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Welcome to West Thames College.

Work Experience, Employability & Careers Manager **Martina Greeves** welcomes you to the Summer edition of Making Waves.

Dear Reader

We're really proud of what our students achieve at West Thames College, both on their programmes of study as well as outside the classroom. This edition of Making Waves highlights some recent achievements.

- Students at the Skills+Logistics Centre built, painted and installed a pop-up juice bar at London's Southbank Centre **page 4**
- Our Creative Arts Festival showcased the talents of students in the visual & performing arts and media **pages 6-7**
- Work experience placements enabled students to develop practical skills and really shine **page 9**
- Sporting success in football, basketball and a half marathon **page 10**

We are a vibrant college inspiring all our learners to achieve their dreams and ambitions. Come along to enrolment starting on Wednesday 22 August to begin your journey to success with us.

Yours sincerely,
Martina Greeves



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here,
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Freshly juiced

Students at the Skills+Logistics Centre worked on an exciting project that saw them build and paint a large kiosk for a pop-up juice bar.

The project was commissioned by Daniel Gently, owner of Elephant Juice, and built by Level 1 and 2 Carpentry students using responsibly sourced, sustainable materials. Level 1 and 2 Painting and Decorating students then decorated the kiosk before installation at London's Southbank Centre.

Elephant Juice Bar is on Queen's Walk, under Hungerford Bridge, until Sunday 23 September. It's open from 11am to 11pm and offers juices and smoothies made fresh on the stall. Why not drop by and grab yourself a healthy drink?



COMMONWEALTH big lunches

an eden project

Celebrating diversity

Students and staff celebrated the cultural diversity of our college community at the Isleworth campus as part of **Commonwealth Big Lunches**.

Students displayed artwork showcasing their own cultural backgrounds, and joined in activities such as flag face painting and badge making, a multicultural fashion show and displays of traditional dance.

Food made by students and staff was available to eat, as well as African and Caribbean dishes from Mama Cook Restaurant in Feltham and a taste of Lebanese cuisine from Yalla Beirut in Hounslow.

The lunch was part of a series of themed events and presentations to raise awareness of the college's rich cultural diversity, which represents not just the Commonwealth but the world.

The lunchtime event on Tuesday 27 March was attended by Maria Pedro, Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Hounslow, who described it as "a wonderfully joyous and vibrant occasion, clearly enjoyed by the students and staff".





Creative Arts Festival



The annual Creative Arts Festival celebrates students' hard work and talent in spectacular shows and exhibitions, giving them a chance to show what they've achieved at West Thames College.

The Specialist Makeup graduate show *Living Art* (see back cover) was inspired by the themes of historical portraiture, the natural and unnatural world, city life, literary subjects, war and death. The show was attended by industry professionals and prizes for outstanding students were donated by Tanya Noor, wig and makeup supervisor for *Phantom of the Opera* and co-founder of Get-Set-Go-Bags.

Performing Arts students presented the story of *Holloway Jones* (main picture), a girl trying to escape her past, her future and her stereotype. The emotive play *Trapped* asked urgent questions about the youth culture of West London.

Our dance students put on an outstanding performance that showcased their amazing talent in urban and contemporary dance. Music students played a range of classic hits and their own original tunes to raise money for Dementia UK and the work of art and design students was featured in exhibitions open to the public.

If you are interested in a creative career, visit our website west-thames.ac.uk for more details of our courses.

The shining stars of West Thames College

The annual Student Awards Ceremony shines the spotlight on the achievements of our most outstanding students.

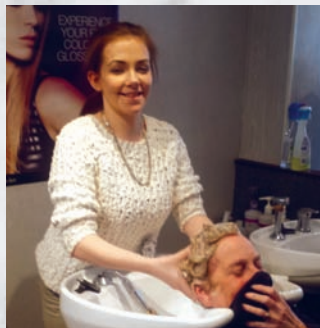
The awards celebrate students who achieve academic excellence, as well as those who have overcome difficulties in order to succeed, or gone out of their way to help others.

Our guest speaker, former engineering apprentice Sabina Enu-Kwesi (*right*) presented the awards and delivered an inspiring address to the students and their guests. Sabina spoke about her time at West Thames and her career at Otis Elevators, one of the world's leading engineering companies.

Three students were chosen from the award winners to be the overall Students of the Year 2018: **Punit Chandrakaant** for Contribution to the College, **Jamal Kohistani** for Determination, and **Daiana Mora** for Academic Achievement. The winners (*pictured below, with Principal Tracy Aust*) received trophies and certificates from the Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Samia Chaudary.



Focus on work experience



Right: Nicola Root.

Below: Painting and decorating students.



Right: Jack Cummings.



At West Thames College we help all our students to complete work experience placements whilst on their course.

Work experience helps you practice the skills you learn in the classroom and looks great on your CV when you apply for university or a job.

Students from our FreshStart programme for 14-16 year olds had a taste of employment and a chance to try out careers which they might like to pursue in the future.

Nicola Root worked at Hair @ DJ's in Brentford, looking after clients, making tea and coffee, shampooing hair and trying out hairdressing techniques. Owner Donna Padbury was so impressed by Nicola that she offered her a full-time apprenticeship starting in September.

Jack Cummings had a placement at Tanner Gas Services where he helped to exchange gas meters. Despite snowy weather conditions, he arrived early every day. His positive attitude meant that he was offered extra work over the Easter holidays with a view to an apprenticeship in the future.

Meanwhile, painting and decorating students undertook work experience over Easter to refresh the FreshStart area at the Isleworth campus and paint the foyer at the Skills+Logistics Centre. The work was supervised by lecturer David Bennett and assessed for the students' qualification.

Sporting triumph

We take sport seriously. Whether you want to get fit and active, join a team or watch a match, there's something at West Thames College for everyone.



ESOL student Jamal Kohistani (*back right*) completed his first half marathon in aid of The Running Charity.



Supported Learning students visited Lord's where they had a historic opportunity to watch women play at the cricket ground for the first time.



The college basketball team was promoted to Division 1 of the AoC league this year. They had a fantastic season and finished in 2nd place.



Our Supported Learning football team won the Brentford FC Community Cup, beating Richmond College 1-0 in a riveting final!

DPD and LSA are leading the way

Leading parcel delivery firm DPD recently became one of the first organisations in the UK to enrol its team on the new International Freight Forwarding Apprenticeship standard.

Working with the Logistics Skills Alliance (LSA), DPD's international division developed a bespoke blended learning programme to ensure the apprenticeship meets their needs.

To find out more about the LSA or how Apprenticeship Standards can help move your business forward, visit www.lsa-skills.co.uk.



DPD employees Elizabeth Castle, Jaimie May and Sarah Barlow enrolled on the International Freight Forwarding apprenticeship programme.



Living Art specialist makeup
graduate show, June 2018

Future Events

See our website or
follow us on social
media for more details.



2018

Enrolment

Thursday 11 October
5pm-7pm

Saturday 10 November
10am-1pm

Isleworth Open Days

Thursday 11 October
5pm-7pm

Saturday 10 November
10am-1pm

Feltham Open Day

Thursday 15 November
4pm-6pm

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