

Census Day 27 March

The Census, run by the Office for National Statistics takes place in England every 10 years. The next Census date is Sunday 27 March



- Each household will receive a questionnaire which can be returned in the supplied, prepaid envelope. Questionnaires can also be completed online at www.census.gov.uk from 4 March 2011.
- The statistics created from census returns will be used to plan services like school facilities, housing, public transport, health services, employment training and much more.
- Your personal information is kept strictly confidential for 100 years and is not shared with anyone outside the Office for National Statistics, including other government departments.
- If your English is not very good don't worry as plenty of language help will be available via the census helpline 0300 0201 101, www.census.gov.uk and at completion events in Liverpool.
- The census is compulsory, and if you don't take part you could be fined up to £1000.

People News

Sincere condolences to... the family of **Ev Lordor**, who died suddenly; particularly Phil and children Michaela and Narashe.

Welcome to... **Jenny Clarke**, Chef / Catering Supervisor (The Door Café), **Daniel Squire**, Move On Co-ordinator, **Madeline Hall**, Student Key Worker

Goodbye to... **Sue Gough**, who had worked for Greenbank since 1986 and carried out a number of job roles, including, ILD Manager and most recently FJF Job Coach. Wishing Sue well for the future.

Diary

Catering Training Evenings - Thursday 3 February and 3 March 2011, 5-9pm

Review Week - Monday 14 - Friday 18 February 2011

Open Evenings (for school leavers) - Thursday 24 February & Tuesday 15 March 2011, 4-6pm

Open Day - Wednesday 9 March 2011, 10am-12noon & 2-6pm

Census Day - Sunday 27 March 2011

World Maths & Book Day

Greenbank College will be joining in with activities to celebrate World Maths Day on 1 March and World Book Day on 3 March.

Pick up your copy of the World Maths Day quiz from Marguerite Clatworthy or the library between 28 February and 4 March. Prize available.



To celebrate World Book Day, Greenbank College will be running a range of activities.



Feedback

Learner Views

As a College receiving Government funding Greenbank needs to have its services monitored. One of the ways in which this is done is by learners themselves giving their opinion. All learners are encouraged to take part in this year's 'Learner Views Survey' which is available until 27 May 2011 at <http://ffe.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/pi/learnerviews/>. All learners should have received a letter detailing their UPN which needs to be inputted to log on.

During 2009/10 155 Greenbank College learners took part in the Learner Views survey which is part of this process. The survey asked questions about staff, teaching, resources and overall service and awards a score out

of 10 for each question. Greenbank's overall score was 8.7; its highest score (9.2) was for 'respect staff show you' and its lowest score (7.8) was for 'the advice given about what you can do after the course programme. The full Learner Views Survey is available on the student intranet.

Short Course Feedback

Thanks to the 40 learners from the Fashion & Textiles and Sport departments that completed a 'Have Your Say' form. All of the people who completed a form were happy overall with the time spent at College.

Fashion & Textiles:

You said Paper cutter is not very good

We did Purchased a new cutter for the textiles room



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College progression recognised by Ofsted

Thanks and congratulations to all those - learners, staff and volunteers who were involved with the successful Ofsted partial re-inspection which took place in November 2010.



Greenbank College was awarded the following grades:

Capacity to improve Grade 2 (Good)

Comments from the inspector's feedback included 'Quality improvement arrangements are comprehensive, well documented and co-ordinated... The observation of teaching and learning process is very thorough, has led to improvements and focuses closely on the inclusiveness of learners participation in learning activities'.

Leadership and Management Grade 2 (Good)

Inspectors' reported 'Self-assessment is now a well established improvement tool that draws from a broad range of evidence

and reliable data. The recent draft 2009/10 report is concise and reflects an organisation that knows itself well.

Equality and Diversity Grade 1 (Outstanding)

The inspection report states 'Excellent progress has been made in ensuring that the progress and attainment of different groups of learners are closely monitored. Data are now collected, analysed and used well'.

The tremendous improvements made since the last inspection in July 2009 are thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Greenbank College team - learners and staff working together.

Find out more about college courses

Greenbank College holds regular events and activities which give people an opportunity to find out more about what's on offer:

Open evenings for school leavers, family and friends

4-6pm on Thursday 24 February and Tuesday 15 March.

Come and have a look around, meet some young learners and try out a range of activities across the subject areas - Administration, Catering, English, Fashion and Textiles, Hairdressing, Information Technology, Maths and Sport.

Open Day

10am-12pm / 2-6pm on Wednesday 9 March

Including the following taster sessions run from 10am - 12noon:

Business Admin / Customer Service -

Take part in our fun quiz and have a go at binding.

Catering - Make yourself a fruit smoothie.

ICT - Hidden gems in Google.



Employability - Explore the Nextstep Careers Advice website - skills assessments, job profiles and CV templates.

Fashion & Textiles - Make a fun fashion accessory in minutes!

Functional Skills (English & Maths) - Have a go at our nouns, verbs and adjectives quiz.

Hairdressing - Blow drying demonstration.

Sport - Take part in the 'funny bones' quiz!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Children Policy - Please note that there is a change to the Named Protection Officers; College Protection Officer is Anne Kinsella and Academy Protection Officer is Mark Palmer.

Equality & Diversity

Thanks to the many people that took part in the Quiz which was organised as part of Disability History Month. 42 people got all of the answers correct so a draw was made to decide the winner - **Margaret Brown** won £25 love2shop vouchers.

Catering Training Evenings

from **5-9pm on Thursday 3 February** and **3 March** at Time Out Greenbank Sports Academy. 2 courses for £7.50 or 3 courses for £9.50 - all welcome!

Move On Project

Thanks to funding from Children in Need, Greenbank College is able to offer the 'Move on' project for its young learners. Project staff are **Daniel Squire** and **Joe Corrigan** who will work with 16-18 year old learners to develop an activity programme and train 'mentors' to support the next generation of young learners by linking in with local schools and buddying new starters from September 2011.

Contact **Daniel** or **Joseph** for more details.

College develops work experience opportunities for learners

MYA Café opens its doors

Greenbank College now operates the Café based in MYA's building - The Door, Hanover Street.



Welcome to staff **Jenny Clarke** and **Tony Holt** who now offer customers a range of quality snacks including breakfasts, panini and soup and hot drinks to eat in or take away. Learners completing courses in Greenbank College's catering department will be given the opportunity to develop their skills by completing work placements at the Café.

The Café will have a name soon - a prize competition (winner will receive £30 worth of love to shop vouchers) is being operated to name it (closing date 31 January) - name and winner details will be published in the next issue of Focus.

Salon HQ prepares to open



Learners from Greenbank College Hairdressing Department are on track to move into their new home - **Salon HQ, which is due to open to the public on Monday 21 February.**

Building work has progressed rapidly to convert 'The Lodge' into an up to date salon, seating 10 clients and has its own teaching room.

Hairdressing services on offer from Greenbank College's NVQ level 1 and 2 learners include cutting, blow drying, and colouring, closely supervised by tutors Julie Jarvis and Carol Hasaballa.

The Hairdressing Department is enrolling now for a September start - **Contact Guidance or visit greenbankcollege.org.uk**

Salon HQ - open from Mon 21 Feb

Monday	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday	1.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 4.00pm
Friday	1.00pm - 4.00pm



Students' Union (SU)

Greenbank College's Students' Union meet regularly to act as the 'Learner voice' and arrange events and activities to enhance college life. The Students' Union and other learners and staff have recently arranged:

Cake Sale - which raised £100 to support Students' Union activities. Thanks to all those that took part and Greggs, Allerton Road for donating mince pies!

Greenbank's Got Talent and End of Term Party

- a brilliant event won by Marc Jacob - a fantastic break dancer. Thanks to all the participants, who performed to a high standard and to MC Brian Jones and judges Pauline Sharma, Shirley Spofforth and Jon Paul Favor who all did an excellent job.



Fundraising for other charities

£200 was raised for Children in Need by staff and learners altering their appearance for the day and paying for the opportunity to do so.



Fashion and Textiles learners led by Colette Dwyer made Christmas decorations and stockings in return for donations and raised approximately **£150 for Breast Cancer Care**. They also made 'chemo-bags' for patients to use whilst undergoing treatment. Well done to all those involved.

Fundraising

Thanks to the following individuals / trusts / companies who have supported Greenbank recently:

EL Rathbone Charitable Trust - £2000 for Fashion and Textiles Department

Mersey Docks and Harbour Charitable Fund - £389 for Catering Department

John Lewis - donated a new washing machine and drier for Salon HQ

Cost free ways to raise funds for Greenbank

1. Using easyfundraising.org.uk

a free service allowing users to raise money for a cause while they shop online, and it doesn't cost the user a penny! All you have to do is register an account, choosing 'Greenbank Liverpool' as your cause to support. From then on you can access your favourite shops through the Easyfundraising website, who will then donate a percentage of any purchase you make.

2. Using eBay

Sell your unwanted items on eBay and select to donate a percentage of sale price to Greenbank. Visit ebay.co.uk to sell your items and follow the instructions given when listing an item. Under the heading 'Raise money for your favourite charity' click on the link 'select another charity' and search for Greenbank.

Routeways Awards

Funded by the Skills Funding Agency and European Social Fund until the end of March 2011, **Routeways to Employment for Disabled People (REDP)** has offered personalised help and support to **496 disabled people to find and stay in work, since it began in 2008**. REDP has so far provided participants with **209 work placements, 140 jobs** (of which 87 are classed as 'sustainable') and **185 employers** have given written commitment to the programme.

An event celebrating the achievements of disabled job seekers and supportive employers was hosted by Greenbank College in December.

Individual award winners were Brian Jones, Paul Mellor, Joyce McCrystal, Alan Pang, Jack Winter, John Darroch, Lee Taylor, Carlus Herbert, Callum Robinson, Joanne Whitby, Terry Kelly, Andrew Budai, Debbie Kelly, Kahli Morris and Darko Martinovic.

Employer Award winners were Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Bradbury Fields, Currys, Everyman, Lee Valley Housing, Liverpool FC Store (Liverpool One), May Logan Healthy Living Centre, Mercury ITC, Natural Breaks Merseyside and Petticoats-A-Plenty.

