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Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of Bradford College's stakeholder newsletter. We're thrilled to continue on this journey of connection and collaboration with you.

Through this newsletter we aim to share our progress, achievements, and the transformative impact we're making with our students and in the wider Bradford community.

You can explore our full catalogue of news at: bradfordcollege.ac.uk/news



£6.9m Mill Transformation Project Complete

A multimillion-pound renovation project on our main campus has transformed a derelict mill into a flexible digital, science, and allied health training facility for higher-level students.

Garden Mills, on Thornton Road, opened its doors to staff and students recently after months of construction work on the 1900s five-storey building. The development comes after £5.8 million in funding from The Office for Students (OfS) Higher Education Capital Fund and a £1.1 million College contribution.

The site is now our dedicated building for HNC, HND, and degree programmes in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), including digital and ophthalmic courses.

Contractors Tilbury Douglas led the Garden Mills project and installation of industry-standard equipment, including six digital IT labs,

an ophthalmic dispensing suite, a prep room, a clinical suite, a real-life work environment with consulting and testing booths, a collaboration area, and academic teaching spaces.

Christopher Malish, Vice Principal Finance & Corporate Services, said: "Seeing Garden Mills return to life has been extremely rewarding. This new facility will enhance the student experience, create more graduate opportunities, and counter regional skills shortages in STEM-related sectors."

Find out more about Garden Mills and other ongoing capital projects [here](#).

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Bradford College Named a Prestigious 'Microsoft Showcase School'

Bradford College is officially one of an elite group of education institutions recognised as a 'Microsoft Showcase School' for the 2024/2025 academic year.

Microsoft Showcase Schools are global pioneers in education. Only a few institutions earn the title each year for their impact on education through digital transformation, representing 'the best of teaching and learning in the world today.'

The status now allows us, as a College, to work with Microsoft, receive support from Global Training Partners, and share best practice with like-minded education leaders around the planet using Microsoft Education Transformation Framework.

Read the full story [here](#).



Ambition [HUB] Welcomes New Students

In line with the new academic year, we kicked off with a fantastic Welcome Event for new Ambition [HUB] students.

Furkan Uddin, Head of Professional Services & Leisure, said: "This year, we aim to expand Ambition [HUB] and have more courses involved in our masterclasses. Our focus will be on 'power skills' like resilience, confidence, communication, collaboration, customer service, innovation, and sustainability—skills highly valued by the employers we work with."

Learn more about Ambition [HUB] [here](#).



T-LEVELS

T Levels are a 2-year qualification that you can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship.

They have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need.

Find out more [here](#)

Bradford College Celebrates Exceptional Level 3 Results Day

We celebrated extraordinary student success in August as Level 3 students received their exam results.

An impressive 1,468 students gained a Level 3 qualification at Bradford College in 2023/24. This includes diplomas, extended diplomas, NVQs, and BTECs, making us one of the largest Level 3 providers in the region.

Read the full story [here](#).





Excellence in Education Celebrated at Inaugural Bradford College STAR Awards

Cedar Court Hotel was filled with excitement and anticipation in July for the first-ever Bradford College STAR Awards.

The prestigious event celebrated outstanding achievements and excellence in education, honouring College students and employers for their remarkable contributions over the past academic year. The Awards recognised those who have gone above and beyond in their educational pursuits and support roles.

CEO & Principal, Chris Webb, said: "Tonight we celebrate the stars of Bradford College, whose dedication and passion for learning inspires us all. These awards are not just about individual achievement but also about the collective spirit of our community."

Read the full story, including all the award winners, [here](#).

Junction Mills Demolition Paves Way for £17m Future Technologies Centre

Specially appointed contractor Morgan Sindall Construction commenced demolition of our derelict Junction Mills building on Thornton Road in July, making way for a new purpose-built Future Technologies Centre.



The demolition of Junction Mills marks the start of construction on the state-of-the-art four-storey building, which will become the home of modern automotive and digital engineering training at Bradford College.

Once open, the facility will offer students skills in new technologies, such as electric/hybrid vehicles and advanced manufacturing. The Centre will be vital in supporting the growth of technology and low-carbon skills capability within West Yorkshire.

Read the full story [here](#).



Health & Safety Earn Prestigious RoSPA Award

Our Health & Safety Department recently fought off global competition to win a RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) Award, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to health and safety excellence.

The Team picked up a 'Highly Commended' award in the Education & Training Service Sector category, emphasising a dedication to an embedded culture of health and safety across College and making sure everyone gets home safely at the end of each day.

Director of People Services, Sarah Cooper, said: "I'm delighted that we've received this illustrious award. This recognises not only the work of the Health & Safety Team, but that of all colleagues across our College campuses. It's absolutely essential that we keep students, staff, stakeholders and visitors free from harm whilst studying, working or visiting Bradford College."

Read the full story [here](#)

Get into Teaching Open Evening

**Lister Building,
Bradford College**

**Tue 28 Jan 2025
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Find out more [here](#)

Joinery Apprentice Secures Second Place at SkillBuild National Final 2024

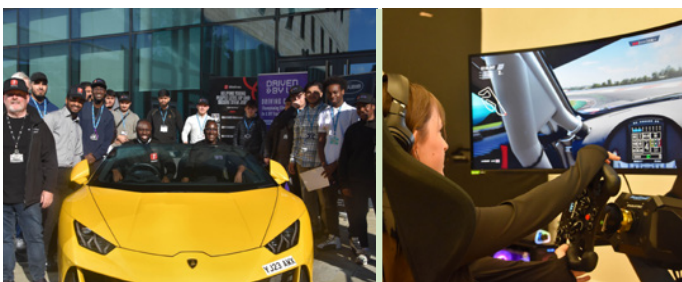
Bradford College Apprenticeships continue to deliver outstanding results, as Level 2 Joinery Apprentice Ahmed Shakir clinched second place in the Joinery category at the SkillBuild National Final 2024.

Delivered by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), SkillBuild is the UK's largest multi-trade competition for construction trainees and apprentices. This year's National Final, held from 19th to 21st November at the Marshall Arena in Milton Keynes, brought together skilled competitors to tackle high-pressure challenges that showcased their expertise and adaptability.

Ahmed's journey with Bradford College began in 2021, when he enrolled on a Carpentry and Joinery course, completing both Level 1 and Level 2 over two years. Eager to further develop his skills, he joined Abrahams & Carlisle in September 2023 to begin his apprenticeship in Bench Joinery.



Read the full story [here](#).



Students Benefit From Special 'Bradford Motorsport Engagement Programme'

David Hockney Building was a hive of motorsport and all things vehicular recently, as the 'Bradford Motorsport Engagement Programme' (BMEP) came to a celebratory close.

Since the start of September, around 35 Motor Vehicle students benefitted from the programme supporting their studies and were invited by facilitators, Driven By Us and Motivez, to a special event at the College to recognise their success – funded by wider partner, Mission 44.

James Dornor, CEO of Driven By Us, said: "Programmes like this are proof that Bradford College goes above and beyond to provide students with insight into key industries, that might not appear readily available without support."

Various activities were put on for the celebration event, as students enjoyed professional motorsport simulators, the visit of a Lamborghini from Oasis supercar garage and much more, all while being specially filmed by a Sky Sports camera crew!

The day was made possible thanks to our trailblazing, wider partnership with Sir Lewis Hamilton's Mission 44.

Read the full story [here](#).



BBG Win First-Ever Bradford College Greenpower Challenge

It was BBG Academy who were crowned champions of the Bradford College Greenpower Challenge this summer.

Six Bradford schools travelled over to Blyton Race Track, Gainsborough on 10th July for a special race day after seven months of hard work and planning.

Back in January, each school took delivery of their very own electric kit car – donated by Bradford College – which students then set about building for the finale race day.

Head of Student Recruitment & External Relations, Anita Ladva-Cheung, said: "It's been amazing to see pupils across Bradford develop their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, while also developing soft skills like teamwork and communication."

Attention now turns to 2025 as the special event looks to go bigger and better.

Read the full story [here](#).