



## Charnwood College receives **Career Mark Award**

**Students and staff at Charnwood College are celebrating after receiving the Career Mark Award for "outstanding" careers provision. The award recognises the high quality careers advice and guidance provided at the academy.**

The award was presented by Career Mark National Director, Gary Longden, and the Secretary of State for Education,

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, who commented: "This is a fantastic achievement for Charnwood College, and another sign that the College is improving opportunities for the students.

"What is most pleasing is that in addition to ensuring that each student leaves with the best exam results, they are also equipped with the knowledge and skills to access the university courses and careers of their choice."



## Welcome from the Principal

It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming the students back for a new academic year and yet here we are at the end of the first term.

This has been an exciting time for staff and students at Charnwood College, as we have really begun to enjoy the benefits of being part of the David Ross Education Trust (DRET).

Building on our successes in the summer exams, and utilising the expertise and support of the Trust, we have a renewed focus on academic excellence.

There have been lots of sporting and enrichment opportunities on offer, from attending outward bound residentials and setting up a netball academy, to visiting higher education institutions and even taking a trip to the ballet.

The campus looks refreshed as we begin to see the ongoing investment in our facilities. Students wear their new uniforms and bags with pride, and our Year 12 students are making good use of their brand new laptops.

Every day there is an achievement to be proud of and this newsletter provides just a snapshot of what has been happening this term.

As we celebrate all that has taken place in 2015, the future looks bright for Charnwood College. I am proud to be leading this fantastic journey and look forward to the opportunities that 2016 will bring.

Warm regards,



**Mark Sutton**  
Principal

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# Celebrating excellence

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood to the college's annual excellence evening.

Over thirty awards were presented on a night that celebrated the outstanding achievements of students who completed their GCSEs, AS and A-levels in 2015.

Special recognition also went to 15 students who competed at national, regional and county level in sport in 2015. Andre Arissol, an England U18 Basketball player, won sportsman of the year and Georgia Elliot-King, currently on a scholarship in America, received sportswoman of the year.

Mark Sutton, Principal, commented: "I am immensely proud of every single one of our students. Success is an expectation but excellence is to be celebrated."



# A look into the future



Students at Charnwood College got to experience a taste of university life during a recent Higher Education residential trip at the University of Nottingham.

The visit gave an insight into what the future could hold, should the students decide to pursue higher education.

Alastair O'Connor, Vice Principal, said: "The event was a huge success. Students were thrown deep into university life, sleeping in the halls of residence and attending a range of engaging lectures with fun activities in the evening.

"Students returned to school full of energy and talking about their post-16 options."

# Careers in science

A group of budding female scientists recently enjoyed a day at Newnham College, Cambridge, learning about the opportunities on offer in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The Year 10 students learnt more about STEM careers in this traditionally male-dominated sector.

The day proved to be great preparation for the future as students came away with crucial information about applying for university, the types of courses on offer and funding available to them. One of the students said: "It was a very interesting and informative day."





## Odey scholarships for talented students

Sixth Form students, Peter Hobbs and Tammy Tsang, have received Odey Scholarships from the David Ross Education Trust, to help them to pursue their sporting and artistic talents.

Peter, a rugby player, has won a number of awards and currently competes at a regional level.

Tammy, a dancer, has a Grade 6 award in Ballet and

has performed in the Corps de Ballet in Hong Kong.

Both students will use their scholarships to undertake further training, purchase equipment and access additional tuition.

Mr Sutton, Principal, commented: "Peter and Tammy both have so much potential. I know that this additional support will go a long way to helping them to pursue excellence in their field."



## A picture-perfect trip

Eight A-Level Art students experienced a private viewing of London's National Portrait Gallery.

The David Ross Education Trust put on the exclusive trip and students had the opportunity to explore the artwork in greater detail and ask the curators questions.

Jane Harrison, Art Teacher, said: "It was a very informative tour explaining the work of Giacometti. The experience at the gallery was fantastic, the students learnt so much. It is important for students to have gallery visits and it was fabulous to have this opportunity."

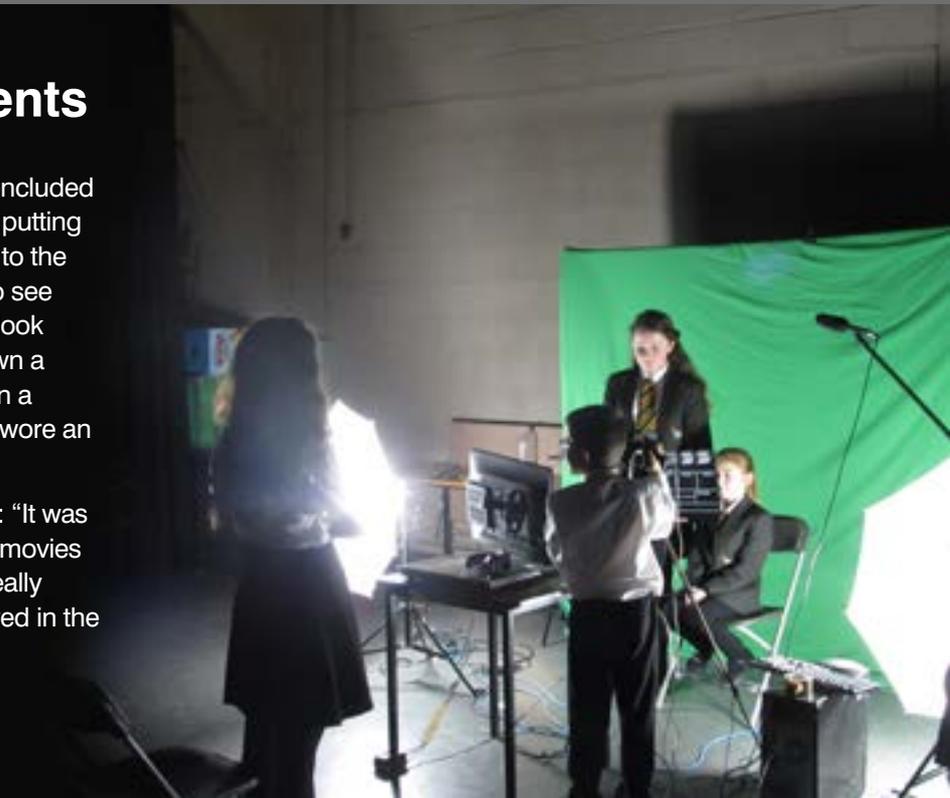
## Special effects on students

Year 7 students from Charnwood College got a little taste of Hollywood when they were given the opportunity to work with an acclaimed technician at a movie workshop.

During the session, students found out how a green screen works and got an understanding of all the different careers associated with the filmmaking industry.

The workshop concluded with the students putting the green screen to the test as they got to see what they would look like if they fell down a wormhole, flew on a flying carpet and wore an invisibility cloak.

One student said: "It was great to see how movies are made and I really want to get involved in the future."





# Back to basics

Students experienced a taste of the outdoors during a five day residential trip to the Lake District with the Outward Bound Trust. The comforts of television and mobile phones were replaced with good old-fashioned hard graft and teamwork.

Students were able to challenge themselves and gain confidence by breaking through any personal barriers they may have. Important employability skills were gained from the trip, including how to work in a team, support each other and use initiative.

Mark Sutton, Principal, said: "Students took part in a range of activities from gauge walking and kayaking through to the overnight expedition, which was a particular highlight. It was a fantastic experience for our students."

# Lightning performance from Charnwood

This term, students have been perfecting their netball skills with training from the Loughborough Lightning team.

formed performance and development squads, which goes to show the enthusiasm around the academy.

Professional players from the successful local team have dedicated several evenings a week to running a brand new netball academy at Charnwood College.

Shane Ward, Sports Enrichment Manager for the David Ross Education Trust, said: "We are very appreciative of the time and effort put in by the Loughborough Lightning team and the students are clearly thriving from it. It's brilliant to see such dedication from both an established team and budding enthusiasts."

With support from Loughborough Lightning players, Natalie Panagarry and Jo Trip, the students have been able to learn new skills and strategies within the sport. 71 students from Charnwood took part in trials for the newly

The netball team went on to compete in the DRET Winter Cup this term.



# Sixth Form student gets Team GB call up

Sixth Form student, Eleanor Jones has been called up to GB's Senior Women's Basketball Team.

Eleanor, who is currently studying through a basketball scholarship at Charnwood College, impressed talent scouts so much that she moved straight into the senior team this term.

Alastair O'Connor, Vice Principal, said: "We are so pleased for Eleanor, what a fantastic achievement!"

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