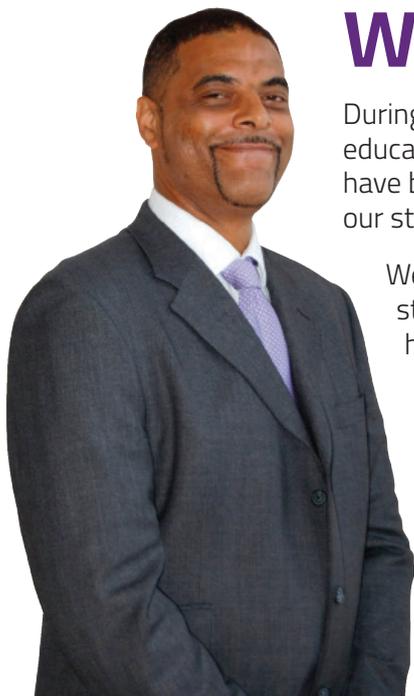




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Welcome from the Principal

During the last term at BCoT, we have shown how we can use our digital innovation to educate our students during the Covid-19 pandemic. From Monday 23 March, all classes have been taken online - something I am very proud of. It has been a pleasure ensuring that our students continue their education at this difficult and uncertain time for everyone.

We have supported our community by providing food donations from our catering students and canteen. We've given the local hospital personal protection equipment to help with their battle against the virus.

Before going online, we ran our Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair, which you can read more about in this newsletter, along with other stories that have taken place in the last few months at BCoT. We're looking at how we can take future events online and will update you as soon as we know more.

I hope you enjoy this bulletin and thank you for your continued support of BCoT.

Anthony Bravo, Principal

BCoT holds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, BCoT held one of the region's largest apprenticeship recruitment events, welcoming over 45 companies to its Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair.

The event, run by Aspiral Learning, was attended by more than 250 prospective students – all ready to discuss their futures with companies who were showcasing their apprenticeships.

Marcus Headington, Head of Business and External Engagement at BCoT, said: "It was fantastic to see so many people attend our apprenticeship event. Fairs like this are crucial in giving students the opportunity to engage with employers. Apprenticeships give the chance to learn on the job instead of the traditional classroom methods and are an excellent way of gaining recognised qualifications, workplace experience and skills, whilst earning a salary."

Read more about the event here.

BCoT student wins Women in Housing award

Kimberley Wheatland has a passion for carpentry and is currently studying Level 2 Carpentry Standards at BCoT.

Kimberley won the 'Young Achiever - large organisation' trophy at the Women in Housing awards. Read more about Kimberley's story here.



Apprentice of the month

Emily Bartley studied a Level 3 Social Media NVQ Apprenticeship at BCoT. She now works at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council doing an apprenticeship in digital marketing.

"I enjoyed learning about all things social media, using the new skills and knowledge within my role to benefit the management of different social networks.

My qualification has enabled me to progress to a Level 6 Digital Marketer Apprenticeship with Southampton Solent University."



BCoT Ambassador, Rafi Razzak

Rafi Razzak, Chairman of Centerprise International, is a BCoT Ambassador.

Watch this video to hear about his experiences of BCoT.



Encouraging women to study engineering

To coincide with International Women's Day, female students from The Costello School in Basingstoke recently spent a morning at BCoT to discover more about careers in engineering.

Run by the engineering department, the students visited BCoT's industry-standard facilities, followed by a hands-on activity.

They spent time with female engineer Caitlin Smyth, a former BCoT student, who studied a BTEC Level 4 HNC Diploma in Engineering and now works at Middlesex Aerospace. Caitlin talked about what it is like to work in the engineering industry by sharing her experiences.

Read more about the day here.



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