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Welcome

Welcome to the fourth 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.

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Pictured (left to right): Esther Wilkey (ESOL Lecturer), Adrian Hutchinson (Head of Department), and Ummiera Iqbal (Curriculum Area Manager).



Bradford College Wins Prestigious National Education Award

Bradford College recently triumphed in 'The Bell Foundation Award for Excellence in ESOL' category at the 2025 Association of Colleges' Beacon Awards.

The national Beacon awards celebrate the best and most innovative practice in further education colleges, demonstrating the far-reaching impact of colleges on their students and the communities they serve.

The award recognised our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) provision, developed in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Learning and development is structured around Shakespeare's works, and around 235 learners engaged with the project last year.

Sarah Towan (Vice Principal Recruitment & Communications) said: "It was incredible that two

Bradford College initiatives were selected as finalists, but to have one win and be recognised as being at the forefront of education excellence is exceptional. Well done to all involved!"

The College was also a finalist in 'The Edge Award for Excellence in Real World Learning' category, with our unique Ambition [HUB] enhancement programme. Ambition [HUB] gives students a genuine career edge, as well as a vocational qualification, with an extraordinary layer of additional learning enhancing the Level 3 offering.

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Pictured (left to right): Gail Holmes (Head of Department) and a College of Esports representative.



Bradford College Partners with College of Esports

Bradford College is delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with College of Esports (CoEs).

The new partnership sees our two organisations work together to create opportunities and engagement activities for Bradford College students, paving genuine routes into Esports careers. As well as this, the partnership will see the CoEs provide resources, guidance, and expertise to support the development of Esports & Games programmes at Bradford College.

Upon signing the partnership, Gail Holmes (Head of Health Sciences, Meditech & Technology) said: "This partnership is the icing on the cake for Esports at Bradford College. Students are able to see routes to a purpose-built institution and a

specialist in the area. There's no better accolade for Esports at Higher Education level!"

Based out of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the College of Esports is the world's first educational institution holding an exclusive university-level partnership with the British Esports Federation.

Professor Philip Wilson (Chair of the Board, College of Esports) also commented: "We are very proud to be partnering with Bradford College. This partnership will create a visible and structured pathway for students to progress from school-level education to university-level."

Read the full story [here](#).

Bradford College Recognised with Matrix Reaccreditation



Pictured (left to right): Shaheen Majid (Customer Service Lead), Dina Mistry (Careers Lead), Nick Scaife (Head of Student Services), and Reece Tapsell (Admissions Lead).

Pictured (left to right): Nathan Varley (Director, Metalcraft Group), Stephen Smith (Head of Department), and Daniel Varley (Director, Metalcraft).



Transformative Partnership with Metalcraft Group Confirmed

The recent opening of an industry-standard engineering suite at Bradford College's Trinity Green campus has brought students closer to getting trained for their dream job in engineering.

As a result of the collaboration between Metalcraft Group and Bradford College, T Level Engineering students will reap the benefits of enhanced opportunities and use of the brand-new facility.

Stephen Smith (Head of Engineering) said: "This represents a major step forward for our T Level provision. Through our work with this reputable Bradford-based company, students will benefit from unprecedented access to real-world engineering expertise and facilities."

Read the full story [here](#).

Following thorough assessment in January, we are proud to be reaccredited with the 'Matrix Quality Standard for Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) Services'.

Regulated by the Department for Education, the 'matrix Standard' acknowledges the delivery of high-quality IAG to students at Bradford College.

Read the full story [here](#).

Pictured: The winning team of four from Bradford City AFC.



Bradford City AFC Crowned Apprenticeship Games 2025 Champions

As our showpiece to National Apprenticeship Week in February, it was Bradford City AFC who triumphed at the Bradford College Apprenticeship Games 2025.

In partnership with CBRE for this year's edition, the action-packed event brings together teams of apprentices and their employers for a day of fun, themed challenges.

Each squad competes for the coveted Apprenticeship Games title, while also celebrating the positive impact that apprenticeships have on individuals, businesses, and the wider economy.

Teams in attendance for 2025 included JCT600, Bradford City AFC, Bradford Bulls, Northern Pump Supplies, Aptem, RMA Systems, and CBRE.

Read the full story [here](#).

Apprenticeships Bradford College

Take a look at
our Vacancies
[here](#).

Pictured (left to right): Ahmed Shakir (Level 2 Joinery Apprentice) and Jonathan Hemingway (Director, Abrahams & Carlisle).



Joinery Apprentice Secures Second Place at SkillBuild National Final 2024

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

Read the full story about Ahmed's [here](#).

Bradford College continues as main and official digital partner of Bradford City AFC

Bradford College is delighted to announce an extension to our partnership with Bradford City AFC for a fourth consecutive year.

The extension sees us remain as one of City's main partners, as well as being their official digital partner.

Davide Longo (Chief Commercial Officer, Bradford City AFC) commented: "The College has been brilliant with the club since coming on board in 2020, and the contribution to our kit launches last summer was vital in ensuring the highest quality product was delivered.



Pictured (left to right): Nicky Betteridge (Team Lead) and Davide Longo (Chief Commercial Officer, Bradford City AFC).

We look forward to collaborating again over the next 12 months and hopefully beyond!"

Read the full story [here](#).

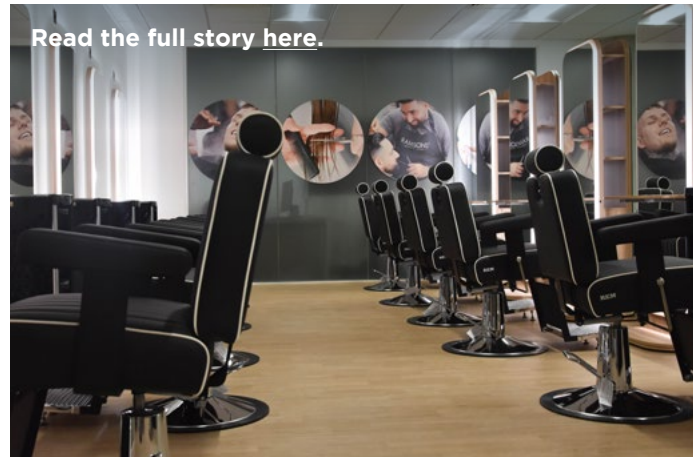
£3.5m T Level Training Facilities Open

Newly-remodelled T Level training facilities have opened at Bradford College, thanks to a £3.5m investment from the Department for Education.

Bradford College partnered with Sewell Construction for the multi-million-pound T Level Capital Fund (Wave 5) project. Construction began on the new facilities last May and involved remodelling several areas within David Hockney Building.

In addition to creating new lecturing spaces for business and media students, the project created hair and beauty facilities and refurbished The Grove training restaurant for students to hone their skills in a real-life work environment.

Pamela Sheldon (Head of Projects) said: "We were delighted to work with Sewell Construction once again to bring even more exceptional vocational T Level facilities to Bradford College. Their team helped us realise ambitious plans that turn our students' passions into successful professions."



[Read the full story here.](#)



Hundreds of New Graduates Celebrated at Graduation 2024

In November, Bradford College Higher Education students celebrated their hard work and academic achievement as they graduated at Bradford's 'LIFE Centre'.

Speaking proudly to a full audience, Chris Webb (Principal & CEO) said: "It is no easy feat to achieve a higher-level qualification and you should all be very proud. Many of you will have faced challenges, doubted your abilities, made sacrifices but above all, worked incredibly hard. We must also thank all of your families, carers, guardians, loved ones, and friends who supported you and motivated you to complete your studies."

As well as the awarding of degrees, Lisa Mallaghan (Bradford Producing Hub) and Professor Rosie McEachan (Born in Bradford) were recognised and became our two newest 'Honorary Fellows'.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Pictured (left to right): Jelena Rizova (Projects Officer), Greg Bourke (Head of Department), Adam Brough (Team Lead), and Chelsie Naylor (Sustainability Lead).

Bradford College Green Skills Centre Opens

Funded by the UK Government's Local Skills Improvement Funding (LSIF), the Bradford College 'Green Skills Centre' recently opened at Trinity Green Campus.

Designed and installed by The Quantum Group, the new facility consists of three state-of-the-art solar power training bays, giving students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills required to install solar panels, fault finding panels, underground heating pumps, and electric vehicle charging points.

Head of Construction, Greg Bourke, said: "This is another milestone in our development of training in the low carbon technologies sector and puts Bradford College as a key provider for renewable technologies, with a centre at the forefront of technology for training and career progression in the green and renewables sector."

[Read the full story here.](#)