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Your quarterly update on EASI news and events



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From everyone at EASI;
Happy New Year, we wish you all an
exciting and fulfilling 2010.

Your Voice



Matrix

No, we're not talking about the salon products! EASI are applying for Matrix accreditation; this is a quality standard that ensures we provide a high quality service to our learners, staff and salons.

As part of the assessment process a Matrix Assessor will want to interview some learners and salons to ask you about the information and guidance that EASI have provided. As soon as we know who will be interviewed we will let you know.

Please don't worry, it's EASI that are being assessed not you.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Matrix is please contact Sarah in the Colchester office.



Apprenticeship Awards 2010



Are you proud to say you are or have been an apprentice?
Do you think you deserve an award for your achievements?

The Apprenticeship Awards 2010 aim to honour and celebrate England's apprentices, old and new, along with the businesses that employ them.

Employers and businesses of all sizes and across all sectors that employ apprentices can nominate themselves or their apprentices for an Apprenticeship award. The prizes

will be judged across nine regions and winners will be taken through to a national award ceremony in July 2010.

The closing date for entries is Friday 26th February 2010.

To register your entry log on to:
www.apprenticeshipsawards.org.uk

Anyone, of any age, can enter the Awards as long as they are working towards, or have completed, an Apprenticeship or an Advanced Apprenticeship since April 2006.

Would you like your voice to be heard?

Do you have ideas about how we could improve the training you receive at EASI?

How would you like to be the Editor of this newsletter?

Would you like to have more involvement in the events EASI chooses to run?

Then we need you!

We are putting together an elite team of learners who will take part in a focus group once every 6 months (there's a reward too!).

If you are interested please let your Assessor know.

Personal Safety



Monday 25th January
Colchester Centre 10.30am

Do you feel safe? Want to learn how to karate chop your way out of a tricky situation?

Then come along to our workshop on Personal Safety which is being delivered by Essex Police.

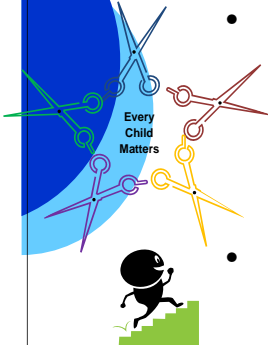
If you would like to attend please let Sarah know (01206 79 66 77) by Friday 15th January.

Salon Tills

We are very excited to announce that new, computer based, touch screen tills will be installed in the Braintree and Colchester Centre Salons at the end of January.

If you would like to submit anything for the next newsletter please let a member of the Admin team know

Is your new years resolution to get a grip of your finances? Here are some tips...



- **Make a budget.** It doesn't have to be fancy. At the start of the month, estimate how much money you'll receive and decide where it needs to go. Remember: you don't need to spend it all.
- **Stay active.** A healthy body costs far less to maintain than an unhealthy body.



Reporting Slips

All learners will be soon be issued with a reporting sheet which will enable you to let us know of any Discrimination, Harassment or Bullying, Health and Safety issue or Accident at college or in your workplace. There is even space on there to give us your comments and suggestions.

We will be sending these out with a pre-paid envelope so it is easy for you to get in touch.



We are joining John Freda and some of the hairdressing world's biggest names to support HAIRraising, a new fundraising appeal that invites the hairdressing community to come together and help raise £1 million towards new operating theatres at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The operating theatres will be used to help children from all over the UK who require specialized neurosurgery.

Between 1st February and 31st July we will be asking our customers to add a £1 donation to their bill and throughout the summer we will be holding other events to raise money for the Hospital so look out on our Notice boards, Facebook and Twitter Pages and of course on our website for more information - the more money we raise the better chance we have of winning one of the fabulous prizes (such as training from Andrew Collinge, Nicky Clarke or with TIGI).

If you have any fundraising ideas let your Assessor or Stacy know.



Short Courses



There is still time to book onto one of our short courses:

Advanced Cutting

Monday 25th January Braintree Centre.

Introduction to Barbering

Wednesday 20th January Colchester Centre.

Vintage Hair Up

Tuesday 9th February Colchester Centre.

The cost is just £45 per course which runs 10am - 4pm. Please speak to Stacy at Braintree to book your place.

Spaces are limited so get booking!



New Website, Facebook & Twitter



We have a new Website; are on Facebook and Twitter - check us out!!

Why not jump onto the computer today and have a look, you will find up to date information on EASI and what we're getting up to.



Wonderful Hair Demonstration

Monday 8th March 2pm - 4pm

Colchester Centre

Theresa Bullock (writer of the book "Hair Extensions") and her artistic team from The Wonderful Hair Company will be joining the Level Three class during the day on March 8th which will culminate in a cut, colour and extensions demonstration at 2pm.

If you interested in attending this free demonstration please speak to Stacy (01376 55 20 55) to reserve your space. The demo is open to Learners and Salons; spaces are limited and are on a first come first served basis.