

**“I want to be  
at college”  
LUKE BANNISTER**



# SWIFT Programme

## COURSES FOR 14-16 YEAR OLDS

The SWIFT programme is a college-based programme for Year 10 and 11 students offering them an opportunity to work towards a vocational qualification alongside their National Curriculum subjects at school. The students spend one day a week at the college over two years.

The programmes on offer give students an opportunity to gain hands-on practical experience in a specialist training environment, either on the main college site e.g. in a professional restaurant kitchen, a television studio or a theatre, or at our Masons Road training centre where we have purpose-built engineering and construction workshops together with facilities for learning skills such as painting and decorating, plumbing and other building trades. Students studying at this college receive high levels of personal and academic support throughout their programme. To help with the transition from school to a college environment, each student will have the support of a named personal tutor and the 14-16 Co-ordinator. We currently have 150 students accessing these programmes and they achieve exceptionally high success rates across the range of vocational areas being studied.

### To Join the Course:

The Off-site Learning Opportunities for Key Stage 4 Learners' prospectus will be sent to Warwickshire Schools in November 2009. Students who are interested in one of the courses are asked to apply through their school. They are invited to a selection and assessment session in the spring term to see whether they really want to do the two year course. In June 2010, there will be an induction morning for students followed by a parents' induction evening at the college, when there is an opportunity to hear more about the college and the courses as well as ask questions.

During the academic year, there will be two written progress reports sent to parents/guardians and two progress evenings held at Stratford-upon-Avon College. The vocational areas that will be offered for the 2010-2012 programme include:

- The Society, Health and Development Diploma
- The Creative and Media Diploma
- The Hospitality Diploma

- BTEC First Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting) Level 2
- IMI Certificate in Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Level 2 in partnership with Land Rover Jaguar

Other courses may become available – please see the Off-site Learning Opportunities for Key Stage 4 Learners' prospectus for further information.

### Xtend:

Twilight Off-site Learning Opportunities for Key Stage 4 Learners in South Warwickshire.

The Xtend programme runs to offer learners the opportunity to study for an extra GCSE (or equivalent) subject in one year.

Lessons take place one night a week after school. Currently groups study at college on a Wednesday evening 4.15 - 6.45pm (2½ hours) or 4.30 - 6.30pm (2 hours) according to subject area.

Subjects offered on the Xtend programme at Stratford-upon-Avon College are:

- GCSE Art & Design – Photography (2½ hours)
- GCSE Law (2 hours)
- BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts – Performance Dance (2½ hours)
- GCSE Psychology (2 hours)
- GCSE Sociology (2 hours)

Application for the course must be made through your home provider school. Courses will run providing the number of applicants is viable.

The courses will be included in the Off-site Learning Opportunities for Key Stage 4 Learners in South Warwickshire prospectus which will be sent to schools in November 2009.

### Progression:

Dependent on final grades for your college course and school programme, students can progress to Level 2 or Level 3 courses at Stratford-upon-Avon College in their vocational areas or they may also choose another programme of study.