

A big welcome back to all our students, families, staff and employers and here's hoping that 2022 is a much better year for all of us! I hope that you have had a good rest over the Christmas break and had the chance to spend some quality time with your friends and family.

Student Voice

In response to the Natspec Student Parliament that was held in November last year, the Hive Student Voice are continuing to develop their advocacy skills and striving to make The Hive more student-centred. We now have an elected chair who runs the meetings and gives students the opportunity to voice their opinions on college matters. This month the students have implemented a recycling system as they felt we needed to take a greener approach to our waste. Following the sad passing of one of our students, Student Voice organised for some colourful artwork to be displayed in the corridor in memory of Yousaf.



Luke's success at B&M

We are delighted to be able to share the news that following a work placement at B&M Sheldon, Luke has been offered a Supported Internship. He has already developed significant confidence in dealing with customer queries and is able to replenish stock efficiently and with good attention to detail. Well done Luke!



Virgin Money

Friend of The Hive Amy Jacklin from Virgin Money visited the students in January to share about all things money. Students were introduced to bank accounts, budgets and how to save. We believe building our student's money skills is foundational to preparing them for adulthood. We are very grateful to Amy for giving up her time again to help the students better navigate the world of money management.



Hold on to your hoops...

Steven shares about his work placement with Creative Active Lives CIC

Where are you currently on placement?

I am on placement with Creative Active Lives CIC, which provides entertainment (including hula hoop lessons) and educational sessions to people of all ages and abilities.



What does your job placement entail?

I support Rachel with her digital marketing such as tagging her photographs in her Google drive, arranging pictures into the appropriate folders. I add information and pictures to the company website and made a poster to advertise the Minecraft Club on Facebook.

How do you think your current placement has improved your skills?

My current placement has helped me learn some new skills like learning how to use Canva and Pixabay to make a social media post to advertise the Dungeons and Dragons themed groups. I can now schedule them to be posted at certain times in advance.



Final words from Steven:

Rachel has given me the chance to try new things. She has invited me to an awards ceremony at the ICC In Birmingham.

Hanging Baskets

Summer Hanging Baskets

Summer Pansies or Tomato plants



Only £12 each

The student will be making hanging baskets to raise money for charity. To order a hanging basket please email r.martin@hivecollege.org.uk

Hive Business Network Meeting

Please come and join us on **Monday March 7th** 10-12 followed by lunch. We will be sharing updates and hearing from ex-students and parents.

Interested in offering work placement?

If you feel your business would benefit from one of our students, or you know someone who may be able to offer a work placement, please get in touch using the contact details below.

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