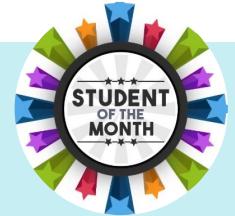


SWCA Newsletter

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**SOUTH WEST
CONSTRUCTION
ACADEMY**



Students of the month

Josh Mayou

Josh is a keen learner & has produced some great work. His positivity and determination makes him a great addition to the class.

Sam Shopland

Sam has shown great determination in working towards his functional skills qualifications in recent weeks. He always brings a great energy into sessions and is helpful to his peers.

We hope you all had a great Christmas break!

Happy new year! 'Decide today who you will become, what you will give and how you will live!' Anthony Robbins

Thank you to all the students who took part in our Christmas Jumper week! Your donations, which totalled £60 will help Suicide Prevention Bristol continue to do amazing work for the people in our local community! Keep your eyes peeled for more fundraising events coming soon.



Tracpipe Product Demonstration

On Thursday 26th January, learners will be taking part in a session with Tracpipe where they will get to see the products they make, how they work and more. If you would like to know more information about this session, please speak to a member of staff.

You can visit their website www.tracpipe.co.uk to see some of the products and services they offer.

What is EPA?

A guide to End point assessment.

As all of you are aware, end point assessment is the final step of your apprenticeship before you enter the big wide world of becoming a Gas engineer. The end point assessment consists of three different elements;

1. **A knowledge test**
2. **Practical assessment**
3. **Professional discussion/interview**

Throughout your apprenticeship you are learning the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to become a competent gas engineer, and essentially your EPA is checking that. It is also an opportunity to showcase yourself and your newly learnt skills! Your portfolio will be submitted to the EPA assessor too!

The way in which you are graded are as follows;

1. **Pass**
2. **Distinction**
3. **Fail**

In order to receive a Pass grade you must achieve 80% on your knowledge test and pass your practical. If you don't achieve at least 80% on your knowledge test, you would fail and need to resit your test. If you achieve 90% or



higher along with the practical you will achieve a distinction. (The highest grade possible!)

How to prepare yourself!

1. **Keep improving your communication skills- Talk to your customers, peers and tutors!**
2. **Keep asking questions, no question is too small. Your tutors are there to help you understand every step of the way!**
3. **Use your notes, gas books and reflective journals. Keeping your knowledge is key!**

You will be take part in practical/theory training before sitting your EPA to help prepare you as much as possible.

If you have any questions about EPA, please speak to a member of staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3rd January- New term g
- 26th January- Tracpipe demonstration
- Friday 17th February- Last day of term
- Monday 20th- Friday 24th February- Half Term
- Monday 27th February- New term starts
- Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April- Easter Half term

