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Employability & Entrepreneurship Forum

The annual Employability and Entrepreneurship Forum was held on the 29th of April this year, and was as popular and successful as ever. We were graced with the presence of 4 talented presenters from the East London Business Alliance (ELBA) who talked about the challenges that graduates faced in job searching, and how to tackle those challenges. Julie Hutchinson, the CEO of ELBA, spoke about her meteoric rise in the company, and how ELBA supports local business owners and students alike. Samie John spoke about the rise of Artificial Intelligence in the recruitment process. Ian Walker gave excellent advice on CV writing and interview techniques. Siobhan McIntosh informed us all about the importance of



by Mary-Jo Appaqaq

Employability and Progression Assistant Manager

curating a social media personal brand on LinkedIn, and other professional platforms. The event was attended by 150 students, and featured our amazing student and alumni entrepreneurs showcasing their businesses.

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Opening Doors to Opportunity

NC Launches Thanet Youth Skills Hub

Nelson College London has officially launched the Thanet Youth Employment and Skills Hub at its Broadstairs Campus, marking an important step in expanding

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DRUMMING SESSION with Drumsticks



by Lucia Ismail
Student Welfare Officer

On 20th May 2026, the Student Welfare Team hosted an exciting Drumming Workshop at the Gants Hill Campus, featuring guest speakers Safdar Abbas and Sohail Noorani. The workshop provided students with an incredible interactive experience, where they explored rhythm, coordination, teamwork, and performance through music. Throughout the session, students actively participated in engaging drumming activities that encouraged collaboration, creativity, and confidence.

The event built up to a powerful group drumming performance that filled the room with energy, enthusiasm, and excitement, creating a truly memorable atmosphere for everyone involved.

It was a highly engaging and enjoyable session that left a lasting impression on all participants. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event such a positive and successful experience.

Student Welfare Department



Fostering Peer Support

A Successful Group Discussion

On May 6th, 2026, the Student Welfare Department organised a meaningful one-hour session that centred around peer group discussions, expertly facilitated by our professional counsellor, Tola. This event aimed to create a safe space where students could come together to discuss the common challenges they face in their academic journeys and personal lives. During the session, Tola guided participants in identifying key issues such as academic pressure, balancing studies with social



by Doreen Shepherd
Student Welfare Officer (Trainee)



expectations, personal difficulties, and financial responsibilities. Students had the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and provide support to one another, encouraging each other to remain committed even though difficult at times. As they shared their individual stories, it became clear that many faced similar pressures related to their studies, fostering a sense of community and understanding. The atmosphere was supportive and nonjudgmental, allowing students to offer each other words of encouragement in a relaxed environment. While some participants initially felt shy and preferred to listen, they quickly began to engage more actively as they grew comfortable in the group.

Feedback from the session was overwhelmingly positive. One student expressed his initial uneasiness due to uncertainty about the group's focus, but later approached Tola, sharing that he began to feel at ease during the discussion. Another participant found significant value in the workshop and suggested that these sessions should occur more regularly, indicating a desire for ongoing support.

The Student Welfare Department is committed to prioritising student well-being. We encourage all students to seek support and foster connections with one another. Remember, it's important to reach out for help when needed. We invite and encourage students to participate in upcoming sessions focused on promoting mental health and personal development.

Stay tuned for our next workshop announcement, and let's continue to support each other in our journeys!

****Student Welfare Department****

Your well-being is our priority!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic stop at Windermere & Ambleside
- Visit Loch Lomond
- Photo stop of Glenfinnan Viaduct (Harry Potter filming location)
- Explore Fort William & Ben Nevis
- Discover historic Edinburgh including Edinburgh Castle & Royal Mile

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MODERN LAYOUT, COMFORTABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND ENGAGING ATMOSPHERE

Successful Launch of English Class Programme

Nelson College London is proud to celebrate the successful launch of its new English Class programme, which officially began on 18 May 2026. The event marked an exciting milestone for the college and received an overwhelmingly positive response from students and the wider community.

The newly designed classroom proved to be a huge success and was warmly welcomed by students attending the first session. With its modern layout, comfortable learning environment, and engaging atmosphere, the classroom created an inspiring space that encouraged participation and interaction from the very beginning.

Interest in the programme exceeded all expectations, with the classes becoming fully oversubscribed before the launch date. Students from a wide range of backgrounds enrolled with enthusiasm, eager to improve their English language skills and build confidence in communication, education, and employment opportunities. The first class was filled with energy, positivity, and active participation. Students enjoyed



by Korani Begum

Academic Skill Support Lecturer

meeting their tutors and classmates while taking part in interactive learning activities designed to support both academic progress and personal development.

Due to the overwhelming demand and the large number of students interested in joining the programme, Nelson College London is considering running additional classes alongside the current one in the near future. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped organise and support the launch of this programme. The dedication and hard work of the teaching staff and organisers played a vital role in making this initiative such a tremendous success. We look forward to continuing this exciting journey with our students.





WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

For Your Children at
Nelson College London

At Nelson College London, we understand the challenges of balancing education and family life. As part of our commitment to supporting our students, we are excited to offer work experience placements for your children, aged 14 to 18, right here at Nelson College London.

For the past three years, we have been providing work experience opportunities to local schools, helping young students gain valuable skills and knowledge for their future. Across our three campuses, we have successfully hosted over 100 students, equipping them with real-world experience in a professional environment.

What We Offer

We are extending our work experience programme to provide your children with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional and educational environment. This two-week placement is unpaid but designed to help students develop key workplace skills, build confidence, and explore potential career paths.

How to Apply

If your child is interested in this fantastic opportunity, we encourage you to get in touch! Speak to Samir at the Gants Hill campus or email sn.hussain@nelsoncollege.ac.uk for more information and to apply.

Give your child the chance to gain invaluable experience and take their first step towards their future career-right here at Nelson College London!

Why Choose Nelson College London for Your Child's Work Experience?

- Convenient location where your child can gain experience in a familiar and supportive setting.
- Practical exposure to real-world work environments within an academic institution.
- Development of essential workplace skills such as teamwork, communication, and time management.
- Mentorship and guidance from experienced professionals who are eager to support young learners.
- A valuable addition to their CV and future academic and career prospects.



Employability & Progression Department

E&EF 2026





Student Spotlight

Liuba Borta

Cake Boutique – Bespoke Cakes Crafted with Passion



Cake Boutique is a bespoke cake business founded by Liuba Borta, one of our second-year Hospitality Management students, combining creativity, passion, and attention to detail to create stunning personalised cakes for every occasion. Specialising in birthdays, weddings, baby showers, and corporate celebrations, Cake Boutique designs each cake to reflect the client's unique vision while

delivering exceptional taste and quality. Every cake is handcrafted using fresh, high-quality ingredients and baked to order, ensuring the perfect balance of flavour, texture, and presentation. For over a year, Liuba has proudly served customers with beautifully designed cakes that make celebrations even more memorable. What makes the business truly special is the personal touch behind every order. By working

closely with customers, she brings ideas to life through unique creations that turn special moments into unforgettable memories. At Cake Boutique, a cake is believed to be more than just a dessert, it is the centrepiece of a celebration. With a strong commitment to quality, creativity, and customer satisfaction, Liuba continues to create cakes that not only look spectacular but taste just as amazing.



CAREERS HUB CV WRITING WORKSHOPS (ONLINE)

Are you on the hunt for a summer job, but need to polish off your CV?

Don't put it off any longer – sign up for one of our upcoming online CV Writing workshops. These workshops are designed to support you to build your CV using the amazing tools available on the NCL Careers Hub.

You'll be shown how to log into the Careers Hub, and step-by-step, how to construct your CV using the Careers Hub CV Builder tool. Then depending on your job searching goals, choose the right CV format, and complete the final editing checks to ensure your CV is application ready.

These will be online workshops, so you should therefore be at

home, using your own laptop or computer. Workshops will be held on the following days:

- Monday 8th June
- Tuesday 16th June
- Wednesday 24th June
- Thursday 2nd July
- Friday 10th July

Here's the QR code to sign up:



Entrepreneurship Centre Launch



The official launch of the Nelson College London Entrepreneurship Centre happened at the Employability and Entrepreneurship Forum, kicking off the networking session with a bang! Mr Nazim and Roger, the Principal, both spoke passionately about the importance of supporting our student and alumni entrepreneurs to realise their

dreams, and the journey that the Entrepreneurship Centre has been on in the last year. When the ribbon was cut, a cheer erupted and students had a chance to get to know some of our talented and ingenious entrepreneurs. Each entrepreneur put up a £100 raffle prize from their business. Students were each given 5 raffle tickets to be in with the chance of winning the fabulous prizes.

EAST LONDON JOB SHOW

The E&P Department recently accompanied two of our students to the East London Job Show in Stratford. The visit allowed students to explore a wide range of career pathways, meet employers and training providers, and gain valuable insight into the current job market.

Students interested in joining future trips and activities with the E&P Department are encouraged to get involved. These experiences can help build confidence, improve employability skills, and provide useful networking opportunities for future education, training, and employment pathways.



by Daniela Chitic

Employability and Progression Assistant

WORK-BASED LEARNING

All FdA year 2 students should be thinking carefully about what they would like to achieve while on their placements. The next round of work placements start in October for January 2026 intakes. While that might seem like a long way away, the summer always goes very quickly, and September is sometimes a time of scrambling to source placements.

Over the summer, remember that the placements should complement your field of learning and are 96 hours in total. If you think that a “normal” working day is usually 8 hours, then this works out to 12 working days on top of your usual lectures.

Mary-Jo will be in contact over the summer to ensure everyone is on the right track, so look out for her calls and emails!

If you have recently changed your mobile number or email address, ensure that the College is aware, so we can update our system. It is vitally important for us to have your correct contact details for communications such as these.



Opening Doors to Opportunity *NCL Launches Thanet Youth Skills Hub*

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opportunities for young people across Thanet.

The Hub was officially opened on 22 May during a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by community leaders, local stakeholders, partners, and staff members. The event was led by Director and Head of Quality Assurance, Mr Nazim Uddin, alongside Polly Billington MP for East Thanet. Created through a partnership between Nelson College London, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), and Thanet District Council (TDC), the new Hub has been designed to support young people aged 16–24 by providing access to careers advice, employability support, digital skills development, mentoring, and guidance into education, apprenticeships, training, and employment.

The initiative reflects Nelson College London's long-standing commitment to widening participation and

transforming lives through education.

By creating a dedicated space for support and development, the College aims to help young people build confidence, develop practical skills, and make informed decisions about their futures.

The Hub also reinforces the College's wider mission of supporting social mobility and strengthening communities. Recognising that many young people face barriers to education and employment, the initiative provides personalised support and clearer pathways to opportunity. Representatives from across the College joined local partners and community organisations to celebrate the opening, highlighting the collaborative effort behind the project. More than simply a new facility, the Thanet Youth Employment and Skills Hub represents a shared investment in the future of young people and a lasting commitment to creating stronger, more resilient communities across Thanet.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Tanveer Ahamed

**Student Support Lecturer
(University Programmes)**

Grants Hill campus

My name is Tanveer Ahamed, and I am delighted to have recently joined Nelson College London as a Student Support Lecturer. I have several years of experience working within the UK higher education sector across institutions partnered with prestigious universities, giving me a strong understanding of academic and operational practices. My professional background includes experience in Teaching, registry, assessment, student records, quality assurance, compliance, and academic administration, where I have supported key institutional processes related to student progression, academic standards, and regulatory requirements, which provided valuable insight into academic delivery and student engagement. Alongside my work in higher education, I am also engaged as an Aspiring AI trainer and actively involved in AI training and development projects. I am truly excited to be part of the Nelson College London community and look forward to contributing meaningfully to its continued academic excellence and student-focused vision.



Naznin Khan

Programme Administrator

Grants Hill campus

My name is Naznin Khan, and I joined Nelson College London on the 1st of May 2026. Coming from a healthcare recruitment agency background with over 10 years of experience, I'm excited to step into something new and diverse. With a degree in Business and Marketing, I'm looking forward to bringing my skills, knowledge, and experience to the team and contributing to the continued success of Nelson College. I'm excited to be part of the journey and support both the team and the students along the way. A special shoutout to Swati Arora and Diana Mantescu for all their support, training, and for making me feel so welcomed. Thank you as well to Shakil Haque and Zia Hauque — starting a new role in a new environment is never easy, and I truly appreciate the warm welcome and encouragement from everyone.



Justyna Venner

Attendance Officer

Broadstairs campus

My name is Justyna Venner and I am the Attendance Officer at our campus in Broadstairs. With over 25 years of experience in education, I have dedicated my professional life to supporting learning, language development, and cultural enrichment. I currently run a Polish supplementary school in Thanet, where I work closely with students and families to promote educational achievement and bilingual development within the community. My academic background includes Master's degrees in Polish Linguistics and Literature, as well as Journalism, which have strengthened both my communication skills and passion for language studies. I am also currently undertaking postgraduate studies in Neurospeech Therapy, further expanding my understanding of speech, communication, and the fascinating ways in which languages are acquired and developed. Beyond my professional and academic pursuits, I am passionate about travelling and exploring different cultures. Over the years, I have visited some of the world's most beautiful cities, gaining inspiration from their history, diversity, and unique traditions. These experiences continue to deepen my appreciation for languages and intercultural communication. I am especially interested in the process of language acquisition and the connection between communication, cognition, and education. My work and studies reflect a lifelong commitment to learning, teaching, and helping others reach their full potential through education.

**Eve Williams**

Student Support Lecturer
Hospitality Management
HND- Trainee

Broadstairs campus

My name is Eve and I am part of the student support team here at Nelson College London. I joined in April and am looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful students. I previously worked within retail management as well as managing supervisor at a local animal care facility. I have worked within construction as well as education in learning support assistance so I have a varied journey! I am grateful to now be in a role where caring for students and watching them learn and grow is not only a passion but now my full-time position!

Outside of work I have a lot of hobbies and love an adventure. When travelling I spend my time skydiving, hiking, mountaineering and rally karting, when closer to home I am a practising artist, psychology enthusiast and devour books. I have achieved a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts and a Masters in Fine art and Philosophy and currently working towards my Mental Health First-Aid NVQ, I aim to progress to a PHD in Arts Psychotherapy and Physiological condition. I am hoping to bring creative passion and engagement to the college.

**Natasha Radford**

Student Welfare Officer

Broadstairs campus

Hello my name is Natasha and I am the new student welfare officer here at Nelson College London Broadstairs. With a Diploma level 3 in residential childcare I bring a wealth of passion and nurturing spirit dedicated to supporting the well-being of every student. I am extremely excited to empower students ensuring they thrive both academically and personally. When I'm not advocating for student welfare you will likely find me on the netball court showing my competitive drive and teamwork skills. As I embark on this new exciting chapter at Nelson College I am eager to connect with both students and staff alike. My approachable demeanour ensures that everyone seeking guidance or support will find a listening ear and valuable resources.

**Elliot Hodgins**

Admissions Officer

Broadstairs campus

My name is Elliot Hodgins and I am working as one of the Admission Officers for Nelson College London - Broadstairs Campus. I have worked in administrative work for many years including time within the Civil Service and I'm hoping that experience will benefit me in my current role. I am passionate and hardworking with a positive outlook towards the future, which as the community and reach of Nelsons College expands, I'm proud to be a part of. I'm a bit rusty from a brief period of unemployment, but the warm welcome I have received this first week has me motivated and raring to go, I look forward to my time here as we shape the future of ourselves and the students alongside us.

**Shalini Sankhala**

Student Support Lecturer
(HND HM)

Broadstairs campus

Hello, my name is Shalini Sankhala, and I'm very happy to have recently joined Nelson College London as a Trainee student support lecturer for the HND Programme in Hospitality Management. I come from a finance and accounting background and have worked in different accounting and finance roles before moving into education. I completed my Postgraduate studies in Accounting and Finance and currently pursuing further professional studies and enjoy combining my industry experience with supporting and guiding students in their learning journey. I have always enjoyed helping and supporting others, which inspired me to move into teaching and student support. I am passionate about creating a positive learning environment where students feel confident, motivated, and encouraged to achieve their goals. Outside of work, I enjoy reading, travelling, and exploring new places. I'm excited to be a part of the NCL community and look forward to meeting and supporting student throughout their journey.

Nelson College London RESEARCH —CENTRE—

NCL AT THE ADVANCEHE AI SYMPOSIUM

NCL Research Team Shares Ethical
AI Good Practices at National Higher
Education Event

Nelson College London recently participated in the 2026 AdvanceHE Artificial Intelligence Symposium, where a NCL Research Team presented examples of good practice surrounding the responsible and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education.

AdvanceHE is a global organisation that works to improve higher education and one of the UK's leading higher education organisations, working with universities and colleges to improve teaching, learning, student success, leadership, and academic development across the sector. Its conferences and symposiums bring together higher education institutions from across the UK and internationally to share innovation, research, and effective educational practice.

The Symposium explored how AI is transforming education, assessment, research, and student support, while also addressing important discussions around academic integrity, ethical use, and responsible implementation in higher education.

The NCL presentation was titled:
"Shaping Responsible & Ethical AI Practices: Insights from Nelson College London"

The presentation was developed collaboratively by an NCL Research Team comprising:

- Dr Husam Helmi – Research Centre Manager (Presenter)



by Husam Helmi

Research Centre Manager
/ Module Leader MA
International Business
Management / Hospitality



- Mr Sajeel Amin – Course Leader BA (Hons) Business (Top-up) / FdA Business
- Mr Sheikh Ziaul Haque – Course Leader FdA / BA (Hons) Hospitality Management (Top-up)
- Emilia Elena Salageanu – MA Student

Why Was This Important?

The presentation attracted strong interest from around the UK and internationally, and NCL was one of the few teaching-focused colleges represented at the Symposium. There were over 100 presenters and attendees, most of whom were from the UK and other leading international universities. Attendees were particularly interested in NCL's student-centred teaching approach and how the College supports Widening Access and Mature Students through practical guidance, academic support, and responsible AI practices.

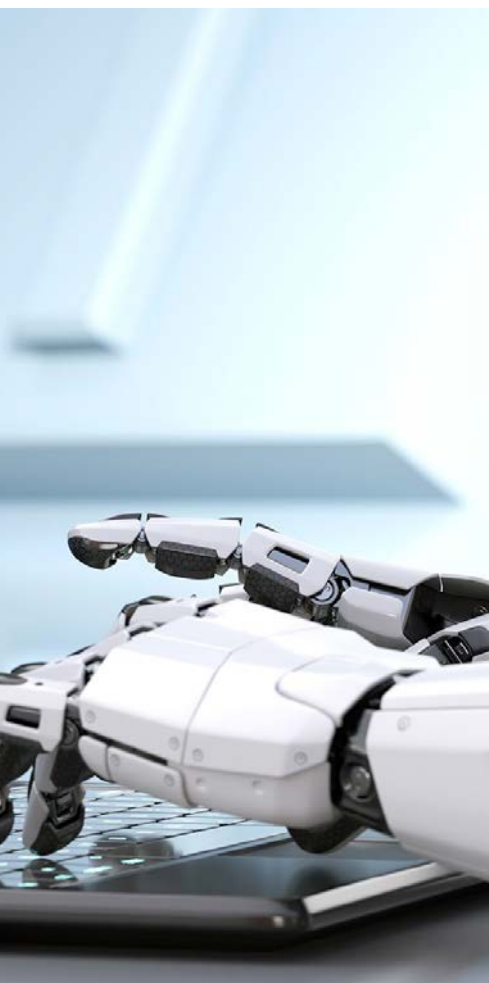
The event gave excellent visibility to both Nelson College London and the NCL Research Team within wider higher education discussions on ethical AI and the future of education.

What Did the Presentation Explore?

The presentation explored how students are increasingly using AI tools for learning, research, and assessment preparation, and why it is important to use these technologies responsibly and ethically.

The Research Team explored:

- Appropriate and ethical uses of AI in higher



- AI guidance is embedded within module documentation and assessment briefs.

Student Voice and Research Collaboration

One of the most valuable aspects of the presentation was the collaboration between staff and students in developing the final presentation. The project brought together perspectives from the College's teaching, research supervision, academic support, assessment, and student experience, creating a richer and more inclusive discussion on ethical AI in Higher Education.

Each member of the Research Team contributed reflections based on their role within the College, helping the presentation explore ethical AI from multiple perspectives rather than from a single viewpoint. This collaborative approach strengthened discussions around:

- Student experience
- Teaching and assessment
- Academic integrity
- Research supervision
- Student support and guidance

The presentation also highlighted the importance of student voice within wider higher education conversations on AI. A particularly powerful contribution came from our MA student reflection shared during the presentation:

Emilia Elena Salageanu: "My experience as an MA student at Nelson College London influenced how I think about the ethical use of AI. During my postgraduate studies, I was encouraged to value originality, critical analysis, and proper attribution. I use AI to support learning and productivity, but it must be used responsibly, with transparent limits, critical evaluation, and respect for academic integrity."

Access the Full Presentation

Explore how NCL students and staff are contributing to

wider conversations on ethical AI, academic integrity, and the future of higher education. Students and staff can access the full presentation through the QR code provided here:



Interested in Research?

The Research Centre welcomes students and staff who would like to get involved in:

- Individual Research Projects guided by experienced researchers.
- Being part of Conference presentations
- Contribution to book chapters for internal or external publication.
- Micro Research Project: Business consultancy-focused projects.
- Collaborative research activities between students and staff.

Getting involved in research can help you develop valuable academic and employability skills, including:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Academic writing and communication
- Research and analytical skills
- Confidence in presenting ideas
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Ethical awareness in research
- CV and employability development

You could be part of the next conference presentation, publication, or collaborative research project.

Please reach out to the RC via email to express your ideas or share feedback.

Email: researchcentre@nelsoncollege.ac.uk

education

- Academic integrity, originality, and authorship
- Critical evaluation of AI-generated information
- How AI can support learning without replacing independent thinking
- The importance of clear and accessible guidance for students
- How higher education institutions can guide responsible AI use while supporting research skills and academic confidence

The presentation also shared examples of good practice and support available to students through:

- Research workshops and ethics guidance delivered by the Research Centre.
- Assessment guidance and tutorials.
- Research Centre offers monthly open surgeries and one-to-one skills support.
- One-to-one guidance from lecturers and library staff.

Library & Learning Resources Centre



Beyond Books The Evolving Role of Academic Libraries in Student Success

In today's fast-changing educational environment, academic libraries have become much more than places to borrow books or study quietly. Modern libraries now play a central role in supporting student learning, academic development, digital literacy, and career readiness. For students studying hospitality and business programmes at HND, FdA, and MA levels, access to effective learning resources and academic support can significantly influence both academic achievement and future professional success. The traditional image of a library as a silent room filled with shelves of books no longer reflects the reality of higher education. While books and printed materials



by Yvonne Alexander-Taylor

Library and Learning
Resources Manager

remain important, today's students also rely heavily on digital resources, online journals, e-books, research databases, and collaborative learning spaces. Academic libraries are evolving to meet these changing needs by creating flexible, inclusive, and technology-driven

learning environments. One of the most important functions of the modern academic library is supporting independent learning. Higher education encourages students to think critically, conduct research, and engage with information beyond classroom lectures. Hospitality and business students, in particular, are expected to analyse industry trends, evaluate case studies, and understand global market developments. Access to reliable academic sources helps students develop the research and analytical skills that are essential in both academic and professional settings. Digital literacy has also become an essential skill for today's students. In an age where information is instantly available online, the ability to identify credible sources and evaluate information critically is more important than ever. Academic libraries support students by providing access to trusted academic materials and guidance on how to use them effectively. Students learn not only how to locate information but also how to interpret, reference, and apply it appropriately within their assignments and research projects. Another key area where

libraries contribute to student success is academic skills development. Many students entering higher education may initially find academic writing, referencing, and research techniques challenging. Our libraries provide workshops, one-to-one guidance, and online support materials to help students strengthen these essential skills. From understanding Harvard referencing to improving report writing and avoiding plagiarism, library support services help students gain confidence in their academic work. For hospitality and business students, these skills are particularly valuable because the industries themselves are increasingly data-driven and research-focused. Employers today seek graduates who can communicate professionally, solve problems effectively, and make informed decisions using evidence and analysis. The ability to research market trends, understand consumer behaviour, and evaluate business performance are highly transferable skills that begin developing during academic study. NCL libraries also contribute positively to student wellbeing and learning experiences. A

supportive study environment can make a significant difference to motivation and productivity. Quiet study areas, group discussion spaces, and access to technology create an environment where students can focus, collaborate, and manage their workloads more effectively. For many students balancing studies alongside employment and personal responsibilities, the library becomes an important space for concentration, reflection, and academic engagement.

The rapid growth of educational technology and artificial intelligence has further transformed the role of libraries in higher education. Students now have access to online learning platforms, digital research tools, and AI-supported technologies that can enhance learning experiences. However, alongside these opportunities comes the responsibility to use technology ethically and responsibly. Our libraries play an important role in guiding students on academic integrity, responsible use of AI tools, and the importance of maintaining originality and critical thinking within academic work.

The research, communication, and critical thinking skills developed through effective use of library resources extend far beyond the classroom and remain valuable throughout students' careers. Ultimately, the library is no longer simply a place where students go to find information; it is a place where students develop the skills needed to succeed academically, professionally, and personally. By embracing innovation while continuing to support the foundations of learning and research, academic libraries remain an essential part of higher education and student success.

For today's students, the library truly represents far more than books - it is a gateway to knowledge, opportunity, and future achievement.

New Degree Awarding Powers (NDAPs)

The journey continues...

As we enter the final term of the academic year, work continues at pace on the self-assessment document (SAD) and project planning for the probationary period. While work on key documentation is ongoing, there is now an increased focus on engaging both staff and students throughout the process. Staff briefings and team meetings are taking place regularly to ensure everyone is informed and involved. An important part of this work is checking that the College's policies, processes and



by Kate Stoneman

Academic Project
Manager (DAP)

commitments are being delivered effectively in practice through teaching, student support services and the wider student experience. Student feedback plays a vital role in this process.

Whether through surveys, committees, student representatives or conversations with staff, there are many opportunities to share your views and help shape future improvements. Like any organisation, the College is always looking for ways to improve. Feedback, reflection and a willingness to embrace change are essential to ensuring we continue to provide the best possible experience for our students. By sharing ideas and working together, we can strengthen the NCL community and support positive change for everyone.

Supporting our LinkedIn Presence



by Varuni Dissanayaka

Project Coordinator
(IT & Academic)

LinkedIn is a great platform for showcasing the achievements, events, research, industry engagement, and success stories taking place across Nelson College London. The examples below highlight some of our recent posts. You can help increase their reach by following the College

MA International Business – Weekend School Field Trip

Canopy by Hilton London City | 20 November 2025

Our MA International Business students enjoyed an insightful and inspiring ...more



page and engaging with posts through likes, comments, and shares. If you have any news, achievements, events, student success stories, or other content suitable for LinkedIn, please send them to me. I would be happy to help promote them and share the great work happening across the College.



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Student Engagement & Alumni

DEPARTMENT

Academic Achievement Award



by Alina Madalina
Antoniou (Mady)
Student Engagement
Ambassador

The Student Engagement Department continues to encourage students to pursue excellence and maintain strong academic performance throughout their educational journey, proudly recognising and celebrating those who have

achieved high marks in their most recent assignment submissions. In recognition of these outstanding achievements, the awarded students received Certificates of Achievement and recognition gifts from Nelson College London, presented with pride in acknowledgement of their hard work, dedication, and academic success. A total of 71 students has been awarded from September 2025 to the present.



100% Attendance Award



by Alina Madalina
Antoniou (Mady)
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Student Representatives training & meetings



by Alina Stoian

Student Engagement & Alumni Manager

The Student Representative family continues to grow as more students become active in the role of class leader, supporting and guiding their classmates, completing leadership training, and actively contributing to student voice and decision-making across the College community. We are proud to have now reached a total of 46 active Student Representatives involved in academic meetings and student engagement



activities across the College, playing an important role in strengthening

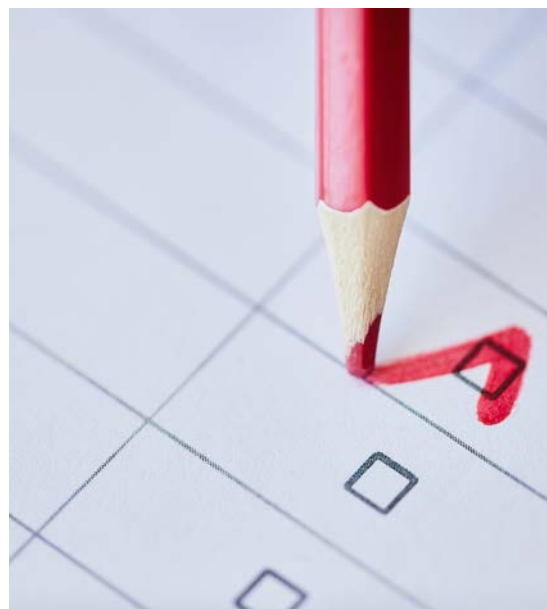
communication, participation, and the overall student experience.

PUNCTUALITY HOT DRINK VOUCHER

At NCL, we are promoting effective time management through the Punctuality hot drink Voucher initiative. Students arriving at the College before 10:00 a.m. receive complimentary hot drink vouchers in recognition of their punctuality, commitment, and active engagement in their studies. Organised by the Student Engagement Department, the initiative aims to encourage professionalism and a strong culture of academic responsibility across the College community.



by Alina Madalina Antoniu (Mady)
Student Engagement Ambassador



Graduate Outcome survey

NCL values the Graduate Outcomes Survey as an important way of understanding our graduates' journeys after completing their studies. Conducted by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), the official organisation responsible for collecting and analysing higher education data across the United Kingdom, the survey helps us learn more about graduates' employment, further study, and career development experiences. The feedback shared by our alumni plays a meaningful role in helping the College continue to improve teaching, strengthen career and employability support, and enhance the overall student experience. We warmly encourage all eligible graduates to take part and share their experiences, as their voices help shape the future of Nelson College London and support the success of both current and future students.



Student Representatives' Day Away

Stonehenge *and* Bath

The Student Engagement Department, in support of the Student Association, successfully organised a Student Representative Day Away each semester to recognise and reward the valuable contribution of student representatives. This semester, 42 participants travelled to Stonehenge and Bath, enjoying a valuable opportunity to engage with one another while exploring the United Kingdom's rich cultural and historical heritage. Designed to extend learning beyond the classroom, the visit encouraged teamwork, leadership development, and cultural awareness, while further strengthening



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collaboration among student representatives and reinforcing their sense of connection within the wider College community, reflecting the College's ongoing commitment to supporting and celebrating student leadership and engagement.



Student engagement trip to Cairo, Egypt



The visit to Cairo gave Nelson College London students an unforgettable opportunity to experience Egypt's rich history, culture, and heritage firsthand. Students

explored iconic landmarks including the Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, gaining insight into ancient Egyptian civilisation. Showing curiosity and bravery, many



also ventured inside the pyramids, while activities such as quad biking added excitement and adventure to the experience. The journey included a visit to the renowned Grand Egyptian Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated to a single civilisation, where students explored remarkable artefacts and deepened their understanding of Egypt's ancient legacy. Students also visited a traditional Papyrus Factory

to learn about ancient papyrus-making, explored the vibrant Khan El Khalili Bazaar, and visited the historic St Sergius Church and nearby area, appreciating their cultural and religious significance. Overall, the Cairo experience combined historical discovery with cultural enrichment, leaving students with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation of Egypt's extraordinary heritage.

STUDENTS' CONTEST

Heritage Runway

within the College community. The event gave students the opportunity to showcase their heritage through a traditional clothing runway, encouraging cultural awareness, inclusivity, and confidence. Supported by the Student Engagement Department, the Heritage Runway reflected the College's commitment to diversity, student



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During LTEEC, we organised the Heritage Runway, second edition, a student-focused event celebrating the diverse cultures and backgrounds

participation, and creating a welcoming and inclusive learning environment.



Learning, Teaching, Engagement & Enhancement Conference

The Learning, Teaching, Engagement and Enhancement Conference (LTEEC), held on 5 May 2026 at Gants Hill Campus, brought together over 186 students for a dynamic and engaging event focused on innovation, learning, and student development. The conference was officially opened by one of NCL's Directors, Mr Nazim, followed by the first workshop delivered by Dr Shorful, who explored the growing role of Artificial



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Intelligence (AI). Pinky Van Lare then provided

valuable insights into AI from a lecturer's perspective, while the Gants Hill Student Vice President shared the student perspective during the third workshop. The final session, delivered by Mary Jo Appaqaq, offered important insights into AI and employability, helping students understand its relevance in the modern workplace. During the conference, Margaret Amankawah presented five Academic Achievement Awards to

students who achieved outstanding grades in their recent submissions, recognising their hard work and academic excellence. To further enhance participation and excitement, eight prize draws were held throughout the event, allowing students to win prizes on the spot and remain actively engaged. The event concluded with the student contest Heritage Runway, celebrating the diverse cultures and backgrounds within the College community through traditional clothing and cultural expression. Overall, the LTEEC reflected the College's commitment to innovation, diversity, student engagement, and celebrating academic success.



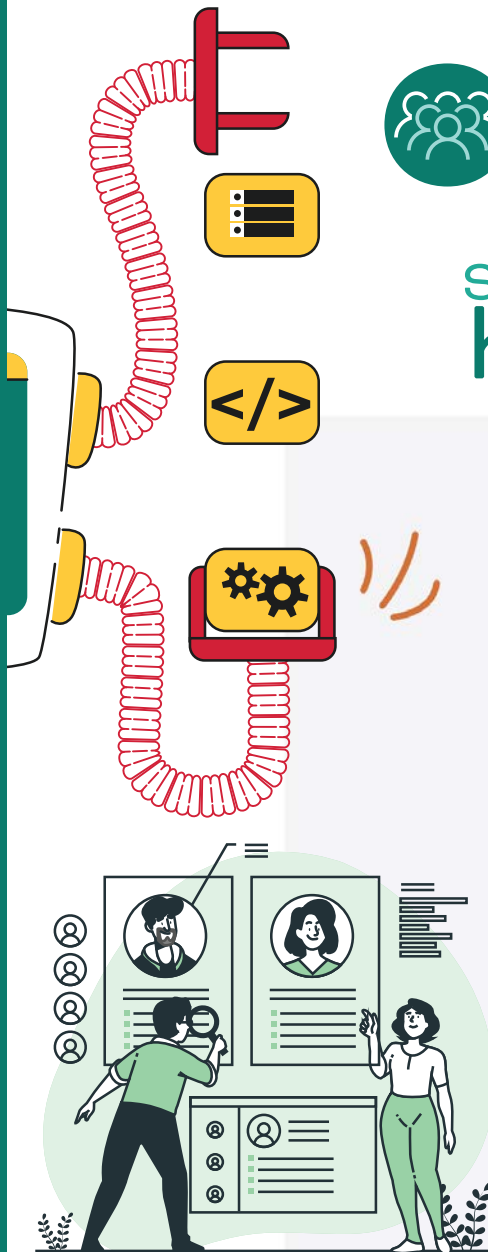


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COFFEE MORNING BROADSTAIRS



by Natasha Radford
Student Welfare Officer



Students at Nelson College London have been enjoying a series of coffee mornings organised by the student welfare team, creating a relaxed and supportive environment where everyone can feel comfortable being themselves. These gatherings have quickly become a positive space for students to build friendships and settle more confidently into college life. Over light refreshments, students have had the opportunity to talk more openly and freely about their

experiences both inside and outside the classroom. The informal setting has encouraged honest conversations about lessons, assignments and the challenges and benefits of online classes. Many students shared that being able to speak face to face with others who are having similar experiences has helped them feel more supported. The coffee mornings have also introduced students to myself - the new Student Welfare Officer, helping them to understand the support available throughout their

time at Nelson College London. For many students these sessions have become an opportunity to express feelings, gain confidence and feel heard in a safe and friendly atmosphere whether discussing academic pressures, adapting to online learning or simply getting to know classmates better. The success of these gatherings highlights the importance of student welfare and the value of creating spaces where students can relax, communicate and support one another while enjoying a warm drink and good company.

Counselling and Wellbeing Support

at Broadstairs campus



Heather Redwood

Counsellor

Broadstairs campus

Hi, I'm Heather and I started work at NCL Broadstairs in November, 2025 as their new in-house Counsellor on site supporting students and staff. I have a long-standing background of working with students in Wellbeing, in both FE and HE institutions, and really enjoy the energy of being on a student campus where all the hard work takes place! I find the work at NCL Broadstairs both absorbing and interesting. Students/staff can see me about any issue that may be worrying them, and I work respectfully and confidentially with the issues that are brought. Examples of issues that you may bring could be: stress/anxiety; low mood; relationship issues (including children); grief and bereavement; work-related issues; financial issues and anything and everything in-between.

I offer a calm, welcoming space where you can talk, free from judgment, and I have an open-door policy when I'm not busy with clients.

I've found NCL Broadstairs to be a lovely place to work, everyone is so friendly and welcoming, and I hope I am able to help any students/staff when they feel they need some extra support.

I like to take time to relax and some of my interests include ... music, theatre, reading, socialising with friends and ... the beach on sunny days!

UNDERSTANDING OF HOTEL AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS



by Laura Stephens

Student Support
Lecturer(Trainee)

The BA Hospitality and Business (Top-up) students from the Broadstairs Campus, recently visited the Yarrow Hotel in Broadstairs as part of an educational field trip designed to enhance their understanding of hotel and business operations. During the visit, students were welcomed with refreshments before taking part in a guided tour of the hotel's facilities. They also attended an informative presentation delivered by



the hotel management team, who explained how the business operates on a day-to-day basis, including both front-of-house and behind-the-scenes management. The trip included a complimentary lunch and provided students with valuable real-world insight that directly supported their studies. Overall, the students had a great time and found the experience both enjoyable and highly informative.





EXPLORING TRENDS WITHIN THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR



On Monday 18th May Nelson College London, Broadstairs welcomed industry expert Julian into our classrooms to host an enriching series of lectures exploring the emerging trends within the Hospitality sector, sustainability processes and hospitality management. Thursday's session was met with equal success as we concluded the week with another valuable session. The enrichment classes provided the students studying Hospitality HND,



by Collins Keke

Assistant Programme Leader
(Trainee)

with valuable insight into the evolving hospitality industry, highlighting the growing importance of innovation, sustainable

practice and effective leadership in shaping the future of the sector. A particular highlight of both enrichment sessions was the excellent delivery by Julian, whose engaging and interactive approach encouraged enthusiastic participation throughout. Students responded positively to the sessions creating a dynamic and enjoyable learning environment. Both students and tutors contributed to thoughtful discussion and debate to make for a collaborative

and inspiring session. The strong engagement and positive feedback from all involved made these lectures a great success and reflected the value of bringing current industry knowledge and expertise into the current course. We are extremely grateful to all those who joined, for Julian's time and expertise and for the opportunity for students and staff to gain a little more interest into what we are studying and teaching here at Nelson College London, Broadstairs.

We now offer in-person counselling sessions!



Tola will be providing free counselling sessions to our NCL students.

Tola is a psychotherapeutic counsellor, and she is able to work on a range of issues such as self-esteem, anxiety, depression, abuse, bereavement, self-harm, motivation, and relaxation, among others.

To book your first session please contact your Student Welfare Officer.

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