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NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE

SCHOOL COLLEGE

PARTNERSHIP

SCHOOLS TEAM

Our comprehensive schools programme sees over 2000 school pupils visiting the College or being taught by our lecturers each week.

The team and all staff at the College also look for innovative ways to benefit local schools through the various skills and talents students at New College Lanarkshire possess.

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MEET SCOTT BLACK

Scott is a new addition to the schools team, he spared a few minutes to tell us more about what he does.

What is your role within the College?

I am the Foundation Apprenticeship Coordinator, meaning I work with schools, local employers and the College to develop work-based learning opportunities for senior phase pupils.

Why are Foundation Apprenticeships important?

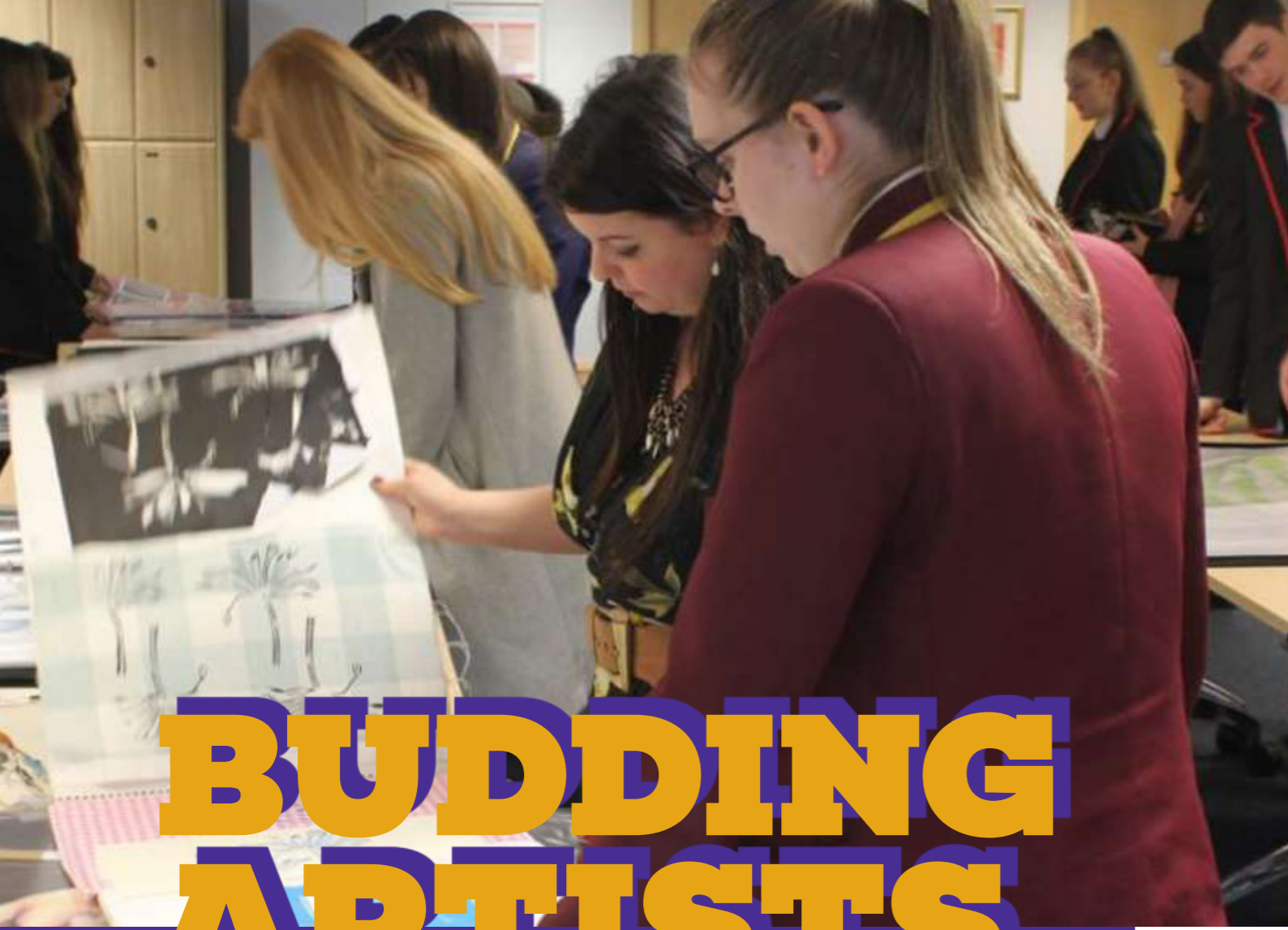
These programmes of work-based learning are a fantastic opportunity for the school pupils. They enable them to get a feel for a career, achieve a vocational qualification and gain work experience alongside their school studies.

What does New College Lanarkshire offer?

We offer six Foundation Apprenticeship frameworks for school pupils these are: Engineering, IT Hardware & System Support, IT Software, Creative & Digital Media, Social Services & Healthcare and Scientific Technologies.

I'm interested, how do I get in touch?

If you'd like to find out more, the best thing to do is email me at scott.black@nclan.ac.uk – I look forward to hearing from you.



BUDDING ARTISTS

DRAW ON EXPERT TUITION

BUDDING artists from nine local high schools have been given an insight into studying at a professional art school, thanks to a showcase event held in New College Lanarkshire's Cumbernauld Campus.

The College held a Portfolio Preparation Showcase for pupils interested in a career in art to see the standard of work required to study at leading art school, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design (djcad).

Over 100 pupils from Chryston HS, Braidhurst HS, Cumbernauld Academy, St. Maurice's HS, Clyde Valley HS, Taylor HS, Greedfaulds HS, St. Ambrose HS and Douglas Academy attended the event to browse portfolios submitted by successful first-year entrants at DJCAD.

They also were given an insight into New College Lanarkshire's offering of Art and Design courses through a range of workshops by staff and students – which can offer a stepping stone into study at art school.

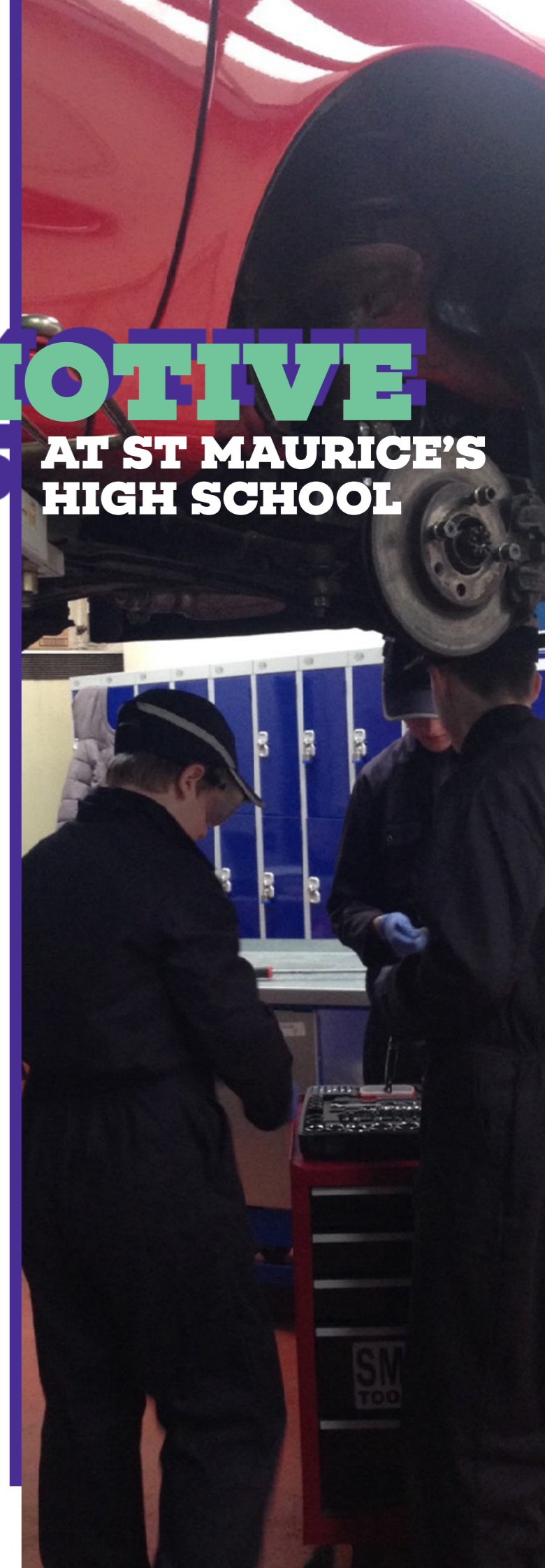
PUPILS GAIN AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS AT ST MAURICE'S HIGH SCHOOL

Pupils from five local high schools attend the automotive workshop at St Maurice's High School for six periods per week to gain automotive skills.

Coming from St Maurice's High School, Greenfaulds High School, Our Lady's High School, Cumbernauld Academy and Kilsyth Academy, the pupils study units including Routine Vehicle Checks, Routine Wheel and Tyre Checks, Vehicle Lighting System Maintenance and Cleaning a Vehicle.

The 39 pupils all work together to complete their tasks, developing teamwork skills. In the photograph, pupils from Cumbernauld Academy and Our Lady's High School can be seen working together to repair a fault found during routine servicing.

Garry Taylor, lecturer in Engineering and Automotive, said: "the close collaboration between schools and the College has a profound impact on our young learners and their journey on to further education, work and beyond."



A TRANSFORMATION FOR COSMETOLOGY PUPILS



Pupils from Greenfaulds, St Maurice's and Our Lady's High School all participated in make-up, face painting and hairdressing activities as part of their National 5 Cosmetology course at the College.

INNOVATORS OF THE FUTURE

show skills in robotics competition



Lanarkshire pupils brought their STEM skills to life at a regional robotics competition hosted by New College Lanarkshire.

Pupils from five local secondary schools attended the College to compete in the VEX Robotics Regional Heat for the chance to be selected for the UK National Final taking place next month.

Aimed at pupils aged 11 to 18, the VEX Robotics competitions aim to encourage teamwork, problem solving and leadership while encouraging them to get involved in STEM subjects.

The 55 competitors were cheered on by their teachers, fellow pupils, New College Lanarkshire students and staff members, including Chair of the Lanarkshire Regional Board, Linda McTavish.

The winning alliance, made up of pupils from Braidhurst and Airdrie Academy were scheduled to compete at the VEX Robotics UK National Championships at the International Centre in Telford on 3 March but sadly the 'Beast from the East' prevented them from attending.

Lecturer Michael McGuire said: "We were very disappointed after all the hours spent working towards the competition not to have the chance to compete, as the scores we achieved in Motherwell when we had our competition would have seen us finish in the top teams. We have taken some positives away from the event though as our progress and the scores we achieved were on par with the best competing teams."



INSPIRATIONAL PUPIL RECEIVES AWARD

FOR COLLEGE ROBOTICS CLUB

A Motherwell pupil has been presented with a prestigious award for creating positive social change by running a school robotics club - after being inspired by lecturers at New College Lanarkshire.

Melissa Rodger was one of 17 inspirational young people from Scotland to be presented with a Diana Award in memory of Princess Diana on the 20th anniversary of her untimely passing.

The 15-year-old Braidhurst High pupil received the award for her passion in bringing gender diversity into the world of engineering, actively taking a lead role in encouraging her female peers to take an interest in the subject.

Through her love of science, Melissa devoted her lunchtimes and evenings to lead a robotics club for younger, more vulnerable pupils within her school, creating a fun and welcoming learning environment. Her physics sessions are now so popular that there is a waiting list of pupils who want to join.

Melissa was inspired to start the group after attending the Vex Robotics Club held at New College Lanarkshire's Motherwell Campus - aimed at school pupils to learn, design, build and program robots.

Lecturer Lisa Nicholson, who is a leading promoter in getting girls into STEM subjects for the College, commented: "Melissa is an extremely committed and hardworking young person who we know will go far in life. She is an inspiration to all young people, especially young girls, who aspire to get into engineering and promote gender equality in the subject.

"We are extremely proud of her for receiving this award, and are sure it will be the first of many!"

Melissa was presented the award by author Ian Rankin and Deputy Lord Provost Joan Griffiths.



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PUPILS TAKE PART IN**

HACKATHON

New College Lanarkshire hosted an innovative computing challenge for local school pupils to give them a taste of a career in the industry.

The Faculty of Computing and Creative Industries hosted the 'Hackathon' event for third year pupils studying Computing and Business Studies at St. Ninian's High School in Kirkintilloch.

The 121 pupils were challenged with creating a prototype mobile application and associated marketing campaign which they presented to fellow classmates, teachers and college staff.

Jennifer Livingstone, Principal Teacher of Business at St. Ninian's, commented: "During the week of the Hackathon the school was being inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectors who attended the challenge and commented that it was a display of excellence. They particularly liked the link between the two departments and the College. They were also impressed by the focus on employability skills and course choices, and pupils applying subject skills into a focus task."

ASSOCIATION OF HAIRDRESSERS & THERAPISTS COMPETITIONS

New College Lanarkshire was named Best College in Scotland for Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy after winning 18 medals at a prestigious industry competition.

Students from the College's Faculty of Service Industries achieved seven gold, six silver and five bronze medals at the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists Competition Scottish Heat, held in Coatbridge High School on 12 February, resulting in the College being named the Best Overall College in Scotland.

The medal haul secured the students from across the College's Coatbridge and Cumbernauld campuses a place at the national finals held in the iconic Winter Gardens in Blackpool in March – where they won a further 11 medals!

New College Lanarkshire students brought home five gold medals, two silvers and four bronze across a range of categories from prosthetics to bridal hair and make-up.

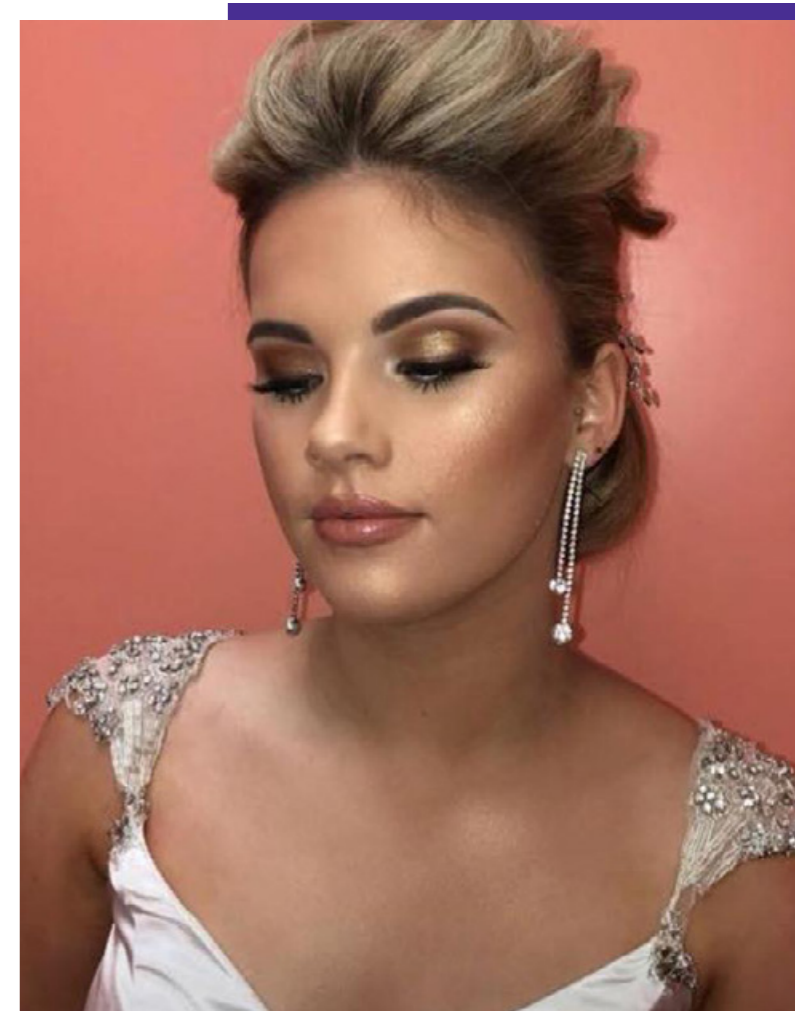
A silver medal was awarded to school pupil Julia Cielatkowska from partnership school Our Lady's High School in the 14+ Young Fashionable Hair.

Head of the Faculty of Service Industries at New College Lanarkshire, Anne Lynch, said: "To be named the best college in Scotland for Hair and Beauty at the regional heats was a fantastic accolade in itself, and a testament to the hard work both our staff and students put into their work.

"Bringing home 11 medals from Blackpool is just the icing on the cake, and I'd like to

congratulate each and every student that took part, all their hard work and studies are paying off and I know great things are ahead for them.

"At New College Lanarkshire we pride ourselves on providing the best education, keeping up to date with the latest trends and providing skills necessary for future employment, and these awards prove that we are doing just that."





UNIFORMED SERVICES

PUPILS

Pupils from schools in North and South Lanarkshire have been attending a class at college one day per week to get a taster of careers in the military or emergency services.

Pupils from S4 to S6 receive a mix of classroom tuition at our Motherwell Campus in addition to fitness training at the nearby Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, working towards a National 4 qualification in Uniformed and Emergency Services. They also have visits from agencies, such as the RAF, Army, Royal Navy, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue and Scottish Ambulance Service to learn more about potential career opportunities.

Recently S5 students from St Andrew's High attended Airspace trampoline park in East Kilbride as an activity they planned and kept minutes of as part of a 'Working with Others' unit.

Students from St Andrews High, St Margaret's, Cardinal Newman, Coatbridge High and Airdrie Academy also attended Glencourse Barracks, Penicuik, for a tour of the base and a taste of Army life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Skillset For Life Show

Monday 31st May

St Andrew's High School, Coatbridge

8.45am-3.45pm

Staff and students from each faculty at the College will set up mini taster sessions for S1/2 pupils to find out more about what they could study at New College Lanarkshire. WorldSkills UK will also be attending on the day.

JUNE

Have a Go

Motherwell Campus

S4-6 pupils from schools across North Lanarkshire have been invited to Motherwell Campus in June to 'Have a Go' of the College's Architectural software, Revit. This will give pupils a flavour of the types of software currently being used as part of the HNC/D courses in Computer Aided Architectural Design and Technology. A tour of the campus is also on offer to raise awareness of other courses the College can offer school leavers.