

# Newsletter

of the department of Health & Social Care – December 2009/January 2010



## Health & Social Care Students Take Part in Fair for All

On Wednesday 18th November students from the level two Marlowe group and the level three Bart group organised an alcohol information stall for the Fair for All.

The students persuaded over 150 of their fellow students to complete a quiz designed to correct common misconceptions about the effects of alcohol.

The information provided by the conscientious young ladies was especially valuable given the number of students who believed in urban myths such as: "mixing your drinks gets you more drunk." The booby prize for the worst score in the "Mythbuster Quiz" goes to a member of staff, over whose name a kindly veil of silence will be drawn...

Take the quiz yourself at:  
<http://www.canterburycollege.ac.uk/health>

## Science Museum Trip

Staff from the Health and Social department took well over a hundred of their students on an enrichment trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington, London on Tuesday 24th November.

The day out allowed students to rove around the museum's five floors taking in exhibitions linked to their vocational studies, including The Science and Art of Medicine, Glimpses of Medical History and Health Matters.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, although there were the usual few dissenting voices. Bored in a science museum? The mind boggles...

## Student Achievement Recognised

The 2009 Celebration of Achievement Awards were held in the main hall of Canterbury College on 9th December, at which three Health and Social Care students received awards. Min Lin, who is now studying for her First Diploma in the Marlowe group, was awarded the John Percy Groves Award for Effort & Achievement for last year's Introductory Diploma.

LANALEA BURNS, on the same course as Min this year but in the Beckett group, was the proud recipient of the Edexcell Year Eleven Achievement Award. Lian Cavell, who has since progressed on to the National Diploma (Bart group), received the Canterbury College Award for Effort & Achievement for her performance on last year's First Diploma. Lian gushed: "it's amazing to think that out of 10,000 students, I am one of the few whose achievement is being recognised. I am very proud and it's all because of Mrs Fryer and Mr McCurry."

Lian's course tutor for the year 2008-09 was candid about who was responsible for her success: "Lian deserves this award because she was the hardest working student I taught last year" said Vincent McCurry. The staff and students of the Health and Social Care Department would like to say a big 'Congratulations!' to these three excellent students. Keep up the good work!



## Your next placements...

First Diploma – 25 Jan 2010 (2 weeks)

National Diploma (1<sup>st</sup> year) – 22 Feb 2010 (1 week)

National Diploma (2<sup>nd</sup> year) – 8 Feb 2010 (1 week)



## Christmas Hamper for Age Concern

A group of students from the Introductory Diploma spread some early festive cheer in the Age Concern Day Care Centre in Castle Row, Canterbury on Wednesday 9th December when they delivered a hamper full of goodies.

The project, linked to Unit 1 Starting Work in Health and Social Care, was well supported by students keen to contribute to a good Christmas cause.

The hamper was the prize in a free raffle which the students stayed to watch while chatting with the centre users. The Introductory Diploma students will be visiting Age Concern regularly throughout the year and some have already applied to volunteer there weekly.

The Day Care Manager Debby Turner (pictured) was delighted with the hamper and the interest in the centre: "The clients love visitors and especially visits from young people. Some of them do not have contact with anyone except for those they meet here. They are looking forward to the next lots of students coming."



## PJ Confirmed as Welfare Officer

Paul James Rattigan, a First Diploma student from the Marlowe group, has recently been appointed as the Welfare Officer for Canterbury College.

In his new role, PJ will be responsible for promoting the welfare of all the College's students, taking part in the planning of events such as World Aids Day and Sexual Health Workshops.

Tony Payne, the Student Activities Manager, was characteristically enthusiastic about the appointment: "it's great to see PJ as the new Welfare Officer for the Students' Union."

With the new Healthy FE programme and Ofsted's focus on safeguarding; ensuring the college is proactive about making students feel safe, he'll play a key part in promoting the welfare of students and getting students the services and support they need!"

# White Christmas



The annual college Christmas card photo shoot was well supported by Health and Social Care students this year.

First Diploma and National Diploma students numbering around 40 were among 150 students throwing paper snowflakes from the balconies looking down over the main street on the morning of Friday 27th November.

The results, we think you will agree, are nothing short of spectacular.



## Mock UCAS Interviews

The second year National Diploma Health Studies students are busy completing their UCAS applications and getting ready to go for university interviews. Their applications cover nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, childhood studies and child nursing.

Week beginning 30th November 16 of them dressed in their "interview outfits" and faced a mini panel interview with two outside professionals for a mock university selection interview.

The students were really nervous and found the feedback helpful particularly in those areas where they need to do more research. Some are also going to buy a new outfit as they realised they were fiddling with their clothes!

Thank you to the team of interviewers (Paul, Lesley, Sue and Anita) who gave up their time to prepare and conduct the interviews. The overall feedback from them was "what a nice bunch of students."