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BCoT



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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We are one of the leading colleges in the region for advanced technical qualifications. As a student at BCoT, you will have the opportunity to learn an exciting mix of skills and knowledge with the help of our dedicated staff. Upon completing their studies, our students are able to continue learning at university or enter the world of work.

Our experienced teaching staff are experts in their fields, who can offer you first-hand knowledge in your chosen area. Our Student Support team are committed to ensuring you are enjoying and managing your studies at BCoT, so you are learning in a positive and productive environment.

BCoT is located in the heart of Basingstoke, a town that is increasingly giving more and more young people the chance to build exciting futures with small and large organisations. Our excellent employer links means you will have the chance to learn from, and work with, a range of local businesses and charities during your time at BCoT.

For our future students who are approaching the end of their time at secondary school, I would like to wish you all tremendous luck for the rest of your studies.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Anthony Bravo
Principal

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK SPECIAL – FIND OUT
MORE INSIDE!**

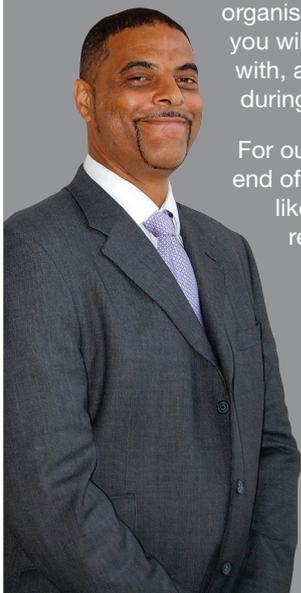
LATEST LEAGUE TABLES NAME BCoT AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST

BCoT has been named one of the top colleges in the UK and Hampshire for advanced technical skills training in the annual performance league tables published by FE Week, a leading education publication.

A very proud Principal Anthony Bravo said: "These figures show that we are by far the very best choice locally. Not only do we offer exceptional courses, facilities and teaching but a staggering 91% of our students progress to university, employment or further training opportunities. Why go anywhere else?"

It's not just student progression which the College is celebrating. The FE Week league tables also ranked BCoT in the upper third of 202 colleges nationwide for student satisfaction and progression and employer satisfaction.

See our news pages at www.bcot.ac.uk for the full story.



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COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2018**

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ALREADY APPLIED? WHAT'S NEXT....

If you've already applied, attended an applicant evening and received your offer – you're almost there! No doubt the next few months will be busy with revision and exams but there's still lots to look forward to before you join us in September. You'll be invited to attend our Summer Starter induction to help prepare you for college life. Then it's results day and enrolment!

STILL UNDECIDED OR HAVEN'T YET COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION? DON'T PANIC!

There's still time. If you need to, come and have another look around the college and see our fantastic facilities at our open events. Our industry trained staff will be on hand to guide you to the right decision about your future. We can also help you apply and answer any questions.

NEED SOME HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Give us a call on 01256 306679 – we're here to help. Our expert and friendly Student Support Team is also on hand if you need learning support or advice on transport and welfare.



NEXT OPEN EVENTS:

- **Monday 12 March**
4.30pm to 7.00pm
(Apprenticeship Open Evening)
- **Monday 14 May**
4.30pm to 7.00pm

Find out more and book your place at www.bcot.ac.uk.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT BCOT



EXPLORING THE GLOBE

It's not all about study here at BCOT. With a diverse enrichment programme designed to give students new experiences, opportunities and stretch imaginations, there's something for everyone.

Here are just some of the trips we have planned:

- Catering and Hospitality students are off to Canada to hone their culinary skills in a professional restaurant.
- Students from across the College are off to New York to immerse themselves in American culture, and see many of the city's famous landmarks.
- A South African safari adventure beckons for Animal Management students.
- Travel and Tourism students are sailing away to France and Ireland on a cruise to learn about travel planning and logistics. On board the ship 'The Independence of the Seas' students are set to enjoy ice skating, swimming and a brand new 'escape room'.
- Art and Design are visiting galleries in Berlin, Germany.

Find out more at bcot.ac.uk

SHINING A LIGHT ON APPRENTICESHIPS



With Brexit looming there's a huge priority for organisations to develop the skills of their people. Apprenticeships are the ideal solution and offer the chance to learn on the job, gain a qualification and get paid all at the same time.

From 5 to 9 March 2018, apprenticeships will be firmly under the spotlight during National Apprenticeship Week (NAW). To mark this national initiative, BCoT is partnering up with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Basingstoke Consortium and Basingstoke ITEC to run a series of local events to help you find out more about apprenticeships and see what opportunities are available.

Lorraine Heath, BCoT's Deputy Principal for Business said: "As one of the largest providers of apprenticeship training in the region we are the go-to organisation for all apprenticeship matters. If you're considering an apprenticeship, come along to one of our events and we'll provide all the information you need."

We're supporting National Apprenticeship Week #NAW2018
Search NAW2018 on GOV.UK

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – INFORMATION EVENTS IN BASINGSTOKE:

THURSDAY 8 MARCH

Basingstoke ITEC Open Evening – Woodlands Business Village

SATURDAY 10 MARCH

Apprenticeship roadshow at The Malls shopping centre

MONDAY 12 MARCH

Apprenticeship Open Evening from 4.30pm to 7pm at BCoT. Find out more about apprenticeships and meet prospective employers.

Look out on social media for more information on these events coming soon.



DANIEL'S STORY

Daniel Rose recently completed his Level 3 Marketing Apprenticeship at BCoT and is now in his first year at University of Portsmouth, studying a BA in Digital Marketing:

"I would recommend the apprenticeship route to anyone who wants to gain knowledge, whilst gaining experience in a professional workplace. My apprenticeship prepared me for my future studies by giving me the basic knowledge of marketing that I can expand at University."

KEEN TO START AN APPRENTICESHIP BUT NEED AN EMPLOYER?

National Apprenticeship Week is the ideal time for anyone looking to start an apprenticeship but yet to find an employer.

The College is working with some of the region's leading employers including BMW and Ocado who are recruiting for a number of exciting apprenticeship opportunities including IT, Digital Media and Engineering Technician (with a starting salary of £18,000!).

Explore the full range of vacancies at www.bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeships

BUSTING THE APPRENTICESHIP MYTHS

- Not just for school and college leavers
- Employed adults eligible too
- Earn more than the minimum wage
- Degree equivalent programmes available

Find out more at bcot.ac.uk



TRANSFORMING THE SKILLS INFRASTRUCTURE IN HAMPSHIRE

The College's new flagship building, the multi-million pound Future Skills Centre in Bordon is officially open. Home to the first cohort of carpentry, brickwork and plumbing students and apprentices, the centre offers world-class training facilities that will transform the skills infrastructure in Hampshire.



The Centre is already proving popular with over 90 students from local schools attending an event showcasing the skills training available. Taught by current BCoT students they tried their hands at various activities and met a number of leading industry employers including Taylor Wimpey, Kaybee Kitchens, Barratt Homes and AECON.

Local employers are also embracing and investing in the Skills Centre giving their time and expertise as they host BCoT students on various site visits. Students recently visited the construction site for a new care home being built by Mountjoy as part of the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Project.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Two BCoT Accountancy students have won the 2017 AAT Student of the Year sponsored by CMA Recruitment Group. Dawn Greenhill scooped top honours for the Level 2 Foundation Certificate while Andrea Caine took the title for the Level 3 Advanced Diploma.



Andrea, already qualified to Level 2, saw the Level 3 course as a good opportunity to return to the classroom and improve her skills further: "The atmosphere in the class was brilliant with a huge range of ages making for a really good, supportive atmosphere."

Dawn meanwhile said: "I wanted to change my future. I previously worked in an accounting role and had always intended to do a professional qualification to accelerate my career progression. Surrounded by students as opposed to distance learning really benefited me and we all supported each other throughout the course."

Visit www.bcot.ac.uk to discover our wide range of part-time accounting courses.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Mike Taylor Barber College

Get free haircuts and treatments including wet shaves, massages, beard trims and skin fades at our onsite barber salon. No booking required – just turn up!



The Restaurant at BCoT

Enjoy afternoon tea, a carvery lunch, fine dining evenings and much more courtesy of our hospitality and catering students.



Evolve Salon

New for 2018, we're offering Laser and IPL Hair Removal Micro Blading. Book in to experience the very latest hair and beauty treatments at competitive prices.

Onsite Nursery

Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, our onsite nursery is open to staff, students and families from the local community offering childcare for children aged three months to five years.

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