



HEADLINES

The
Manchester
College

Issue 7 Winter 2010

Autumn term launch events

In September and November we saw official openings at two of our campuses. The second phase of North Manchester Sixth Form College in Harpurhey opened its doors to the public and Fielden Campus re-opened after a £9m revamp.

The second phase of the North Manchester Sixth Form College is a former Victorian public baths, which has been transformed into a modern exhibition space for use by the entire community. The new development also includes new classrooms and a fitness suite for use by students, staff and the general public.

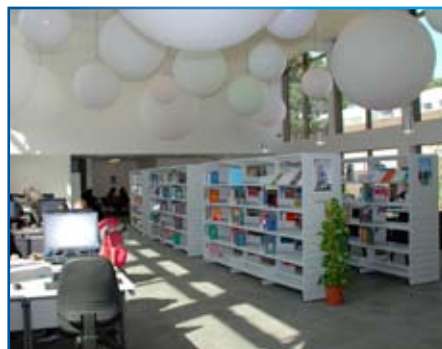
The launch event in November, which was part of a week of celebrations and activities, included speeches from Principal Peter Tavernor, Lord Mayor of Manchester Cllr Mark Hackett and Leader of Manchester City Council Sir Richard Leese, followed by tours of the completed building. Guests also enjoyed a buffet style meal while being serenaded by the Manchester Cathedral Gentlemen's Choir.

Peter Tavernor said: 'This development will have major benefits for our learners and local people. The range of courses now on offer to school leavers simply did not exist in this area five years ago, and in that time we have seen dramatic improvements in post-16 participation and achievement. The fact that these new facilities can also be accessed by the general public reinforces the college's position as an integral part of the community.'

In September, the south Manchester community was offered the chance to take a tour of the Fielden Campus before it opened its doors for classes for the first time in over a year.



Principal Peter Tavernor speaking at the launch of Phase 2 of the North Manchester Sixth Form College in Harpurhey



The new library at Fielden campus

Local dignitaries, residents and business owners were invited to a special lunch in the new Restaurant 141 for an exclusive preview of the brand new dining facilities. After speeches by the Principal and the Lord Mayor, guests were given a tour of the building.

Later in the afternoon, there was an open event, where members of the public were able to enjoy a tour of the building and complimentary refreshments.

The launch of the Fielden Campus followed a £9m extensive retrofit programme to update the building and return it to the successful college it once was.

Peter Tavernor said: 'We've spent a year renovating and refitting the building to create a host of new learning environments for students and to bring it up to the same carbon efficient standard as the rest of our estate. Holding this open day has given us the chance to show the public the improvements we've made to what was a 'mothballed' building.'

The Fielden Campus offers a range of vocational courses, including hospitality and catering, facilities management, creative and digital media, and office IT.

Also in this issue...

- Historic partnership with the University of Salford
- Outstanding exam success
- College recognised for expertise in hospitality
- Fashion students showcase their skills
- Piccadilly busking stage
- Colleges Week Charity Run for MENCAP
- Students refurbish Team GB's bobsleigh

Plus lots more!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Historic partnership with the University of Salford



Signing the agreement l-r: Principal Peter Tavernor, Chair of the Salford University Council Alan Mawson, Councillor Sue Murphy and Professor Martin Hall

On Friday 15 October The Manchester College signed an agreement with the University of Salford to form one of the UK's largest higher and further education partnerships.

The Greater Manchester City Region is an increasingly important focus for the work of national and local government, and it is planned that greater cooperation between the two education institutions will help to ensure that courses offered meet the knowledge and skills needs identified by the new Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) being formed within the region by members of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

Shared aims for the partnership include widening participation and improving higher education progression opportunities for our learners to study at the University of Salford, particularly for individuals from under-represented and disadvantaged groups. In addition, the two institutions will explore the development of a federation model to represent the interests of all learners. There will also be collaboration around the development of innovative curriculum, learning technologies and key research opportunities.

Peter Tavernor said: 'This agreement is of national importance. The University of Salford is a very large and important university and The Manchester College is the largest college and skills provider in the UK. Bringing the two organisations together in this partnership will result in a major educational powerhouse that will positively impact on regional economic development and will ultimately make a positive contribution to national GDP.'

Professor Martin Hall, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford, said: 'This is the beginning of an important new chapter in the history of further and higher education in the north west and wider UK.'

Healthy College recognition

This November the college was recognised for its commitment to the health of its staff and students by being presented with a Healthy College award from the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS).

Before City College Manchester and MANCAT merged, both colleges had implemented healthy initiatives but felt they could do more. Since merger, there has been a much more coordinated approach

to promoting healthy lifestyles. 'We have come a long way in the last two years,' said Betsy Sara, director of student guidance at The Manchester College.

A steering group has been set up to coordinate healthy initiatives. 'The steering group is good because it is representative. We have people on the group from all areas, including sports, catering, offender learning, estates and more, which gives a good rounded view,' explained HE manager Christian Jowles. Students are also being recruited to the group to make sure there is full representation.



LSIS present the Healthy College Award to The Manchester College

Outstanding exam success

Students were celebrating AS and A level examination results in August with excellent performances by many of the 1,542 students taking exams. The overall pass rate at AS and A level was 84.6% at grades A-E, which is an increase of 2.9% from last year.

Special mention should be made of Sreeharshan Thampy, studying at the college's South Manchester Sixth Form, who achieved fantastic results. He received A* grades in Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry, plus an A grade in Advanced Extension Award in Maths.

Sreeharshan said: 'I decided to come to The Manchester College because they allowed me to do the combination of A levels that I wanted and I knew I'd get all the support I needed to succeed. I would say college has definitely prepared me for going to university – you get a lot of help with learning how to be independent and focusing on self study, just like I'll need to do at university.'

Principal, Peter Tavernor, expressed his congratulations to the students on their results, 'The college is delighted to be able to join so many students in celebrating their fantastic achievements, but it's not just about A grades. We are proud of all of our students, the vast majority of whom have achieved the grades they need to progress. Their achievements are testament to the hard work of both the students and our staff, and reflect the high levels of tuition and support provided by the college.'



Sreeharshan Thampy achieved fantastic results

Helena Kennedy Foundation Awards



Jodie Cheetham receives her award from Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

The Helena Kennedy Foundation Awards are prestigious national financial awards for learners progressing from further education to higher education. Colleges can nominate five learners each year to receive an award. This year The Manchester College had three successful students gaining an award out of only 150 successful students nationally.

Jodie Cheetham and Sonia Hamdani who studied A levels, and Shakiru Olajide who studied an Access to HE Diploma in Law and Criminology, each attracted a bursary to progress to higher education. They will receive £1,500 to support their costs while studying at university and have access to mentoring and work shadowing opportunities.

The students were presented with the highly sought after Helena Kennedy Foundation awards by human rights lawyer and peer Baroness Helena Kennedy QC in a ceremony at the House of Lords.

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, President of the Foundation, said: 'I am delighted to have presented students from The Manchester College with our awards in recognition of their huge achievements in reaching university against the odds. Each student who receives an award has been selected because they are special and have shown real talent and determination.'

The Manchester College has also been presented with a Certificate of Support from the Helena Kennedy Foundation in recognition of the college's work with the foundation and active support.

Students welcome the world with Olympiad exhibition



Elmi Ali has been working as assistant to the north west project coordinator

Creative students from across the college have been preparing for the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by taking part in an innovative project designed to tell global stories and inspire artists and young people to create new work.

Through the 'Stories of the World' initiative students from the disciplines of design and visual arts and music and performance have been given the chance to work on live briefs, creating textiles, music, performances and artwork related to the theme 'Global Threads'.

The work reflects on Lancashire's past, present and future links to Asia, the Caribbean and the American south through its cotton industry. Inspiration has been supplied in the form of visits to Platt Hall Gallery of Costume and master classes given by creative professionals, such as the artists Alice Kettle, Lubaina Himid and Chanje Kunda.

Since the start of term, over 500 students have been involved in reinterpreting the collections at Platt Hall Costume Gallery. This has involved creating a range of merchandise for the gallery shop, and dance and music based interventions and performances within the gallery spaces for March and April 2011. These will be recorded and filmed and will make up part of the 'Stories of the World' exhibition in 2012.

Also benefitting from the project are two of the college's sixth form students who have enjoyed taking on key coordination and PR roles through their participation in the Manchester Internships scheme. Science student, Elmi Ali, and AS level student, Sarah Mahmood, have been gaining lots of hands-on experience working with the north west project coordinator, Wendy Gallagher, from Platt Hall – Elmi as Wendy's assistant and Sarah as a writer.

'Fright Night' - a spooky success



Scaring the community for Halloween

This year's Halloween event at Wythenshawe Park was the most dramatic yet. On Friday 29 October nearly a hundred drama and dance students from the college offered a festival of spooky revelry against the haunting backdrop of Wythenshawe Hall. As families wandered in the creepy gardens they met characters from the Grimm's Fairy Tales such as Hansel and Gretel and Cinderella. Musical theatre students from the college also sang a rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody and media make-up students put ghoulish effort into the make up and hair of the performers.

'The creative energy that went into this is amazing. When we started working with the college we never thought it would lead to something this big and wonderful. The local people who come to this event every year loved it,' said Ali Davenport, a Parks Development Officer for Manchester City Council.

Event management students from the college organised the event, working alongside Manchester City Council. Second year students worked in small teams on essential elements like logistics, signage and staffing. As part of this they mentored the first year event management students. It was a great opportunity for the students to work on a live project.

Event management tutor Jane Walsh said: 'It is great to have hands-on learning experiences for our students and for them to work alongside students on different courses such as performing arts and hair and beauty. They have been incredibly professional and have worked really hard; the event was a great success.'

College recognised for expertise in hospitality

The Training Quality Standard (TQS) panel announced in September that it had awarded conditional certification to the college for its Part B application for hospitality, recognising excellence in its work with employers in that sector.

This latest accolade follows on from the college's success in 2009 in achieving Part A certification for overall employer responsiveness and four Part Bs for sector expertise in its automotive, construction, health care and retail training provision.

The college is one of only three colleges in the north west to be awarded Part B for hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism and the first college in Greater Manchester to receive the award.

The college is also one of only 13 in the country to receive endorsement from The National Skills Academy (Hospitality) for excellence in the delivery of the Professional Cookery Diploma.

TRAINING
QUALITY
STANDARD



A student at work in the kitchen of Restaurant 141

The college is now an accredited learning organisation, which means that it delivers the Diploma to excellent standards, ensuring a rich vein of talented individuals with the skills the industry needs to create value today and for the future.

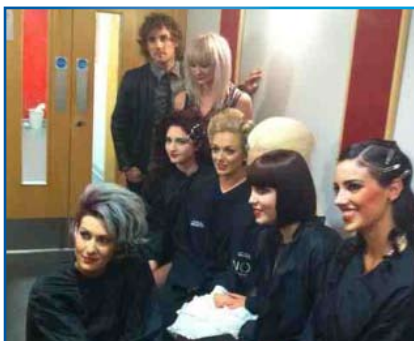
Such a combination of awards and accreditations demonstrates that the college is one of the UK's most successful training providers, working closely with Sector Skills Councils to develop an understanding of market potential and priorities and responding effectively to employers across sectors.

L'Oreal hair show

The Openshaw Campus hosted the L'Oreal Evolution Team Hair Show in November. Attendees from the hair and beauty industry, students and their families, local salons and other colleges were invited to attend this free event.

The evening began with canapés and the chance to network followed by demonstrations on stage by the L'Oreal Evolution Team who launched their autumn/winter collections. Using the hotly anticipated Inoa Colour Technology, they showcased the very latest in cut, styling and colour technology. This was followed by a catwalk show.

'The event was a huge success with a hundred people attending from salons all over the Northwest. The looks that the L'Oreal Evolution Team showcased really inspired the audience and helped raise awareness of the hairdressing standards that The Manchester College upholds,' said Mark Izzard, hairdressing tutor.



Models at the L'Oreal Evolution Team Hair Show

Restaurants host charity events

The Moston and Openshaw Campuses took part in the world's biggest coffee morning on 24th September in order to raise funds for the charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, which provides practical, medical and financial support for people affected by cancer.

Hospitality and catering students from the Restaurant at Ashley Lane and Bistro East baked large batches of cakes for the event and served tea and coffee to members of staff and students from 10am-1pm.

The coffee morning is the charity's biggest fundraising event – last year 43,000 people registered to hold a coffee morning, raising £7.9 million. By charging £1 for a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake and selling raffle tickets, the college managed to raise over £300 for the worthy cause.



Students at the Restaurant at Ashley Lane display their baked treats

College welcomes Japanese hairdressers

In October seven Japanese interns from Takasaki Beauty College and Habia competition winner Naho Kawano visited the college.

The Japanese students from Takasaki Beauty College visited us for one day as part of a month long internship programme organized by Habia Japan. After spending the morning learning about colour theory, the Level 2 group took to the salon to work on clients, training alongside our Level 3 hairdressers from the Northenden Campus.

In return for hosting the interns, Habia Japan is paying for seven of the college's students and a member of staff to go to London to take part in an international workshop to be held at one of London's top venues.

In addition to the interns, Japanese hairdressing student Naho Kawano, 22, spent a day at the Northenden Campus working alongside a group of adult students and learning about the UK hairdressing industry after winning a high profile competition organised by Habia Japan.

After pitting her cutting and colouring skills against 500 other Japanese students in a national contest, Naho won an all expenses paid trip to the UK to take part in the Habia Japan Five Day Scholarship Programme.

Naho said: 'It's been an eye-opening experience working here at The Manchester College. In Japan, you're not allowed to practise or be assessed on people until you've passed your course, which means contact with clients is out of the question. It's been a real confidence boost for me to experience working in a realistic salon environment.'



Naho picks up some tips from hairdressing tutor Mark Izzard

Charlotte competes at Euroskills

In November a second year student studying on the Foundation Degree Fashion and Clothing Technology course at our Moston Campus reached the national finals of the EuroSkills international skills competition.

Encouraged to enter by her tutor, 24 year old Charlotte Straker submitted her design to the competition organisers and was chosen as one of the four finalists to go down to Warwick. In Warwick she made patterns and constructed the garment to compete for a place in the British EuroSkills team.

Charlotte said: 'I have always wanted to do fashion but I ended up in a career in mathematical analysis. I love this course, it is really great to be doing something creative, it's lots of fun and I have learnt technical skills that I couldn't have learnt at home. The tutors and my friends on the course are great and they have been really helpful with the competition.'



Charlotte Straker shows her EuroSkills entry

Fashion show for royalty

In September a number of our fashion students were able to showcase a range of sustainable garments to Prince Charles at a Civic Dinner at Gorton Monastery in September. HRH The Prince of Wales was visiting Manchester as part of a five-day tour of Britain intended to celebrate sustainability in the community and promote waste and energy reduction.

The sustainable fashion show was the highlight of the special dinner event, which was attended by 400 guests, including the college's senior vice principal, Marie Gilluley. Alongside undergraduates from Manchester Metropolitan University, the college's students took to the catwalk with a collection of garments made from men's suits sourced from local charity shops to demonstrate how clothing can be both stylish and sustainable at the same time.

Lorraine Window, divisional lead manager for creative and media, said, 'We make a real effort to bring ethical and sustainability issues and ideas to our students' attention, ensuring that the next generation of fashion industry professionals keep such issues close to their hearts when they embark upon their future careers.'

Animation student's work goes international

A collaboration between an animation student and an animation lecturer has resulted in a successful short film that is set to appear at a series of international festivals this year.

Seer's Catalogue is an experimental seven minute animation by lecturer Dave Griffiths, which combines concepts of astrophysics with a celebration of celluloid cinema.

Former animation student, Andrea Hall, gets a credit on the film after assisting Dave for two weeks in assembling and compositing the film from 'found-footage' shots sampled from old movies. This involved a very detailed process of treating hundreds of clips using digital animation software.

Andrea, who graduated from the college in 2010 with a distinction in Foundation Degree Animation, is now an undergraduate on the third year of the BA Animation at the University of Salford.

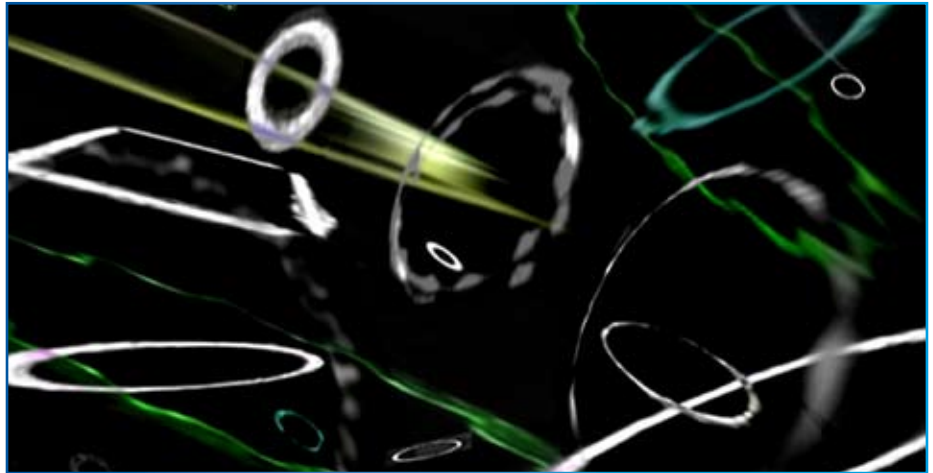
Seer's Catalogue premiered in October 2009 at the g39 Gallery in Cardiff and subsequently, in 2010, has been selected

for the 20th Madrid Experimental Film Week in November, and Antimatter Festival in British Columbia in October. It is also touring a documentary festival in Kassel, Germany, and will show in Brooklyn USA at the renowned Dumbo Arts Center.

As well as these prestigious festivals, the film will also be exhibited online in December 2010 by Animate, one of the

UK's leading organisations for promoting and funding new innovative animation.

Dave Griffiths said: 'I couldn't have achieved the deadline without Andrea's help. Through working on this live project she was able to understand the hard and detailed effort that goes into animation, especially when working under pressure.'



A still showing some of Andrea's compositing work taken from the film Seer's Catalogue

Media students bring Christmas to the Big Screen

For the second year running, students from the college will be working with the BBC to bring Christmas to a wide audience.

This year promises to be better than ever with two shows being broadcast from the Big Screen Manchester in Exchange Square

- Carol Sing-along on 20th December – during lunchtime you will be able to sing a few carols to get you in the Christmas spirit
- Manchester Cathedral Carol Service on 22nd December – from 7.30pm Big Screen Manchester will be showing the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols live from Manchester Cathedral

Broadcast Television Foundation Degree students will be filming the sing-along and cathedral service so they can be aired on the city streets as part of an ongoing partnership between the college, the BBC and the cathedral.

Colin Ralph, tutor for the Foundation Degree in Broadcast Television at The Manchester College, said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to work on a live programme. We have a very talented team of students working on camera, sound, vision mixing and graphics and this will be a great chance for them to showcase their skills.'

Students lend a hand at Cornerhouse

Some of the college's foundation degree students have been working alongside international artists to produce work for a high profile exhibition at the Cornerhouse called 'UnSpooling – Artists & Cinema'.

Running from 1 October to 9 January, it is a large and ambitious group exhibition that straddles art and film, gathering a wide range of works that explores how cinema is reinterpreted through painting, installation, performance, street interventions, drawing, film and video from the last decade. The exhibition is part of Abandon Normal Devices festival 2010, which celebrates cutting-edge media and film and is funded by the Cultural Olympiad.

Students from the FdSc Broadcast Television have been working on a live location TV mix of a spoken-word performance from UK artist Wayne Lloyd, which is now being screened in the gallery and online.

In addition, new media design and animation students have helped out with the technical installation of media artworks for two prominent Austrian artists.

Karl Doran spent three days shaping platinum wire for Roman Kirschner's chemical-based light sculpture, while Chris Crawley assisted Gebhard Sengmuller with a large-scale film installation involving 12 slide projectors. In addition, Sarah Miles worked on a new commission by Berlin-based artist Stefan Zeyen – which involved

an incredible frieze of fly posters along the outside wall of the Cornerhouse cinema.

These three students also created digital content for the festival website, by photographing events, conducting audio interviews with visitors and filming/editing events – see www.unspooling.org

Dave Griffiths, lecturer on the new media design and animation foundation degrees and curator for the exhibition, said: 'The work the students have created and assisted with has all come together to form a very successful exhibition for the Cornerhouse's 25th anniversary show. All of the students involved in the project have made very positive contributions and have gained valuable work experience which is an important part of their foundation degree studies.'

For more information about the Abandon Normal Devices festival 2010, visit www.andfestival.org.uk



Stefan Zeyen's frieze of fly posters outside the Cornerhouse Cinema

Students and street performers on the Piccadilly stage

The Piccadilly Partnership, in conjunction with The Manchester College, launched the first official busking stage within the city centre in Piccadilly Gardens on Friday 15 October.

Students from the college had the opportunity to perform on the stage and gain exposure to a city centre audience. Street performers and buskers that usually appear in other parts of the city were also invited to perform on the stage.

The event was a great success. All the students who took part showed a huge amount of talent, and were highly appreciated by the watching audience. The event was opened by professional band The So and So's and up and coming young singer/songwriter Ruby Ann Patterson closed the show in style.

Alex King, Piccadilly partnership manager said: 'The busking stage is a recognition for the city's musical culture; one that is open to everyone. Piccadilly Gardens as an area that lends itself perfectly to street performance.'

Rose Durbin, music tutor, commented: 'The Piccadilly busking stage has been designed to provide opportunities for students and the general public alike to perform music of all kinds.'

As well as the busking stage, the annual In The City music festival was held in Manchester's Northern Quarter during October. As the college's centre for music, home to 200 music students, is based in the

Northern Quarter, a college event was held to coincide with the festival.

The day-long event included industry panel discussions with guests discussing important topics for upcoming artists such as Image and Presenting the Band; Plugging, Promo and PR; and Venues, Promoters and Gigging. This was followed by an all ages gig in the evening featuring local young bands from Designer Magazine, a website which is run by our former student Alex McCann.



Students perform on the busking stage

Apprentices get NCTJ accredited training

One of the UK's leading press agencies and accredited provider of the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) media training, News Associates, ran a workshop with the college's creative and digital media apprentices at our Shena Simon Campus in November.

The workshop gave the apprentices advice on how to write the perfect copy. They then wrote their own news articles in a mock 'real-life' breaking news exercise.

The apprentices will go on to be placed with companies such as the BBC, ITV Granada, Lime Pictures and Sumners, giving them the chance to work behind the scenes in the creative media industry.

Aspiring reporters interested in a career in newspapers/magazines can enrol on a free journalism workshop run by News Associates through their website <http://newsassociates.co.uk/>

ILEX students enjoy court date

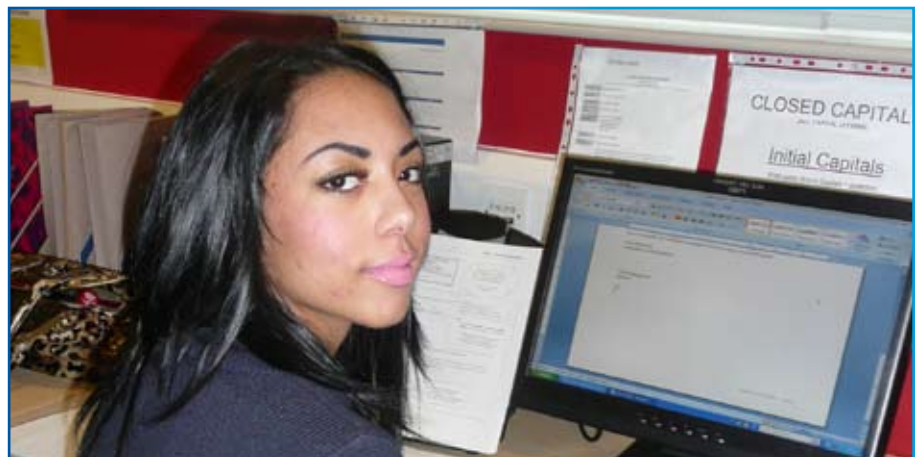
In October, ILEX tutors Sheelagh Tilley and Anne Lincoln took a group of students to Salford Magistrates' Court to complement their studies on their legal secretaries' course.

The students were first given a tour of the Magistrates' Court and the holding cells. Following the tour they spent an hour sitting in on real cases including grievous bodily harm, possession of drugs, theft and criminal damage. At the end of the morning the students were taken to the Mayor's

Parlour where they had the opportunity to ask questions about what they had seen.

Courtney Corridon, a student on the ILEX Level 2 certificate for legal secretaries course, described her day: 'I learnt about the procedures of the courts (including the strict security measures), the types of cases that are heard and how they are dealt with. It also made me think that this is somewhere I might like to work.'

To hear more of Courtney Corridon's account of the trip, visit the news pages at www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk



Courtney Corridon enjoyed her court visit



Drivers of Excellence

More than 200 drivers were invited to the second Driver of Excellence presentation in November to acknowledge their achievement in gaining the Level 2 NVQ in Road Passenger Transport qualification.

The presentation, held at the Town Hall, was led by Councillor June Hitchen (Chair of the Licensing Committee) and included speeches from Marie Gilluley (Vice Principal, The Manchester College), Nolan Hough (Manchester Airport) and Paula Lorimer (Manchester Central).

Guests included Executive Members for the Environment and Employment and Skills, members of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, and taxi trade representatives.

Drivers were presented with a pin badge, tie and lanyard, all embossed with the Council's emblem and 'Driver of Excellence'. Drivers who were part of the mystery shopper exercise undertaken by the Licensing Unit were also acknowledged and presented with a certificate to be displayed in their cab. Following the presentation there was a buffet lunch.

Vice Principal Marie Gilluley said: 'It's wonderful to see so many drivers take

part in this course and to celebrate their success. The NVQ is one example of the many great courses we offer that provide skills which help to raise industry standards. All our tutors delivering this course are, or have been, taxi drivers themselves, so they understand the nature of the business.

The drivers tell us they enjoy the course and get a lot out of it; this is shown through the increasing number that participate year on year. They say the NVQ increases their knowledge, helps them improve the service they give to their customers, gives them an opportunity to share experiences with other drivers, and gives them a real sense of achievement.'



Drivers of Excellence

Breakfast seminars

Our Business Support Team held two free breakfast seminars in November for around 40 employers from businesses all over Manchester.

The first workshop 'Achieve more... with less – How to transform the performance of your organisation through your people' was held in partnership with Pacific Institute on the 10 November. Neil Straker, Managing Director of The Pacific Institute, presented structured solutions for raising performance and achieving more for less through transformation of businesses' organisational culture. After the talk delegates had a question and answer session and time for networking.

The second workshop was 'Essential Employment Law Update for owner/managers of small and medium organisations – Implications of the Changing Worker Rights and Employers' Liabilities' held at the Fielden Campus on 25 November. A presentation was given by Valerie Francis from MOL, giving an update on topics such as changes in the discrimination law with the Equalities Act 2010, employers' liability in relation to non-permanent workers, and workers from overseas.

The Business Support Team plans to build on the success of these two events with more breakfast seminars in 2011.

Royal Television Society workshop

The Royal Television Society (RTS) held a career workshop at our Fielden Campus on the 9 November. Four speakers, all from

the media industry, were invited to speak to students from The Manchester College, Salford University, Chester University, Bolton University and the University of Central Lancashire, about how they got their breaks into media.



RTS workshop at Fielden Campus

Prince's Trust students volunteering transformations

This October a group of students from the voluntary Prince's Trust Team Programme transformed an old disused shower block to become a vTalent (an organisation providing volunteering opportunities) base room, while a second group of Prince's Trust students put life back in to the garden of Mine Head Centre (a respite day centre for the elderly). The students completed these volunteering projects as part of their 12 week personal development programme.

Anton James Sutton, a student from New Moston, joined the programme after hearing about it through the New Roundhouse project. He said about the vTalent project: 'This volunteering challenge has been my favourite bit so far. The Prince's Trust programme has been great, I will gain some qualifications, I've built my self-awareness, made some friends and

I've come out of my shell a bit. I think one of the biggest things I've learnt is how to speak to people with respect.'

Jacque Smith, Prince's Trust team leader on the Mine Head Centre project, said: 'The team worked really hard and had great compassion for what they were doing; we also received great feedback from the centre staff and visitors. The project

improved relations between local young people and the elderly.'

The Prince's Trust students will now undertake work experience placements and spend some time focusing on their next steps (future planning, CV writing, etc). After this they will complete a final volunteering team challenge and present their work to friends and family.



Prince's Trust programme students in the vTalent room

New Roundhouse student success

The New Roundhouse Project was set up by the college in 2009 to help NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people, between the ages of 16 and 19, get back into mainstream education or employment.

Based at the New Roundhouse in Higher Openshaw the project has an exciting and varied programme of learning with comprehensive support. The 'roll on roll off' programme enables young people to access the project whenever they are ready.

Nineteen year old Daniel Body from Longsight has been at the New Roundhouse project for a year. Helped by the project he was chosen by Platform2 (a global volunteering scheme for 18-25 year olds) to volunteer in Johannesburg, South Africa, for 10 weeks in October to teach football and English. Out of the 400 people who applied to volunteer abroad only 18 were chosen, with Daniel being the only young person from Manchester.

Daniel said: 'I have never been to Africa before and I'm not sure what it is going to be like. I'm sure it is going to change me though and open my eyes to a different way of life. The New Roundhouse project is great; they have really helped me a lot. My maths and English have really improved and I am hoping to do well in my exams.'

Keighley Gardner, 17 years old from Openshaw, was at the New Roundhouse project and is now at The Manchester College's Openshaw Campus studying for a BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social



Daniel Body will be volunteering in South Africa

Care. She is also a student representative and a student mentor.

Keighley said: 'I ended up leaving school because my attendance wasn't good, I was not doing well academically and was getting annoyed. My friend told me about the New Roundhouse Project and they helped me build my confidence, I got to mix with lots of different people and find out who I really am.



Keighley Gardner has progressed to a health and social care course

They also diagnosed my dyslexia and have provided me with learning help and support.

Keighley's Tutor for Health and Social Care, Tina Bird, said: 'Keighley is a strong, confident student who is more academic than she thought. She doesn't judge anyone and is supportive in the classroom both of other students and me.'

Colleges Week Charity Run for MENCAP

The Manchester College held a charity run on 10 November at Sportcity stadium (home to Manchester City Football Club) during British Colleges Week in conjunction with the Every Child Matters Positive Contribution Week. The run was organised to raise money for MENCAP which was suggested by sport student Matthew Cullen.

Matthew is in his second year at college studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport. Matthew's brother Roy had Down's syndrome and MENCAP funded the college that his brother attended. They also taught him how to live independently.

Roy passed away in January this year, aged 24, from illness and that is when Matthew decided to be more involved with MENCAP and to help them raise money to thank them for how they supported his brother.

Matthew volunteers at MENCAP coaching football for one of their groups, and plans to run the London Marathon next year on behalf of the charity. Matthew also volunteers in the college's Sport Development Department.



Participants ready to race for MENCAP

The day was a big success with over 120 participants coming along to walk, jog or run one mile or three miles for charity. £158 was raised in total for MENCAP. 'Students and staff from all campuses came to participate; I think it is great that people are willing to do things for charity voluntarily,' said Matthew.

'It was great to see so many students and staff making a positive contribution by running together to raise money MENCAP, to support Matthew's fundraising efforts and to highlight sports at The Manchester College,' said Kyle Jones, Further Education Sports Coordinator.

College student boxes clever to win title

Painting and decorating student Ryan Doyle, aged 18 from Gorton, recently won the title of North West Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) Bantamweight champion.

Ryan won the title by beating the more experienced 28 year old Michael Phelps in September. Having started boxing just three years ago, Ryan's achievement is even greater. He had always enjoyed watching boxing and eventually decided to try the sport for himself. Ryan attends Gorton Amateur Boxing Club and trains every morning and afternoon.

A former student at Wright Robinson Sports College, Ryan is currently studying at the Openshaw Campus, and said: 'I thought I'd try painting and decorating because I wanted to do a practical course and I really enjoy it. The course is great, I really enjoy working as part of a team and my tutor is really supportive, not only about my course but also my boxing too. I want to finish my course before I think about going professional with my boxing.'

Ryan's painting and decorating tutor, Lee Aldcroft, said: 'He's a model student. He trains in the morning and after college and still has 100% attendance. Winning this boxing title is a great achievement.'



Ryan Doyle, North West Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) Bantamweight champion

Kicking out discrimination at college football tournament

The 2010 Kick It Out 'One Game One Community' campaign took place from 14-26 October with 1,000 different activities taking place across the UK. As part of the campaign the college's Sports Department organised a seven a side football tournament to promote inclusiveness.

The tournament was open to all students and attracted 68 players, both male and female, across a diverse range of cultures and nationalities. Six students also volunteered to help run the event.

Before the tournament commenced the students attended a workshop with Earl Barrett (former footballer who played for England, Manchester City, Chester City, Oldham Athletic, Aston Villa, Everton, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday). Earl discussed his life as a successful footballer and hosted a discussion on discrimination in football.

Earl Barrett, who is an ambassador for Kick It Out, said, 'I have been involved with Kick It Out since I first began my career in football. The campaign has definitely made a difference and there have been some fantastic advances in football equality, but there is still much to be done. Events like this are great at highlighting the Kick It Out campaign against discrimination'.



Tournament participants

College footballers selected for national squads

Two of the Women's Academy team members, Lakisha Deweever and Hanifa Douglas, have recently been selected for the English Colleges Football Association's National Squad. The college has a great provision for women's football, with competitive fixtures taking place on a weekly basis in the British Colleges Sports National Colleges Football League.

'We have had some great successes with our women's football team over the last year. We reached the finals of the English Schools Football Association Under 18s School's Trophy for Girls. We were also in the finals of the British Colleges Sport Futsal Championships,' said Lynda Sheppard, teaching assistant and coach for the Women's Academy team.

In the Men's Academy, Scott Cheetham, captain of the men's football A team, has been selected for the forthcoming football trials at Ingram Soccer Academy and Lilleshall National Sports Centre in November and December for possible selection into the English Schools Football

Association Under 18 International Team. Scott has progressed to a level where he has also been selected for the FC United of Manchester first team.

FC United Manager and The Manchester College Head Coach, Karl Marginson, said: 'Scott's performances and attitude to both training and matches have shown him to be

an outstanding talent, not only within the football spectrum but also in his everyday life.'

For more information on the college's Football Academies fixtures, visit www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk



The Women's Academy team

Students refurbish Team GB's bobsleigh

Level 2 Paint and Body Refinishing students at the Preston Street Campus were given the exciting opportunity of working on the Great Britain (GB) bobsleigh before it was used at the Winter Olympics qualifying stages in Austria last month.

The GB bobsleigh team, who are all service men and women with the armed forces, needed the students to repair damage

which was sustained on the track and take off as much of the old paint as possible to reduce the weight and maximise track times. The new paint colours applied were British Red Cross red and the blades were finished in black. All the paints were donated by HMG Paints in Collyhurst, which cost in excess of £400.

Lamin Deen, GB Bobsleigh Team, said: 'The paint refinishing job the students at The Manchester College carried out has pushed us to achieve a great set of results to start the season. The sleigh

received no end of compliments from the rest of the world teams, pilots, coaches who competed in Austria.'

Aiden Lindsay, Level 2 Paint and Body Refinishing student said: 'We were really keen to work on the bobsleigh; we couldn't believe it was the GB team's sleigh and something we were working on would be on television. Our tutor showed us the correct methods to repair and prepare the sleigh for paint, it was a fantastic project to work on.'



Students refurbish the bobsleigh



The British team in Austria

Students and staff mark Remembrance Day

Led by students studying on public service courses, students and staff at all campuses observed a two-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to mark Remembrance Day, or Armistice Day.

The two-minute silence is observed in remembrance of all the people who've died in wars since World War I. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War when Germany and the Allies agreed a peace deal on the 'eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month' of 1918.



Public service students at the Openshaw Campus

Make your contribution

If you have a story you would like to contribute to the next issue of Headlines, why not email your information, your pictures and photo captions through to us. Just key in 'Headlines' in the 'To' field of your **FirstClass** email message and we'll consider it for the next edition.