

## Newsletter april 2010

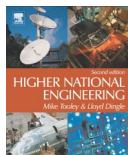
### Do you know what a QR code is?

A QR (quick response) code is a barcode which links you to a designated web page, text message or SMS. If you have a Smart 'phone or similar device and the relevant software (for example Quick Mark) you can read the QR code and link straight to the web page it is attached to.

For example, this is the QR code which links to the WCC home page so if you zap it with your Smart phone you will link to the college web site.



From the library home page on the intranet you can access electronic books through ebrary. Around the Learning Centres we have displayed the text books that you are using every day together with the URL links to them AND the QR code to take you straight there if you have a Smart 'phone. Click on the ebrary logo from the library home page—there are all kinds of books there for you to access. This is a free service and includes many BTEC core text books. Really useful if books you need are out on loan or you have forgotten to call in at the Learning Centre.



### Expecting a Visitor?

Let us know if you are expecting a visitor. It is easier for us, you and them if we know who's coming and where we can contact you to let you know they've arrived. Reception numbers are 355 at EP, 677 at CH and 444 at CAP. Some administrators have access to the Reception calendars so that they can add their own appointments. If you would like this facility please contact Nina Main, LR & CS Manager on 575.



### Lanyard update

Since Christmas we have re-printed a lot of student cards and you have paid a lot of £1's for them! Please remember to bring your lanyard with you. It is a waste of your money to keep paying for replacements. It is a requirement that everyone in the building wears a visible lanyard as safeguarding is important for ALL of us.



### Springboard—update from Anthony Beal, Section Leader, e-Team

'We recently delivered an information literacy session for the first time at Stanlaw Abbey Children's Centre (next to Cheshire Oaks) for a group of pre-access students. I hope this will be the first of many !'



To book your Springboard or information literacy session please contact a member of the Learning Resources team.

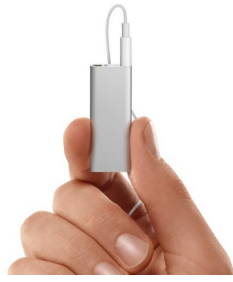
### Laptops

You have to be an early bird to be sure of a laptop from the Learning Centre. Why not bring in your own laptop from home? Take it along to the Network office at EP or CH and the technicians will give you access to the college network. If you study at Capenhurst, ask at the Issue Desk and we will arrange for Networks to come to you!



## Money week

We were pleased to join in the college-wide activities during Money Week in March. Learning Resources ran their own money-related quiz and offered a 3rd generation iPod shuffle as a prize on all three sites. The lucky winners were Claire Kavanagh, who is a 1st Dip Media student at EP, Jamal Ali who is a Business student at Chester and Bob Canavan who is an Engineering student at Capenhurst.



Here is Claire collecting her prize from tutor Jo Marsh.



Here is Bob with LC Co-ordinator Eleanor Johnston.



Here is Anthony Beal with Jamal.

Congratulations to all the winners!

## London marathon

Tutor Simon O'Brien is running the London Marathon on Sunday 25th April in aid of the Stroke Association. Please support him. We have collection tins on the issue desks at all sites.



## Saturday opening

Don't forget that we are open from 9—12 on a Saturday morning at EP Learning Centre only. Why not come in and finish your Assignment, then you can relax on Sunday?



## Tutors!

Our Wii consoles and games are proving very popular for use in sessions, with students clearly enjoying using this new technology. Wiis are available in all the Learning Centres. Here is a picture of hairdressing students using the Wii fit board at Ellesmere Port during March.



This is another example of our support for tutors embracing new ways of teaching and learning.

## Are you in the Limelight?

Digital Media have been working on video case studies for the NEW College Website.

They can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/westcheshirecollege](http://www.youtube.com/westcheshirecollege).

This is an ongoing project and all College areas will be involved.

The Art Department recently hosted a 'CarnEvil' themed event at Destiny and Elite nightclub in Ellesmere Port to showcase their students' work. Watch out for the photos which will start to



appear on the walls around the College, and the video which will appear on the website.

## Coming soon...

During April the Catering department are hosting a London theme evening where the action in the kitchen will be projected onto a screen in the dining area.