



**NSCG** | STAFFORD COLLEGE

# 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 Stafford College a fantastic place to work and study.

Enjoy the evening.



**Karen Dobson OBE**

Principal and Chief Executive,  
Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group



## WELCOME | CARL RIDING

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## COMPÈRE | KAREN DOBSON OBE

Principal and Chief Executive, Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS LORD STAFFORD DL FRAGS

Lord Stafford runs his family estate at Swynnerton and is the brainchild behind the influential Lord Stafford Awards, which aimed to bridge the gap between the work of the region's Universities and the needs of businesses in the Midlands.

Lord Stafford is a great ambassador for the county through his previous role as High Sheriff of Staffordshire. He is very well known for his work to promote innovation and to get universities and businesses to collaborate from his many influential networks.

### SPECIAL GUEST ANDY GRIFFIN

*Andy Griffin Football Academy Head Coach and former Stoke City FC Captain*

Andy Griffin is an ex-Premiership footballer and former Stoke City FC Captain, who has played in the Champions League with Newcastle United.

At the peak of his game, he played for the great Sir Bobby Robson, Kenny Dalglish and Ruud Gullit. He captained Stoke City to promotion to the Premier League, under Tony Pulis, and was fortunate enough to play for the flamboyant Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth.

Since 2016, Andy has headed up the Andy Griffin Football Academy (AGFA) finding great success along the way, winning the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) U18 Cup in 2019 and guiding many of his academy students to careers within professional football and the sports industry.

## 2022 AWARDS

### SIXTH FORM AWARDS

Arts and Creative Award

Creative Media Award

Humanities and Social Sciences Award

Science Award

Honours Programme Award

Award for Special Achievement

### VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Business Award

Computing and IT Award

Creative Arts Award

Early Years Award

Engineering Award

Fashion Award

Hairdressing and Beauty Award

Health and Social Care Award

Performing Arts Award

Public Services Award

Sport Award

Travel and Tourism Award

Vocational Science Award

Award for Special Achievement: Teamwork

### PROGRESSION AWARDS

Foundation Level Award

Intermediate Level Award

Award for Special Achievement

### CROSS COLLEGE AWARDS

Award for Progress in English

Award for Progress in Maths

Student of the Year: Adult Award

Xtra of the Year Award

### APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Intermediate Apprenticeship Award

Advanced Apprenticeship Awards

### EMPLOYER AWARDS

Employer Awards

Employer Outreach Award

Employer of the Year Award

### SPORT AWARDS

Team of the Year

The Ian Marsden Awards for Sporting Excellence

### SPECIAL AWARDS

The Laura Furnival Award

The Principal's Awards

# SIXTH FORM AWARDS



## ARTS & CREATIVE AWARD SPONSORED BY CAN PRINT

### JESS PAYNE

*A Levels in Graphic Design, Psychology and Sociology  
Former School: Newport Girls' High School*

Jess is a very conscientious and diligent student. Described by her lecturers as a pleasure to teach, she demonstrates an eagerness to learn, develop new skills and push herself to explore new ideas and concepts.

Jess has maintained a trainee position at Kensa Creative, a design and marketing company in Telford throughout the period of her studies. Managing this traineeship while also juggling her academic studies and her family commitments, has taken hard work, planning and determination.

She has been proactive in her decision to go straight into employment after completing her A Level studies and through her continued efforts Jess has secured employment at Kensa Creative and is expecting to be made a Junior Graphic Designer this summer. She has ambitions to become a Senior Designer in the future and with the obvious talents, work ethic and skill that Jess exhibits it is clear to all that know her that she will go from strength to strength in her chosen field.



## CREATIVE MEDIA AWARD SPONSORED BY EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

### LEAH GREENAWAY-LEWIS

*A Levels in Graphic Design, Film Studies and Photography  
Former School: Codsall Community High School*

Leah is one of those rare individuals who is not only an excellent and dedicated student who has shown verve and ambition throughout her studies, but she is also someone who demonstrates a humility and humour which has made her a joy to teach throughout her time at NSCG.

Leah has gone above and beyond, especially in terms of the project and sketchbook work that she has produced for Graphic Design and Photography which have been exemplary. She has also been focused on putting together an excellent portfolio to support her applications to university, which translated into offers from Bath Spa University, University of Huddersfield, Leeds Beckett University and Leeds Arts University to study Creative Media.

Leah should be extremely proud of her achievements, she deserves the obvious successes that she has achieved and has demonstrated herself to be a credit to herself and the College - we wish her every success in her future endeavours.



## HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARD

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

**NALANI PURSEHOUSE**

*A Levels in History, Psychology and Sociology*  
*Former School: Erasmus Darwin Academy*

Words often used to describe Nalani are 'exceptional' and 'outstanding.' She is outstanding in her independence and maturity, in her cogent contributions to discussion and in her capacity for sheer hard work. Lecturers are also impressed by the generous support she gives other learners in her groups.

She comes to class fully prepared, embracing independent study and demonstrating formidable levels of achievement on a consistent basis. She is a true scholar, intellectually curious and willing to dedicate time to original research and thinking. She is described by her History lecturer as an 'extraordinarily capable student' and her coursework is a testimony to her intellectual rigour and industrious approach.

Nalani's ambition is to work in broadcasting, specifically production management. She has undertaken relevant virtual work experience on Springpod and is currently pursuing a number of broadcast apprenticeship/employment opportunities.

## SCIENCE AWARD

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**JACOB ROLLINS**

*A Levels in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics*  
*Former School: Staffordshire University Academy*

Jacob is a very able scientist and mathematician. He has handsomely exceeded his target grades, achieving nothing below an A\* in maths this year, A\*s and As in Physics (a 50/50 split) and mostly As in Chemistry. This is an unusually good record of achievement in arguably the toughest A Level subjects.

With an intuitive approach, a rare quality in an A Level student in these subjects, Jacob is an excellent problem solver with an instinctive grasp of new concepts. He has a shrewd analytical mind which he uses to unpick technical information in order to begin the problem solving process.

He is eminently suitable to develop his passion for computers as a route to a successful career in the gaming industry or virtual reality, which will begin as he studies Computer Science at the University of Manchester next year.

## HONOURS PROGRAMME AWARD

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**LAUREN ADAMS**

*A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology*  
*Former School: Cardinal Griffin Catholic College*

Lauren is a truly uplifting student, committed to her A Levels and fully involved in all aspects of the College experience. She approaches obstacles with an appealing mixture of pragmatism and humour.

Her Extended Project Qualification submission was excellent. Comparing the Covid-19 pandemic to the outbreak of the bubonic plague in London in the 1660s, she not only demonstrated her scientific knowledge, but she pushed herself to engage with the historical and sociological aspects of the topic too. Her presentation was also outstanding: informative, reflective and totally engrossing; quite a significant achievement when a student is performing on Teams.

Lauren's brilliant communication skills have also been demonstrated in her work as class representative, where she has brought insight and diplomacy to the role. All of this and more will doubtlessly contribute to her success as she progresses to study Microbiology at the University of Chester.



## AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

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**ROCHELLE HEYHOE**

*A Levels in Mathematics, Physics and Sociology*  
*Former School: Staffordshire University Academy*

While many students have aims and ambitions towards particular career paths, not all have the drive and determination that Rochelle has demonstrated to push themselves towards achieving those goals.

Rochelle made the decision early in the academic year that she wanted to focus her progression efforts away from a traditional university based route towards a degree apprenticeship in an engineering related field. Most pleasing of all through this process is that in juggling the completion of demanding applications, attending online and in person interviews around the country and keeping on track with her academic studies, Rochelle has grown in self-belief.

Rochelle has successfully gained a place on an engineering degree apprenticeship programme at Sellafeld Ltd, as part of one of the UK's most important infrastructure and environmental engineering projects. We wish her every success in her future career.



STAFFORD COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS 2021

# VOCATIONAL AWARDS

## BUSINESS AWARD

SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

### MELISSA ROPER

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business*

*Former School: Wolgarston High School*

Melissa switched to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business course after realising that the A Level pathway was not for her. Starting afresh is not for the faint of heart, but since then Melissa has not looked back and has achieved 100% attendance over the 2 year programme.

She adapted her approach to meet the demands of a new course, took the lockdown situations in her stride and achieved straight distinctions in every unit, including four external exams, which is no mean feat.

Throughout her time at NSCG, Melissa has demonstrated sheer determination to succeed and she has worked well independently, and also supported her peers and close friendship group who have their own individual learning needs. She is polite and diligent and has been an absolute pleasure to teach.

Melissa has decided not to attend university, and has instead secured a Level 3 AAT apprenticeship with accountancy practice Daw White Murrall in Wolverhampton.



## COMPUTING & IT AWARD

SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

### THOMAS DEGG

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT*

*Former School: Nether Stowe School*

Thomas joined NSCG in September 2019 on a Level 2 programme after being home schooled and he quickly became a popular member of the group. Throughout his time at college Thomas has grown into a fine young gentleman, reaching personal milestones and coping well with learning remotely which saw him completing extra work to support his progression to the Level 3 course.

After being in college for a year, he was keen to make a difference so he successfully campaigned to become Student President. He made a virtual open event video and attended various governors meetings, which served to give him an immense amount of confidence.

Thomas is quite the pro when it comes to ESports and he has started his own business. This has led him to a job as an Assistant General Manager for the Renegades in Michigan, and when he finishes college, he will fly out to the US to work full-time in this role.



## CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

SPONSORED BY NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

**ROSS BURLINGTON**

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design  
Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Like many other high achievers, Ross works extremely hard and is fully immersed in the subject he is studying. Ross has developed his skills to the extent where he has taken on paid freelance design work during his studies.

Ross's idea was the stand out winner of a recent 'Keep Stoke Smiling' live brief commissioned by the NHS to promote the importance of good oral hygiene. His work was subsequently turned into a 48 sheet billboard campaign which was located on a number of prime sites in in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Ross is also part of a group project run by VCCP advertising agency, on behalf of their client EasyJet, which will see him pitching advertising campaign ideas on the 8th July.

As well as having the design skills, it is common for Ross to stay behind after class to quiz his Lecturers about elements of design that have captured his imagination. Ross will progress to De Montfort University in September to study Graphic Design.



## EARLY YEARS AWARD

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**FRANCESCA GREEN**

*BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play,  
Learning and Development  
Former School: Sir Graham Balfour School*

Fran has consistently shown maturity, determination and commitment above and beyond that normally expected. Her politeness, her values and the way she presents herself have been noted by all of the staff who teach her. She has quietly supported the whole class to have a positive outlook.

Fran's determination to achieve her goal of becoming a primary school teacher extended to her extra-curricular studies where she independently researched and commenced a science course to complete alongside her demanding full-time vocational course. Fran has excelled in all of her placements which has helped her to grow in confidence, she possesses all of the attributes required to succeed in her desired career of teaching.

The next step for Fran is a Primary Education degree at the University of Worcester.



## ENGINEERING AWARD

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**THOMAS ROBERTS**

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in  
Advanced Manufacturing Engineering  
Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Thomas has excelled on the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering course after overcoming personal issues initially. He has been recognised by his peers as being someone to talk to for double-checking their thoughts as he maintains a quiet professional attitude towards everyone and is always very respectful to staff.

Thomas is employed at a vinyl printing company, which he finds extremely enjoyable and he has balanced his college work alongside his work duties efficiently and to a high standard. Thomas creates designs for customers and has developed confidence from that, which has immensely improved his interactions with peers and staff. He has been able to utilise his work duties and experiences in his BTEC assignment work to develop his arguments and provide evidence towards Distinction-level grades

He will progress to an apprenticeship position with Vinyl Guys when he completes his course.



## FASHION AWARD

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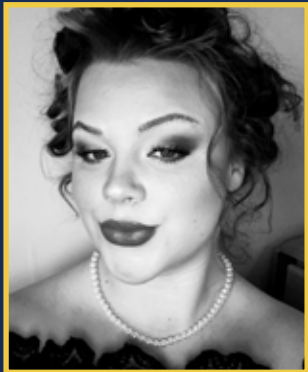
**ABBIE JARVIS**

*BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Fashion  
Former School: The Burton Borough School*

During her time at NSCG Abbie has been an absolutely outstanding and inspiring student: achieving 100% attendance, attending extra classes and attaining the highest grades possible throughout. Abbie has been the class representative for both years, taking part in the Student Conference and relaying the thoughts of the group to the staff team.

She is always there to support her fellow students and recently she ran Adobe Illustrator workshops for all of the Year 1 Fashion students, demonstrating her skills and knowledge. Abbie managed to gain over 544 hours of truly meaningful work experience in each year at Croft Design, where she has gained machine embroidery skills for a range of customers, including ecclesiastical garments, robes and embroidered vestments.

Next year, Abbie has accepted a place at the University of Central Lancashire to study Fashion Design.



## HAIR & BEAUTY AWARD

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### MEGAN WALKER

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

Megan started studying at NSCG Stafford College on the Level 1 Introduction to Beauty Therapy course in September 2019, which she found challenging. Since then, she has turned herself around, not only improving her attendance and attitude toward staff and her education but also gaining her maths and English GCSEs, gaining Grade 4s in both.

Her lecturer describes her as: "one of the most ambitious and enthusiastic learners we have had on the course for some time, entering all sessions with enthusiasm". Megan has entered the world of special effects this year and with this, she has opened up a completely new level of creative options. She took first place in an Easter virtual competition for her outstanding face and body art designs.

Megan has accepted a place at University College Birmingham to study Specialist Make-Up for TV and Film – something Megan did not think was possible when she began her college journey. Proof that dedication and hard work can take you far.



## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AWARD

SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

### LILY-MAE WEST

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care  
Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Lily-Mae first began her journey at NSCG on the Level 2 Health and Social Care course and has thrived ever since. This is highlighted by the exceptional feedback on her work placements who were impressed by her ability to go 'above and beyond' to succeed.

She is an asset to the College as a student Xtra and a representative of the Student Union, using this role to spur change. She is also passionate about supporting the wider community and as such obtained a voluntary placement within a nursing home during the pandemic. She also supports and volunteers for charities such as Kicks Count.

Lily-Mae has always shown passion and dedication to supporting individuals with complex needs and will progress to study Midwifery at Staffordshire University.



## PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

SPONSORED BY BIMM INSTITUTE BIRMINGHAM

### DYLAN WALTON

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Technology  
Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Dylan is an outstanding student who has a bright future within the modern music industry. He has achieved the highest grades in all units and he can often be found mixing and mastering his own compositions in the College recording studios at lunchtimes, after classes and even early in the morning! He is a true example of a practitioner who lives and breathes music, setting himself goals and targets for continued improvement.

Dylan has taken the opportunity to network and promote his music through avenues such as BBC Introducing, forging relationships with professional signed musicians. He also found time to release a single and an EP, in addition to collaborative work with former students from across the country.

Dylan has some exciting progression plans, with a number of university offers. He looks set to take up a place at BIMM in Bristol this September.



## PUBLIC SERVICES AWARD

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

### ABIGAIL HEMMING

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services  
Former School: King Edward VI High School*

Abigail was identified from the outset as a strong learner who required stretching and challenging. She often requests extension activities with the aim of pushing herself further, which is evident in her predicted D\*D\*D\* grades.

Recently Abi has participated in sessions run by the Royal Corps of Signals where she was required to complete a variety of military-based activities and challenges. During this her leadership and communication skills were commented upon in a positive light but these were second to her positive attitude and discipline. In the outdoor expedition unit she again excelled in all capacities, being the figurehead of the group and offering support and guidance to those who were struggling.

Abi has received an offer from Staffordshire University to study Forensic Investigation with the intent to either join the Police Force or work with insurance companies investigating fraudulent claims. We wish her every success in her future career.

## SPORT AWARD

SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

### NICOLE COMAN

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport  
Former School: The Burton Borough School*

Nicole has been an outstanding student during her two years at NSCG Stafford College. Despite English being her second language, she has shown an excellent attitude to learning and determination to achieve Distinction grades in all of her written coursework.

Her grades have been outstanding in complicated units which require vast knowledge of difficult subject areas such as anatomy and the psychology of sports coaching.

Nicole has always been a motivated individual who sets high standards to ensure that all of her work is completed to an exceptional standard, and submitted before the deadline. Her contribution in class has supported this work ethic and has led to her achieving the grades that she deserves.



## TRAVEL & TOURISM AWARD

SPONSORED BY BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

### REBECCA TURPIN

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism  
Former School: The Burton Borough School*

Becky has always had a desire to work in the tourism industry as cabin crew and gained a great deal of inspiration from the range of guest speakers arranged by the Travel Department.

Despite being set back by the COVID pandemic and the lack of employment opportunities in the industry, particularly in the role of cabin crew, Becky never gave up and never stopped striving to achieve her dream role.

She recently attended a full day training event, excelling in all check-in aspects, flight simulation experiences, cabin crew duties including dealing with a smoke filled cabin, using an escape slide correctly, flight safety announcements and demos.

She has utilised her experiences to pursue a role at Jet2 as cabin crew. There were 3000 applicants for the post and, after a whole day of gruelling academic and practical activities, Becky 'gained her wings' and secured one of just 15 jobs available. With her first flight to Dalaman in Turkey, the world really is her oyster.

## VOCATIONAL SCIENCE AWARD

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### JOSH EATON

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science  
Former School: Alleyne's Academy*

Josh is an outstanding applied science student who isn't afraid to stand out from the crowd and who will always stand up for what he believes even if it goes against the common view. Josh has a fantastic sense of humour and has kept the staff (and his peers) laughing throughout his time at college with his stories of his snowboarding adventures and his visit to the museum on his Iceland trip - Josh will know exactly what we mean by this!

Josh works exceptionally hard in everything he does and has successfully balanced his job at the Snowdome and volunteering with scouts with his studies. He always makes sure his work is submitted to the highest standard and without exception, his work has always been presented professionally. Josh has been a fantastic ambassador for the applied science course engaging with prospective students and their parents at several open events.

Josh initially plans to take a gap year to pursue his snowboarding interests, and longer term is considering a career as a Paramedic.



CREATIVE ARTS AWARD WINNER 2021,  
LEWIS SMITHARD COLLECTS HIS AWARD



## VOCATIONAL AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT: TEAM WORK 2022

SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES

**REUBEN CARR, JAMIE COUPLAND, EUAN EADES,  
TOBY TALBOT & HARRY LEWIS**

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in TV, Film & Media*

*Former Schools: The Rural Enterprise Academy, Sir Graham Balfour, Cannock Chase High School, Kingsmead High School and Cannock Chase High School*

This group of students started the Film, TV & Media Production course in 2020, originally studying on the week in week out model due to COVID. The course relies on aspects of teamwork, and the restricted start made this aspect challenging. The students have worked collaboratively on 10 productions and their commitment and dedication to each of these projects, and their professionalism has shone through on so many occasions.

As a group, they have found their place working within a team, each taking on a key role and meeting the expectations and demands of their peers, whilst holding their individual roles. The level of ambition displayed is clear through the quality of outcomes on their projects. Not only do they work on larger scale productions collaboratively, but they are also quick to support each other on smaller, more personal projects.

To say these students have brought into the philosophy of both the course, and the College, is an understatement. We wish them all well as they pursue higher education courses and springboard into their careers in the creative industry.



**EARLY YEARS WINNER 2021, CHLOE MASON  
COLLECTS HER AWARD**

# PROGRESSION AWARDS



## FOUNDATION LEVEL AWARD

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### CHELSEA MOORE

*Level 1 in Motor Vehicle*

*Former School: The Friary School*

Always punctual despite travelling from Rugeley each day, Chelsea has 100% attendance and is always willing to get involved in Q&A sessions in technology classes. Her work is exemplary, which has resulted in her achieving two Distinction grades in her course exams.

Staff commented: 'Despite personal difficulties, Chelsea shows an excellent level of resilience and has risen to any challenge she has faced'. Chelsea is in the process of moving to Birmingham, but has committed to completing her course with a view to progressing onto the Level 2 next year.

In her spare time, Chelsea has a part time job in catering and hospitality, and will be on the lookout for a new position once she has moved. Chelsea's determination to succeed inside and outside college shows a lot of maturity, and we are certain that Chelsea will achieve her goals of becoming a garage mechanic once qualified.



## FOUNDATION LEVEL AWARD

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### PHEBE FOULKES

*Level 1 in Cookery*

*Former School: Wolverhampton Girls' High School*

Phebe is very passionate about cooking and shows excellent skills when she is in the kitchen. Early in the course, she was awarded 'Chef of the Section' in recognition of her hard work, dedication and standard of cooking and has continued to excel as the year has progressed.

Phebe has a passion for pastry and loves to work on that section in the Riverbank Kitchen. In addition, Phebe works part-time for a local restaurant, The Post House, and is now able to run her own pastry section. The Head Chef from The Post House, Tom Roden, made contact with the College recently and made the following comments, "Phebe has been brilliant at running our pastry section on the two days she is with us, from prep to service she really needs no help at all now."

Phebe's talents are not just in the kitchen, when supporting within the Riverbank Training Restaurant she demonstrates excellent teamwork, customer service and is able to build up a good rapport with the customers. She will be an asset to the Level 2 Professional Cookery course that she intends to join next year.



## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AWARD

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

### KATIE-JANE ALLMAN

*BTEC Level 2 in Business*

*Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Katie-Jane is a former Level 1 IT and Business student who joined the Level 2 course after gaining a Distinction as well as her English and maths GCSEs, which she was extremely proud of.

Katie-Jane by her own admission struggles with confidence and belief in her own ability.

However, she never gives up, she goes the extra mile and always finds time out of her own busy schedule to support classmates, friends and staff. She is a pleasure to teach, a supportive group member, an excellent friend to her classmates and deserves to do well. Katie-Jane truly is an inspiration to us all: 100% attendance, impeccable manners, great work ethic and yet the most humble and grateful individual.

Katie-Jane has made no secret of the fact she wants to open up her own café called 'Honey Bee' with the slogan 'Kindness Makes Happiness', specialising in making people happy! We wish her the very best in her future endeavours.



## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AWARD

SPONSORED BY CPW

### JAYDEN WOOD

*Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation*

*Former School: The Rural Enterprise Academy*

Jayden started with us in 2021 and from the outset, conducted himself with maturity and respect well above his 17 years, in regards to his behaviour towards his peers, staff members and his studies. Jayden's mum often corresponds with us and is very supportive of her son. Jayden is also really supportive of his family, helping his mum with his four siblings and especially his autistic sister.

At the end of last year, Jayden took the initiative and found a work placement with a company who are supporting him to obtain some substantial and valuable work experience. Jayden is thoroughly enjoying his time with New Wire and they are hoping to be able to take Jayden as an apprentice at the end of his course in June. It has been a pleasure to teach Jayden this year and we are very much looking forward to seeing him back at college next year as an advanced apprentice.

## PROGRESSION AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

SPONSORED BY STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

### JAMES THOMPSON

*BTEC Level 2 Public Services*

*Former School: Sir Graham Balfour School*

James has been an exceptional learner on our Level 2 course showing excellent progression both academically and personally.

James arrived from Foundation Studies and was worried about the step up in terms of expectations and standard of work, he used this worry to motivate himself enabling him to excel in all tasks given to him.

He has developed his confidence and communication skills and has been a key asset in the classroom supporting others and being a kind individual which is always needed. James has been involved in many enrichment activities including working closely with the Army where he participated in a careers day and he even sourced his own placement at local charity, House of Bread in the town centre.



PROGRESSION AWARD WINNERS 2021

# CROSS COLLEGE AWARDS

## AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN ENGLISH

SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND

### ELLA BROMLEY

*BTEC Level 3 Children's Play, Learning and Development and GCSE English  
Former School: Walton High School*

Throughout the year, Ella has worked remarkably hard to develop her skills in GCSE English; her attitude is outstanding. As a result, she has achieved grades 6 and 7 in recent mock examinations. To develop her skills further, Ella has worked hard to produce exceptional creative writing, which is always technically accurate.

She has read examples and used them to inspire her own writing. Ella listens to advice and understands the specific questions she should now focus on to improve further.

Ella consistently works well and listens to advice in order to improve. She has a fantastic attitude and clearly wants to succeed; she is not afraid to challenge herself. In addition, Ella is always able to have extended discussions on relevant topics. Over the last academic year, she has grown in confidence and lecturers describe her as: "an absolute pleasure to teach and a learner who deserves recognition for her efforts."



## AWARD FOR PROGRESS IN MATHS

SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND

### CALLUM POWNEY

*BTEC Level 3 Games Design & 3D Modelling and GCSE Maths  
Former School: Wolgarston High School*

Callum consistently goes the extra mile. He is always the first one to offer answers to any questions posed and is not frightened to have a go. Callum also influences his peer group, encouraging them to work hard during the lesson. This attitude has proven very beneficial to the students who work with him.

He is determined to pass his GCSE maths qualification and works hard during all lessons and outside the classroom. He is constantly asking questions related to his work, is keen to understand how he can improve from the previous year and follows up on his assessment results. Callum arrives early to all lessons, and is fully prepared with all maths equipment. He has developed a small social group within the Maths lesson which is influential in the learning culture in the classroom.

Callum is a pleasure to teach and we look forward to welcoming him back to NSCG Stafford College in September for the second year of his course.



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## STUDENT OF THE YEAR: ADULT AWARD

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**ELIZABETH JARVIS**

*Access to Higher Education: Health Professionals*

Liz has had a very emotionally challenging year, having experienced three bereavements of family and friends within a two week period that naturally affected both her and her children. Despite these losses she has shown great resilience and commitment to her long-term goal of becoming a midwife.

She has been very proactive in securing voluntary work in a related field to improve her chances of being accepted onto a midwifery degree course. She so impressed the interviewers at Walsall Manor Hospital that they have created a role especially for her to gain enhanced ward experience on the antenatal ward, and she will soon transferring to their maternity ward.

The fact that she is taking on additional work alongside her family and Access course commitments is testament to her determination, hard work and impressive time management skills. We wish her every success as she progresses to a Midwifery course at Staffordshire University



## STUDENT OF THE YEAR: ADULT AWARD

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**SARAH STANLEY**

*Access to Higher Education: Health Professionals*

Sarah progressed from a pre-Access course, having completed the Level 2 certificate, alongside GCSE maths, in 2020-21. The challenges of returning to education as an adult were magnified by the pandemic as Sarah frequently had to attend online lessons during lockdown whilst also home schooling her children and meeting other caring needs of her family.

The hard work Sarah applied during the pre-Access course has stood her in good stead this year as she achieved Distinctions in all of her graded units across all three modules to date. Sarah has a positive attitude and responds well to feedback about ways to improve. She is both liked and respected by her peers, and has taken on the additional responsibility as Class Representative for her group. She is a calming presence, offering rational advice and encouragement to her fellow students.

Sarah will progress to the University of Wolverhampton to study Midwifery.



## XTRA OF THE YEAR AWARD

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**FAITH SWEETMAN**

*BTEC Level 2 First Award in Children's Play Learning and Development (T Level Progression Programme)  
Former School: Alleyne's Academy*

Faith is an excellent Student Xtra, often the person to arrive earliest and leave latest. She has supported numerous evening and weekend Open Events during this academic year, welcoming prospective learners with a warm smile.

She has a very engaging, bright and bubbly character and professionally manages to show visitors and students to their desired destinations in a timely manner.

Faith's Tutor commented: "She is just the loveliest student... always on time, hard-working and always considerate of others and their needs. She gains distinctions in her assignments and is a pleasure to have in the classroom." We look forward to welcoming Faith back to NSCG in September.



**STUDENT OF THE YEAR: ADULT AWARD WINNER  
2021, SISASENKOSI NDLOVU COLLECTS HER AWARD**

# APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYER AWARDS



## INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICE AWARD SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND **WILLOW WARD**

*Level 2 Beauty Professional Beauty Therapist  
Employer: Rachel's Beauty Room*

Willow initially struggled with the theoretical aspects of the Level 2 Beauty apprenticeship as a previous illness affected her memory. However, Willow has overcome this by producing written work to a high standard and on time, she has clearly worked hard to revise and complete her exams.

Willow has a friendly personality, which is evident when she completes practical treatments on clients. Willow's positivity and work ethic is inspirational, her hard work has resulted in her employer Rachel's Beauty Room offering her a full-time job on completion of her course.



## ADVANCED APPRENTICE AWARD SPONSORED BY HOUSING PLUS GROUP **TOM WALMSLEY**

*Level 3 Hospitality and Catering  
Employer: The Flintlock, Cheddleton*

Tom started his apprenticeship journey in March 2019 but due to the pandemic, his workplace was forced to shut on 2 occasions, totalling 11 months. Tom returned to a new position after lockdown two, and quickly settled into the team at a newly opened restaurant, The Flintlock, in Cheddleton, where he is employed as a Pastry Development Chef.

As a mature learner, Tom has many responsibilities; what with a demanding full time job in the hospitality industry, 3 young children, and now an apprenticeship, he knew it would be a lot to take on – but he certainly rose to the challenge.

A Pastry Chef was Tom's perfect role, as he loves pastry section, and is truly passionate about his craft. His personal library of cookery books from Chefs across the world, contains more specialist pastry books than a library itself! Tom spends many hours researching and developing his dessert dishes, and his creations really are truly amazing! Tom has become an integral part of The Flintlock Team, and can run all sections of the kitchen, in addition to supervising and training other staff, ordering food and developing the whole menu offer. Employer feedback and reviews are always excellent.

The icing on the cake, was The Flintlock being awarded not one, but two AA rosette awards in March 2022. Congratulations Tom!



## ADVANCED APPRENTICE AWARD

SPONSORED BY HOUSING PLUS GROUP

### JASON TALLETT

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma In Fabrication & Engineering Welding*  
*Employer: Bostik*

Jason has always worked to the highest level during his apprenticeship. He has a mature outlook and attitude that has a calming influence on the group dynamics, this is a trait only usually seen in people with more senior roles.

At work Jason fulfils a technical support role at international adhesive company Bostik. Although he is still undergoing his apprenticeship training, he has a broad knowledge of maintenance activities across the site. Jason has been driving through new ideas and procedures at work to save time and resources. He is supported by a mentor who has nothing but praise for his progress, as such Jason has now become a mentor himself – a role he will definitely take in his stride.

Jason is quiet but self-assured, this balanced with great academic and technical ability, gives a great rounded approach to both learning and life. On completion of his course, he is considering progressing to an electrical installation pathway.



## ADVANCED APPRENTICE AWARD

SPONSORED BY HOUSING PLUS GROUP

### ELEANOR RAVENSCROFT

*Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker*  
*Employer: Greyfriars (MPFT)*

Eleanor is a mature student who works at Greyfriars (MPFT) in Stafford as a Therapy Assistant Practitioner. She was nominated by the employer to complete the Senior Support Worker apprenticeship at Level 3, an 18 month programme.

Eleanor has severe dyslexia and has always wanted to go to university to study to become a qualified Occupational Therapist but has felt that she did not have the confidence or ability.

With the skills she gained throughout the course, she gained the confidence to apply to the University of Wolverhampton, and was successful with her application. Eleanor has worked hard to overcome so many barriers during this course and we feel that her commitment, the skills that she has gained and the changes in her own self-esteem and confidence make her a very deserving award winner.

## EMPLOYER AWARD 2022

SPONSORED BY BOWMER + KIRKLAND

### SANDYTOTS

Sandytots have been working with NSCG for 18 months, in this time they have placed three apprentices and have supported two voluntary learners with the College, and have vacancies for more learners in future. They have shown that they value their apprentices by paying above the minimum wage.

Owner Julie and Manager Michelle are welcoming and Michelle or her Deputy will always be available for apprentice progress reviews. We have built up a good relationship, which helps to keep communication lines open to discuss any problems that may occur.

The nursery has recently received the Early Years grant from the Staffordshire 500 fund and have put it to fantastic use by paying for all of their staff members to have individual training packages to support their development and keep up to date with best practice.

We look forward to working with Sandytots for many years to come.

## EMPLOYER AWARD 2022

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### ASTON MARINA

Since employing their first apprentice with NSCG in 2020, the provision at Aston Marina has steadily grown, to now having five apprentices on programme. The first recruit has just completed his Commis apprenticeship.

Aston Marina has also supported the Hospitality Department at Stafford College by working in partnership to run a very successful evening event in the Riverbank restaurant in November 2021. They are also very willing to host student visits and provide work experience and job opportunities to suitable students.

In terms of a hospitality establishment, and place to work, Aston Marina is a fabulous, local venue offering excellent facilities on the canal side, and they have won numerous other awards which support this view. All of this, makes for a brilliant place for apprentices to gain their experience, and once qualified, there are lots of opportunities for jobs and growth in a very successful and growing local business.

## EMPLOYER OUTREACH AWARD 2022

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### WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM (WMRET)

The role of the West Midlands Regional Engagement Team is to engage learners in activities and to give them a greater understanding of the British Army; who they are, what they do and how they contribute to society.

Individual soldiers offer their own journey where learners can see progression in practice and are able to put themselves in their place and see their potential, specifically regarding their role within the Protective Services and which route to take.

WMRET have gone out of their way to design activities and tasks to supplement the curriculum and to offer learners a unique insight into their role while at the same time enabling achievement of assessment criteria through practical application of skill and ability.

This is a vital link for the Uniformed Protective Services team and one we hope to continue developing in coming years, to ensure we continue providing practical enrichment for learners looking at roles within the Protective Services.



## EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR 2022

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### HOUSING PLUS GROUP

Housing Plus Group is a leading provider of quality, affordable homes and care services. We have had apprentices with Housing Plus Group since 2016, throughout this time they have been an incredibly supportive employer to all of their apprentices.

A large volume of the apprentices complete the Electrical Installation and Maintenance qualification, this is one of the largest and most in depth apprenticeships that NSCG offers and can take up to four years to complete.

Housing Plus Group have excellent engagement with NSCG activities and are fully supportive of our provision. They have attended employer events and were happy to provide case studies detailing the excellent relationship they have with us, whilst showing their commitment to apprentices in the local area.

They are an excellent supportive employer who put apprenticeships at the forefront of their training provision and we look forward to continuing the strong relationship for many years to come.



**INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICE AWARD WINNER 2021,  
TAYLIN SPILLANE SMITH COLLECTS HER AWARD**

# SPORT AWARDS



## TEAM OF THE YEAR 2022

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### ANDY GRIFFIN FOOTBALL ACADEMY MEN'S TEAM

We are very proud of the NSCG Stafford College AGFA men's team, who have had a superb season. With some great talent on display within the team, they have come together brilliantly, showing teamwork and resilience to become Champions of their league.

They also entered the regional 7-a-side football tournament at Dimensions Leisure Centre in October and won the event after topping their group and beating Dudley College 2-0 in the final. The team qualified for the National Championships in Nottingham in April and went on to represent the West Midlands region.

With strong foundations set, and silverware in the trophy cabinet, we are very much looking to building the squad and further improving next year.



## THE IAN MARSDEN AWARD FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

SPONSORED BY AVISON YOUNG

### JACK BUCKLEY

*Level 3 Active IQ Diploma in Personal Training for Health Fitness and Performance*  
*Former School: The Hart School*

Jack has humbly been competing in kickboxing during his time on the Active IQ Level 3 Personal Training course. He has been fighting as part of Team GB since he was 13. Jack has achieved a plethora of accolades as part of his competitive career in kickboxing, one of which is silver at the Senior World Championships. Recently Jack has won the GB Grand Slam Men's Champion Event 1. Currently, Jack is holding the number one position for men's point fighting in the under 69kg weight class.

Jack has continued to conduct himself professionally throughout his course maintaining an exceptional completion rate of assignments, managing the demands of the course alongside his full time training regime and also coaching outside of college at his local kickboxing club on a voluntary basis.

Jack is an aspiring Olympian following kickboxing's recognition into the Olympic games and is looking to pursue participation in the 2024 Olympic games in Paris. Jack is considering whether to pursue a Level 4 Sports Coaching course or a full-time kickboxing coaching role.



## THE IAN MARSDEN AWARD FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

SPONSORED BY AVISON YOUNG

### LAUREN RILEY

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science*  
*Former School: The Friary School*

Lauren has had an outstanding year both academically and on the football pitch. She has been a key member of the AGFA Female Football squad who have had a hugely successful season.

Lauren has put in some exceptional performances, including scoring ten goals in one game. This has led to Lauren being selected by the AoC Colleges England side that has played against various academies throughout the academic year.

An ambitious learner, Lauren has been accepted into Keiser University, Florida to study Sport and Exercise Science and be part of their elite soccer programme. Lauren's outstanding grades and footballing ability has led to her achieving a 90% funded scholarship which shows how well she has performed this year both inside and outside of the classroom. We wish her every success as she embarks on this exciting new adventure.

# SPECIAL AWARDS



## THE LAURA FURNIVAL AWARD SPONSORED BY STAFFORD ROTARY CLUB

### LILLIE-MAE HAYCOCK

*BTEC Level 3 Children's Play Learning & Development  
Former School: Sir Graham Balfour School*

Lillie-Mae has consistently shown a real determination and can-do attitude despite all she has to deal with in regards to her sensory impairment and progressive mobility issues.

Lillie-Mae's determination to achieve her goals is evident in the way she overcomes a multitude of barriers, for example, Lillie-Mae's first language is British Sign Language which has made sitting exams difficult. Her tutors comment on Lillie-Mae's resilience and determination to 'battle on' with her course during difficult times.

She is extremely polite, cheerful and kind and Lillie-Mae's positive attitude is noted by all of the staff who teach her. She is an inspiration to her peers and her teaching staff. She has a genuinely wonderful character and is friendly, supportive, positive and hardworking. In the classroom and in placements, Lillie-Mae is professional and knowledgeable and works extremely hard.

We are all extremely proud of Lillie-Mae and wish her the very best of luck with her plans to progress to employment as a teaching assistant in a Primary School setting.



## THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (VOCATIONAL)

SPONSORED BY KEELE UNIVERSITY

### JAMIE COUPLAND

*BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production*  
*Former School: Sir Graham Balfour School*

Having left school disenchanted with mainstream education to start an apprenticeship, which was cut short by the pandemic, Jamie threw himself into his creative media course and became a the backbone of his group. In college, he has supported recruitment events, acted as class representative and a mentor to first year students.

He has been a part of over 30 productions, including his own narrative films and two corporate films, and led a team of 18 as a production manager for a music festival.

On joining the course he was determined to not attend university, but at the end of the two year period, he was struggling to reduce his shortlist of university choices from nine. Ultimately, he has accepted a place at the prestigious Falmouth Film School, an offer made unconditional on the strength of his portfolio. We wish him every success in the future.



## THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD (ACADEMIC)

SPONSORED BY ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

### DANIEL HUNT

*A Levels in Maths, Chemistry & Physics*  
*Former School: The Weston Road Academy*

Daniel has applied for Politics, Philosophy and Economics at university, a very bold choice for a student currently studying maths and sciences. Having made his choice of degree subject late in the day, he then set about a crash course of reading and research into the aspects of his chosen course, using the College library and exploiting online opportunities such as MOOCs.

With all this newly acquired knowledge, he made a convincing university application, and was called for interviews with Worcester College, Oxford and a further interview at Mansfield College, by which time he was a seasoned performer. All this effort ensured he subsequently accepted the offer of a place at the University of Warwick.



LILY CARCATERRA COLLECTS HER 2021  
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

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