

Malvern Construction Newsletter

Welcome to our very first Malvern Construction Newsletter! A space to share information, as well as recognise and celebrate all the good things that have been happening within the Construction Department!

What we have been up to in Term 1...



CARPENTRY

The level 1 Carpentry students designed and created the centerpieces for the tables at the recently held stakeholder dinner. The dinner celebrated '10 years of HOW College'. The students put their skills to the test with great enthusiasm and showed off their craftsmanship. Guests were then invited to vote for their favourite centrepiece using the QR codes. George Wilkinson was announced as the winner, well done George! Mo Horan presented prizes to award them all for their excellent work!

Level 2 students designed and built new work bays in the carpentry department; these are to be used for the Apprenticeships' End Point Assessments.



BRICKLAYING

The level 1 Bricklayers have gotten into the festive spirit by creating a Christmas tree out of bricks! They all took turns to each lay a course putting what they have been learning this term into practice.

Well done to Abbie and Toby in level 2 who have been working extra hard and have already completed their work experience! The others start their placements after Christmas.





PAINTING & DECORATING

Students got involved painting the college catering department's sideboard which are used when hosting events. Well done to the students for using their complex skills to take on the challenge!

Level 1 & 2 students had an informative day out at the National Painting & Decorating Show in Coventry. Many product suppliers were in attendance so they could ask lots of questions. Some students tried their hand at spray gun work, whilst others tested paletting tools, some entered competitions and won prizes including decorating tools. They all took full advantage of the freebies on offer!

Level 2 students were able to practice their skills in a real work environment when they painted offices of local company "Island Ropes & Rigging" Spring Lane Industrial Estate.

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

As well as concentrating on their functional skills in Math and English the Construction Skills Students have been busy completing Stretch and Challenge exercises.



SPELLER METCALF TALK

Speller Metcalf visited us on 14th November. They did an informative presentation on what it is like to work in the construction industry and gave students an idea of what employer's expectations are when hiring. There was an opportunity for students to ask questions.

Well done to students being mature and getting involved.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Malvern Team would like to congratulate Martyn Saunders for completing his Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) qualification!





The session on road safety was a useful and informative. Well done to everyone for attending and taking part!

IN OTHER NEWS...

- Did you know bricklaying's Billy Smith is a young man of many talents. He is a grand master in chess, even playing for Birmingham Council.
- Also, James Thomas in Carpentry has been showing promising skills in football. His team got into the FA cup, but sadly got knocked out in the preliminary round. Maybe next time lads!

What is happening in 2025...

- An MP will be coming to visit the Malvern campus - date to be confirmed.
- Andy McNair from Benniman will be coming to do a talk on Health & Safety in Construction.
- There will be a skills competition selection taking place where students get to represent the college in **Go Construct** and **World Skills**.
- Speller Metcalf will return to do another talk about life in the Construction industry.

Men's Mental Health Awareness Month

Congratulations to student Elliott Holmes (pictured right) for raising awareness about November being attributed to 'men's mental health awareness month'.

A discussion during one English lesson, about mental health and how students could/should check in on each other as peers, proved to be an incredibly poignant and mature conversation that they bravely engaged with, sharing their experiences and knowledge of mental health. Including Marley McCreedy (pictured left), a Malvern College ambassador, and peer of Elliott's, who shared a pertinent story about a mental health experience.


Elliott queried why the college had not taken part in such an important campaign?! This query has resulted in campaign information now being shared and the English department incorporating PowerPoint slides into lessons to address men's mental health going forward!


For support or information go to


www.matesinmind.org



IT'S CHRISTMAAAAAS!!!

 **Christmas Foodbank Appeal** - the last day to donate an item is **Tuesday 17th December**. Thank you!

 **Christmas Jumper Day** - Well done to those who came sporting a Christmas Jumper today in support of "Save the Children".

 **Funday** - Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December we will be putting on fun and games over the lunchbreak/afternoon in the Refectory! Find the Elf, ping pong and badminton tournaments.

 Last day of term Wednesday 18th December. Return Monday 6th January.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR ***