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Welcome to Edition 3 of The Employer, the newsletter from the Employer Response team at Knowsley Community College.

There have been some changes in the Employer Response team over the last couple of months, with the retirement of Director Vicky Deakin and the welcoming in of new Director Peter Davies. Peter has settled in quickly and is continuing to lead the team forward in the innovative and employer-focused way they are used to.

This edition focuses on some of the successes we have had within the local business community, including work with: Avanti, Delta taxis, Johnson's the Cleaners, Crown, ZVC and HM Revenue and Customs.

If you would like to become part of our success and add value to your business please do not hesitate to contact us and discuss your requirements. We are constantly adding to our training programmes and can tailor them to meet your exact needs.

Knowsley 100 Success

Rachel commenced her apprenticeship in Business Administration with Avanti and Knowsley Community College as part of the Knowsley 100 initiative (Phase 1). Paul Devlin, manager at Avanti, is absolutely delighted with Rachel's progress and she has now become a valued member of the Avanti workforce. Paul will be offering Rachel a permanent position as a member of his staff when she completes her apprenticeship this summer.

Following the huge success of the Knowsley Apprentice Phase 1, a further one hundred young people from across the borough will be given a career kick-start with some of Knowsley's most prestigious businesses.

The council is once again leading the way to ensure that job and training opportunities are available to its residents.

Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council and the inspiration behind the programme, said: "The Knowsley Apprentice is all about giving Knowsley's young people plenty of options for their future."

If you would like to find out more please contact the Employer Response Team: **0151 477 5757** or info@knowsleyassociates.co.uk



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Taxi Firms' Drive to Improve Skills

Knowsley Community College has helped over 160 taxi drivers gain their NVQ qualifications in Road Passenger Driving. After attending an initial 'underpinning knowledge' session, the drivers were able to go on to complete the full NVQ, meaning their passengers are in safe hands!

Expect Great Service at Johnson's the Cleaners

Congratulations to seven employees, from Johnson's the Cleaners, on achieving their Customer Service Technical Certificate.



Photo shows (left to right): Carolann Love, Helen Fairchild, David Kolvik, Jayne Bright, Janet Charlton, Richard Atherton and Debbie Waddie.

KCC Visit QVC

Staff from the Employer Response team, held a mini open event at QVC, to showcase the range of courses available to employees.



*If you would like the Employer Response team to visit your work place please contact us:
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KCC Helps Crown 'Grow its Own'

Business Adviser, Alan Fearon, began working with Crown Specialist Packing back in September 2010. The initial training requirements for Crown were for three members of staff to complete their Performing Engineering Operations NVQ Level 2.

Crown have been so impressed with the standard of training their staff have received at Knowsley Community College, that this has now blossomed into seven, full Level 2 apprentices in Industrial Environmental Awareness.

Crown is also looking to provide work experience for current Engineering students at the College and is considering adding additional apprentices to the seven currently at the College.



Photo Left to Right: Assessor Bernard Manning, James McAvoy, Chris Wheale, Richard Green, Kevin Hooper, Terence Green (back), Ian Wilkinson, and Steven Owens.

Top Marks for Paul

Paul Nairn works for HM Revenue and Customs and is based at Graeme House in the city centre.

After enjoying the Literacy qualification with Knowsley Community College, his Union Learning Rep, Andy Hannah, persuaded him to try the City & Guilds Numeracy qualification.

Despite claiming to have a 'fear of maths' Paul sailed through the exam gaining a very impressive 40 out of 40.



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