

## ACE has moved to Rivers ACE Centre, West Bletchley

We have now completed our move and are settling in at our new headquarters.

**Rivers ACE Centre**  
**Trent Road**  
**West Bletchley**  
**MK3 7BB**  
**01908 556700**

We have extensive free parking without time restrictions at the new venue which can be accessed by driving down Humber Way, through the gates to the playground car park. To get into the centre please walk towards and around the building to the front. There are signs to show you where to go.

## ACE Open Day

The new Rivers ACE Centre was officially opened by the Mayor Councillor Alan Richards at our Open Day on Saturday 14 May. Free activities for all the family were on offer, including demonstrations of Flamenco dancing and Floristry, taster workshops in Sign Language, Lip Reading and Flower painting and an Arts and Crafts stall for the children. Our next Open Day will be held on Saturday 3 September.



## Free Employment and Careers Advice

If you are already an ACE student and would like advice with your career path or further education, or if you are unemployed and would like to return to work or training, come along and talk to one of our friendly advisors who will be happy to help you.

**Information, Advice and Guidance Drop-in Sessions (no need to book)**

**Held every Wednesday 12.30-3pm**

**Rivers ACE Centre, Trent Road, West Bletchley, MK3 7BB**

**For more information please contact Tina Strutton on 01908 556700 / [tina.strutton@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:tina.strutton@milton-keynes.gov.uk)**

## Good luck to all students taking exams this term!

The Exams Team are happy to assist with any queries about your exams.

**Vicky Sargent – 01908 556724**

**June Sutton – 01908 556725**

**Jana O'Brien – 01908 556723**

Email – [vicky.sargent@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:vicky.sargent@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Please remember to bring photographic ID to your exam and to switch off mobile phones before you enter the examination room.

Results days:

- **A level – Thursday 18 August**
- **GCSE – Thursday 25 August**

You can collect your results from Rivers ACE Centre between 12pm and 4pm on the day; any uncollected results will be sent out by post. Please note that we are unable to give out results by telephone.

## Learner Forum

ACE welcomes participation by learners in both special focus groups and the regular Learner Forum. If you would like to take part in either, please contact Ritu on 01908 556751 / [ritu.hunjan@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:ritu.hunjan@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided at all meetings

Elsie Scriven, an A2 Art & Design student and winner of an ACE Learner Award last year, is pictured in London enjoying the Royal Wedding celebrations. Elsie reports that despite a 'very, very chilly night' a fabulous time was had.



**NEXT  
STEP**

Thinking about your next step? For free advice on possible progression routes call Nextstep.

0800 1954 700

## Free IT training

Online basics is a free, easy to use course that will help you get started using computers and the internet. Online basics includes five short modules. They show you how to use a mouse and keyboard, how to email, and how to search for information and stay safe online. With Online basics you can learn and practise your new skills and start enjoying all the fantastic things the internet has to offer. If you are interested please go to [www.onlinebasics.co.uk](http://www.onlinebasics.co.uk) and click on 'Get started' to register. Our centre name is **Rivers Centre** and centre number is **4770**.

## What else?

This Bulletin is for you – what else would you like to see?

### Learner Support Fund

If you attending a course leading to a qualification and paying a reduced fee the Learner Support Fund could help you with additional costs e.g.

- Books, equipment and course materials
- Childcare
- Examination Fees
- Bus fares, travel costs

For more information please phone or drop in to see us at **Rivers ACE Centre 01908 556700**.

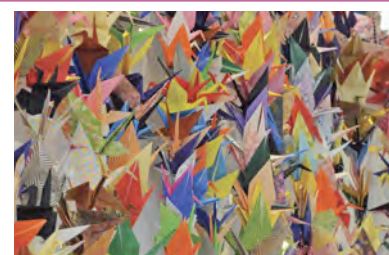
## ACE Learner Awards

The ACE Learner Awards will be held on Thursday 8 September 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Rivers ACE Centre, where the achievements of learners across all the many courses that ACE delivers will be celebrated.

## ACE Annual Art & Design Exhibition

ACE is planning its annual open entry art and design exhibition to be held this year at Rivers ACE Centre, dates to be confirmed. If you would like to submit work please see your tutor for an entry form.

When we heard about the earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku area of Japan this March, many people at the Japanese company where I work wanted to do something to help the people in the affected area, as well as collecting donations for the relief effort. I suggested folding a thousand origami cranes. There is a Japanese tradition saying that if you fold a thousand cranes, your wish will come true. So they are often made for someone who is ill to wish for a speedy recovery. Many people helped make the cranes – first we taught our colleagues at work and then they got their families and friends to join in. I asked my Adult Education English class to help, and they folded many cranes too. We soon reached our target of a thousand paper cranes, and we have sent them to Japan, with our best wishes for the people affected by the tsunami. I have been moved by the support for Japan shown by countries all over the world and I am sure this will help Japan to make a strong recovery.



By Natsuko Sasaki who is studying English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) with ACE

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ace](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ace)



**Milton Keynes Council**  
Adult Continuing Education  
1 Cofferidge Close  
Stony Stratford  
Milton Keynes, MK11 1BY

T 01908 556700

F 01908 556793

E [adult.education@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:adult.education@milton-keynes.gov.uk)