

# Landau Learning Newsletter

A termly newsletter by Landau's Training and Enterprise Centre, Stoke

## Message from our Centre Manager

Welcome to our spring newsletter, with a round-up of news from over the last couple of months. It has certainly been busy and fun!

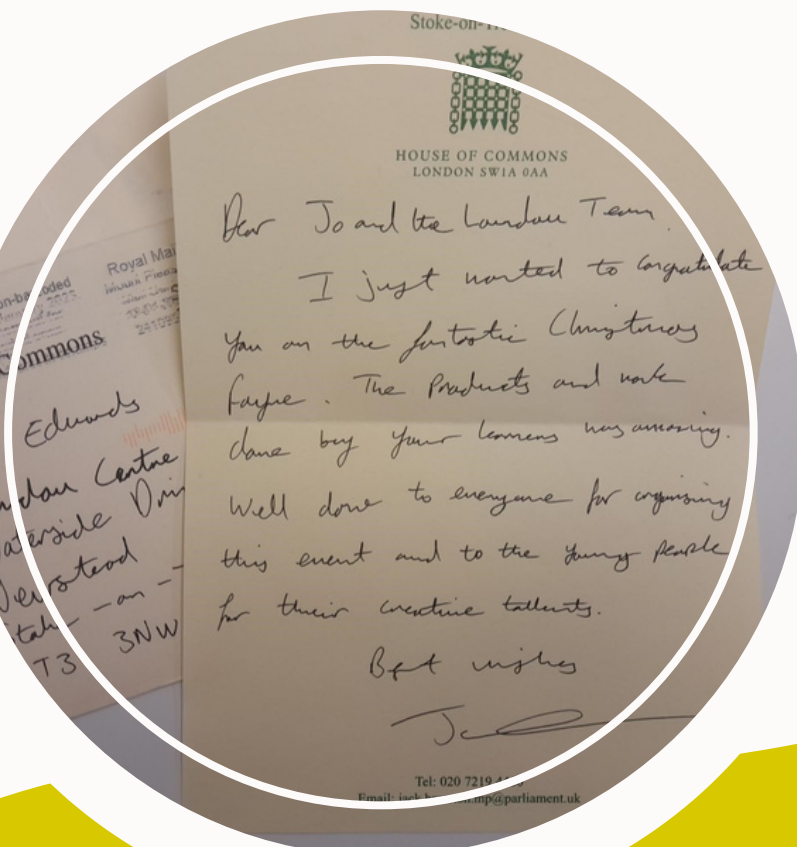
I'm pleased to report that our Study Programme learners have successfully completed their Speaking & Listening and English reading exams, so a big well done to them all. They are now busy working towards their maths and writing exams, which they will be taking next term.

We have enjoyed seeing our Access Programme learners out and about again this year, with educational visits to local community groups, travel training, attending sports sessions at Stoke City Football Club and a visit to a local synagogue as part of their PSHE sessions. Many more great visits are being planned for later in the year.

A quick reminder to follow us on Facebook (Landau Training and Enterprise Centre) if you don't already, as we are planning a family event in May and will share details on Facebook.

Finally, a big thank you from us all at Landau to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. We raised over £500 and received a lovely letter from the House of Commons. On the day we were joined by MP Jack Brereton and Cllr Maxine Clarke, who both commended our learners on the quality of their work. We are so proud of all our learners - a massive well done to everyone.

**Jo Edwards**  
Centre Manager



## Key Dates

**3rd-14th April:** Easter break for Education learners on Study Programme & Access

**6th April & 4th May:** Vybz Nights

**7th & 10th April and 1st, 8th & 29th May:**  
Bank Holidays - Centre closed

**Week commencing 9th May:**

King's Coronation events in the Centre (TBC)

**8th November:** Open Evening 6-8pm



## What's Happening In & Out of the Centre

**Learners have been busy enjoying lots of educational visits recently.**

Our Study Programme learners were tasked with finding their local Citizens Advice Bureau as part of their Employability curriculum, which encourages them to find ways to solve real life problems. As you can see to the left, they were successful.

In addition, our fabulous Makaton Ambassador, Georgie has been out and about networking in the local community. She visited YMCA North Staffordshire for their monthly community meal and met with the CEO, Danny Flynn (pictured above with Georgie) and Stoke-on-Trent Central MP, Jo Gideon.

Our Access group enjoyed an outing to the local synagogue in Newcastle, where Martin Morris from the Jewish community kindly spoke to the learners, sharing lots of interesting facts. As usual, our learners did us proud with the polite way in which they conducted themselves and the respect that they showed.

Our Travel Training group have also been active with a trip to Tunstall. They planned their own bus journey perfectly and were able to see the local sights and familiarise themselves with their surroundings.







**There's been lots happening in the Centre too and below are just a few of the many highlights.**

Our Hair and Beauty learners have been practising threading yarn onto some heads they've designed themselves. Although the end result is very pretty, this is a really key activity as it improves and maintains hand and eye co-ordination skills, fine motor skills and sequential memory – all of which are essential when working with a client's hair.



We held a fabulous art session in February, inspired by the work of Jackson Pollack. Not only did our learners have huge fun throwing paint around, they also demonstrated great teamwork and enthusiasm, and produced some amazing artwork.



Our new Maths Extravaganza course is going well. Learners have been enjoying practising their money skills, creating different shops around the Centre and using a shopping list to decide which coins are needed to pay for different items.

It's wonderful seeing how much Keeley is growing in confidence too. She made a delicious cottage pie and a batch of chocolate cupcakes whilst working towards improving her numeracy skills by helping staff to count up all of the lunch orders. Brilliant!

Study Programme learners have been busy creating CVs with covering letters and having mock job interviews with our Careers Advisor; they all looked very smart.



Our AQA Art and Design group have been studying paper sculptures as part of their new *Introduction to Sculpture* unit and have also made some fabulous ones themselves.



# Sharing Success

## Congratulations to Rhys & Andrew-Lee

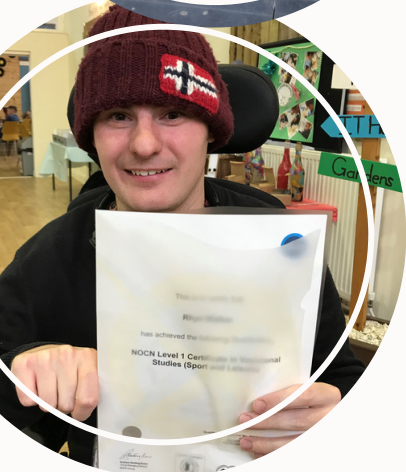
We love following our learners on their journeys to success and sharing their news with others. We hope you enjoy reading about Rhys and Andrew-Lee below.

**Rhys** started at Landau in September 2018 as part of the very first Newstead Study Programme cohort. Since joining, he has achieved an incredible amount including qualifications in maths, English, PSD, Employability and a vocational qualification in Sport and Leisure.

Rhys has also worked with staff to meet a personal goal of travelling independently on public transport, which he now does regularly. He has developed his employability skills from both mock and real interviews, as well as work experience placements. In January 2022, he gained a volunteer placement at Mind in Longton, where he helps out one day a week. He is passionate about his work here and is an asset to the team!

*"We are thrilled that Rhys' achievements have enabled him also to secure employment as part of the Landau family, as an 'Expert by Experience'. He supports staff and learners at Landau events, sharing his incredible story and supporting new learners as they start their own journey with us."*

**Kris Pace, Careers Engagement Coordinator**



**Andrew-Lee** joined our Study Programme in September 2021. He wanted to be challenged academically and in his first year achieved English and maths Entry Level 2, plus an ASDAN Certificate in Personal and Social Development (PSD).

Andrew-Lee also wanted to improve his employability skills and has now achieved his Entry Level 3 Speaking, Listening & Communication, alongside the reading element of his English qualification. We are confident he will achieve his full Functional Skills soon. He also accesses elements of our social care provision, which has developed his social skills and has helped him when working in our café.


Over the next 12 months, Andrew-Lee hopes to complete a vocational qualification in catering and is optimistic he will enter this industry in the future. We are very excited for him.



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