

Careers Newsletter

THIS NEWSLETTER IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE GATEWAY COLLEGE CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY TEAM.

9th April 2025

4th Edition



01. Visit to Cocoa Amore WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2025

Our Level 3 Science students paid a visit to Cocoa Amore cafe in Leicester City Centre. They were given an insight into the science behind chocolate and also a view of the workshop. Exposure to real working environments such as this can be very beneficial to students.

02. Mock Interviews MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025

Practicing for interviews is essential because it helps build confidence, improve communication skills, and refine responses to common questions. It also allows candidates to identify areas for improvement, reduce nervousness, and increase their chances of making a strong impression on potential employers.

Here's a look at a few students taking part in some Mock Interviews.



03. Stitching up Society FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

The surgical suture is used to hold body tissues together after an injury or surgery. Sutures are typically applied using a needle with an attached piece of thread and are secured with surgical knots.

Dr Ali and his team visited Gateway College to run a workshop with our T Level Health students. Learners really enjoyed the hands on experience.



04. Jigna Varu

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025

Successful entrepreneur Jigna Varu visited Gateway to deliver a talk to our Business students on her life journey and the projects she is currently working on. She is a respected CEO, an extraordinary scientist, award-winning international business director and listed in the top females of the UK for business. Learners found the talk to be very inspiring and were full of questions.

Find out more information on Jigna's newest business, VARU Beauty, by visiting www.varubeauty.com

05. Simple Skills Save Lives

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Learning CPR is crucial because it can mean the difference between life and death in an emergency. Knowing how to perform CPR allows you to provide immediate assistance to someone experiencing cardiac arrest, increasing their chances of survival until professional help arrives.

Our Level 3 Science students took part in some CPR training with Alan Harrison-White from the JHMT foundation as part of their Science Skill Up Week. Find out more about the JHMT Foundation by visiting jhmt.org.uk.



06. T Level Insight Day

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

The T Level Insight day was a huge success here at Gateway College. We had providers visit us from around the country to discuss everything T Level.

We also had some of our students that are currently studying T Levels discuss their experiences.

07. Bake Off!

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025

Dr Josh is a passionate science communicator, presenter and baker, with a doctorate in chemical biology. A finalist of the 2023 series of The Great British Bake Off, Josh was renowned for his impressive showstopper bakes and steadfast attention to detail.

Being equally accomplished in the laboratory and the kitchen, in 2024 Josh founded the 'Science Kitchen' at the University of Leicester, where he brings together the worlds of science and baking to deliver lectures, demonstrations and videos to enthuse the public and inspire the next generation of scientists.

Here's Josh giving a talk to our Level 3 Science students.





08. CV Workshop

WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2025

Creating a CV is important because it showcases your skills, experience, and qualifications to potential employers. A well-structured CV helps you make a strong first impression, increasing your chances of securing job interviews and career opportunities.

Our Project Search interns at the Marriott Hotel were hard at work creating skill based CVs, exploring how they have used various skills in their work at the hotel.

09. Sweet Treats

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025

Our Sweet Market Enterprise team raised £45.00 in a single day!

The students are learning some very valuable marketing, customer service and sales skills, as well as enjoying themselves of course.



10. Unbox Your Future

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2025

Our Level 1 Business students took part in the 'Unbox Your Future' programme ran by Samworth Brothers. Students were put in a group of 5 and were all assigned individual job roles within the group.

The last session involved the students presenting their findings and discussing what they did within their teams.

11. Planting The Seed

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025

Our Project Search interns, who are currently placed with University Hospitals Leicester, helped to support colleagues at General Hospital with planting trees. There was a key focus around listening and communication which was needed to get the job done.





12. Julia at the Marriott

Julia is one of the Project Search interns currently placed at the Marriott hotel and is working as part of the House Keeping team. Julia is originally from Poland and now lives here in Leicester. She is being supported by three members of staff in her team. This is what she had to say about her internship:

"I feel proud that I have learnt so many skills and can carry out tasks by myself. I am more confident now too".

13. EMC

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025

East Midlands Chamber connects, supports and champions businesses and communities across Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire.

With Gateway now being a members of the EMC, we're all so excited to see what the future holds. To find out more information about the EMC, please visit: emc-dnl.co.uk



14. Digital In Action

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2025 - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

Our Level 2 and Level 3 IT students recently participated in a dynamic and inspiring 'Skill Up Week', an initiative designed to enhance employability skills and prepare students for life beyond the classroom. The week-long programme was filled with a wide range of engaging activities, all aimed at helping students build the confidence, knowledge, and practical tools they need for their future careers.

Here are some of the activities that took place:

- Guest Speakers
- CV Workshops
- Interview Preparation
- University Trips to DMU and Coventry University
- Interactive sessions and team building exercises

15. Progression Fair 2025

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025

This years Progression Fair was a huge success. With over 35 providers, our students were able to find out more information about the various progression routes available to them. Here are some photos of the event:

