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CELEBRATION AWARDS **2022**

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I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME AWARD WINNERS, SPECIAL GUESTS, GOVERNORS AND STAFF TO OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION AWARDS.

This evening we recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of some exceptional students from our full time, apprenticeship and adult learning programmes, whilst also acknowledging the outstanding work to support training by some of our key employer partners.

As a Group, we are committed to excellence with our strategic ambition being to “develop students who are enterprising and achieve great things... making a positive contribution to the cultural and economic prosperity of Staffordshire and beyond.”

Finally, on behalf of our diverse community of students and all our award winners, I would like to thank the talented and creative team of staff at Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG) who work so hard to support every student and make Newcastle College a fantastic place to work and study.

Enjoy the evening.



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SIXTH FORM & VOCATIONAL AWARD PRESENTATIONS, PROFESSOR TREVOR MCMILLAN OBE

Vice-Chancellor, Keele University

Awarded an OBE for services to higher education in 2022, Professor Trevor McMillan OBE became Vice-Chancellor of Keele University in August 2015. He is the Chair of the Midlands Innovation Board, a world-class university partnership pooling the collective excellence of 8 universities in the Midlands to power growth across the region. He is also on the board of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and chairs Network Staffordshire, a group of public sector leaders from across the County.



AWARD PRESENTATIONS, DAVID PADFIELD

General Manager Grid Power Systems, Hitachi Energy

David Padfield is Managing Director for Hitachi Energy's Grid Integration Business Unit in the UK. David leads the business that is responsible for the design, supply, installation, commissioning and servicing of Gas Insulated Switchgear, Air Insulated Switchgear, Power Quality Solutions and Hybrid Transmission & Distribution substation projects in the rail, industrial, electricity generation, transport electric charging and utilities sectors.

David is an experienced leader, with a demonstrated history of working in the electricity and construction industry, bringing strong health & safety, finance, programme and people management skills in Project Delivery, Value Engineering, Cost Management and General Business Management within UK Infrastructure construction sector.



SPECIAL GUESTS TERRY CONROY & RICARDO FULLER

Friend and former teammate of Gordon Banks OBE, Irishman Terry Conroy is one of the most iconic Stoke City FC players ever. Known affectionately by fans as 'White Legs' he was the scorer and supplier of two of the most important goals in Potters history, in the 1972 league cup final against Chelsea at Wembley Stadium.



Jamaican born Ricardo Fuller is a former Stoke City FC striker best known for being a vital part of the Potters promotion winning side in the 2007/08 season, and helping them reach the 2011 FA Cup Final. A true Stoke City FC legend and firm favourite of the fans, Ricardo also accumulated 72 caps for his national side between 1999-2012.

2022 AWARDS

SIXTH FORM AWARDS

Arts and Creative Award

Business and Professional Studies Award

English Award

Humanities and Social Sciences Award

STEM Award

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VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Business Award

Computing and IT Award

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Health and Social Care Award

Performing Arts Award

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Sport Award

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Vocational Science Award

Award for Special Achievement

PROGRESSION AWARDS

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CROSS COLLEGE AWARDS

Awards for Progress in Maths & English

Student of the Year: Adult Award

Xtra of the Year Award

APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Intermediate Apprentice Award

Advanced Apprentice Award

Higher Apprentice Award

EMPLOYER AWARDS

Best New Employer Award

Best Large Employer Award

Employer of the Year Award

SPORT AWARDS

Team of the Year

The Gordon Banks Awards for Sporting Excellence

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Ellen Anderson Award

The George Stonier Award

The Principal's Awards

SIXTH FORM AWARDS



ARTS & CREATIVE AWARD SPONSORED BY CAN PRINT

ESME KENNY

*A Levels in English Literature, Sociology
and Theatre Studies*

Former School: St. John Fisher Catholic College

Esme is an outstanding academic student and a gifted actor with undoubtedly a great future ahead. She is completely invested in her learning and development. Esme is an absolute asset to her cohort, highly courteous, truly inspiring and committed.

She has an extremely impressive skill set, ability and characteristics that will serve her brilliantly in the future.

Esme has been instrumental in helping with recruitment, working as a mentor to year 1 students through using her work as an A* example. She is described by her lecturers as a tenacious and hardworking learner, who is a real leader of ideas in the classroom and so supportive of her peers helping them to succeed. Esme's approach is exemplary. She is an excellent role model and student, and it has been an absolute pleasure to have her within the faculty. Esme will undoubtedly continue to thrive at the Manchester School of Theatre, and beyond. We are excited to see where Esme's future takes her.



BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AWARD

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GIANI TOANCA

A Levels in Business, Economics and Law
Former School: Birches Head Academy

Giani enrolled at NSCG with an average qualification on entry score and admits that his motivation and commitment at school was at times questionable.

However, from the first moment Giani joined his A Level classes, he has shown nothing but complete determination and commitment to his studies, and has consistently achieved grades that far exceeded any expectation.

In class he is always engaged, well prepared and able to contribute to discussions around all topics. He is described by lecturers as compassionate to his peers, supportive and polite with good interpersonal skills and an ability to work independently and as part of a team. In particular, he has demonstrated a real passion for Law and is excited to progress to the University of Manchester to pursue his studies in this area. We congratulate Giani on his hard work and commitment to his studies, and wish him every success in his future endeavours.



ENGLISH AWARD

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DARCI JACKSON

*A Levels in English Language, Media Studies and Photography
Former School: Moorside High School*

Darci is a fantastic young lady who shows commitment and determination way beyond her peers in all of her subjects. She has been proactive in ensuring she fully understands the demands of her chosen career, through attendance at online seminars and open evenings within the industry, including Q&As with the BBC.

Her maturity has been demonstrated outside of the College through her involvement in professional photoshoots for local businesses, bands at live concerts and journalism for a local radio station. She recently, independently, entered a journalism piece to Staffordshire University's "The Future Journalist Award 2022", where she was shortlisted and won an award based on her love of Motorsport. Darci interviewed Matteo Nannini, an Italian-Argentine racing driver who competed in the 2021 Formula 2 Championship for Campos Racing.

She will be progressing to her chosen degree at the University of Salford in September, and will be hugely successful within the world of journalism. A very worthy winner.



HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARD

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KYLE TIDSWELL

*A Levels in Physical Education, Psychology and Sociology
Former School: The Orme Academy*

Kyle is a courteous and highly personable learner who is respected by his peers and teachers alike. He is a complete asset to his cohort, a natural problem-solver, who works well under pressure.

Able to manage his time and workload effectively, Kyle's academic ability is strong; he can critically evaluate and utilise revision strategies effectively to embed and apply his knowledge in written work. He is forthcoming, cooperative and proactive, completing tasks with commitment and great effort, as such he is on target to achieve a high grade profile upon completion of his programme.

Alongside his studies, Kyle has independently applied for, and secured several offers for places on US football courses, choosing to accept a scholarship at Neosho County Community College, Kansas. He plans to leave for the US upon completion of his A Levels in July. Kyle submitted a robust, thorough application that has proven commitment to his sport and progression. We wish him the very best of luck as he embarks on this exciting new adventure.



STEM AWARD

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OLIVIA BERRISFORD

*A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Graphic Design
Former School: Trentham Academy*

Olivia's determination to pursue a veterinary career has been evident from the outset of her A Level journey at NSCG, and she has pursued every opportunity to develop herself beyond her academic studies. Despite the limitations of COVID-19, she not only completed her Duke of Edinburgh Gold award, along with life-saving and first aid certificates, she also received a 'Highly

Commended' certificate from the Medic Mentor organisation following her participation in every virtual work experience session available, including sessions on equine, lambing, surgery and ethics.

Her lecturers describe Olivia as a highly motivated, inquisitive and well rounded young person who manages to combine considerable academic abilities with enviable personal qualities that will be of great benefit to her in her undergraduate studies and her veterinary career. With veterinary science and medicine offers from the University of Bristol and the University of Liverpool, we are confident that Olivia will contribute as much as she gains from any veterinary faculty lucky enough to have her.



HONOURS PROGRAMME AWARD

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

JESSICA MINSHULL

*A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology
Former School: Trentham Academy*

Jessica has been fully committed to a career in medicine since joining NSCG and has gone out of her way to find every opportunity available to support this ambition. Throughout the pandemic she worked at an NHS Walk In Centre and volunteered at vaccination centres.

She also received a 'Highly Commended' letter of reference from the Medic Mentor organisation for the 40 hours of virtual work experience she engaged so positively with.

Her commitment to a medical career and the NHS has been reinforced as she has developed her understanding of the multi-disciplinary nature of provision and the value the NHS places on all employees, from porters to nurses, pharmacists and doctors. Her understanding and respect for NHS values combined with a genuine interest in understanding patients as people (rather than just the scientific challenges they may present) is what really sets her apart. We wish her every success as she leaves NSCG to study medicine at the University of Birmingham.



HONOURS PROGRAMME AWARD

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TYBERIUSZ CZAPINSKI

A Levels in Accounting, Economics, Maths and Further Maths
Former School: The Orme Academy

We first got some indication of Tyberiusz's academic ability from his very impressively researched and structured submission to our Y11 essay competition concerning the socio-economic impact of US Prohibition.

His interest in economics has developed significantly beyond his classroom experiences, through substantial and broad ranging independent reading covering issues as diverse as the case for universal property, inheritance taxes and welfare economics where he has been fascinated by Bentham's felicific calculus and later developments in this area.

His ability to tackle quantitative economic theory is significantly bolstered by his very strong mathematical ability, but it is his genuine interest in the lived experiences of individuals, which tend to get lost in aggregated data-sets, that really sets him apart.

Tyberiusz will pursue his studies at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge later this year.



AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

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ARZOO ALI

A Levels in English Language, English Literature and Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
Former School: Ormiston Meridian Academy

Through exceptional circumstances during the pandemic, Arzoo was prevented from returning to the UK for a period of more than six weeks following a visit to her elderly relatives in Pakistan. This caused her to miss a significant amount of face-to-face teaching.

During her time away from the UK, where possible, Arzoo made the best use of unreliable internet services to liaise with teaching staff and access the work set on Teams. Despite these challenges, Arzoo demonstrated an extraordinary commitment and tenacity in ensuring that her studies and level of achievement remained on track to support her chosen career.

Arzoo has really flourished during her time at NSCG and it has been an absolute pleasure to support her on her journey. Arzoo is a complete asset who will undoubtedly continue to thrive at Staffordshire University, where she will study Primary Education.



SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE EXCELLENCE IN STEM AWARD

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KONSTANTINA KOUTRI

A Levels in Chemistry, Maths and Physics
Former School: Clayton Hall Academy

Despite the additional difficulties of learning in a second language, Konstantina is excelling during the first year of a demanding study programme. What really sets her apart, however, is her voracious appetite for discovery beyond the classroom.

Through an Honours Programme critical thinking exercise addressing the question: "How long is now?", Konstantina developed a fascination with the concept of time and has decided to make this the focus of her EPQ research.

She has made successful applications to some very competitive super-curricular events concerning maths and physics such as an Oxford University Physics study day and a three day "Women in Maths" residential at Cambridge. Most recently she has secured a place on a residential at the European Synchrotron Research Facility in Grenoble. This was as a result of her winning essay response to the title 'Ada Yonath: her life and contributions to science' set by XMaS.

Her lecturers say: "Konstantina has an infectious enthusiasm for all she does and is a joy to have around. There can be little doubt that she has a very bright future ahead of her."



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BUSINESS AWARD

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EVA WETWOOD

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business
Former School: Clayton Hall Academy*

Passionate about her subject, Eva works consistently well in class, where she actively contributes towards discussions and provides well-reasoned and analytical answers to questions. The course requires students to digest a large volume of content on business principles, as well as demonstrating the practical application of business theory in both internal and external assessments.

In January, Eva sat exams for her course having never sat an exam before as her GCSEs were cancelled due to the pandemic. Eva's results for the Decision Making exam, which is arguably one of the hardest exams on the course, was one of the best in the College, gaining a distinction grade with 61 marks out of 70.

Both Eva's written and research skills are excellent, this is evidenced through the work produced throughout both years of the course. Her predicted D*D*D* grades are testament to this hard work and commitment. We are pleased that Eva has chosen to pursue her studies at NSCG in September, when she will join an AAT Accounting course.



COMPUTING & IT AWARD

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ETHAN BRAYFORD

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT
Former School: The Kings CofE Academy*

Ethan initially joined NSCG three years ago on a Level 2 IT programme, progressing to Level 3 on successful completion of the course, despite difficult circumstances during lockdown. Whilst showing clear technical ability in the various units studied, during his time at NSCG, we have seen Ethan blossom and grow significantly as a person.

He has fully embraced college life and alongside his studies also volunteered to be a Class Representative.

Ethan's recent examination results confirmed this growth and progression, achieving merits in both exams, which provided a significant boost to his confidence also. Ethan has chosen to progress his career by applying for and being accepted on to a HNC Computing course, which he will begin at NSCG in September. We look forward to welcoming him back and fully expect his growth to continue - he has a bright future in IT ahead of him.



CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

SPONSORED BY FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

LUCINDA BELAS

*BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Former School: Alleyne's Academy*

Lucinda is a unique and inspirational individual, who will undoubtedly go into the bank of students who will be remembered for a lifetime by those who teach her. Having been diagnosed with autism, she has had many barriers to overcome within a learning environment.

However, since embarking on her creative journey at NSCG she has shown ambition, innovation, engagement and an exceptional work ethic.

Lucinda specialised in Illustration and as part of her course, produced the artwork and story for a children's book which she self-published. She has continued to demonstrate that she is a proactive student who engages in all aspects of the course, including a live brief with the British Ceramics Biennial.

Lucinda's energy and enthusiasm for the creative arts is infectious amongst staff and her peers. She is very much an individual and unique character, the qualities of which come through in her work. We wish her every success as she progresses to Staffordshire University to study Cartoon and Comic Arts.



EARLY YEARS AWARD

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GULZAREEN SHERAZ

*BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play,
Learning and Development
Former School: Thistley Hough Academy*

Gulzareen is a caring and capable student who has worked incredibly hard over her two years at college. She has a positive, enthusiastic and mature approach to her studies and takes an active interest in all course elements, she is on target to achieve D*D*D* having passed all externally examined units within the course earlier this year.

Gulzareen has also made excellent progress in her placement at Little Potters Nursery in Stoke-on-Trent; working with babies aged 0-2 years, toddlers aged 2-4 years and children aged 5-7 years. She is determined to do well and achieve success in her course, so that she will be able to progress to Staffordshire University in the strongest possible position. We know that Gulzareen will continue to be a treasured asset to any team that she is part of, and we couldn't be prouder of how she has grown as a person.



ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION AWARD

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LOUIS HODGKINSON

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering
Former School: Biddulph High School*

Louis initially joined the Engineering Department on a Level 2 course. During the early days, there were doubts as to whether Louis was interested in the subject and he did not always want to follow the class rules.

Through sheer determination and self-discipline, Louis progressed from Level 2 to Level 3, where he has consistently performed at Distinction level, and is on target to achieve a D*D*D* grade profile - something he never thought attainable.

Keen to apply his knowledge in the workplace, Louis not only secured a summer placement at Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows, but also proactively approached Stone-based Engineering company, Capula, which resulted in him being interviewed for, and successfully securing, a degree-apprenticeship, which will commence in September.

HAIR & BEAUTY AWARD

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REBECCA PICKIN

*BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical Special Effects,
Hair & Media Make-Up
Former School: Haywood Academy*

Rebecca started her NSCG journey on the Level 2 Hair & Media Make-Up course. She quickly demonstrated excellent skills and showed great potential to become a top make-up artist. During the pandemic, Rebecca demonstrated outstanding motivation and enthusiasm to learn and always completed the tasks that were set.

Rebecca then progressed onto Level 3 Theatrical Special Effects Hair & Media Make-Up course where her skills in make-up and special effects have proven to be of a fabulous standard. She always wants to improve work to her best potential. Her attitude to learning has enabled her to complete her work to the highest standards and show great understanding of the industry she would like to get into.

Rebecca is progressing to Bolton University where she will study theatrical make-up, and we are certain she will go on to a successful career in the make-up artistry industry.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AWARD

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MILLIE CARR

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care
Former School: Alleyne's Academy*

Millie is a caring and capable student who has worked incredibly hard, firstly on a Level 2 Health and Social Care course and then progressing on to Level 3.

She hasn't always found every aspect of learning easy, but her determination and mature approach to her studies has enabled her to overcome any obstacles and difficulties. She can always be relied upon to complete work in a timely manner, always meeting deadlines and always taking an active interest in her learning topics.

She is a true role model to others of how you can overcome obstacles and Millie's lecturers have huge admiration for how she has overcome difficulties in her education to improve herself and do her personal best to achieve the highest grades possible. She will leave NSCG to study Adult Nursing at Edge Hill University in September.



PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

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CAMERON PRICE

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Musical Theatre
Former School: Out of Area*

Cameron has been a model student during his 2 years at NSCG. During the early stages, Cameron battled through numerous operations but still joined classes via Teams, and has been determined to achieve in every aspect of his studies. He is a conscientious, dedicated student who travels to college daily from Telford, and has never once been late for a lesson.

Cameron is a Class Representative and has represented his peers at the student conference. He has also supported prospective learners by attending all of the College open events, performing live and offering course advice.

Cameron is a talented performer who has improved so much over the last two years, taking on lead roles and more recently performing a stunning solo, 'Bring Him Home'. Against all of the odds, he has been focused and determined to achieve his best in theory work, which is of a very high standard and in his performance, particularly his singing, which is stunning. We wish him well as he progresses to the University of East London to study Musical Theatre.



PUBLIC SERVICES AWARD

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KAI WETTON

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services
Former School: Trentham Academy*

His lecturers describe Kai as an extremely pleasant, conscientious and reliable young man who frequently takes leadership roles in groups. He is quietly assured and confident, inspiring his peers to strive towards outstanding success. Over the 2 years of his programme, his attendance has been exemplary and he has achieved distinction grades in every unit.

Later this summer, Kai will commence a fantastic yachting apprenticeship on the Isle of Wight. In order to access this highly sought after opportunity, Kai had to become a fully qualified sailor, something that he completed independently in his own time on the Isle of Wight. In addition to this, Kai secured funding from a world-renowned yachting brokerage and charter agency to support his progression.

We wish Kai every success as he leaves NSCG to embark on his exciting new career path.



SPORT AWARD

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DANNY SANDERS

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport
Former School: Trentham Academy*

Danny is an honest, reliable, hard-working, dedicated, enthusiastic and committed individual, whose passion for sport is obvious to anyone he meets. His timetable is spread over 4 days, and includes 4 hours of football training, 1.5 hours of analysis and around 3-5 hours per week of football games.

In addition to his footballing commitments he has also represented the College cricket team in 2020/1 and has been a class representative, having valuable input at learner voice meetings.

In class, Danny engages and takes responsibility for his learning and strives to challenge his understanding. He is projected to complete his course with an impressive D*D*D* grade profile. He will leave NSCG this summer to join Loughborough University to study Sport Science, Coaching and Physical Education.

He has aspirations to become a qualified P.E teacher in the future, and we are certain that with continued commitment and effort he will achieve his dream.



TRAVEL & TOURISM AWARD

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SENAY AYKUT

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism
Former School: St. Peter's CofE Academy*

Senay's work is outstanding, she goes above and beyond what is expected. She is supportive of her peers and her high performance has been unswerving throughout the duration of her course.

She has recently completed a work placement opportunity within the hospitality division at Port Vale Football Club, where she has demonstrated the excellent transferable skills that she has built up during her time at college.

Senay is an excellent communicator and works well in both team and individual roles. She is a wonderful student and it has been a pleasure to have her on the course. We wish her every success as she progresses to a retail travel apprenticeship at Hays Travel, where she will further develop her destination knowledge and her practical work-based skills.



VOCATIONAL SCIENCE AWARD

SPONSORED BY KEELE UNIVERSITY

ANJUMA CHOWDHURY

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science
Former School: Chesterton Community Sports College*

Anjuma is not only a model student but someone who always looks out for the wellbeing of all of her peers and her teachers. Throughout her time at college, Anjuma has always worked exceptionally hard, completing all of her work to a high standard.

For her recent exams, her revision cards were exemplary and she spent hours explaining concepts and supporting other students with their revision. Anjuma never shies away from trying to understand complex topics or things she finds frustrating, and can explain in depth the inner workings of a fridge following her physics lessons! It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Anjuma for the last two years and we have no doubt she will be incredibly successful in everything she does.

We wish her well as she leaves NSCG to progress her studies at Keele University.



VOCATIONAL AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

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RONNI HARPER

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Musical Theatre
Former School: St Margaret Ward Catholic College*

Ronni has 100% attendance, punctuality and commitment to her musical theatre course. She is focused and determined in her studies and has always gone above and beyond to excel in her course and contribute towards college life, including performing at a variety of events.

Ronni is a natural leader and a role model to students joining the Level 3 Musical Theatre course. With a D*D*D* grade profile, she has been dedicated to her course and progression, attending extra open days and coming in during half terms to work on her audition pieces. The hard work has paid off in abundance, with offers of places at specialist Performing Arts institutions including, Urdang Academy, Laine Theatre Arts, Performers College and Italia Conti.

A wonderfully modest young lady who will do amazingly well in the world of performing arts, and as such we are delighted that she is following her dreams and progressing to study Musical Theatre at Italia Conti this September.



VOCATIONAL AWARD WINNERS 2021

PROGRESSION AWARDS



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EMILY WOOD

*BTEC Level 1 in Health & Social Care
Former School: Madeley School*

At the start of her academic journey at NSCG, Emily felt nervous and overwhelmed, and it took her two to three months to settle. Now at the end of her first year, she feels she has made many new friends and has grown comfortable with all aspects of college life.

She enjoys all of her lessons, is very punctual and has achieved 100% attendance since September. Her first formal assignments resulted in two Merit grades – for subsequent assignments, to date she has achieved two further Merit grades and four Distinction grades. Grades that once seemed unattainable have now become the standard, and is a credit to Emily's determination and positive mind-set.

We look forward to welcoming Emily back to NSCG in September where she will join our BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care course. Her long-term goal is to achieve a Level 4 qualification and she would like to eventually work with vulnerable adults or adults with disabilities.



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AWARD SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND

JOAO GRIMALDI

*BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Sport
Former School: Overseas*

Joao is an exceptional student with excellent attendance, which has only dropped slightly due to him taking an emergency visit to his mum in Brazil, having not seen her in 3 years. Despite English being his second language, Joao is excelling in every unit, his commitment to his course and his work ethic is impeccable, and he gives his all in everything he does.

Joao's passion is clear for all to see as his enthusiasm and pride provide an example for his peers to follow.

A keen footballer, Joao also plays for the NSCG football academy where he continues to share the same passion, and has subsequently been nominated for 'Player of the Year' by his team coach. Joao is an outstanding role model and is fully deserving of this recognition - we're so very proud of Joao and are looking forward to welcoming him back to college in September when he progresses to the BTEC Level 3 Sports course.

CROSS COLLEGE AWARDS



AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN MATHS & ENGLISH SPONSORED BY BESWICKS

ALEX RYTLEWSKI

*BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Art & Design
Former School: Stoke-on-Trent College*

Alex was always enthusiastic to contribute in lessons and go the extra mile to achieve the best possible grade in the November resit exams. They attended extra sessions, completed additional work at home and were always willing to support others who were not as confident in lessons.

All of this combined meant that they achieved a grade 5 in GCSE maths in the November resit. In imaginative and transactional writing tasks in English, Alex never failed to surprise and impress Lecturers with a sophisticated use of ambitious language and structure that subtly developed intriguing stories and complex viewpoints with vivid description and a persuasive tone. The outstanding grade 8 achieved in the November resit was never in any doubt given Alex's flair and skill in writing intelligently about text and in crafting high-quality creative written expression of their own.

We look forward to welcoming Alex back to NSCG in September where they'll progress to a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography.



AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN MATHS & ENGLISH SPONSORED BY BESWICKS

CHARLOTTE THORNHILL

*Level 1 Early Years
Former School: The Orme Academy*

Charlie came to the UK from America in Year 8 and was home schooled from Year 9, as a result she was not awarded teacher assessed grades during the exam disruption of 2021. When she joined NSCG, Charlie was apprehensive about starting college and completing her qualifications.

In maths, she was entered for the foundation paper and achieved the highest possible grade 5.

In English, her Lecturers describe her as: "a charming, gentle and witty student, and an extremely gifted and talented learner of English". The grade 8 she achieved in her November resit is clear evidence of this. Her written work is outstanding, it is consistently of the highest standard: extended, detailed, imaginative and thought-provoking. It's no surprise that Charlie has achieved the success she so richly deserves - she no doubt has a glittering future ahead of her.



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STUDENT OF THE YEAR - ADULT AWARD

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SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Access to Higher Education: Social Science

Sarah has been a beacon of light on the Access to HE course. She has shown nothing but positivity in the face of adversity in light of previous personal difficulties and traumatic experiences. Sarah ensures that she completes all tasks in a timely and efficient manner and is a fantastic role model for her peers and her three daughters.

Sarah is a tower of support for other students in the class and is capable of producing excellent work across all of her subjects. Sarah continually demonstrates resilience and courage that allows her to overcome barriers and achieve success. Her ability to share her experiences is testament to her desire to be inspirational to herself, her peers and children.

She deserves to be recognised for her commitment to succeed and we wish her every success as she progresses to Staffordshire University to study Criminology.



XTRA OF THE YEAR AWARD

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

ROX WARBURTON

*A Levels in Theatre Studies, Diploma in Applied Criminology and Certificate in Applied Psychology
Former School: Trentham Academy*

Rox is an exemplary student Xtra. Without hesitation, Rox has helped at every possible event while at college and has been a prized asset to the Xtras team. Not only has Rox selflessly sacrificed their own time and energy to the college, but has been pivotal in recruiting others to join the prestigious Xtras scheme.

Through their confidence and excellent leadership skills, they've taken to supporting peers and taking initiative to ensure the success of anything they're involved in. Rox greets everyone with warmth and ensures they're cared for in a professional and compassionate manner. Rox's passion for the college is visible for everyone to see, and you'd be forgiven for mistaking them as a member of staff at any of the events.

The only place you'll get lost with Rox is in conversation. Their magical presence will leave you smiling and always where you want to be (literally). We couldn't be any prouder and know Rox has a brighter than bright future ahead.



**STUDENT JORDAN JACKSON COLLECTS HIS
2021 AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN MATHS**

APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYER AWARDS

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICE AWARD

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LORNA GREATBATCH

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Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

Employer: St Giles' & St George's Primary School

Lorna embarked on an apprenticeship after completing Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science at the College gaining D*D*D*. Working locally at St Giles' and St George's primary school, Lorna has supported the school throughout the pandemic, attending to support teachers and embracing virtual training on Microsoft Teams when the College was in lockdown. Lorna has excellently demonstrated that she can lead groups of children and interacts positively in the continuous provision, using questioning carefully to embed learning and move it on.

Lorna has been praised by parents who've contacted the school to inform them that their child enjoys coming to school due to Lorna being there to greet them each morning. Lorna's passion and dedication is something that cannot be taught, and so the subsequent successes and achievements are of no surprise.

Lorna has completed her Level 2 qualification and her EPA with a distinction grade and the school have offered Lorna a full time job to support her career progression.

ADVANCED APPRENTICE AWARD

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ALICE OLSZEWSKI

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Level 3 Early Years Educator

Employer: St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School

Throughout her journey at NSCG, Alice has been on top of her work, completing work quickly and independently to allow her to complete her qualification early in order to progress her studies. She plans methodically and uses differentiation strategies throughout to support children who are struggling or have English as an Additional Need (EAN). Alice uses the schools online system, Tapestry to record what the children are learning and how they are progressing and recommends next steps, which also allows the parents to view and add to.

An active member of the class with 100% attendance, Alice regularly gets involved in group discussions. She hopes to progress to a Foundation degree in Early Childhood Studies to further progress her career. Alice is an exemplary student and her passion and determination demonstrate what can be achieved when you follow your heart.



HIGHER APPRENTICE AWARD

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EMMA BUSBY

*Level 5 Operations and Departmental Manager
Employer: Midlands Partnership NHS Trust*

Emma began her apprenticeship in a dual role as Team Co-ordinator/Clinical Worker. After putting herself forward for new opportunities and challenging herself by attending internal training, meetings and secondments, Emma then gained a promotion to Lead AHP Support Worker.

Emma applies her apprenticeship learning to both her role and supporting those in her team. She's always open and honest and shares her learning experiences with others to encourage self-development for herself and others around her. Emma has also supported the Team Leading Level 2 class by attending college and delivering a training session on people management and her own experiences in this area.

She motivated and encouraged those in the class and still touches base with some of them today. Emma has a real passion for supporting others and offers support whenever the opportunity arises. Her assessor describes her as an asset to her class and pleasure to mentor throughout her Level 5 qualification.



APPRENTICESHIP AWARD WINNERS 2021

BEST NEW EMPLOYER 2022

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

TPL NANTWICH

TPL Nantwich is owned and managed by one of NSCG's very own ex-students. This large and successful salon is located in the busy Cheshire town of Nantwich, and has become a hub of excellence that employs talented stylists and nurtures talent through apprenticeships.

The salon has formed formidable relationships with industry experts such as Wella, whose representatives provide exclusive training in all of the products and services. Caroline and her team ensure that apprentices work and train hard to achieve high standards. There are currently 6 apprentices being trained with another one on due to commence shortly. The professional image of the salon is demonstrated through every aspect of the business to ensure customers and learners alike experience outstanding practice.

We hope that this excellent partnership will continue to go from strength to strength.

BEST LARGE EMPLOYER 2022

SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND

A LENCH BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD.

Recruitment and training of apprentices has always been a core value of A Lench Building Contractors. During the 12-year working relationship with NSCG, they recruited between 4-5 apprentices per year, and now have learners at both our Newcastle and Stafford campuses. In September they plan to recruit their first female apprentice bricklayer, in an attempt to bring female apprentices in to a predominantly male driven occupation. Their 99% achievement rate is a reflection of their passion, and their vision sees learners progress through a variety of roles within the business.

A Lench Building Contractors work with individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to stabilise them both in their work and personal lives. Examples include funding learners to have driving lessons so they can get to college and site which they wouldn't have been able to afford to previously. They ensure their learners are equipped with the skills and support they require to gain entry to higher level apprenticeships and beyond.

We are proud of our longstanding relationship with A Lench Building Contractors, and look forward to working with them for many years to come.



EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR 2022

SPONSORED BY NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BID

JACKSONS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Jacksons Chartered Accountants have partnered with NSCG for over 20 years to provide AAT Level 2, 3 & 4 Accountancy training to work place apprentices/trainees. A number of trainees have excelled over the years, and have progressed to study ACCA professional qualifications which have led to successful careers in Accounting and Finance.

Jacksons Chartered Accountants provide excellent and diverse training in the workplace, introducing apprentices to all aspects of accounting, which helps the apprentice to achieve high results within their AAT qualifications, and builds their experience for the future. Managers and Directors go above and beyond in ensuring that apprentices are equipped with the right tools and support they need to achieve outstanding results and always take the time out to check on the progress of their apprentices.

Apprentices are commended when they've achieved outstanding results and the company has a culture of providing positive praise and sharing success. Jacksons Chartered Accountants are a brilliant local employer and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.



BEST SMALL EMPLOYER 2021: ROGERS BARBERS

SPORT AWARDS



TEAM OF THE YEAR 2022 **SPONSORED BY STOKE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

NSCG VOLLEYBALL SQUAD

The NSCG Volleyball Academy currently has 29 players competing across men's and ladies and mixed groups, with members attending up to 5 training sessions per week and players attending regular gym sessions to work on strength & conditioning. With a varied range of abilities, including total beginners, experienced club players to junior international squad members, the key factor when welcoming new members in to the vibrant group is that everyone who is involved is committed to improve.

We are incredibly proud of the progress the team have made this year. They have excelled themselves by being the first ever NSCG squad to reach the Association of Colleges National Knockout Cup Finals in the men's, ladies and mixed competitions, bringing home gold medals from all games. The men's and ladies teams also represented the West Midlands region at the AOC National Championship Finals in Nottingham, with both teams again bringing home the silverware.

The collective scale of their achievements this season is undeniable and with all of the wins and trophies accumulated throughout the year, they are potentially the most successful volleyball squad to ever represent NSCG.



THE GORDON BANKS AWARD FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

SPONSORED BY STOKE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

LEWIS LAWTON

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
Former School: Moorside High School*

A talented boxer, in February 2022, Lewis was successful at the England Boxing National Youth Championships which resulted in him being selected as part of a squad of 16 boxers to represent England in EUBC Youth European Boxing Championships, held in Bulgaria in April. He also competed for the England Youth squad in the Demean Tournament, Germany in March 2022 winning all of his bouts during the weekend.

As a result of his selections Lewis has attended intensive residential training camps at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Through hard work, passion and dedication Lewis has ensured his academic studies at the College have been as successful as his sporting career, using the knowledge gained on his Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science to better his craft. Lewis has balanced his boxing career with his studies flawlessly.

No doubt a star of the future, we wish Lewis every success when taking on the best boxers in Europe.



THE GORDON BANKS AWARD FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

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NIAMH HARDING

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care
Former School: Madeley High School*

Niamh has been a student at NSCG for the last two years studying BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care. In addition to achieving exceptional grades on her main programme, Niamh has been an active member of our Academy of Sport, representing the College in three different sports; Football, Badminton and Volleyball.

Volleyball is her primary passion and in November she was selected as part of England Juniors training group. She currently trains three times per week at NSCG and also does several gym sessions independently. Niamh helps to coach juniors within her local volleyball club and frequently uses this experience to help other less experienced players within the College group on 1-1 basis.

Niamh's enthusiastic and positive manner makes her a natural team Captain and she is very much a leader, both off and on the court. Niamh is an excellent role model for all female sports students at our college and the way she conducts herself in her day-to-day life is an example to us all. We wish her every success as she progresses to Keele University to study Adult Nursing.

SPECIAL AWARDS



THE ELLEN ANDERSON AWARD SPONSORED BY KEELE UNIVERSITY

DANIEL HINE

*BTEC Level 2 in Engineering
Former School: Abbey Hill School*

Daniel has been with NSCG since 2018 having joined on a foundation programme. Over the last four years he has progressed through a number of courses and is now on track to complete his Level 2 EAL Diploma in Engineering this summer. Things are not always easy for Daniel as he suffers with Autism Spectrum Disorder and has difficulties with communication and interaction. However, he has demonstrated that the sky's the limit and we can't commend his passion and perseverance enough.

Daniel loves knitting and he can be seen around college wearing his own designs and creations. He was keen to be involved in setting up a craft club within college and creating a close-knit creative community. He also designed and created a 3D model for the Association of Colleges 'Love Our Colleges' competition, these efforts saw him win a prize and national accolades. Daniel enjoys practical engineering and he always puts in maximum effort to his studies.

We're incredibly proud of him and wish him nothing but the best as he leaves NSCG to progress to an engineering apprenticeship with IAE.



THE GEORGE STONIER AWARD

SPONSORED BY SENIOR AEROSPACE BIRD BELLOWS

THOMAS GRAY

Supported Internship
Former School: Blackfriars School

Tom has been with NSCG for four years, and during this time he has grown both emotionally and academically. He came to us from Blackfriars School, and has progressed through the Lifeskills programme and the vocational route, completing courses in Early Years and Sport, both of which he is now putting to good use on his placement on the Supported Internship programme.

Tom is working in the community for Port Vale Football Club, working with children in schools with PE and exercise, amongst other activities. Tom demonstrates an excellent work ethic as he manages his college commitments alongside working as a steward at Stoke City Football Club, and also being a doting father to Ethan. He did some volunteering at the foodbank at the Alice Charity as part of his internship and decided to take it upon himself to get the College involved in raising money.

Tom can achieve anything that he puts his mind to and we can't wait to watch him develop beyond college.



**CHEYANA WALKER CELEBRATES HAVING
 COLLECTED HER 2021 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**



THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (VOCATIONAL)

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

KAYLEIGH SIMM

*Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering
Former School: Chesterton Community Sports College*

Kayleigh is a second year Level 3 BTEC Engineering student whose passion for engineering is evident, as she has strived to be a straight-distinction student during her time at NSCG.

In her project, she has designed and manufactured a visual aid to assist people with hearing impairments appreciate music – a very worthy product! She is interested in music and the product will be useful for not only people with hearing impairments but also children. We have all agreed this is one of the most imaginative projects ever completed. She completed her work experience at North Staffs Oatcakes by working alongside their technicians on the production line, where she was able to exhibit her knowledge of electrical and mechanical principles proficiently in a hectic environment.

We have no doubt Kayleigh will be a credit to women in engineering and wish her all the best as she explores her higher education and apprenticeship options.



THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (ACADEMIC)

SPONSORED BY ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SOPHIE DAILY-HUNT

*A Levels in English Literature, History, Philosophy, Ethics & Religion and EPQ
Former School: Newcastle-under-Lyme School*

Sophie joined us from Newcastle-under-Lyme School. From the outset she has really flourished in her A Level studies and looks set to achieve outstanding final outcomes which should allow her to take up her very well deserved place at King's College, Cambridge to study English, where she will no doubt, continue to thrive.

Sophie has very much enjoyed her time at NSCG and her presence has made a significant contribution to her peers and indeed to the A Level faculty. In summary, she is an outstanding student by whatever metrics you choose to apply to her and we are very proud of her achievements.

We wish Sophie every success in the future and we are confident that the academic rigour she will be exposed to at an institution like Cambridge will suit her well and facilitate the realisation of her full potential.



DAVID PEREIRA COLLECTS HIS 2021 GORDON BANKS AWARD FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

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