



All photos above were taken before lockdown and social distancing restrictions

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**Welcome** to the school of Sport, Travel & Public Services (STPS) Newsletter! For this edition, my message is one of thank you to all our academic and support staff alike. Our lecturers have been working hard to maintain a high standard of teaching, learning and assessment since the start of the academic year. All of STPS have been doing all possible to support our learners whilst having to adopt a flexible approach in these challenging times. Let's all continue working together in order to stay safe.

**Kai Barnes, Head of School (Sport, Travel & Public Services)**



WEARING A MASK  
*shows you care*

ABOUT THOSE  
AROUND YOU

## Jack Petchey Awards

### **Congratulations to our Travel & Tourism learners**

who were nominated and won Jack Petchey Awards:

- ★ Valentina Dusnoki (Level 5 HE T&T)

For always working hard, getting best grades showing excellence and dedication to her studies, 100% attendance

- ★ Jessica De Sousa (Level 4 HE T&T)

For managing to secure the post of HE Tutor Representative for Uxbridge College, having worked hard and with enthusiasm throughout the process

- ★ Madison Cook (Level 2 T&T)

For coming back into education to better her grades, her dedication and commitment have impressed her teachers



Valentina Dusnoki



Jessica De Sousa



The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and recognise their outstanding achievements by awarding them for hard work and positive impact in their community.

## Sports Academies update

### **Still in the game!**



FOUNDATION

Since September (and before lockdown 2.0) the **Football Academy** was in full swing with a friendly match every week and holding internal tournaments (pictured above is one of the winning team). These helped boost the morale within our teams and gave the students incentive to work towards future competitions.



We would like to welcome new Head Coach of the **Basketball Academy** – Blayne Freckleton. Blayne is currently the captain of the Thames Valley Cavaliers. His knowledge and years of professional experiences has already imprinted on the basketball academy students and we are excited to see what this season holds. We are hopeful that all our academies will start competing again in January.

*Blayne Freckleton in action (left)*

To join an academy please contact [sacademies@uxbridgecollege.ac.uk](mailto:sacademies@uxbridgecollege.ac.uk)

## Teacher of the year... twice

### T&T teacher bags two awards



Michelle Bradly proudly showing her awards in Uxbridge College mock aircraft cabin

Travel & Tourism Lecturer and Section Manager Michelle Bradley is celebrating after being selected as the winner of two awards in the London Teacher of the Year Awards 2020. Michelle scooped not only FE College Academic Support Staff of the Year Award, but London FE Member of Staff of the Year Award. She was recognised for supporting excellent attendance rates, learner engagement and success rates, as well as building strong employer links. She was nominated by colleagues and by British Airways, who she works with to provide opportunities for students to gain real experience. Congratulations Michelle!

## Attendance matters...

### .. especially in Covid times



**Feeling unwell? Going to be late? Who are you going to call?** Carol & Debbie of course! Our tenacious attendance co-ordinators, are always at your disposal to take your calls and messages for attendance, punctuality and Covid related absences. Please keep them informed via email or phone:

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## Successful work placements

### Sport students offered employment

**EVOLVE**  
GYM



**Kirin**  
Keep It Right In Sport

A number sport students, selected on performance and strong desire in pursuing a position in the industry, successfully completed our special 5 week work experience programme. Placements included Personal Trainer with Evolve Gym, Sport Coach with PSD and PE teacher in primary schools with Kirin Sport. Students proudly represented the College resulting in offers of paid employment. We are proud of our strong links with local employers!

## New faces in Public Services

### From army barracks to classrooms



Jeff White  
(left) and  
Keith  
Gardiner  
(right)  
heading  
team  
Insurgent



Welcome to Jeff White and Keith Gardiner who have joined the Uniformed Public Services Team following a long esteemed career in the Armed Services including deployment to war zones around the world. They both bring a wealth of experience to add to the teaching team who now boast a total of 105 years' service.

## On your marks

### Public Services students on 'gun run' exercise



Public Services students were challenged on a team activity designed to test their physical endurance and the good bonds between all levels programme. They had to assemble items of equipment the form of a gun/cannon. Students enjoyed the activity despite the rainy September day.

If you have any stories or ideas for this newsletter, please contact our administrator [FCarmagnini@uxbridgecollege.ac.uk](mailto:FCarmagnini@uxbridgecollege.ac.uk)

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