

SUNDERLAND 14-19 NEWSLETTER

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Sunderland Futures students style their way to the top



Students from Sunderland Futures Harraton and Pallion Centres scooped most of the prizes at the annual Hair and Beauty Competition held at Northumbria University. This is a popular regional event attended by many of the Further Education Colleges and Work Based Learning providers across the North East.

Students entered different categories and used their design skills and expertise to create an overall 'look' for their model, which also included make-up and fashion. The awards included three 'First Place', a 'Second Place' and three 'Third Place'. Sunderland Futures achieved the highest score overall in the competition. Ms Karen Parry-Griffiths said, "We are delighted by the results! The students have worked extremely hard to develop their skills and we are very proud of them."

Quality Assurance Awards Congratulations



Silver Award

Angela Hutchinson, QA Manager, and Assessors Deb Nelson and Charlotte McKay, BL Hairdressing Training



Gold Award

Stephanie Clay, Asst Headteacher, and David Thornton, Headteacher, Farringdon Community Sports College



Silver Award

Brian Walton, Associate Headteacher presents the Award to Derek Freeman, Managing Director Milltech Training



Gold Award

Anne Hopper, Learning & Support Manager, Denise Wilson, Trust Secretary, Joyce Young, Standards Co-ordinator Springboard Sunderland

Congratulations to the staff of Farringdon Community Sports College and Springboard Sunderland for achieving Sunderland's Quality Assurance Gold Award, and to everyone at BL Hairdressing Training and Milltech for gaining the Quality Assurance Silver Award.

Residential Aimhigher Visit to York St John

For the first time ever, Year 10 pupils from Sunderland schools have the opportunity to experience student life at York St John University, Tuesday 2—Wednesday 3 June 2009.

The schools involved are Monkwearmouth and Sandhill View. Pupils will have the opportunity to sample mini-lectures, attend workshops and meet current undergraduate students.

Maggie Stewart, Aimhigher Manager, said, "The pupils will certainly enjoy this two-day event, particularly as the evening entertainment is a talent competition 'Has York St John Got Talent!'"

Any news?

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Straight Up Campaign Success

Sunderland City Provider Network recently commissioned a series of school presentations for Year 11 students as part of its school campaign to raise awareness of the range of Apprenticeship opportunities available for 16 year olds.

Michelle Lindsay, a freelance actress and drama facilitator, delivered the presentations on behalf of the Network. Michelle regularly works with schools and community groups, and has managed the Butterfly Drama Group for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities at The Place.



Michelle Lindsay

Denise Wilson Chair of Sunderland City Provider Network said: "We would like to thank Michelle for all her excellent work; she has enlightened our young people about the work based learning and apprenticeship opportunities."

Link between Functional Skills and GCSE attainment

It was announced at the beginning of April that the government had abandoned the proposal that GCSE pupils would need to achieve corresponding level 2 functional skills in order to achieve grades A* - C in English, mathematics and ICT GCSE.

Functional skills will continue to be a key part of the 14-19 education reforms and DCSF will continue to work with Ofqual to further improve the assessment of Functional Skills in the GCSE, so that learners gain functional skills appropriate to their level of attainment. For more information visit the [DCSF website](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk).

University of Sunderland Welcomes Diplomas

The University of Sunderland welcomes applications from Advanced Diploma students for entry to undergraduate degree programmes.

The University has identified its UCAS entry profiles for each programme for entry in 2010 and these profiles will be available on the UCAS website in the coming year. www.ucas.ac.uk

The University would consider all Advanced Diplomas for entry to year 1 of the three or four year undergraduate degree programmes, unless they have specific entry requirements e.g. where applicants must have Chemistry at A Level to study Pharmacy.

The University of Sunderland has identified a number of subject specialists who can assist Diploma Development Network Groups to support the development of the Advanced Diplomas in all Lines of Learning .

Lesley Griffin, in charge of Student Recruitment and Business Partnerships at the University said, "We are also supporting teacher training for Diplomas and the University is one of the few providers in the country to train 14-19 Diploma Specialist Teachers through Training and Development Agency (TDA) approved places. In 2009, we expect 20 specialist teachers to graduate and 50 secondary education teachers with added diploma experience to join the workforce. In 2010, we expect 40 specialist teachers to graduate and 90 secondary education teachers with added diploma experience to join the workforce."

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