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10am - 7pm

# Welcome to West Thames College.

Executive Director of Performance, Development and Student Experience  
**Graeme Baker** welcomes you to the spring edition of Making Waves.

## Dear Reader

Our students benefit from industry links that lead to exciting careers. This issue showcases some of these stories, including:

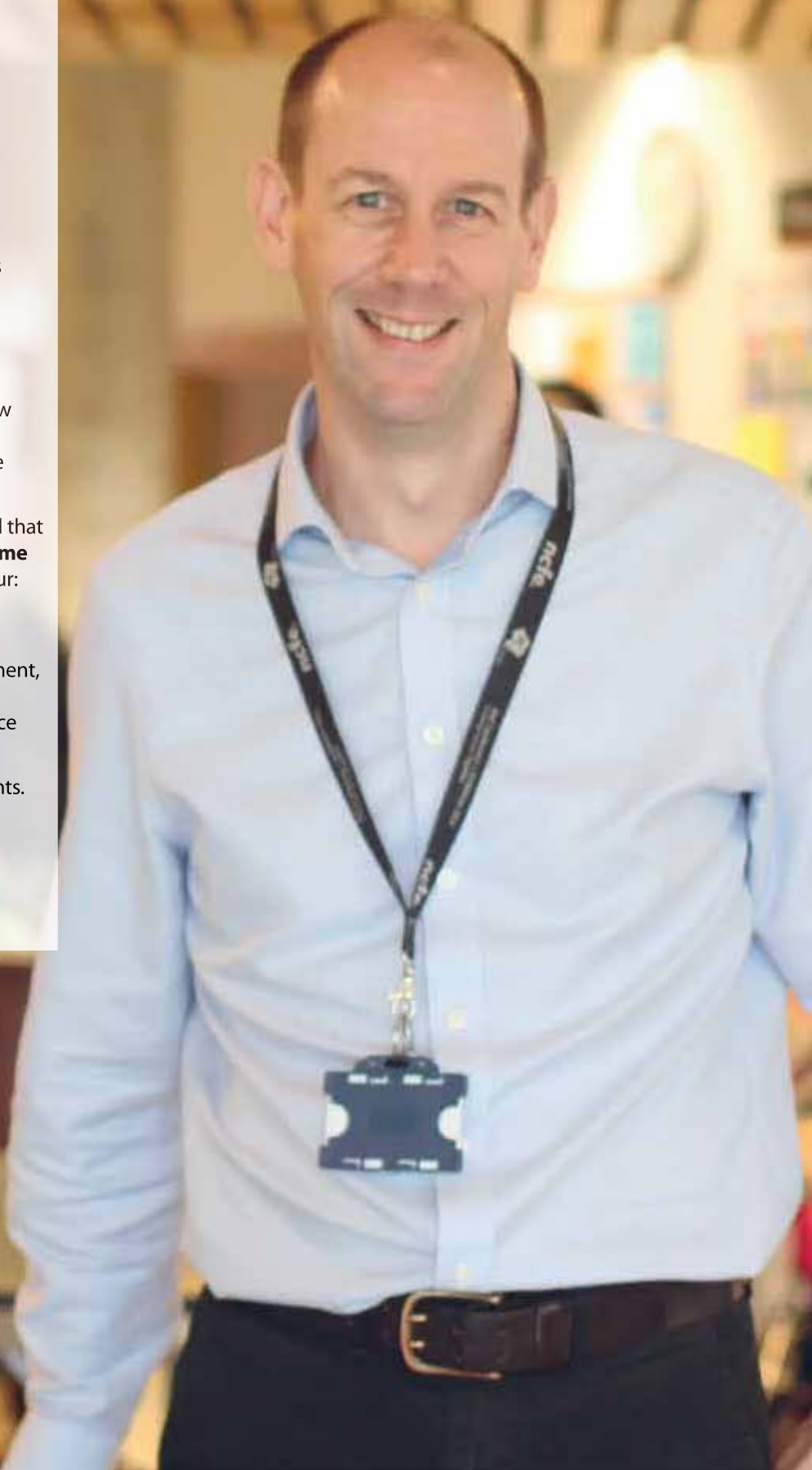
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We are pleased that a recent inspection found that students "**feel happy, safe and enjoy their time at college immensely**". Ofsted also praised our:

- Good quality workshops, classrooms and learning resources,
- Positive and harmonious learning environment,
- High standards of practical teaching,
- And the very good personal help and advice that our students receive.

We are proud of our excellent staff and students.

Yours sincerely,  
Graeme Baker







# Visit our careers fair!

Aspire is your opportunity to meet top employers, interview for job and apprenticeship vacancies, get independent careers advice and find the right course for your future.

Learn more about courses and apprenticeships and:

- Take part in hands-on activities
- Attend careers sessions
- Speak to local employers about your career ambitions.

Book your tickets via our website [www.west-thames.ac.uk](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk).

Don't forget to bring your CV!

**aspire**  
**The West London**  
**Careers Experience**  
**23 March 2018** 10am - 4pm  
 West Thames College, Isleworth



# Tesla meets engineers of the future

Students at the Skills+Logistics Centre had a great opportunity to speak to representatives from Tesla, who are promoting a sustainable future and want to get young people involved.

Tesla want to expand their distribution network in the South East, and are excited to share the new opportunities that they have. Students attended an inspirational talk and were able to inspect the Tesla Model S, sitting inside, checking out the music system and admiring the luxurious, modern design.

“What was really interesting was that although the car is electric, they still use standard brake and suspension systems,” said Motor Vehicle lecturer Bill Guyett. To find out more about our courses and how they can lead into exciting careers in the motor vehicle industry, visit our website [www.west-thames.ac.uk](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk).







# Going up...

Sabina Enu-Kwesi, a former engineering apprentice at West Thames College, is scaling new heights in her career.

She started as an apprentice at Otis Elevators, one of the world's leading engineering companies which operates in over 200 countries, and excelled in all aspects of her engineering studies. She is an active member of Otis Millennial Voices, a group of young employees who share their views to help improve the organisation, and recently received the Highly Commended Advanced Apprentice 2017 (London) Award.

Sabina (pictured below with her mother at the awards ceremony) is working as a service lift engineer while she continues her education with a degree in Business Psychology at Birkbeck University.

To find out more about our apprenticeships and engineering courses, please visit our website [www.west-thames.ac.uk](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk).





# Aviation students prepare for career takeoff!

Aviation students had a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes at Heathrow Terminal 5 when they attended the National Work Experience Week, organised by British Airways.

Members of the BA operations team gave the students a tour, along with an in-depth explanation and analysis of airport operations. The students observed apron and ramp operations and passenger screening, and they especially enjoyed boarding a Boeing 787 that was under preparation for a flight to New Orleans.

To learn more about our aviation and travel & tourism courses and our links to industry, visit [www.west-thames.ac.uk](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk).



Former student Manny Melotra (below left), now a documentary and commercial photographer, recently had his first solo exhibition at The Old Truman Brewery.

Manny's show, "The Broadway", explored contemporary themes of migration, alienation, religion, community and austerity through candid photos taken in Southall, where he was born and still lives.

Manny studied Level 3 Photography at West Thames College and went on to a Bachelor's degree in Commercial Photography at the University of West London. In 2017 he won the prestigious "Best Individual Photographer" award from Free Range. He is currently completing his Masters in Commercial Photography at Arts University Bournemouth.

You can see more of Manny's photography and keep up to date with his latest news on Instagram @mannymelotra or his website [www.mannymelotra.com](http://www.mannymelotra.com).

## Photographer's work explores modern themes







# Advice from a former police chief constable

Uniformed Public Services students met former Kent Police Chief Constable, Michael Fuller, as part of Black History Month.



Michael joined the Metropolitan Police at 16, at a time when there were only six black police officers out of 30,000. He faced many challenges including police corruption, racism and violent criminal gangs, though he was keen to stress that the situation has improved and there was also a strong sense of comradery with his colleagues.

Michael gave our students an insight into his strategies for succeeding in a difficult environment.

- **Hard work.** He was prepared to do jobs that others were not in order to build his credibility in the team.
- **Self-awareness.** Michael made a point of understanding his strengths and weaknesses and working to develop his skills and knowledge. Achieving an MBA and a law degree enabled him to progress in the police force.

Our uniformed public services courses can lead into careers not only in the Metropolitan Police, but also in the armed forces, fire department, in MI5 or as a paramedic. Residential trips form an essential part of these courses and can include scuba diving, camping, orienteering or abseiling.

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# Logistics and Transport

## An industry on the move



Since September, the Logistics Skills Alliance (LSA), hosted by the college, has really gathered momentum.

Two summits, a business breakfast, a successful partnership with Job Centre Plus have brought learners, providers and employers together to address the needs of an industry sector – transport and logistics – that continues to grow and provide a wide range of employment opportunities.

Over 250 jobseekers have taken up training in warehousing and storage and forklift truck operations at our Skills+Logistics Centre in Feltham. For many this has provided a direct route into work – our links with employers such as Kuehne and Nagel, Geodis, UPS, and D B Schenker have ensured that training being delivered and developed by the LSA is up to date and prepares adults and young people for the world of work.

From April this year, we are offering a short course for young people at the Skills+Logistics Centre and from September there will be a Level 2 full-time course. To find out more, contact Neena Gharu on 020 8818 6834 or email [neena.gharu@west-thames.ac.uk](mailto:neena.gharu@west-thames.ac.uk) look for these new courses on our website.

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# Future Events

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## 2018

### **Feltham Open Day**

Thursday 15 March  
4pm-6pm

### **Aspire – The West London Careers Experience**

Friday 23 March  
10am-4pm, Isleworth

### **Isleworth Open Day**

Saturday 24 March  
10am-1pm

### **Monthly tours**

Throughout the year for  
Isleworth and Feltham.  
*Please book on our website.*



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