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EASI Update – Interim

We are sending out this additional EASI update to thank everyone that attended our 2009 EASI Hairdressing Competition: **A Hairy Fairytale!** The evening was a fantastic success and we were blown away by the high standards.

Judges Edward Hemmings of Alan d and Stacey Broughton from myhairdressers.com, both industry experts, were very impressed with the students; Edward “thought the standard of work was brilliant” and added that one winner outstripped work he had seen at Salon International just one week earlier. Stacey remarked that “it was rewarding to see how enthusiastic everyone was to be there and take part; the energy the competitors put in was so inspiring; it was great to see people’s imagination running off into different areas: very inventive”.

I am delighted to confirm and congratulate this year’s winners and runners up:

Into the Dark Woods – Level 1 and 1st Year Level 2

Runner Up - Eilish Finnigan, The Original Cut, Witham.

EASI Assessor: Gill Edwards

Winner - Holly Wilkinson, The Hair Factory, Colchester.

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Magical Creatures – 2nd Year Level 2

Runner Up - Enya Sabini, The Hair Factory, Colchester.

EASI Assessor: Gill Edwards

Winner - Sarah Wehren, Silhouette du Barry, Chelmsford.

EASI Assessor: Ceri Folkard

The Night of the Grand Ball – All Levels

Runner Up - Harley Martin, Hair Innovation, Holland-on-Sea.

EASI Assessor: Gill Edwards

Winner - Karen Pickett, Hidden, Frinton-on-Sea.

EASI Assessor: Gill Edwards

The Ultimate Battle – Level 3

Runner Up - Sarah Millross, Talking Heads, Braintree.

EASI Assessor: Ceri Folkard

Winner - Rebecca Hudson, Elite Hair Design, Sible Hedingham.

EASI Assessor: Gill Edwards

Happily Ever After – Salon team event

Runner Up - Braintree PLA

EASI Assessor: Janene Bartram

Winner - Silhouette du Barry, Chelmsford

EASI Assessor: Ceri Folkard

More than 150 guests supported the learners, who were all presented with a DVD from myhairdressers.com and a Hair Emergency Kit from Milkshake; donated by Innovation Hair Supplies who also provided all of the runner-up prizes and first prize for the Happily Ever After category, additional winner prizes were generously donated by Goldwell and BaBylis.

Photos are available to view / purchase on our brand new website www.easihair.co.uk

We would really appreciate your feedback whether you attended the event, or if not what we could do to encourage you along next time. We have therefore enclosed a feedback form for your convenience.

Short Courses

Please find enclosed a flyer on our upcoming short courses. These have been designed specifically for the Hairdressing & Barbering Industry as group training sessions to enable a reduced cost of £45 per session.

The Salon Management program will be run by Julie Rawson providing advice and guidance on how to beat the credit crunch and move your business forward resulting in a personalised business action plan. We are working with the local Learning Skills Council (LSC) on this targeted program and therefore funding is available to businesses with 5 employees or more, including self-employed and voluntary workers (subject to funding terms and conditions).

Ensure you don't miss out by booking early with Stacy Dillon on 01376 552055 as places are limited.

Barbering Deadline

A reminder that anyone wishing to achieve the full NVQ Level 2 in Barbering by completing *just three units* (Mens cutting, Facial Hair and Styling) **must register by 11th December 2009**. You can register for the Barbering Unit whilst still working towards your NVQ Level 2 in Hairdressing and the total cost is just £300. From 2010 anyone wanting to achieve the Barbering NVQ (in addition to their Hairdressing NVQ) will need to achieve all eight units which will incur a cost of approximately £3,000 because the government will not fund a second NVQ within the same sector.

EASI Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of our brand new website which will give you access to up to date information, including these update letters, and news about what is happening at EASI. Please check out the website and feel free to give us feedback on what you would like to see.

Apprenticeship Wages

Please note that over the coming weeks all Apprentices will be required to sign a declaration confirming they are receiving a minimum of £95 per week effective from 1st August 2009. This is inline with our update letters from November 2008 and July 2009 where we informed you of the government regulation changes. Please do not hesitate to contact your local EASI academy should you have any concerns.

Christmas Closure

Just a reminder that we are closed for staff training with effect from Monday 14th December and re-open on Monday 4th January 2010. All learners have been informed of when they are due to return but we thought you might find this a useful reminder:

Last week in college: Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

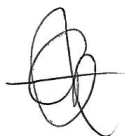
Return to college: Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January

Last week in college: Monday 7th December – Friday 11th December

Return to college: Monday 4th January – Friday 8th January

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read this update, we hope you find it useful and will write again in the New Year. Have a happy and prosperous festive season!

Yours sincerely,



Gemma Rawson
On behalf of EASI Hairdressing Academy