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REACH make their home in BSF new build

There are still a few boxes to unpack but the team and students have arrived! The ultra modern exterior, and plush, airy interiors, are a world away from the split-site buildings in Becknell and the wooden shed in Shelton where pupils had to learn in the past.

REACH is a short stay school which caters for 11 to 16-year-olds from across Stoke-on-Trent who have been excluded or are at risk of exclusion from school. Key Stage 3 learners follow intensive six-week programmes to help them back into mainstream classes whilst Key Stage 4 students study for their GCSEs.

Sixteen-year-old Ethan Richardson, from Newstead, joined the short-stay school in September after being excluded from his previous school. He said: "I was a little terror. But since coming here, I've become more motivated and have changed a lot. I'm doing at least 10 GCSEs. The teachers care about you!"

Headteacher Lorna Matley is thrilled with the new building and the quality it offers to REACH learners and families, she said: "It sends out the right message to families and young people. If they come here, they feel special."

Right, Peter Coates outside REACH Short Stay School

REACH, which was rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted in 2011 and also in 2010 for a themed inspection. The team are proud to have their place on Ofsted Outstanding Providers List.

Peter Coates owner of Stoke City FC kindly did the honours in unveiling a commemorative plaque during the opening ceremony. He delivered an inspirational speech at the ceremony, toured the school, had lunch with students and visitors and underwent an intensive Q and A session with REACH students. Mr Coates and the students hit it off immediately as he shared memories of his own education and responded to questions about the football club. During his visit he said, he said: "We have got a school that has achieved great things. It's a very special school and a wonderful building."



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Dux Awards 2012

The 2012 Dux Awards Scheme aims to encourage the recognition and reward of top performing Year 9 pupils. One high-performing pupil from every secondary school is to visit a Russell Group University. Dux Award winners will be chosen by their schools and the visits will take place during June and July 2012. All expenses associated with the visits will be reimbursed by the Dee.

Registration for places under the scheme will run from 16 to 27 April 2012. During this two week period, schools will be able to register their Dux Award winner or a university visit. Find out more by following Dux Awards under News on our website.

PM Training are recruiting 14-16 learners now!!

PM Training are recruiting learners for the 14-16 programme NOW and will be launching the programme in September 2012 which will;

- Support 24-32 year 10 and 11 learners
- Target Level 1 learners
- Provide guaranteed progression in the form of a Foundation Learning place at 16
- Engage learners through hands on workshop/sector specific experiences (Construction, Customer Services, Business Admin)
- Support literacy and numeracy skill development
- Provide IAG support to learners

(The cost of a programme place is £ 1000.00 per learner full academic year- one day per week (that's less than £26 per day.)

The programme will provide an alternative curriculum option to learners who wish to pursue a vocational route and may be struggling to access this route in school or at college.

There is a simple application form for schools and learners to complete, **the application deadline is 30th April 2012.**

If you have any queries, questions or would like to visit PM Training call **Paul Krynauw at PM Training on 279121.**

You can find an application form on our website under news;

"PM Training 14-16 Application due 30.4.12"



Secure Summer School funding from DfE for disadvantaged learners

DfE are supporting 'The Summer Schools programme for disadvantaged pupils', which is open to all secondary schools. The first Summer Schools of the programme take place during the 2012 school summer holidays. Secondary schools are invited to opt-in to the programme by completing a short online form by **5pm Monday 30 April 2012.**

This programme aims to help disadvantaged pupils make a successful transition from primary to secondary school. Schools can claim Summer School funding for:

- pupils who are registered for free school meals (FSM)
- pupils who have been looked after in public care continuously for six months

For a two week Summer School £500 will be available for each disadvantaged pupil. If schools decide to run a one week Summer School then funding would be £250 per pupil.

To find out how to claim visit 'DfE Summer Schools' under the news section of our website.

Bright Green Learning website goes live!

If you have a spare moment do take the time to peruse our new website and tell us what you think. The site went live in March..... hooray! We owe massive thanks to **Different Class**, Paddy especially for support in developing the site and getting things up and running. **Creative Media** have also played a big part in the design and our new branding- a special mention to Jonathan for doing such a great job.

We use the site to advertise our 'wears' but also to keep you abreast of what's happening and what's new.

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