

Student & Employers' Newsletter – New Year 2013

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We are very proud to announce our achievement of the standard!. All groups who attend Shears Academy, whether to work, train, be a model client or visit, tell us they feel welcomed, valued and respected.

Congratulations and thanks to our brilliant Apprentices - and their Employers!

Whilst working towards this standard, we have created partnerships with three very diversely different organisations which will enrich the training and opportunities that we offer to our students.

Firstly, to support apprentices to make their own personal and social contribution to groups in the local community, we are partnering our neighbours, Lewisham Reach, who support vulnerable people facing various challenges including homelessness to offer spa style sessions where service users can experience a shampoo, head massage, blow-dry and finish, possibly for the first time ever. We will also give advice on caring for their particular hair challenges and talk about how a simple 30 minute salon service can enhance their lives and give a lasting feeling of well-being. To find out more about what Lewisham & Thames Reach are doing to prevent homeless, visit: <http://www.thamesreach.org.uk/what-we-do/preventing-homelessness/lewisham-reach/>

***Lewisham Reach** is a support service for hard-to-reach clients, aimed at preventing people from becoming homeless through intensive 1-2-1 work.

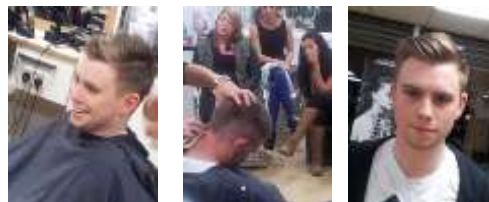
The second exciting opportunity we are planning is a visit to another hairdressing college to take part and compete with them at their hair presentation in May - **in Belgium!**



It will be a great chance to experience other cultures, and find out first-hand how other colleges deliver their hairdressing training. Belgian students study the first and second world wars' memorial and remembrance, and the importance of current day peace, and so will visit us the following month when they can also visit London to experience the D-day celebrations on the 6th June. Please let Pauline know if you would like to know more.



Afro/Curly/Mixed Hair Type Qualification coming soon! If you, like us, are aware of the demand from people with very curly hair, mixed texture and afro-caribbean hair for services by qualified stylists, why not consider training for the relevant qualification to add another bow to your string? The third initiative since working towards the I in D award is to develop a range of courses to suit stylists who wish to meet the needs of **all** potential clients. We will be offering **fully funded apprenticeships –so call Pauline on 020 8461 5453** to ensure your place!



Barbering L2 Induction: 26th FEB 13!

Classes take place on Tuesdays as usual at 4.30pm for essential theory input lectures, with practical work on models from 6pm. Funded places are available – **but even if you don't qualify you can join this class as a private client, fees on application, dependant on prior experience/achievement.**

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NEXT TAQA (ASSESSOR) INDUCTION IS Mon. 4th March – be qualified in 6 months! But the list is closing soon! Please call Carole NOW for your application/enrolment form to secure your place

Next enrolment of Level 2 Customer Service and/or Hairdressing Apprenticeship takes place in March 13. Call Carole now for application forms to secure your place NOW!



Advanced Level 3! Enrolling NOW... Are your team members ready for their next training challenge?

Monday 4.30pm/evening sessions are designed for candidates who hold a level 2 Apprenticeship in hairdressing and wish to achieve a higher qualification. **A few funded or part-funded places still available!** – call Carole now to secure your funded place, or you can enrol as a private candidate.

Half term Spring Break

We will be closed to learners for **1 Week** commencing **Mon.11th Feb. 13**

returning to the Academy week commencing **Monday 18th Feb. 2013.**

The team will be at the Academy usual working days Mon. – Thursday, should you need us!


Thank you for your continued support, now and in the future! The Shears Academy Team



"Diversity means different, we are all different, so diversity affects us all"

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Our mission is to deliver first class training and support to learners by meeting their needs and those of the Employer and Industry

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