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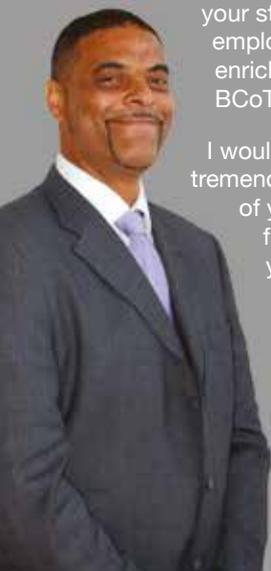
WELCOME TO 2019

This really is set to be your year! Not only will you wave your school days goodbye, but more importantly it's the year you start your college journey here with us at BCoT. Before you join us in September there's still much to play for, so please keep your eye on the ball and stay focused with your school studies!

If you need a little motivation to keep you on target, just remember what awaits you. More independence, new friends while you study in modern, state-of-the-art facilities. We have expert teachers, a Student Support Team all set to help you enjoy and manage your studies and excellent employer links to further enrich and enhance your BCoT experience.

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



ART STUDENTS WORK WITH NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

There's no better way to deepen your learning than to put your skills and the techniques you've learned into practice. All the better if this also benefits a very worthy cause which is exactly what happened when students on our Introductory Diploma in Art and Design course were asked to create artwork for the Basingstoke Night Light Winter Shelter (NLWS). Set up by local churches, NLWS offers shelter and hospitality to rough sleepers.

The water-themed pieces, which were completed as part of their work experience, now act as soothing artwork in the men's bedrooms at the shelter. Commenting on the difference their contribution has made Lorraine Anstey, NLWS Project Coordinator said: "Huge thanks to BCoT students for the wonderful artwork. The tranquil blues and beautiful designs have really brightened up the men's bedroom."



For more stories see our news pages at www.bcot.ac.uk

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Apprenticeships



INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP BUT NEED AN EMPLOYER?

Come along to our Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair on Monday 11 March from 4.30pm to 7pm. It's one of the biggest apprenticeship events in the south of England and a great opportunity for you to:

- chat to over 40 employers about their apprenticeship vacancies
- find out how apprenticeships can work for you with our apprenticeship team, Aspiral Learning and
- learn more about the support available.

We work with some of the region's largest employers and can offer opportunities in a wide variety of industries. Make sure you're dressed to impress and bring your C.V!

If you can't make the event then take a look at the apprenticeship vacancies on offer at bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies. From Business Admin to Catering, Finance to Site Maintenance – there's something for everyone!

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON APPRENTICESHIPS?

- 📞 www.bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeships
- ☎ 01256 306237
- ✉ business@bcot.ac.uk



Taylor Wimpey apprentices show Damian Hinds MP what they've learnt at our Future Skills Centre in Bordon.

Taylor Wimpey

BEING AN APPRENTICE – WHAT'S INVOLVED

We take a look at the bricklaying apprenticeship we've developed in partnership with Taylor Wimpey, one of Britain's largest house building companies.

All our apprentices study one day a week at our state-of-the-art Future Skills Centre in Bordon, recently put on the national map following a visit from the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP. Our expert tutors teach the advanced technical skills needed to be site ready in the workshop and classroom. For the remaining four days, the apprentices further develop these skills in a real-life work context and are currently getting hands-on experience building houses for the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Project.

During the three-year training programme, the apprentices earn a competitive hourly wage, gain industry recognised qualifications and enjoy attractive company benefits.

LIFTING THE LID ON BCoT'S VOCATIONAL COURSES

If you prefer to learn through a mix of practical application and classroom theory, a vocational course is the perfect choice.

The learning approach and lifestyle at BCoT is quite different from school as only a few of our courses are exam based and different assessment methods are used to monitor progress.

Studying a vocational qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC, City & Guilds or UAL Diploma will provide a more hands-on experience, is more aligned to an employer's needs and allows you to focus on a particular subject, sector or industry.

These courses can also prepare you for your next step on to university, an apprenticeship or your first job – in some cases they can even give you a head start!



ENRICHING YOUR BCoT EXPERIENCE

Deepening your learning, putting your skills into practice, meeting leading employers and experiencing new opportunities are a fundamental part of studying here at BCoT. Our exciting programme of trips, visits and work experience will ensure you're as busy out of the classroom as you are in it, enhancing your learning in a fun, meaningful way.

Here's a taste of what our students have been up to:



Animal Management: safari trip to South Africa.



Hair and Beauty: raising money for Children in Need.



Art and design: poppy art installation to mark WWI centenary.



Sport: charity football match to raise money for the Royal British Legion.



Applied Science: trip to Bletchley Park to learn about code breaking and hacking.



Travel and Tourism: cruise trip to France and Ireland.



Public Services: fitness sessions with the Royal Marines in Portsmouth.



Motorsport (BCoT Racing Team): competing in the final rounds of the Hyundai Coupe Cup (UK) 2018 at Brands Hatch.



Hospitality: working at the Eat Street event in Festival Place.

NOW YOU'VE APPLIED, WHAT'S NEXT?

Here's a simple guide to what happens after your application has been submitted with key dates and details of what you will need to do before starting in September:

If you haven't already done it, book to attend your Applicant Evening

Come and meet the teachers, try out your subject area with a hands-on activity and see if you like it at BCoT.

Book on one of the following dates in 2019:

WED 16 JAN	WED 30 JAN	WED 27 FEB
WED 20 MAR	WED 8 MAY	WED 24 JULY

Choose your course

Once you've told us what you want to study, you'll receive a conditional offer letter from us in the post.

Attend our Summer Starter events

You'll be invited to join us for a morning or afternoon between **Tuesday 25 June** and **Friday 23 June** to meet your classmates, get a taste of college life and prepare for September.

GCSE results day

We'll be open on **Thursday 22 August** to answer your questions. Whatever your results, talk to us - we can help!

Enrolment

We will be enrolling students from **Friday 23 August** to **Monday 2 September**. You'll be invited to attend an appointment on a date during this time to get your ID badge, computer log-in details and provide evidence of your exam results.

Got a question about your application?

Contact our Schools' Liaison team on **01256 306679** or email nextyear@bcot.ac.uk



BCoT IN TOP 16% OF ALL UK FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

It's official! We're one of the best further education colleges in the UK offering advanced technical skills training. Latest league tables* put BCoT in the top 16% of all further education colleges and equal best in Hampshire.

You already know we're a vibrant and dynamic college but what this league table also tells you is that both the learners and the employers we work with are incredibly satisfied with the service they receive. Our impressive success rates speak for themselves but they also show you that the quality of teaching and learning you will experience here at BCoT will be second to none. There's lots for you to look forward to!

*The league table is produced by FE Week, a leading further education publication.



QUESTION CORNER



We take five minutes with Brooke Dobing, our Student Union President:

Q What school did you go to?

A Bishop Challoner.

Q What course are you studying?

A Uniformed Public Services.

Q What does your Student Union President role involve?

A It's really varied. I get involved in lots of activities including setting up inter-faculty competitions, contributing to social media, meeting the Principal and organising the Freshers' Fair. I've also helped set up a new group for LGBT students and have been elected to represent students on the college's Board of Governors.

Q What do you like about your course?

A It's really hands-on and has lots of practical elements. The course topics are really interesting and I really like the Citizenship and Diversity module – I've learnt a lot!

Q What do you want to do after college?

A I'd like to be a Police Officer, maybe with the British Transport Police in London. I'm planning to apply to join the Metropolitan Police and I am also looking into studying a Policing course at university.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Mike Taylor Barbering 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 from £10 per person on Wednesday 27 February and Wednesday 27 March or come along to our Murder Mystery Night on Wednesday 3 April.



Evolve Salon

Affordable hair services and beauty treatments including a range designed specifically for men.



Onsite Nursery

Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, we offer childcare for children aged three months to five years for staff, students and families from the local community.

Art Studios

Take advantage of our excellent on-site facilities and hire our industry-standard art studios.

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