



# Lostsocks Newsletter

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**A warm welcome to all our new students .....and a warm welcome back to our existing students!**



*Some the first college based apprentices at Chiltern*

## **New year, new term, new classes and new opportunities for Chiltern learners.**

We are delighted to welcome so many new students to Chiltern at the start of the 2010–2011 academic year. Our employers have been incredibly supportive and we have had a record number of starts across Wiltshire, Berkshire and the South Midlands. We would like to welcome all new students and welcome back those of you who are returning to complete your qualification. We would particularly like to welcome the students from Reading schools who will be starting the Level 2 Certificate with us in

September as part of Reading Borough's Pathways programme. We would also like to welcome the school-leavers who are embarking upon a new career in Childcare. In addition to our mainstream apprenticeships, we are also offering a more college based course and this has been hugely oversubscribed, so much so, that we hope to be starting another in the near future. We have five new apprenticeship classes starting in Reading, one in Swindon and two in Spalding. We have two new Advanced Apprenticeship courses starting in Reading, one in Swindon and one in Spalding for Supporting Teaching and Learning and

another for CCLD. We will also be increasing our number of evening classes for Advanced Apprentices, including a new course for Swindon Students on a Thursday evening. In addition to courses based at our centres, we are also now running many classes in house for larger settings for Childcare, Team Leading and Management.

For more details contact Josie or Sarah at the Reading office on **0118 956 6995**

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## **Don't Forget:**

The minimum Apprenticeship wage is changing to an hourly rate of £2.50 per hour from October 2010. Log onto [www.gov.co.uk](http://www.gov.co.uk)

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## A note from Katy



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning learners and employers joining us at the beginning of this new term. We hope you have had a good and relaxing summer and, like us, are looking forward to the challenges of the new academic year.

We have had a hectic schedule of refurbishment over the summer weeks and our learners can look forward to a bright new look on the 4th floor and refurbished toilets on the lower ground floor. We have also upgraded our IT facilities with more laptops and another charging trolley to ensure all learners have access to IT and the internet.

We have several new projects starting this term including the new QCF framework and our first college based pilot for Childcare Apprentices in Reading. This course is now full but we hope to be running another in the Spring.

We are also delighted to advise that two of our learners have achieved their CCLD Level 2 in Spalding - both of whom achieved in only 6 months.

As always, I would like to thank our employers for their continued support and look forward to working with you over the coming new academic year.

*Katy*

## First Achievements for Chiltern Learners at Riverside Training

Congratulations to Anita Roberts and Sally Grooby from Surfleet Seas End Primary School. Anita and Sally started with the Riverside/Chiltern partnership in Spalding earlier this year, and have both achieved their NVQ Level 2 in Children's Care Learning and Development.



Both learners were funded under the Train 2 Gain programme and Anita achieved her qualification in just 6 months.

## Summer School—record attendance!

This season's Summer School has been a resounding success; not only because of the high numbers attending, with more than 20 learners each week, but also because of the positive feedback received from staff, nurseries and learners.

Some learners' commented on how important it had been for them to have the opportunity to catch up if they had been absent for sessions during the term, while others were supported to fast track through additional units.

We are planning to offer the Summer School again next year and we expect even higher numbers to attend due to this year's huge success.

## Welcome to Vanessa Chapman - new training officer at Chiltern

We are delighted to welcome Vanessa Chapman to our teaching and assessing team.

Recently returned from Cyprus, Vanessa will take up her part time post on Tuesday 7th September.

Prior to her position in Cyprus, Vanessa was part of the team at Swindon college.

Vanessa is a qualified assessor, Internal Verifier and holds a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Childhood Studies.

Vanessa will be assessing in our Maidenhead nurseries.





## Chiltern Graduates celebrate at Reading Town Hall



*An evening of success - CTL learners who received their certificates from Katy Edwards, Managing Director*

### **Standing room only as Chiltern learners receive their awards!**

It was a full house recently at Reading Town Hall as successful Chiltern learners were presented with their certificates by the Managing Director, Katy Edwards. Those in attendance included friends, family, colleagues and of course, the learners who had worked so hard to achieve their qualification.

The evening was a great success and we raised £375 towards our target of £3,000 for equipment for the new Teenage Cancer Treatment Ward in London. In addition to our raffle, we also raised money from our home baking stall, due mainly to the efforts of Training Officer Lynsey Durbridge. All the photographs of the evening are now posted on our facebook site and extra copies are available from Alison Boughtwood in reception.

We would also ask all our learners to sign the Teenage Cancer Charter, a link to which can be found on our facebook site.

## **Information, Advice and Guidance Week**

**6th- 10th October 2010**

Following our successful IAG week in June, we are offering all learners the opportunity to gain an insight into their chosen field during IAG week beginning 6th October 2010. Learners and potential learners will receive talks from professionals from a variety of fields within our sector, ranging from nannying to teaching, social work to nursing. There will be talks and workshops on various topics including finance and health. If you, or a friend, would like more information, then contact Sarah, Josie or anyone in the Student Services department on **0118 956 6995**



The Team from Debutots get the learner involved in IAG Week





### A baby girl for Emma

Congratulations to Training Officer Emma Greenwood on the birth of her daughter, Georgia Alyssa a sister for Ellie. Georgia was born on 23rd July and weighed in at a very respectable 7lb 8oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Emma hopes to be back with her students early in the new year.

### Good Luck:

CTL would like to wish Daniella Pommee good luck as she starts her new life in Canada with her partner. We hope you settle in soon and keep in touch! Daniella completed her Level 3 training at Western Elms Day Nursery

### Success Rates Soar at Chiltern!

We are delighted to confirm that last academic year 2009—2010 saw our success rates soar to an unprecedented high for apprentices and Train to Gain learners. So much so, we have had to include an extra page in this edition to celebrate our achievers for July and August!

### Term Dates for 2010 - 2011

#### Autumn Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010

#### Autumn Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010

#### Spring Term

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

#### Spring Half Term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

#### Summer Term

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

#### Summer Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011

**Autumn Term 2011** begins Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Help us respect our planet by recycling!

Our Sustainability Officer, Claire Jones, has been busy over the summer setting up recycling bins for each classroom. Please help us to become more aware of our responsibilities to the planet by using the bins provided to recycle paper and tins.

We have also placed boxes in reception to recycle your old CDs—The Teenage Cancer Trust will receive 40p for every old CD we can send and we are aiming at raising £3,000 for this charity which was chosen by our students. Please also pay attention to the notices by the light switches and photocopiers, asking you to switch off when not in use.

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## Vacancy

### Swindon Office

£18,000 - £22,000

Due to our expansion in Swindon, we now have a vacancy for a full time Training Officer.

Based in Swindon, you may be required to work one day a week in our Reading office.

The position involves teaching and assessing CCLD students who are working towards qualifications from Level 2 to Level 4 and our ideal candidate will have a minimum of 2 years teaching or assessing experience and hold the A1 and PTLLS or DTLLS qualification.

This role requires a proactive individual with ambition and a passion for people development and a "can do" attitude - a self motivator with an outgoing personality and ability to work on your own initiative with good organisational skills. Candidates must be car owners and hold a full UK Driving Licence and will be expected to travel to visit learners around Wiltshire/ Berkshire areas.

For further information and an application form, contact Katy Edwards on 0118 956 6995





## Achievers for July and August 2010

### CCLD Apprentices

Lizzy Allen– Barn Owl  
Sophie Barnes– Holly Cottage  
Karla Britton– Brightstarts  
Laura Broad– Acorns  
Victoria Butcher– Little Learners  
Bronwen Clapham– Dickory Docks  
Sophie Cole– Buffer Bears  
Hayley Coles– Farm View  
Stacey Coleman– Northumberland  
Jessica Daniels– Little Learners  
Stephanie Emmett– Little Learners  
Lisanna Farmery– Meadow View  
Lisa Finlayson– Fledglings  
Matthew Gailbraith– Little Rainbows  
Lorna Hibbert– Our Lady's  
Francesca Holland– Braken Bears  
Leanne Hopton– Braken Bears  
Christine Jones– St Dominic's Pre School  
Bryony Lewis– Calcot County Infants School  
Maryam Miah– Woodlands  
Susannah Othen– Park Day Nursery  
Charmaine Porter– Little Ducklings  
Siobhan Rackham– Little Jogs  
Frankie Smith– Dickory Docks  
Kelly Webb– Buffer Bears  
Rachel Willis– Kiddicaru  
Megan Wylde– Barn Owl  
Victoria Yellen– Woodlands

### CCLD Advanced Apprentices

Lauren Arding– Little Learners  
Mehnaz Bi– Yellow Brick  
Taryn Cooper– Western Elms  
Robyn Emptage– Our Lady's  
Kathy Gerrard– Woodlands  
Rebecca Hancock– Teddies, Bracknell  
Joanna May Hutchings– Fledglings  
Lauren Kelly– Goldilocks  
Chelsea McCarthy– Hatchlings  
Abigail Monahan– Tigers Too  
Hannah Page– Forbury  
Holly Williams– Farm View

### CCLD NVQ 2

Rachel Matthews– Brightstarts  
Henrietta Osei– Christ the King

### ST&L NVQ 2

Sally Grooby– Surfleet End Primary  
Anita Roberts– Seas End Primary

### CCLD NVQ 3

Elouise Mills– Western Elms  
Laura Sell– Teddies  
Zara Butler– Teddies  
Afeefa Gulfraz– Rainbows  
Lucy Holman– Barn Owl  
Katie Snarey– Bees Knees

### Management NVQ 3

Nicola Brixton– Acres of Fun  
Anna-Louise Crawshaw– Acres of Fun  
Lauren Eyke– Acres of Fun  
Emma Hutt– Acres of Fun  
Hannah Walsh– Acres of Fun

### Welcome Back:

CTL would like to welcome back Christine Lowrie from her Gap Exchange in Japan. Christine has spent 6 months working in a Japanese care home as CTL's sponsored Gap Learner. We look forward to seeing all her pictures. Christine will be visiting level 3 classes to share her amazing experiences



If you are doing your level 3 and are interested in applying for the next Gap opportunity, please contact Sarah Darsley in the Admissions Team.



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## What is a Chiltern Training Needs Analysis?

A training/learning needs analysis (TNA) is a review of learning and development needs for staff, volunteers or trustees within your setting.

It examines the skills, knowledge and cultural behaviours that your people need, and advises on how to develop them effectively.

Organisational TNA should ideally be undertaken at 3 different levels within your setting:

- Organisational level
- Room/departmental level
- Individual level

It is important to examine the setting as an organisation, however this needs to be balanced with the needs of teams dealing with specific age groups, and individuals.

At Chiltern, we will help you examine you existing strategies and plan to identify the skills you need to ensure the smooth running of your setting. We will supply accurate and current information enabling you not only to ensure that your setting is compliant with OFSTED regulations, but also to plan for the progression of your staff and organisation.

For further details, contact Sarah on **0118 956 6995**

## Where can I train this year?

<b>Bracknell</b>	
<b>Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3</b>	<b>Monday Evening Class</b>
<b>Newbury</b>	
<b>Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3</b>	<b>Thursday Evening Class</b>
<b>Reading Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Monday - Friday Day Release</b>
<b>Advanced Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Monday - Friday Day Release</b> <b>Wednesday—Evening Class</b>
<b>Spalding</b>	
<b>Apprenticeship Level 2 CCLD</b>	<b>Monday and Wednesday Day Release</b>
<b>Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3</b>	<b>ST&amp;L Monday 6.30pm - 9.00pm</b> <b>CCLD Tuesday 6.30pm - 9.00pm</b>
<b>Swindon</b>	
<b>Apprenticeships Level 2</b>	<b>Monday Day Release</b>
<b>Apprenticeship Level 3</b>	<b>Thursday Day Release</b> <b>Thursday— Evening Class</b>

**Other classes for CCLD, Team Leading and Management will continue to run throughout the year either within your setting or through tutorials at our centres.**

**We also offer a comprehensive programme of bespoke training specifically for your setting. This could range from behavioural management to indoor or outdoor play activities.**

**Look out for our free Breakfast seminars for managers—these give you an opportunity to network with managers from other settings whilst updating your skills, contact Sarah or Josie in the Admissions Team on 0118 956 6995.**

