

Staff newsletter

1 April 2022

Please support today's Spinathon

Sian and Anna have been busy setting up spin bikes for the 24-hour Spinalong Spinathon today. Sports teachers Sian and Steve will be pedalling through the night until midday tomorrow. Please pop into Reception to support them and donate. Everyone who makes a donation will be entered into the raffle to win amazing prizes including a 32-inch television, Echo Dot, and much more. Donate at www.derwen.ac.uk/spinathon



Easter break

Students will be returning home for the Easter holiday this weekend.

Hours of work will change to 9am–4pm. with effect from Monday 4 April 2022 until Friday 22 April 2022 inclusive.

Please remember to set the out of office on your emails when you break up or take annual leave.

Attached is the skeleton rota of managers on site and on call.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Plants for Gobowen Station

The Horticulture and Garden Centre team were delighted to help choose and sell £1,000-worth of plants to Kier construction company, to plant as part of Network Rail project at Gobowen Station.

Read the full story at www.derwen.ac.uk/latest-news/

A buzz around College



Beehives have arrived, and we're all very excited to welcome three colonies of bees to College in the late spring or early summer. Matt Wood from the WoodMor Foundation has been instrumental in launching the beekeeping initiative. He visited this week to tell us more about the bees and the benefits of the project. The project offers an exciting specialist work experience opportunity in beekeeping, and will bring about Retail and Hospitality opportunities around Derwen honey.

Starters and leavers news:

Welcome to new starters:

Jo Evans – HR, Melanie Upton – Care, Kealan Gosney – Telford, Cath Cycles – Telford, Shannon Hannaby – Care

Goodbye to the following leavers:

Morag Hunter – Therapies, Jordan Davys-Jones – Administration, Jake Pyke Jones – HR, Jade Matthews – Care, Gemma Sankar – Telford, Fred Roberts – Care

Staff recognition

Thanks to Tia Hughes and Natalie Martin, in Care, for going above and beyond to support a student in a crisis.

National Insurance rise

Please be aware that from April 2022, the national insurance contribution will increase by 1.25%

Raising awareness

Thanks to everyone involved with this week's Wash Your Hands Wednesday and also World Autism Acceptance Week. Wash Your Hands Wednesday saw lots of activities going on in the Student Union.

For World Autism Acceptance Week we've shared lots of information, case studies and resources by email and on social media. Check out our social media pages for more information.

Last call for hanging baskets

There 's still time to order your hanging baskets for summer (mid-April deadline). Email paul.moss@derwen.ac.uk for more details. Poster attached to email.

Dates for your diary

- 1–2 April – 24-hour Spinathon fundraiser
- 28 May – Sponsored Walk, Fun Run & Fete
- 24 June – Mark Lord Charity Concert featuring Performing Arts students, at Holroyd Theatre, Moreton Hall School
- 8 July – Derwen DofE base official opening event
- 8 July – Derwen College Prom
- 9 July – DofE Awards Celebration
- 8 October – SAVE THE DATE: Graduation

