



ATFE College Stakeholder Newsletter

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Liz Barrett OBE DL

Principal

A Heartfelt Thank You to All Our Stakeholders

As we close another academic year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to each of you, our valued stakeholders, for your continued support, partnership, and shared commitment to further education.

2024–2025 has been a year of progress, resilience, and transformation. With your involvement, we have empowered learners, expanded opportunities, and built pathways to brighter futures. From employers and industry partners to local authorities, community groups, and governing bodies, your contributions have helped shape a year of achievement and impact. You have also played a vital role in driving meaningful regeneration across the communities we serve.



Celebrating Success Together

Thanks to your support:

- We welcomed over 3,700 learners across a broad and inclusive range of programmes, from vocational courses to higher-level qualifications.
- Our curriculum was enriched through work placements, guest speakers, industry visits and more, providing learners with real-world experiences and employability skills.
- Strategic partnerships enabled us to fully embed our **#InThisTogether** strategy and continue driving forward both regional and national initiatives.
- We strengthened our outreach efforts, supporting underserved communities and expanding access to lifelong learning opportunities. This year, Team ATTFE College delivered lifelong learning from **107 venues** across mid-Nottinghamshire!
- We had a significant impact on inclusive growth through high street learning. **Seven empty shops** in Sutton-in-Ashfield were brought back to life as learning hubs, thanks to ATTFE College. This not only revitalised unused premises but also brought much-needed footfall into the town centre.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 academic year, we remain committed to collaboration and innovation. Together, we can continue to ensure our provision is responsive, inclusive, and impactful. Your insights, time, and advocacy will be more important than ever as we respond to evolving learner needs and labour market demands.

We're also thrilled to share that ATTFE College will soon be taking on the **Cornerstone Theatre**, located on the Sutton Community Academy campus. Team ATTFE College will play a key role in leading this exciting new venture, which will become yet another beating heart within our community.

Wishing You a Restful Summer

On behalf of everyone at ATTFE College, thank you once again for your invaluable support. We wish you a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

Warm regards,

Liz Barrett OBE DL

Principal, ATTFE College

Community Activities



A Glimpse into the Future

The Time Capsule Ceremony at Sherwood Observatory

Sherwood Observatory played host to a truly memorable event as a special time capsule was sealed, and our very own Simon Martin MBE had the honour of acting as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

The capsule is scheduled to be opened on 5th October 2086, marking exactly 200 years since the reservoir first began providing clean drinking water to the area. That's 61 years from now, a future generation waiting to discover what life was like in 2025.

So, what treasures were locked away inside? The time capsule includes a fantastic collection of memorabilia designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning, such as:

- Predictions from local primary school pupils imagining what the world will look like in 2086
- A set of LEGO bricks
- SD cards filled with videos, podcasts, and voice notes, complete with instructions for future generations on how to access them
- An unused Covid test, serving as a reminder of the pandemic that shaped global history

This thoughtful curation of items represents a snapshot of our world today, preserved for the curious minds of tomorrow.

Ed Attenborough DL, High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, delivered an inspiring message about the importance of encouraging young people to explore careers in engineering and the sciences, underlining the deeper purpose behind the ceremony.

This was more than just a celebration of the past, it was a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving knowledge, sharing stories, and investing in the future.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this extraordinary event. A celebration of innovation, education, and community spirit!



Upcoming Activities

ATTFE College Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Get ready for a fun-filled Summer holiday with our Holiday Activities and Food Programme!

We've got loads of exciting FREE* activities lined up for children and young people aged 5-16 years old, plus a tasty meal with every session.

*If you have a HAF code, you're all set! But if you don't have a HAF code. To sign up, simply scan the QR code on the poster or fill out our quick online form here:

[Book Here](#)

Holiday activities and food

Summer!

Nottinghamshire

Get involved in fun activities
this school holiday!



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Funded by
Department
for Education

ATTFE College is offering **FREE***
fun-filled Spring activities for HAF eligible children aged 5-16.
FREE breakfast & lunch included!

Available dates:

Week 1: 30th, 31st July, 1st August 2025

Week 2: 5th, 6th, 7th August 2025

Week 3: 12th, 13th, 14th August 2025

Week 4: 19th, 20th, 21st August 2025

Time:
10am - 2pm

Venue:
ATTFE College,
Sutton Community Academy,
Sutton-in-Ashfield
NG17 1BN

A range of different fun activities will
take place during these sessions,
from creative crafts to sports
activities!

To book, please scan the QR Code to book online via
Eequ.org. Please note, you will need to book your
children via this platform as we do not accept walk ins.



ATTFE College Beachy Crafts and Community Support



FREE TO ATTEND

BEACHY CRAFTS & SUMMER COMMUNITY SUPPORT



**11
AUG**

10AM - 12.30PM

ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton in Ashfield

Free to attend. Drop in at any point, no need to book.

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Woodland Festival

FREE ENTRY*

The **SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST**

WOODLAND FESTIVAL

26th & 27th July
2025
10am-4pm

Thoresby Park
NG22 9EP

*£5 PARKING

The Sherwood Forest Trust

WOODLAND FESTIVAL

The Sherwood Forest Trust Woodland Festival is back at Thoresby Park for 2025!

Join us to celebrate our woodlands and traditional heritage crafts. You can find green woodworkers, have a go at arts and crafts, archery, forest school activities, and listen to the stories of Sherwood Forest.

Our projects range from restoring Sherwood's threatened heathlands, tree-planting and woodland creation to running our community tree nursery, the Sherwood Seedbank.

With thanks to our supporters

Bowring Transport Ltd.
NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Thoresby Park

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Leamington Picnic & Craft

DRAGONFLY CRAFTS

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Leamington Picnic & Craft

Free to those living on Leamington Estate

3 - 5pm

Tuesday 29th July

FREE!
please book to secure your place

Summer House Family Hub,
Clare Road (next to school)

Join us for an afternoon of fun crafts and picnic snacks.

Booking Essential
For more info and booking please visit:
www.dragonflycraftsuk.co.uk

ATTFE College Courses & Programmes

As a further education college, ATTFE College offers a variety of courses. Check out our confirmed courses, below. We'll have more courses confirmed in the near future, so follow our Facebook and Instagram pages!

You can also find a **timetable** and **flyers** of all of our confirmed courses from February 2025 onwards on our website, here:

Courses: August 2025 Onwards

Academy Transformation Trust Further Education

Level 1 Award in Stress Awareness

FREE*

This qualification aims to improve learners' understanding of stress. They will look at the causes of stress and the effects stress can have on health. They will also learn to recognise the signs and symptoms of stress and look at ways of preventing or reducing stress. We will explore different ways of coping with stress.

Course Code: 25ASF007

Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm
6th - 27th August 2025

Venue:
ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. Suitable for learners aged 19+ years. *FREE subject to eligibility. For more information or to book please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk #InThisTogether

Academy Transformation Trust Further Education

Level 1 Award in Mental Health Awareness

FREE*

This qualification aims to raise awareness of the issues surrounding mental health difficulties, dispel some of the myths and misconceptions frequently linked to mental health issues, and develop learners' knowledge of the rights of those with mental health issues.

Course Code: 25ASF003

Tuesdays, 10am - 2pm
5th August - 2nd September 2025

Venue:
Adult Learning, Sutton Community Academy,
Sutton-in-Ashfield

Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. Suitable for learners aged 19+ years. *FREE subject to eligibility. For more information or to book please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

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Academy Transformation Trust Further Education

Level 1 Award in the Awareness of Substance Misuse

FREE*

This qualification enables the learner to develop a knowledge and understanding of substance misuse awareness - including alcohol - and its potential effects on individuals and others.

Course Code: 25ASF005

Thursdays, 10am - 2pm
7th - 28th August 2025

Venue:
ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. Suitable for learners aged 19+ years. *FREE subject to eligibility. For more information or to book please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

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Academy Transformation Trust Further Education

Functional Skills (Maths and English)

FREE*

Supporting you to develop your maths and English skills in a friendly environment with our experienced tutors. Learners will be assessed at the beginning of the course to enable us to support you at the appropriate level for your needs.

Course Code: 25ASF041

Available sessions:
Mondays, 9.15am - 2.45pm **Tuesdays, 9.15am - 2.45pm**

Starting w/c 8th September 2025 until w/c 15th December 2025 (13 weeks, term-time only)

This is a 1-day a week course. All learners will attend the first session and complete an assessment which will determine which day they will need to attend the course based on the current level of learning.

Venue:
ATTFE College
Sutton Community Academy

Available for learners aged 19+ years. FREE to attend if you live in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire*. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

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Let's Get Crafty with English

This course combines a chance for learners to get creative by completing weekly craft activities whilst upskilling in English skills for everyday life including speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

Learners will complete a Level 1 Certificate in Essential English Skills for everyday life.

Course Code: 24ASF066

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am - 3pm**

Starting 2nd September - 9th October 2025

Venue:
Lifespring Church & Centre
at Warsop Town Hall
NG20 OAL

Available for learners aged 19+ years. FREE to attend if you live in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire*. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

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Employability & Crafts

Get work ready whilst engaging in weekly craft activities. Learners attending this course will complete a LI Certificate in Occupational Studies for the workplace. This course is ideal for individuals looking to build their confidence or those preparing to enter employment.

Course Code: 24ASF067

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am - 3pm**

Starting 14th October - 11th December 2025

Venue:
Lifespring Church & Centre
at Warsop Town Hall
NG20 OAL

Available for learners aged 19+ years. FREE to attend if you live in Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire*. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For further details or to book please call 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

Website: www.attfe.org.uk

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ATTFE College are also able to support **bespoke courses for groups of 6 or more learners**. If you are a group or organisation interested in hosting this course please contact Dianne Holmes at Dianne.Holmes@attrust.org.uk or call [01623 441310](tel:01623441310)



ATTFE College Online Courses

If you're looking for something more flexible, we also offer a number of **ONLINE** courses such as mental health, counselling, retail, coding, and many more.

Our online courses provide the same high-quality education as our in-person courses with the added convenience of being able to learn from anywhere.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills! Scan the QR code to go to our online courses webpage.



An Update on our Advanced Learner Loans

Bursary is available to learners aged 19+ who are on a Level 3+ courses that are funded by a loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC).

For more information, please visit our Advanced Learner Load webpage by clicking the button, below:

Advanced Learner Loans

Advanced Learner Loan

Bursary Information

Bursary	Household Income (including benefits)	Percentage of approved additional costs to be paid	Attendance Payment per term (3 terms)	Minimum attendance required
Full	Less than £23,423.40	100%	£370	85%
Standard	£23,423.41 – £30,449.99	50%	£160	85%
Partial	£30,450.00 and above	25%	NIL	Not Applicable

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ATTFE College Wellbeing Resources

Resources on our Website

We compiled a bunch of wellbeing resources on our ATTFE College website. From exercise videos, wellbeing materials, and information regarding our Mental Health First Aiders, you can find them there!

To go to our Wellbeing Page you can click, here: [ATTFE College Wellbeing Page](#)

Resources on our YouTube Channel

On our YouTube channel, we host multiple wellbeing resources such as Tai Chi, beginners exercise, yoga videos and many more!

You can go to our YouTube channel, here: [ATTFE College - YouTube](#). Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything, and feel free to share with your friends and family!



Five Breathing Exercises
17 views • 6 days ago



Slow and Steady Movement Yoga with Millie
138 views • 6 days ago



ATTFE Workout with Sally 13
24 views • 6 days ago



Yi Jin Jing (Muscle Tendon Changing Classic)
52 views • 2 weeks ago



ATTFE Workout with Sally 11
27 views • 2 weeks ago



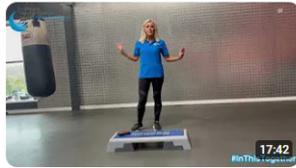
Seated Yoga with Millie
85 views • 2 weeks ago



Middle Body Focused Yoga with Millie
84 views • 3 weeks ago



Tai Chi Stag Frolic
35 views • 3 weeks ago



ATTFE Workout with Sally 10
16 views • 3 weeks ago



Baduanjin Qigong (Eight Pieces of Brocade)
79 views • 1 month ago



ATTFE Workout with Sally 9
17 views • 1 month ago



Floor Based Strength and Flexibility Yoga for All Abilities with Millie
29 views • 1 month ago

Funding Opportunities



Thomas Wall Trust Grants for Registered Charities

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities to support projects that equip people (18 or older in order) from disadvantaged groups with the communication skills necessary to gain employment.

Priority will be given to projects that target people experiencing multiple deprivation or other groups facing major hurdles to employment, especially women, people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

The funding is being made available through the Thomas Wall Trust, and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 22nd September 2025. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

[Visit Website](#)

Funding for Rural Community and Education Projects

Charities supporting rural development, particularly young people's education and poverty relief within rural areas, can apply for funding through the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.

The funding focuses on supporting larger initiatives that would significantly impact rural communities. Grants available are for £1,000 – 50,000. Larger grants are used to support organisations that significantly impact rural communities nationally.

Projects funded in the past have ranged from City farms, Federations of Young Farmers Clubs and farming Community Networks. The next closing date for applications is 10 October 2025.

[Visit Website](#)

Physics National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Not-for-profit organisations across the UK can now apply for grants of between £250,000 and £10 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for projects connecting people and communities to UK heritage.

The funding can support a broad range of activities and project costs such as volunteer expenses, capital works, repairs, maintenance, conservation costs, professional fees, event costs, and the acquisition of heritage. All projects must also consider long-term environmental sustainability.

Partnerships are encouraged. Up to 10% match funding is required. The next closing date for expressions of interest for National Lottery Grants for Heritage is 12 noon on 6 August 2025. Find out more here:

[Visit Website](#)

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Follow **ATTFE College** on social media so you won't miss out on the latest news and announcements about upcoming activities in your community, available courses, etc.

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