

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THURROCK



## *Celebrating success in learning and skills at school, college and work*



**Success at School**



**Success at College**



**Success at University**

### **The future is bright for Thurrock**

Thurrock is firmly on an upward trend at all levels and in all areas. GCSE results in Thurrock have shown significant improvement year on year so that in 2005 nearly half of all the borough's 16-year-olds left school with five or more A\* to C grades. 91% of young people left with five A\* to G grades. Not a single young person left school without a qualification. College results for 16-19 year olds were also very good at both Palmer's College and Thurrock & Basildon College. Palmer's students exceeded the national average with over 97% passing their A Levels, Wale Adeyemi from T&BC was presented with an Association of Colleges Gold Award at the House of Commons for his outstanding fashion designs. Our bright stars also come back: Nyssa has returned to Tilbury to work after achieving a First at Exeter University.

## *Success at Work*

Highly skilled staff are important to Thurrock Employers. Employees being supported to gain skills and qualifications from Level 2 through Levels 4 and 5 (degrees and Master's degrees) are too numerous to list. Jennifer Hornsby from Unilever and Oyebola Opaneye from Port of



**Jennifer Hornsby**  
**Manufacturing Apprentice**

Tilbury illustrate the range and interest of work locally and achieving success in their chosen careers. Jennifer and Oyebola are two of the "stars" featuring in Thurrock Business Forum's Virtual Tours. Ten companies participated in the Virtual Tours, which include video clips of staff from trainees to managing directors talking about their work. The **Virtual Tours** have proved a great success. See them on: [www.thurrockbusinessforum.org.uk](http://www.thurrockbusinessforum.org.uk)



**Oyebola Opaneye**  
**Graduate Software Developer**

# Celebrating Success in our Schools



## Primary and Secondary Schools

As well as examination results improving consistently since Thurrock achieved unitary status, some of our schools, both primary and secondary, rank with the best in the country. Recent Ofsted inspections highlight some excellent performances; e.g. Shaw Primary School was rated as “outstanding”, Ockendon School was described as “This effective school provides good value for money; achievement is very good and teaching and learning are good.”

### Thurrock Trade School

#### Plumbing, bricklaying electrical work:

Thurrock Year 10/11 pupils get the opportunity to try these and other valuable craft skills thanks to the support from skilled craftsmen at Thurrock Council who give up their time on Saturday afternoons to run the six week Trade School sessions. The project would not have been possible without support from Connexions with much time and funding.



Secondary school pupils have benefited from some wonderful experiences such as going to the Space and Rocket Centre in the United States, a scheme launched by St Clare’s School and shared with schools across the borough. Andrew Gilbey from Chafford Hundred was the first British student ever to be awarded the prestigious Leadership Certificate by the Centre. Parents and schools raise the money to make these trips possible. Many parents make great sacrifices for these trips.



Another innovation is the excellent i-Lab at Hassenbrook School opened by Ruth Kelly, Minister for Education. For use by schools and businesses, networked

The Trade School has been enormously successful and attracted national interest. All schools have the opportunity to send pupils (although numbers are clearly limited). Heads have praised the Trade School for the motivation it gives young people, who return to school with renewed vigour for their school work. Local businesses have also started employing these craftsmen of the future. All young people who complete the course are given a Tool Kit to set them up for the next step in their careers.



be thrown on to the screen to stimulate debate. White circular walls which can be written on also mean an end to flip charts!

One young star, Richard, whose skills as a woodturner were recognised, was from Beacon Hill School. His love of his craft and his creativity are truly inspirational. Richard’s ability and dedication should be applauded. He has shown he has a good career ahead of him. It is a tribute to all the staff, both at Beacon Hill and the Trade School, who have supported his learning and have challenged the barriers that still stand in the way of young people with learning difficulties. We are certain to hear of even more successes in years to come from Beacon Hill School.



## Celebrating Success in our Colleges

*All our Colleges: Palmer's College, Thurrock & Basildon College and Thurrock Adult Community College have had their share of success this year. A few shining examples*

The examination results for **Palmer's College** in summer 2005 reached new heights and the joy on the faces of young people when they receive their results makes all the hard work worthwhile. In addition to the **97% achieving their A levels** at Palmer's, over 89% - again above the national average - achieved their AS and **an impressive 100% achieved their BTEC National Diplomas**. Students moved on to study an incredibly wide range of subjects at university - Criminology, English, Law, Computer Animation and Special Effects, Industrial Design, Events Management, Psychology and many more. Nick Alpe gained 19 distinctions in Performing Arts. Bilal Amiri came from Afghanistan after an explosion killed his parents and left him partially deaf. Bilal worked immensely hard in English and the science subjects he loved, achieved excellent results and a place at university to study pharmacology, a wonderful outcome.



*Results day at Palmer's College*

Adults, across the age range, at **Thurrock Adult Community College** have also excelled themselves with 84% GCSE A\*-C and 100% A\*-G pass rates. Students get a flying start with the offer of free pre GCSE English and Maths courses and online literacy and numeracy tests. There is always the opportunity for support for a new start.



*Business Training at the Hassenbrooks' I-Lab*

### **Thurrock's Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership**

is working to ensure every child can have a nursery education and has been praised by an External Advisor: "In Thurrock you have a great team who work so well together, going out in the community and getting other people and organisations involved".



*Nealy Coen  
LSC Champion of Learning  
With celebrity chef Brian Turner*

Nealy Coen, a student at **Thurrock & Basildon College**, received the 2005 LSC Champion of Learning Apprentice Award. Nathan Farrell was chosen as College Student of the Year 2005 for his achievement of a BTEC First Diploma Sport, BTEC National Diploma Fashion and Clothing and outstanding Equality, Diversity and Community Work. Still in the Creative Industries, Jess Sayers was highly commended in the National UK Skills Competition. Angela Firth, a **DfES STAR finalist**, who also became Thurrock Citizen of the Year in 2004 for her "Tireless energy and enthusiasm in supporting the deaf and promoting deaf awareness in both the College and the community" brings yet more credit to Thurrock. The College is also succeeding with higher level skills and qualifications with some excellent local HE Management and Motor Vehicle National Awarding Body recognition. It has also just been successful in its bid for CoVE (Centre of Vocational Excellence) status in Logistics & Transport to add to its existing CoVE status in Electrical and Electronic Technologies all designed to support high standards and progression to the highest levels.

Share in the Success

YOU CAN DO IT TOO!

Whatever your skills and interests, whatever your age - whether at school, college, in work or seeking work - you can achieve qualifications, satisfying work and economic well being.



It might be hard work but it is worth the effort.



### KEY CONTACTS:

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<b>Thurrock Adult Community College</b> <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/adultcollege">www.thurrock.gov.uk/adultcollege</a>	<b>01375 372476</b>
<b>Palmer's College</b> <a href="http://www.palmers.ac.uk">www.palmers.ac.uk</a>	<b>01375 370121</b>
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### THURROCK LEARNING PARTNERSHIP—Working together for you

#### Partners:

- Academy of Logistics and Transport
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Connexions
- Government Office-East
- jobcentreplus
- Link-Ed Consortium
- Palmer's College
- Private Sector Training Providers
- Thurrock Association of Schools and Colleges
- Thurrock Adult Community College
- Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation
- Thurrock & Basildon College
- Thurrock Business Forum
- Thurrock Council
- Thurrock Council for Voluntary Service
- Thurrock District Association of Industries
- Thurrock Libraries and Cultural Services
- Thurrock Primary Care Trust
- University of East London