



MAKING NEXT YEAR'S BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL MORE ACCESSIBLE

In October, FSP students Maariya, Taomi and Lauren met with Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford. Discussions included plans for making next year's Bedford River Festival more accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people.



EMPLOYER PROFILE

GALLONES ICE CREAM PARLOUR - FSP WORK PLACEMENT EMPLOYER SINCE 2016

What is your business all about?

We are a family run ice cream business offering a fun, friendly and engaged 1950's style parlour. We have over 50 ice cream flavours, a party room and 5* service with a smile.

What do you look for in new staff?

New staff must be outgoing with a friendly character. A team player with 'jazzy hands'.

How has working with the Foundation department students and employment team changed you and your business?

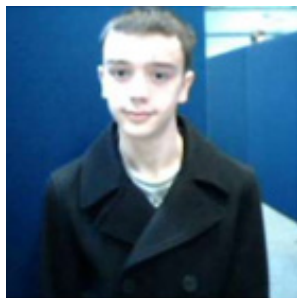
We are more conscious of how we interact with our customers. It has raised our awareness of each student's needs and we have developed our training processes accordingly.

KEY DATES

Event	Date
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 15 December 2017
First day of Spring Term	Monday 8 January 2017
ICT Class Trip to Parliament	Monday 29 January 2018
Spring half term break	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2018
End of Spring Term	Thursday 29 March 2018
Start of Summer Term	Monday 16 April 2018
Spring Reports sent out	Monday 23 April 2018

Event	Date
Parental Consultation Evening	Wednesday 9 May 2018
Sports afternoon	Thursday 24 May 2018
Summer half term break	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018
Prom	Friday 15 June 2018
End of Summer term	Friday 22 June 2018
Awards Ceremony	Tuesday 26 June 2018

LIFE AFTER FSP



WILLIAM

After completing the FSP programme, William joined the Progression to Employment (P2E) Course. This is a 20 week programme which students can join at any time during the year. Students attend

a work placement for two to three days per week and come to College for one day per week. They also gain a recognised qualification. William worked at d'Parys hotel as a kitchen porter. He says "I really enjoyed it and got along with everybody especially my manager Antonio who was so friendly and really understood how my Autism affects me when I am at work." At the end of the programme he was offered 16 per hours per week paid work at d'Parys Hotel. William adds "The P2E programme and the support I received from college has enabled me to get the bus independently and gain paid work allowing me to live on my own."

NEW LAPTOPS

We have recently taken delivery of 18 new laptops to be used in classes across the department. This is a welcome addition to our existing computer suite and tablets. ICT vocational option students were the first group to try them out.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Please check out the Foundation Facebook Page at www.fb.com/bedfordcollegefoundation for news of student activities each week.

ICT TRIP TO PARLIAMENT

Students who study ICT for their vocational option will be developing their ICT skills as they plan and undertake a trip to Parliament on Monday 29 January 2018. More details to follow.



PERSONAL TUTOR



IAN THOMPSON

We are delighted to welcome Ian Thompson to the college. Ian has worked in local upper schools for many years, and his experience will be a great asset to the team. Ian is Personal Tutor for all FSP students and can be contacted for any queries or concerns at ithompson@bedford.ac.uk or on 01234 291437.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We have revitalised lunchtime by introducing a wide range of activities. These include:-

- Singing
- Yoga
- Kahoot
- Drama
- Board Games
- Indoor cricket
- Table tennis.

As well as having a lot of fun, students have enjoyed interacting with others and finding new interests.

