

ATTFE COLLEGE LEARNER NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



Simon Martin
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Learner welfare during lockdown

We know that for a lot of reasons, this lockdown is turning out much tougher than the last one. It's winter, it's dark, everyone is fed up, and we've already been through it all before. If you feel that you need extra support whilst we are in this situation, please talk to one of our staff. There are various things that we can do to help get you support of you need it.

Please also see the 'Shout' app information below. This is a really useful app that you can use discreetly to get help when you need it. So why not save it into your mobile phone and have that extra support in your pocket?

SHOUT!! (Text 85258) 24/7 text service

- Support to take texters from feelings of despair to a calmer place
- A safe space to be listened to by a trained Shout Volunteer
- Supported by Clinical Supervisors who monitor conversations around the clock
- Based on a tried and tested model of mental health support
- Anonymous, confidential and won't show on a phone bill
- Professional support from trained volunteers and Clinical Supervisors, helping texters create a simple plan of action to start feeling better



There's no charge to use Shout 85258 and the service is discreet and easily accessible. It won't appear on a mobile bill and requires no app, data, password or registration. The service is silent, free, confidential and anonymous - you can send a text message any time of day or night, wherever you happen to be.

Citizen Aid app for mobile phones

This app is really useful and designed to be used immediately after there may be an incident and before the emergency services arrive. The app is free to everyone and very simple to follow and available from the App Store on your phones (see logo below). We are living in uncertain times when we know there are threats to our safety around us; this app could be really valuable if anyone is unlucky enough to be caught up in the aftermath of an incident like a terror attack.



YOU can save lives!

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Dear All

I hope that you are having a good week? It is noticeable right now how the nights are starting to draw out. In six weeks' time, the sunset will be after 6pm, which always signals that Spring is nearly here!

ATTFE College are working with the Mansfield, Ashfield and Sherwood Astronomy Society to design and then deliver different space themed learning after Easter. This Ashfield facility really is magnificent in what it offers. If you aren't already aware of them follow this link to check them out.

<https://www.sherwood-observatory.org.uk/>



Liz Barrett
Principal

ATTFE College are working with 'Love Leamington' in the Ashfield area to celebrate the Discover Ashfield theme 'Love where you live'. If all goes to plan, there will soon be a neon light installation on the top of Sutton Community Academy, which reads 'All you need is love!' This will be a temporary art installation and is part of the work that 'First Art' are doing.

Work on the Ollerton campus continues to progress the social shop, which will be located in the 'caretaker two house' on the Dukeries campus.

This initiative will offer real work experience opportunities for our PoS learners as well as support 50 members of the Ollerton community to access £15 worth of weekly shopping for just £2. A similar project is being set up in the Sutton area in the Portland Pathways building which again our PoS learners will oversee.

ATTFE College continues to work hard through our community interest company 'Let's All Eat' to ensure that food parcels are delivered to people in need during lockdown 3. Currently we are delivering on average 170 food parcels a week. If you or any of your friends / family in the Ashfield or Ollerton area are experiencing hardship right now and would benefit from a food parcel, please let your tutor know who will be able to do a discrete referral and access one for you.

Take care and have a restful weekend.

Liz



INSET DAY - 12TH FEBRUARY 2021

You may remember previous communication regarding the Inset Day on 12th February 2021. Originally we said all classes were cancelled, however this is no longer the case. ATTFE College will now only be closed to learners will have been informed by their course tutor.

SUBJECT LEADER MATHS/ ALL UPDATE



Tracey Cranmer
Subject Leader
maths / Loans
Manager

For all maths and English PoS learners it is mock exam fortnight. It is important that you attend your sessions and complete these assessments so that tutors have evidence of your learning and progression. As tutors, we have worked together to device ways to make it easier for you to submit your mock assessments. The majority of you will have received and continue to receive assessments via Microsoft forms. Please engage in this and remember that the more evidence we have as tutors we can make a clearer assessment of your grades.

If you as a learner of ATTFE College have a story you want to share on how your course has helped you to progress into further studying or a job please let us know. We want to showcase your successes. Please email them to hello@attfe.org.uk.



PROGRAMME OF STUDY UPDATE

Let's start out February with some cause for celebration!

Massive shout outs to the following Painting and Decorating learners for the absolutely 'FE'nominal amounts of work they are producing for their course:

- Ellie W
- Deimantas N
- Josh G
- Luke P

With a special mention to Tamsin W who has supported her tutor Chris Styan with ICT lessons and gone above and beyond her role as a student to help others!

Katie H (Childcare SCA) - "She has worked extremely hard to produce a PowerPoint to support fellow learners when starting college."

Chloe G (Childcare SCA) her tutor has commented "Not only does she work hard at completing assignments for Wendy (her assessor) but she cares for her grandad every day too. Chloe puts loads of effort in, asks questions if she's not sure and even offers to help the other learners out if they're stuck or need notes sharing."

Lillie W (childcare SCA) her tutor Jo Wilson has said - "Lillie has attended every session since she joined us before Christmas and has dealt really well with the change in qualification. Lillie is ambitious and motivated and contributes to every Teams lesson."

Enrolments for 2021 - 2022

I will be making phone calls to those of you that have said that you want to come back and join us again next academic year. This is to ensure you get a place and that we get everything in place such as enrolments, transport and bursary information before the September start. If you would like to chat sooner please email me to arrange an appointment, s.youd@attfe.org.uk. We also are launching a range of new courses that may interest you such as horticulture, animal care, sports coaching, performing arts and digital skills to name but a few. Look out for the new prospectus coming soon!



Rosie Riley - Tutor

PoS Employability - They are all working so hard, attending every teams lesson and sending unit work in on time. They are doing so well under the current circumstances 😊 Thank you.

Parent/Learner Voice Text Message Service

From a recent Learner Voice survey we're proud to share that 96.6% of learners would highly recommend their course. 😊

We would like further feedback about your course(s)! If you have any comments or ideas, please text our Parent/Learner Voice Texting Service on 07867 451 424

"Staff are welcoming and friendly and put you at ease."

"Tutors really nice and caring."

"You feel valued as a student."

"Because it's fun and you learn valuable skills for life, you also learn to build your confidence."

"The course is enjoyable, support is given to you when its needed and everyone supports each other and respects their beliefs."

"It's a good way to start your career pathway."



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Kate S - Learner Case Study

When I first started the Catering and Hospitality course at ATTFE College I was excited to be working towards a qualification in an area that I had a passion and love for.



It had been a long time since I last studied and I was apprehensive of how I would juggle it with having two young children to care for during a World Wide pandemic. I need not have worried as my tutor Louise gave me an easy to follow, bespoke learning plan with work booklets to complete at my own pace from home. I was able to contact Louise for support and advice via phone calls and email and Louise conducted regular catch up sessions to exchange feedback and course work, which were an invaluable part of my learning.

With the supportive feedback that Louise gave to me and also having my work featured on the ATTFE face book page, it helped me to recognise my abilities and gave me pride & confidence in my work and my skills.

I learnt many things on the course. As well as learning how to cook healthy meals, I also developed and gained good time management skills and the importance of paying attention to detail. With my newly found confidence, I was able to present myself better in interviews and show case the skills I had gained.

I have now successfully gained employment as an Online Customer Support Administrator for Slimming World. I'm so excited to be starting this job as I'm passionate about the company and have experienced great results with their plans. I am looking forward to sharing my new knowledge and supporting members on their own personal journey.