



MAKING NEXT YEAR'S BEDFORD RIVER FESTIVAL MORE ACCESSIBLE

Earlier in the month FSP students Maariya, Taomi and Lauren met with Dave Hodgson, Mayor of Bedford. They discussed 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 50's style parlour. We offer 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'.

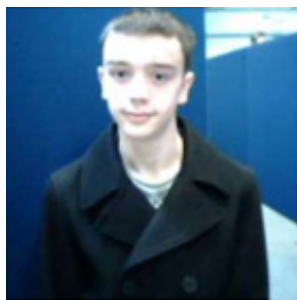
How has working with the Foundation department students and employment team changed you and your business?

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.

DIARY DATES

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Half Term	23 October 2017- 3 November 2017		
Prospective Students Open Evening	1 November 2017	5.00pm-8.00pm	Cauldwell Street
Progress Reports sent out	3 November 2017		
Parental Consultation Evening	22 November 2017		
Last day of Autumn Term	15 December 2017		
First day of Spring Term	8 January 2018		
ICT class trip to Parliament	29 January 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 2 to 3 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.



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 January 29 2018. More details to follow.

PERSONAL TUTOR



IAN THOMPSON

We are delighted to welcome Ian Thompson to the college. Ian is personal tutor for all FSP students and can be contacted for any queries or concerns. ithompson@bedford.ac.uk, or phone number 01234 291437.

DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

Do YOU want to be independent?

Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing and want to learn more about how you can become independent? If so join us at our information day on:

Thursday 19th October

Day begins at 9.30am and finishes at 2.30pm

Bedford College

Cauldwell Street

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This Day will include:

- What is an Education Health Plan (EHCP)?
- Update from the Job Centre including Access to Work
- What and how to access direct payment
- Next step post school and college

Places are limited so please contact Suzie Sampson

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