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Stephenson College Nail the Perfect Finish

On Monday 21st April, Stephenson College in Coalville, Leicestershire invited students throughout the East Midlands to take part in a series of beauty therapy master classes to help raise their game and enable them to take on the rest of the world at UK skills events.

Nail Technology was one of over 60 master classes to be held across the East Midlands on, with the rest planned over the next three months. The aim is to inspire talented young people to improve their vocational skills and learn about opportunities in their chosen career.

The class was open to young people already demonstrating an interest in the nail technology field and pursuing an Apprenticeship in the beauty therapy arena. Each student experienced first-hand demonstrations and one-to-one support by expert tutors, with further classes due to be held at Stephenson College in Aromatherapy. The learners chosen to attend the master classes were able to gain an insight into working at the highest levels in their profession.

Lee Croucher, business development manager at Stephenson College, said: "In the past I have had learners who have taken part in UK skills activities but it has always been difficult to access training locally. This has been a real opportunity for our local youngsters and hope they enjoyed the challenge."

The programme of UK Skills master classes is funded by the Learning and Skills Council; Leicester area director, Mary Rogers said: "The UK participates in prestigious vocational skills competitions and it is hoped that some of these learners may have the opportunity to compete at a national level in the UK World Skills competitions or to represent our country at the next World Skills event in 2009. These master classes can be a stepping stone to global competitions and are an exciting opportunity for young people."

Dates for other Stephenson College master classes are:

Aromatherapy, Stephenson College and 28 April, 9.00am – 6.30pm
Champneys Spa

Ends

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Stephenson College is located in Coalville, North West Leicestershire. Stephenson College is a centre of Excellence for Motor Vehicle and Construction Training and has state-of-the-art facilities with industry standard workshops and salons.

The college has a long tradition of working with employers and has excellent links with the business community on both a national and local level. Accredited with the EMskills Quality Kitemark for employer engagement and support.

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The master classes are open to a selection of trainees from across the region. There is also information on all local master classes - that range from motor engineering at Silverstone race track to beauty therapy with some of the UK's top hair stylists. www.fcte.co.uk