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EASI Update

As we say farewell to our brief summer I hope that you have all enjoyed holidays and are now busy preparing for the next festive season! Our Autumn EASI Update is aiming to provide you with important information on what is coming up including: our Competition, new training plans and much more.

Hairdressing Competition - "A Hairy Fairytale"

As our competition is nearly upon us we are busy making the final preparations. The show kicks off promptly at 6pm on Monday 26th October at The Stoke by Nayland Golf Club and Hotel. The entry cost for spectators is just £3.00 in advance from our Colchester Centre (01206 79 66 77) and £4.00 on the door.

We are delighted to confirm our judges for the evening:

- Stacey Broughton, former Art Director at the Vidal Sassoon Advanced Academy now Education Director, working with Lee Stafford, at myhairdressers.com,
- Alice Martin, Online and Print Writer for the Hairdresser's Journal, and
- Edward Hemmings, Education and Creative Director for Alan d.

We have a fantastic range of exciting and valuable prizes including products, resources, training and other surprises including entertainment. There are also a few gifts for all learners that have entered and attend on the night.

Please be aware that as we will be setting up for the event both the Braintree and Colchester training centres will be closed all day on Monday 26th October.

We are looking forward to an exciting evening full of magic, wonder and a show case of talent; and don't forget the bar will be open all evening!

Evening Classes

We are now open Tuesday evenings (weekly in Braintree, fortnightly in Colchester) for practical sessions to allow further access to models outside of normal office hours. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your Apprentices to book on to these evening sessions and make the most of the opportunity.

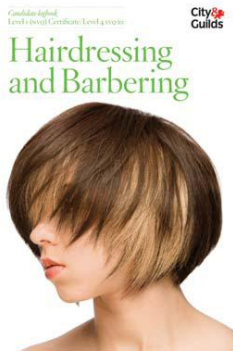
Barbering

For those of you interested in improving your skills in Barbering I would like to remind you there are only 3 additional Units (Cutting, Facial Hair & Finishing) in order to obtain the full Barbering NVQ Level 2, however, this opportunity is only available until December 2009. After December the standards come in to effect and you will no longer be able to do Units only but will need to complete the full award. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

New Standards

It's that time again and HABIA and City & Guilds have updated the standards for NVQ Levels 1 to 3 in Hairdressing and Barbering. The standards will be in circulation for new Learners from January 2010, all

Assessors have been given an overview of the changes at recent standardisation meetings but if you would like additional information please do not hesitate to contact your local EASI centre.



Dermatitis

As you will see in our newsletter we are trying to improve awareness of Dermatitis and help learners to prevent their own skin damage. Please work with us to educate learners and help them to identify the main symptoms early which are: dryness, redness, itching, flaking, cracking, blistering and / or pain. We have enclosed a simple flowchart on what to do should you suspect a case of dermatitis and you will find more support and guidance on the HSE website www.hse.gov.uk/hairdressing/index.htm.

Training Observations

As we move towards an improved service and standards of delivery we are looking to work closely with you through regular training observations. These observations are designed to support both your staff and the learners through the NVQ. I have enclosed the training observation form that is used as a support tool, the observations will be carried out every six months and staff will provide you with additional support where required. Kathryn King or Ceri Folkard will contact you to arrange an appointment at the appropriate time.

A Award Training

The next A Award training has been scheduled for 22nd and 23rd February 2009. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Newsletter

Please find enclosed a copy of our second EASI newsletter. Please get in touch if there is anything you would like to see in the next edition.

Short Courses

We are currently scheduling a selection of short courses for January and February 2010, including technical training such as "Introduction to Barbering" and "Advanced Cutting" to more general courses such as "Personal Colour Analysis" and "Salon Reception Skills". All of our training is designed by experts for the Hair Industry and will cost just £45 per person.

We are also very excited about our upcoming Management Training designed to support Salons through these difficult times including real life examples and personalised action planning. We are working alongside the Learning and Skills Council on this training program to ensure that it is fully funded.

Further details on the training will be coming out shortly.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for your continued feedback via questionnaires, telephone surveys and general comments and suggestions. We really value your feedback as it helps to grow and change in order to support you to the best of our ability so please do keep talking to us. As always, if you would like to meet with me to discuss how we are looking to boost our relationship with you and your Apprentice then please contact me on 07981 947376 to arrange a convenient time for me to come out and have a chat.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of EASI Hairdressing Academy