Years 10-13 in addition to parents and adults.

Make sure you check the subjects offered at each campus to ensure you visit the correct site:

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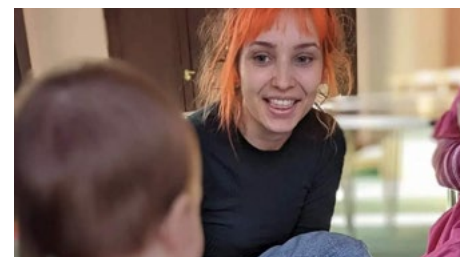
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A LEVEL POLITICS STUDENTS HOST Q&A WITH RT HON SIR ROBERT BUCKLAND

As part of the Colleges Week Celebrations, A Level politics students hosted a Q&A with Sir Robert Buckland. A wide range of topics were covered; the crisis in Gaza, university funding, and how to make politics more interesting to young voters.

Constance Roach, Politics Lecturer at NCS was delighted that Colleges Week was such a success. *"We always aim to offer an engaging experience for all our students and this week has been brilliant. The students organised voting registration desks throughout the week at our Queens Drive Campus, and really put a lot of thought in to the types of questions they were asking Sir Robert."*



WE ARE PROUD TO BE COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL CHARITY SHINE, OFFERING SUPPORT SESSIONS RUN BY T LEVEL STUDENTS

Our Early Years T Level students will be planning all of the activities with the early years lecturers on hand to oversee the sessions. The first session planned is a Mother's Day special where the mums and children will have an afternoon tea alongside themed activities. Clare Ashley, Photography Lecturer at the college and her photography students will be offering a free Mother's Day photoshoot.

Lynette Buebird, Lecturer in HE Early Years and HND Public Services at New College Swindon has been a volunteer at Shine since her friend, Sarah founded the Swindon branch 6 years ago says, *"We have been trying to set up stay and play sessions over the past few years at our Little Stars Nursery, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to support the local community and also give our learners the chance to show off the amazing skills they have learned through the Early Years T Level course and work experience in nursery/school settings"*.

CONSIDERING WHERE TO STUDY YOUR A LEVELS?

Make sure you come and visit us! New College Swindon offers 35 A Level subjects as well as T Levels and BTECs.

Unlike many sixth forms, our lecturers are specialists who focus entirely on teaching their individual A Level subjects. Along with the independence and flexibility of college life, your study programme will include a range of enrichment and Careers Extra initiatives to help you stand out from the crowd, making NCS the perfect bridge between school and university or your first career.

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MELKSHAM OAKS



SHELDON SCHOOL



MELKSHAM OAKS



PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL



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