



The Voice

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Between the 19th & 21st May, Marion Parris from Investors in People (IIP) selected 19 members of the Jotters & LSC team to interview as part of our assessment to achieve IIP status. We have achieved this and are now accredited, thank you to all involved you.



Staff Member of the Term Karen Ferguson



Karen is a Study Skills Tutor and also our specialist ASD Tutor. Karen is always thinking of the company and possible business development for example, making us aware of the National Carers Conference Week, hosted at DMU which Jo then attended. Putting us in touch with Citizeneye and gaining the opportunity for the team to attend free workshops on social media and making staff aware of the Asperger Syndrome and Employment Event, this is to name just a few of the opportunities that Karen has put forward.

Karen is always thinking of links and ways to support the business and the team in finding work opportunities and continual professional development, this has been noted by the office team and colleagues alike.

Karen thank you very much for the additional input that you add, it is much appreciated.

Welcoming Jayne

Hi there my name is Jayne Sanderson and I am the new Support and Development Officer for LSC and Jotters.

I started my working life within the leisure and tourism industry destined to be the next Mr (Miss) Brittas!

However, since leaving university and discovering that I have mild dyslexia I wanted to promote and support dyslexic students in further and higher education and/into the work place.

I started working for a local Nottingham college, supporting study skills tutors and assessors and inspiring students with wide ranging specific learning difficulties to achieve and develop their skills to improve their confidence, to become independent students and progress onto higher levels of study or/and employment.

I have an open and honest approach when working with students and colleagues. I especially enjoy a lovely cuppa and my biscuit of choice is generally any that are covered in chocolate.



We are saying goodbye to the following members of the team this summer: Fiona Atkinson, Lesley Blount, Matt Buckley, Aidan Croughwell-Burton, Faariah Ebrahim, Naomi Willett, Bhavisha Maru and Goldlynn Wanjiku. Thank you all for your hard work, we wish you all the best for the future. Keep in touch.

We asked Lesley Blount to sum up her time with us as a Study Skills tutor and here's what she said:

Supporting DMU students through LSC has been an absolute delight and an enormously fulfilling way to end a career which began fifty years ago. During those years, I have taught from Adult Basic Education through to post-graduate Higher Education and intended to retire when I moved to the East Midlands, five years ago.

However, the raison d'être of LSC, and its commitment to supporting students with learning difficulties, enticed me back into the world of the campus.

Whether you are at the beginning, towards the end, or in the middle of your working life, I can promise you that there is nothing more satisfying than seeing your students develop from fearful first year undergraduates (fearful, often, largely because of lack of informed support in their early years of education) to confident graduates who have worked hard and fulfilled their true potential.

June will be buzzing with texts from delighted graduates and LSC will be buzzing with delighted tutors.

I wish you all well as I collect my P45 happy in the knowledge that the good work will continue

Catherine Taylor, one of Anne Elsom's mentees has made huge progress during her first year at university. She has received the Vice Chancellor's 'Distinguished Student Award' in recognition for her hard work. Anne said: I'm really pleased for her, it's well deserved.

Gavin Thackray-Jones Art Exhibition

Gavin Thackray-Jones receives PA support from LSC. He has just completed the 2nd year of his fine art degree and his end of year project was to hold an exhibition of his art. The exhibition was held in the old 'Set' shop in St Martin's Square and was a real success. One of the pieces, a self-portrait was purchased for the office and is now hung in between the two support rooms. The event was recorded and was made in to a short film which is available to watch on our You Tube channel. Also available to watch are the student testimonial videos which were filmed earlier this year.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3rBF0OSw_hUR84ch17h1aA

