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Dear

Your latest EASI update is here! We have a lot of information for you this time around so please read carefully.

Apprenticeship Promotion

The National Apprenticeship Service wants to make you aware that there is a 'badge' available for employers of apprentices to highlight their commitment to Apprenticeships. This can be displayed on your websites; and in return your logo will be displayed on the Apprenticeships website.

To get involved please go to the employer section of the Apprenticeships website:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Employers/Employers-Badge.aspx>

Changes to minimum wage

As I am sure you are all aware by now there was a change to minimum wages from 1st October 2010. Details are below and we have also included an updated sheet to go in to your Red Communication File under section Four.

From October 2010, National Minimum Wage rates will increase from:

- £5.80 to £5.93 an hour for workers aged 21 and over
- £4.83 to £4.92 an hour for workers aged 18 to 20
- £3.57 to £3.64 an hour for workers aged 16 to 17

Please make particular note that the age bracket has dropped from "22 and over" to "21 and over".

In addition a new Apprentice hourly rate has been set at £2.50 per hour for under 19's and 19's in their first year of training.

SAVE THE DATE!

We are delighted to confirm that our next competition has been booked for MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2011 at the Colchester Football Stadium (Weston Homes Community Stadium). Full details are available in our enclosed Newsletter.

BBC Three Young Talent - Series 2

Congratulations to everyone that applied to the Young Hairdresser of the Year series. We are proud of everyone for taking a risk and putting themselves out there to be judged. A particular well done to our very own Julie De'Ath, from Elite Hair Design in Sible Hedingham, who made it through to the final 20.



Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and we will update you as to when the series will be on our screens. Its set to be a much better representation than last years series so why don't you check out and fingers crossed it will be one of your Apprentices taking the title next year!

We have lots coming up over the next few months (including a new glossy magazine) so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to get more involved.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line, representing the name Gemma Rawson.

Gemma Rawson
For and on behalf of EASI Hairdressing Academy