

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER ISSUE OF THE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

In this issue you'll find details of College events and nights out in Glasgow, as well as information and advice on courses, student funding and our 24-7 guidance service.



This is the last issue of the student newsletter for this academic year so we'd like to wish you an enjoyable summer break.

If you're returning to the College after the summer we look forward to welcoming you back. It will be an exciting time in September with the opening of the new Skills Centre and Children's Centre and ongoing refurbishment of the existing Tower Block.

If you're completing an HN course this year then we hope to see you at the Graduation Ceremony at the Royal Concert Hall on Friday 3 November. Before you leave the College please ensure we have your most recent contact details otherwise you may not receive your invitation.

If you're completing a further education course and not sure what to do next, our Information Centre staff would be more than happy to discuss the opportunities available to you at the College.

If you're not planning on returning next year then we wish you the very best with whatever you choose to do in the future.

Have a great summer!

COMPETITION

In this issue we're giving you the chance to win a brand new mountain bike – an ideal prize if you're looking to get in shape for the summer or want to make your contribution to the environment by cycling more!

All you need to do is find ten different meals or snacks - available in the College refectory - in the word search (right). Highlight or circle these, then complete your contact details and put your entry into the competition box at the main reception.

The deadline for entries is Friday 2 June and the winner will be chosen at random from all the correct entries.

MARCH COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to James Thornton who correctly answered that 'Crash' was the surprise winner of the "Best Motion Picture of the Year" at the 78th Annual Academy Awards in March 2006. James won a pair of cinema tickets for Cineworld, Renfrew Street, Glasgow.

Thanks to John Clark, Catering Manager, for donating the prize!

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Course

Phone Number

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GOOD LUCK!

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COLLEGE EVENTS

ADVANCED DIPLOMA GRAPHIC DESIGN EXHIBITION 2006

17-30 May

The Mitchell Library, Glasgow (Kent Road Entrance, Level 5) - normal opening hours. Please take the opportunity to go along and support your fellow students. If you can't make it along to the event, you can view some of the student work online at www.creativenumber1.co.uk.

3D AND PORTFOLIO PREPARATION EXHIBITION

24 and 25 May, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Portfolio Preparation Exhibition – 9th Floor and Jewellery Workshop, Cardonald College.

Jewellery, Applied Arts and Product Design Exhibition – Workshop Block, Cardonald College.

HND GRAPHIC DESIGN AND HNC CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: TELEVISION EXHIBITION 2006

24-30 May, 10.00am – 5.00pm

New Technology and Business Centre (NTBC), Cardonald College.

'THE LOC-IN' DJ NIGHT

26 May, 7.30pm – 3.00am

Yang, Queen Street, Glasgow. **£5.00 or £7.00 on the door.**

BANDS NIGHT

27 May, 8.00pm – 11.00pm/Club 11.00pm – 3.00am

Fury Murrays, Maxwell Street, Glasgow. **£4.00.**

COLLEGE FASHION SHOW 2006 – SOLD OUT!

31 May

Old Fruitmarket, Merchant City, Glasgow.

THE WRITE STUFF AWARDS 2006

31 May

Glasgow City Chambers

Good luck to all the students who have been shortlisted!

GRADUATION CEREMONY 2006

3 November

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

Look out for posters around the College providing further details!

WHAT'S ON IN GLASGOW

GIGS – for further information and tickets visit www.gigsinscotland.com.

23 May

Amici Forever
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

The Datsuns
ABC

24 May

The Cardigans
ABC

26-29 May

Paul Buchanan
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

28 May

The Editors
Carling Academy

Girls Aloud
SECC

3 June

Bon Jovi
Hampden Park

Dame Shirley Bassey
SECC

5 June

The Wedding Present
ABC

12 June

Live
ABC

20 June

Art Garfunkel
Clyde Auditorium

23 June

The Eagles
Hampden Park

25 June

Nanci Griffith
ABC

THEATRE

**Sky High and After
That...Gorbals Voices**

24-27 May
Citizens Theatre
Tel: 0141 429 0022
Visit: www.citz.co.uk

**Mum's The Word 2 –
Teenagers**

30 May – 17 June
King's Theatre
Tel: 0141 240 1111
Visit: www.kings-glasgow.co.uk

Glen Miller Tribute Orchestra

1 June
Pavilion Theatre
Tel: 0141 332 1846
Visit: www.paviliontheatre.co.uk

Girls Big Nite In

7-24 June
Pavilion Theatre
Tel: 0141 332 1846
Visit: www.paviliontheatre.co.uk

Jackie Mason

13 June
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Tel: 0141 353 8000
Visit: www.grch.com

**A Funny Thing Happened on
the Way to the Forum**

13-17 June
Citizens Theatre
Tel: 0141 429 0022
Visit: www.citz.co.uk

Fimbles

13-15 June
Theatre Royal
Tel: 0141 332 9000
Visit: www.theatroyalglasgow.com

Al Murray

19 June
King's Theatre
Tel: 0141 240 1111
Visit: www.kings-glasgow.co.uk

War of the Roses

20-24 June
Theatre Royal
Tel: 0141 332 9000
Visit: www.theatroyalglasgow.com

La Traviata

27 June – 1 July
Theatre Royal
Tel: 0141 332 9000
Visit: www.theatroyalglasgow.com

COMEDY

Dylan Moran

28 May
Pavilion
Tel: 0141 332 1846
Visit: www.paviliontheatre.co.uk

INFORMATION CENTRE UPDATE

MOVING ON FROM YOUR COURSE

Are you still thinking about what to do next? The end of term is almost with us so you should start making plans now.

If you're:

- hoping to continue on to a higher level course at Cardonald College, then it's important that you complete an application form as soon as possible to ensure you get a place – then you can apply for funding. Application forms and course information are available from the Information Centre.
- still thinking about college courses you can talk to staff at the next **College Open Day on Wednesday 14 June from 2.00pm – 7.00pm.**
- still thinking about moving on to university, you can apply for courses, which still have places through UCAS up until 30 June.
- unsure of which direction to take or how best to achieve your goal, you can arrange a careers guidance interview to discuss your ideas and plans with Mary or Marie in the Information Centre.
- looking for work (part-time, summer or full-time) you can get some help and information on useful websites, writing CVs, employers and vacancies from the Information Centre.

Remember, Information Centre staff are available throughout the summer so if you have questions about your future after the exam results are out, just get in touch by calling in person, phoning us on 0141 272 3332 or e-mailing enquiries@cardonald.ac.uk.



STUDENT FUNDING UPDATE

Are you a first year HN student moving on to second year? If you are, then you should complete your SAAS/Student Loan Application NOW to make sure your fees are paid for next year and ensure you get your loan on time. Applications should be made online at www.saas.gov.uk; instruction leaflets are available from the Information Centre now.

Please note that anyone who still hasn't completed their SAAS application for fees/student loan for this year must do so by 30 June. Travel expenses forms for this year must be completed and returned by 31 July.

Are you moving on to HNC/HND/Degree this year? If so, you can apply for funding now. You do not need an offer letter to do this. You should apply for funding online at www.saas.gov.uk. Even if you're not expecting or do not want to get a loan or bursary, you MUST fill in the form to get your fees paid for your course.

If you need help with applying for funding just pop in to the Information Centre.

Are you a non-advanced student getting a bursary and/or EMA this year? If yes, please note that because bursaries are paid in advance all final payments were made on 11 May. EMA payments are made in arrears and final payments will be made on 16 June.

SAAS/STUDENT LOAN

Instructions for online applications are available from the Information Centre. Staff are available now and throughout the summer to help you complete your application and to answer questions about any aspect of student funding.

Just drop in to the Information Centre, phone us on 0141 272 3332 or e-mail ckelly@cardonald.ac.uk.

GUIDANCE 24-7

At Cardonald College, we're well aware that students need all sorts of help and advice about everything from managing finances to planning revision for exams. What's more, we know that problems can arise at any time and not just when you're in College.

That's the thinking behind Guidance 24-7, Cardonald's new 24-hour online guidance facility. It's an innovative approach to providing the help, support and advice you need – when you need it.

So if any problems arise when you're not in the College or even during the holidays, you can stay in touch at the click of a button.

Guidance 24-7 is available on an interactive CD-ROM, which introduces you to our Information Centre staff – the people you know. Each member of staff is trained to offer you a confidential and impartial guidance service, supplying information not just on finance and dealing with studies and exam stress, but on childcare, time management, choosing your next course and generally coping with the ups and downs of student life.

The new service gives you the option of e-mailing us if you have a specific problem or just want a friendly ear. You can, of course, call in to the Information Centre at any time during normal opening hours or phone us if you are not in the College.

Guidance 24-7 CD-ROMs are available from the Information Centre and the College's main reception desk.

The e-mail address is:

guidance24-7@cardonald.ac.uk

But don't forget our phone number in case you need to call us – 0141 272 3332.

A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR YOU

Are you 16 to 18? Unemployed? Lacking confidence? Need some help and advice?

If this sounds like you, then Positive Futures could be just what you need! Key workers can provide you with support and advice on a range of issues, including:

- Employment
- Preparation for employment, training and education
- Advice on benefits, housing and childcare support
- Life in general!

Contact your local key workers through Careers Scotland offices or through the Information Centre on 0141 272 3332.





EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A GAP YEAR?

Does the idea of taking a year out from your studies to work abroad, make new friends and experience another country's diverse culture appeal to you? If you would like to investigate the possibility of spending a gap year overseas, then it is well within your grasp.

The organisation responsible for organising what is commonly known as a 'gap' year is called GAP Activity Projects.

This offers the opportunity to go to countries like Ecuador, Vietnam or Chile and do something constructive for a year like working in a school for children with special needs, teaching, working in conservation – the opportunities are endless and it could be exactly what you're looking for, regardless of your background.

Probably the most famous "GAPper" is Prince William. He spent a well-publicised year in Chile, working with young people before embarking on his Degree at St Andrew's University.

Not everybody is as privileged as Prince William but that doesn't mean you can't benefit from a gap year like he did. It's not free so you have to be prepared to do a certain amount of fundraising for your trip yourself but there is a bursary scheme that some students might qualify for.

It is only recently that the GAP scheme has been opened up to 17-year-olds to enable young Scots to participate.

In 2001, almost 1,500 young British and Irish people travelled overseas under the GAP scheme. GAP's Overseas Exchange Volunteers initiative saw 547 young people from 21 countries travel to the UK and Ireland.

There's also support from the business community with big name companies such as Tesco, Ford, L'Oreal, Unilever and the Royal Bank of Scotland all members of the GAP Business Partnership Scheme.

If GAP appeals to you, please look into it. There's an excellent website - www.gap.org.uk.

Various other organisations provide information on GAP Year activities – visit www.gapyear.com or www.gap-year.com.

A useful article on all aspects of taking a year out including contacts for more than 20 organisations is available from the Information Centre.

NATIONAL THEME DAYS

MID-MAY TO MID-JUNE

22 May National Moth Night

22-26 May National Summer Walk to School Week

A campaign that began in 1994 when just a handful of schools took part. The event went national in 1995, and global in 1997 - now over 2.5 million children from all over the world participate.

22-26 May Noise Action Week

Noise Action Week raises awareness about noise, noise issues and promoting a responsible attitude to noise.

22-28 May National Vegetarian Week

23 May World Turtle Day 2006

24 May European Day of Parks

25 May Ascension of Christ

Christian recognition of the departure of Jesus from earth after the resurrection.

27 May Low Tide Day

International Low Tide Day is an opportunity to explore the aquatic life at shorelines and riverbanks around the world.

29 May Spring Bank Holiday

29 May – 4 June National BBQ Week

31 May World No Tobacco Day

Celebrated around the world to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.

1-7 June Volunteers' Week 2006

The UK's annual celebration of the work volunteers with events held across the country to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers.

2-3 June Shavuot (Jewish)

Jewish celebration of Moses' descent from Mt Sinai with the ten commandments.

3-11 June Heart Week 2006

The annual campaign aimed at improving awareness of heart disease.

3-11 June Wildlife Week

4 June Pentecost (Christian)

Christians commemorate the day when Jesus' disciples first proclaimed the Gospel after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

4-9 June Hearing Dog Week

5 June World Environment Day

Considered by many to be the most important event on the environmental calendar.

5-11 June Down's Syndrome Awareness Week

8 June World Oceans Day

A global celebration of the planet's marine environment.

9 June Togs for Dogs

Togs for Dogs Day is a unique chance for schools, clubs, groups, companies and organisations to learn more about people with a hearing loss who depend on their four-legged friends, while donating £1.00 to wear non-uniform, dress-up or dress-down to raise money for Hearing Dogs.

11 June Trinity (Christian)

Christians honour the belief in one God with a threefold nature.

11-17 June National Diabetes Week

11-19 June National Bike Week

A nationwide 'celebration of cycling'. In 2004, more than 180,000 people took part in 1,406 local events run by 926 organisers.

12-16 June National School Ground Week 2006

A week of focussed activity encouraging schools in all parts of the UK to get outside and use their grounds.

13-19 June National Food Safety Week

14 June World Blood Donor Day 2006

A day for blood services across the globe to collectively recognise and thank their donors for their support.

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Notes and Doodles