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Cadbury College NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of Cadbury College's newsletter! Each term, we'll be keeping you up-to-date with our student success stories and all of the exciting things going on at the College.

Consistently performing well in the league tables, we are a unique and popular choice for those school leavers who are keen to go on to University, but don't just take our word for it, read what our Student Reps have to say!

Like what you see? Our next **Open Evening** is on **17th February, 5pm-8pm** so come along and find out more!

A BRIGHT FUTURE AWAITS OUR STUDENTS

Four of our A grade students have been in touch to tell us what they are doing after their time at Cadbury College.

Following on from achieving an A* in English Literature and As in Chemistry and History, Hannah Robertson is reading English Literature at Regent's Park College, Oxford University.

Chris Dugmore is at Warwick University studying Chemical Biology after achieving an A* in Chemistry and Mathematics and As in Physics and Biology.

Manchester University has welcomed Nathaniel Brown after he gained straight As in Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, he is now studying Mathematics.

After two years of hard but rewarding work, Nicole Foyle has now said goodbye to Cadbury and after achieving straight As in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology, is reading Dentistry at Birmingham University.

Huge congratulations go out to all of the students said farewell to Cadbury, and we wish you all the success for your futures, but make sure you come back to visit!



Rebecca Gilmore

“ I decided that Cadbury was the best college for me because of their record of students achieving good grades. They also give me the freedom to choose subjects that are relevant to me. I'm confident that Cadbury will provide me with the help and support to progress further in my academic career. ”

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE— STUDENT REPS LEAD THE WAY

Our brilliant Student Reps have been busy again this year, playing an active role as the public face of the College and making a difference to college life.

Teambuilding events, inductions and promotional work for the College are only a few examples of their constant effort to enhance the College across the country.

Earlier this year our Student Reps organised a one day teambuilding event at Adventure Quest in Bromsgrove. The exercise offered a way for students to complete exhilarating high rope activities and a series of tricky problem solving exercises by working together as one team, and the day helped them develop personal confidence and leadership skills.

As part of the Cadbury welcome to new students in September, our Reps were on hand to make our starters feel at ease by showing them to their rooms, answering questions and helping them to log on to the College network – making our newbies feel right at home.

Our Reps were in attendance at the recent Birmingham Year 11 Careers Fair, held at the City of Birmingham College. Over two days, more than 900 young people attended. The event is designed to raise awareness of learning opportunities and post-16 options available to school leavers. Our Reps talked to the school pupils about their experiences at Cadbury, our courses, and they made sure that everyone left the event armed with a College prospectus!

Our Reps are at our Open Day events so if you have any questions about student life and what it's like at Cadbury then they're the perfect people to ask!

Maryam Mehdi

“ Cadbury College was my first choice due to its high position in the league tables. The College has a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. From day one I have enjoyed my time here. ”



ART STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE GREATS

On Thursday 11 November, our AS and A2 art students paid a visit to The Saatchi Gallery and Tate Modern in London.

They were given the opportunity to observe the vast range of exhibitions the galleries have to offer, making sketches and taking photographs to help with their own college work.

The trip has given our students inspiration and tips to take back to Cadbury and improve on their own work.



Emily Foyle

“ I chose to study at Cadbury because there is a really friendly atmosphere and a great range of courses to choose from. ”





Thomas Severn
“ Cadbury College is a really nice place where everyone is friendly and makes you feel welcome. It means that day-in, day-out I have an enjoyable experience while I’m learning ! ”

FUNDRAISING 2010

Cadbury students have heart as they put the ‘fun’ in fundraising and raise over £2k

In response to charities and natural disasters, this year our students have raised over £2000 for Breast Cancer, Macmillan Cancer Support, Wear it Pink and the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

Our students dressed in pink (naturally!) for the Wear it Pink day to raise the profile of the Breast Cancer Appeal and to collect funds.

Just before half-term, a Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning was arranged in the Hub. Delicious cakes were donated by our staff and students, and lots of people left bursting at the seams with confectionary delights!

Over the period of a week, students and staff organised various fundraising events to tempt donations from students and staff for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. With events such as ‘Soak the Teacher’, ‘Master Mind’ style ‘Quiz Master Challenge’, ‘School Uniform Day’ and an Indoor Football Tournament, it was hard to resist the temptation of having so much fun, with ‘Soak the Teacher’ being one of the most popular events. The Islamic Society sold some delectable food to get donations flowing and organised a five-a-side football competition which proved to be a huge success.

Thank you to everyone who has organised, fundraised and donated to these very worthy causes, every penny makes a difference.



PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS TAKE NOTES FROM THE GREATS

Our AS and A2 photography students took a visit to Tate Modern and Tate Britain in September. The group viewed a vast number of photographs and looked at the composition, framing and use of light and colour.

On return to Cadbury College, the students used what they observed and applied it to their own work.

Hibo Ahmed Hassan
“ Cadbury College offered the best courses for me and enabled me to grow as an individual. I knew that studying here would set me up for a great education and access to university. ”



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Bethany Shannahan

“ As soon as I entered the College at one of the Open Days, I felt at home and I have done ever since. Cadbury has a friendly atmosphere and fantastic reputation – when choosing where to study it made it certain this was the college for me. ”



Jamie Jackson

“ Initially, what attracted me to Cadbury College is the great position in the league tables and the diverse cultural environment. The College has a bubbly and friendly atmosphere. I'd encourage anyone to come study here! ”



COLLEGE WEBSITE GETS A FRESH NEW LOOK – AND WE DIDN'T EVEN NEED GOK!

On 2 November, just in time for open day, we re-launched the college website and unveiled a fresh new look.

Designed by our very own web developer, the site is now easier to navigate with a brand new A to Z course directory with entry requirements, photo galleries and downloadable brochures for all courses.

Also on the new site are features about our facilities including our new 200 seat theatre and performance area and the Learning Resource Centre.

To help students and parents, there is a Frequently Asked Questions tab (FAQs) to give access to answers as a first port of call.

Still in place is our popular online application system that allows prospective students to apply for September 2011 places online.

Students will be able to download a PDF version of our Student Guide and the site also boasts interactive photo galleries that allow the user to tilt and flip the snapshots taken.

The fresh feel of the site has been praised by both students and staff for its vibrancy, check it out at: www.cadcol.ac.uk



BRMB VISITS CADBURY COLLEGE TO TALK CUTS



On Tuesday 2nd November Cadbury College had a visit from hit radio station BRMB to discuss the Government's plans to withdraw the Educational Maintenance Grant from students aged 16-18 at the end of this academic year.

BRMB met with the Principal and three of our students; Malika Isadjanova, Paul Joseph Barrett and Humza Chaudry to discuss the implications of the EMA cut and how it will affect the students at our College.

The Principal told BRMB how he has been campaigning with other Principals to protest against the EMA cuts and all three students discussed the financial difficulties they will face without the EMA. Many students rely on this funding to pay for books, meals and crucially, transport to college.

While plans aren't clear, the Government has said that some EMA – type funding will be made available in 2011-12 for a greatly reduced number of students. When we get more details we will keep you posted.

EMPLOYERS DAY

No University, no problem!

On July 1st this year Cadbury hosted a careers fair to showcase career paths for those students who don't want to take the university option.

Stands from over thirty diverse organisations including The Army, National Apprenticeship Scheme, Careers in the NHS, and in Law or Finance were in attendance and highlighted to students successful and rewarding jobs that can still provide high qualifications (such as degrees) whilst earning a wage.

The job fair provided students with presentations, workshops and speakers to inspire and explore worthwhile and motivational career alternatives.



FIRST AID TRAINING

College first aiders tops 15

A British Red Cross trainer came into Cadbury recently to train a group of our staff in first aid. The course covered issues including Health & Safety, Assessment Procedure, First Aider and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). We now have 15 of our staff who are qualified first aiders.



MEMBER OF STAFF GAINS HIGHEST GRADE POSSIBLE

Our head of department for Modern Foreign Languages and Geography, Alfredo Herrero de Haro has recently completed the last examination for his PhD Doctorate in Linguistics with the Spanish Open University.

Achieving the highest grade possible, we are very honoured to have him here at Cadbury College.

Congratulations Alfredo!



Natalie Matthews

“ On first impressions, Cadbury College looked friendly and made me feel welcome – everything I wanted in a college. ”

NEW PERFORMANCE CENTRE



Sara Mohamoud

“ I chose Cadbury because I like the friendly and welcoming atmosphere here. I also knew that the College had the reputation of being one of the best in Birmingham, so my future is in safe hands! ”

Cadbury College over the moon as new performance centre opens

As part of the College refurbishment that took place during the summer months, we are pleased to announce that the new Performance Centre is now open.

Since its opening, the Centre has already seen a live performance from our music students to a captivated audience and a lunchtime tutorial session from well-known clown and performer, Joseph May.

Our music students took the opportunity to showcase their work in the new Centre and wowed audiences with a lunchtime concert.

A unicycle, tightrope and balancing tricks were brought to the new Centre by Joseph May who performed a clown act to translate themes of our time including the world arms trade, corruption and irony. Using tricks and providing a healthy dose of laughter, Joseph highlighted how each of our students can take little steps towards peace.



A NOTE ABOUT BUSES!

Our new teaching timetable this year was developed to make a number of improvements, one of which was to stagger the times that students leave college to avoid too many crowds at the local bus stops. However, despite all of our efforts, there are still many large queues at certain times for buses back to the city centre. The College has been working with the bus company Centro, the highway engineers and others at the City Council to get additional buses put on for Cadbury students, and to get our own bus stop outside college.

Student Reps and Cadbury staff spent time gathering information about the number of buses stopping at the College and how many students were trying to use these. It's safe to say that demand was outstripping supply! We passed this information onto Centro and the latest news is that from Monday 29 November, two College No. 45 buses will start in service for peak times at 4:30pm and 4:45pm. Not only this, but the College is working with Centro to create a new stop outside the College in the new year, once Centro have consulted with neighbours of Cadbury. A big thank you goes out to all of the Student Rep's and staff who participated in making the change – their hard work helped us make a convincing case.



WHALE WATCHING, HOT SPRINGS AND WATERFALLS – STUDENTS TAKE TRIP TO ICELAND

This year's Geology and Geography students flew all the way from Gatwick to Keflavik in Iceland for a breath taking trip. The students embarked on a nine day journey which saw them take in sights including a Whale Watching expedition and the famous Blue Lagoon; an open-air swimming pool powered by a nearby geothermal power station.

The excursion also took them to see the Hot Springs which spurts boiling water up into the air, red and green rhyolite peaks, lava flows and steam-vents. Due to the volcanic eruption our students could not go along the original tourist route to see the Eyjafjallajökull ice-cap near Porsmark, but instead saw some captivating sights including an 11th century Viking settlement, the spectacular high cliffs at Dyrholaey and the Skogarfoss waterfall.

All our students had a fantastic time away, as you can see from the photos!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY – 900 APPLICATIONS TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR!

Following a hugely successful open day on Saturday 13 November, we have received over 900 applications to Cadbury College, with more than 800 of those submitted using our online application system on our new website.

The day saw a steady flow of people throughout the day to see what our College has to offer and judging by the applications, we made a great impression!

If you are thinking of applying for a place in September 2011, it is very important that you apply soon. Head over to www.cadcol.ac.uk for all you need to know about the College and to make your application, good luck!

Catherine Pitt

“ Once I started my course at Cadbury College, it only confirmed why I wanted to study here in the first place. It's so easy to settle in and the staff are always approachable and ready to help. ”



Victoria Jones

“ The three things that impressed me about Cadbury was its reputation for being fun, friendly, and helping students to achieve good grades. ”





Sophie Kennedy

“ You are always guaranteed a laugh here and I enjoy the freedom that’s at the College. The teachers are friendly and really helpful too! ”



Shamar Young

“ Cadbury has great pass grades which meant that it was an ideal place to study – I know that the College will get the best out of me as a student. ”



GEOLOGY STUDENTS GO DEEPER **UNDERGROUND**

This Autumn, the A2 Geology students visited South Wales for an education on coal mining, the impact of coal extraction on the environment and how deep mines operate.

Students spent the morning at an ‘opencast’ coalmine at Nant Helen, near the Brecon Beacons. The visit supported the economic and environmental unit of the A2 Geology course and the visit gave them an awareness of the environmental impacts of coal extraction.

The afternoon was spent at a ‘Big Pit’ near Blaenavon, once a deep mine but now a mining museum. An ex-miner led the group on an underground tour of the mine to show our students how a deep mine was operated.

STUDENTS GET **VISUAL IN THE NAME OF ART**

Following a successful first year, the Ikon Youth Programme is running again this year for young people aged 15-19 who share an interest in visual art. Members who join the group will get access to free seminars, drop-in sessions and creative activities. A2 Art and Photography students, Nailah Bakhsh, Megan O’Donnell and Elizabeth Wormold are actively involved in this year’s programme and recruiting new members.

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