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# PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT

"We look back on the year with pride at how we have helped our students and the positive impact we have had on local communities." Despite the challenges of the last year, St Patrick's has continued to strengthen its position as a significant vocational education provider which aims to widen participation in education. We were pleased to hold three graduation ceremonies, with over 600 of our students graduating. Many of these graduates came from difficult backgrounds, and knowing that we helped to make such a difference to their lives filled us with satisfaction.

In addition, we have made progress with student activities, such as visits to industry relevant locations and presentations from successful business people. Our student surveys have shown significant improvement in student satisfaction.

The Patriarch, our bi-annual journal of research and scholarly activity, continues to make an impact in the educational sphere through publishing the work of our academics. We look back on the year with pride at how we have helped our students and the positive impact we have had on local communities.

This year, St Patrick's held a staff training for all schools at the Billiter Street and Duncan House campuses, as well as its first staff conference. The conference allowed colleagues from different departments to meet and interact, creating a sense of close community between all of our staff.

The purpose of St Patrick's throughout its 200 year history remains steadfast. We have:

- Pride in our vision to bring the disadvantaged from all walks of life into learning
- A belief that prejudice must be thoroughly rejected and people should be judged on their merits, not their social background or race
- Pleasure in the success of our students



- Passion for people to make a better life for themselves and their family
- Profit as the contribution they give back to society

In 2016, we will mainly continue to focus on:

- 1. Increasing our portfolio of courses, including adding access courses to encourage those who have left education to return, as well as apprenticeships to increase students' career prospects
- Boosting our students' entrepreneurship skills and encouraging those who already own their own businesses
- 3. Reaching out to the local communities to help them improve their skills through St Patrick's short courses

Professor Daniel Khan OBE

<sup>1.</sup> Professor Daniel Khan OBE, Principal

## ABOUT ST PATRICK'S

Founded in 1803, St Patrick's College is a highquality learning institution that welcomes students from all over the world and all backgrounds to our campuses in London. We offer HNDs and postgraduate programmes in a wide range of subjects, providing students with the skills to become successful in their careers.

#### MISSION

We aim to empower our students through education and help them change their lives for the better. St Patrick's is committed to widening participation and providing access to education to all students. It is a great privilege to be able to support our students, help unlock their potential, and see them successfully complete their courses and graduate.

We provide the best possible education to those who need it at an affordable price, giving people from all walks of life the opportunities they need to improve their career prospects.

#### VISION

Our vision is to continue widening access to education, helping students to improve their employability and encouraging inclusivity across the sector. We have assembled an excellent academic team and dedicated student services, ensuring the delivery of high quality education. We aim to be recognised nationally as a provider of outstanding vocational education, helping students to achieve their career ambitions.

#### **BRAND VALUES**

Since the founding of St Patrick's in 1803, the school has prioritised providing full access to education to those from deprived areas or backgrounds. We believe strongly in second chances, and our goal of increasing educational opportunities for all goes

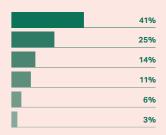
hand in hand with our dedication to innovation and diversity. At St Patrick's, we:

- Ensure that our students are at the heart of everything we do
- Offer education to everyone with the drive to succeed
- Recognise innovation, diversity, and individual success
- Act with integrity, transparency and mutual respect
- Aspire to be a model of good equality and diversity practice
- Value the environment and minimise our impact on it

#### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Our duty of care ensures that students have unrestricted access to our support systems to successfully fulfil their academic needs. They receive 24/7 support through our user-friendly Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which allows them to access notes and assignments, as well as speak to lecturers and their classmates. We are also committed to free support for an additional three years for students who may not have completed their course due to unforeseen circumstances. This scheme has been developed for those who have financial or other commitments, disability issues, or who are slow learners and struggle to complete their course within the given time. St Patrick's is in the process of conducting research to further understand the dynamics of widening participation and how success in such groups can be enhanced.

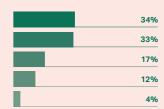
#### **SCHOOL POPULATION\***



41% School of Health & Social Care
25% School of Business Management
14% School of Technology
11% School of Tourism & Hospitality
6% School of Law

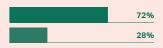
3% School of Art & Design

#### AGE RANGE\*\*



34% 35 - 44 years old 33% 45 - 54 years old 17% 25 - 34 years old 12% 55 years old & over 4% under 25 years old

#### **GENDER SPLIT\*\***



**72%** Female **28%** Male

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Jun & Oct 2015 enrollment.
\*\*Based on Student Survey 2015.

## COLLEGE STRUCTURE

Principal & Chief Executive Professor Daniel Khan, OBE

Vice-Principal Dr Dinesh Bist

**Dean of Quality, Policy & Research**Dr Tommie Anderson-Jaquest

**Dean of Teaching & Learning**Dr Srikanthan M Govindaraj

**Dean of Academic Standards** Shirley Yearsley

Director, Enterprise & Student Experience Amol Gurung

Registrar & Director of Student Services Esther Hardy

THE ST PATRICK'S 'ASPIRE TO INSPIRE' AWARDS FOR THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL STAFF/DEPARTMENT (TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING) WENT TO:

Tanveer Ahmad School of Technology Sophelia Gentles Student Experience Jonathan Osanyingbemi Student Experience **Ibrahim Conteh** School of Business Management Olusegun Ekisola School of Health & Social Care Archana Arora School of Health & Social Care Kinga Mihaly Student Services Magdalena Witko Head of DALE Sandip Kaur Attendance Administration

#### **SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN**

Students will study a HND in Fashion and Textiles, learning skills such as pattern drafting, sewing, and garment design to take their education in fashion to the next level.

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

We offer a HND course that teaches students how to successfully manage a business. After studying with us, students can go on to succeed in areas such as advertising, marketing, project management, human resources, and administration.

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Our students learn about the UK's health and social services. This prepares them for success in a job in the sector, and our postgraduate courses can help them to reach senior positions.

#### **SCHOOL OF LAW**

We offer the HNC in Law and the HND in Law. The HNC provides an insight into the English legal system and how it works, whilst the HND helps students to further develop their understanding.

#### SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Students can choose from two HND courses: Information Systems Engineering and Network Engineering and Telecommunication Systems. Both courses explore computer engineering, preparing students for job roles such as programmer, web developer, and network engineer.

## SCHOOL OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

We offer the HND in Hospitality Management and the Advanced Professional Diploma in Strategic Hospitality Management. The HND teaches students the essential skills for entry-level positions or further study in hospitality, whilst the APD prepares students for managerial positions.

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

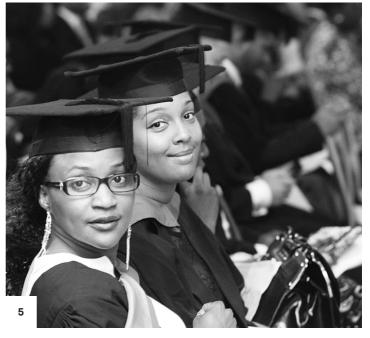
The college has always been committed to continuing professional development, and our staff have learned a lot this year. We can only empower students if staff members also develop their potential. In February 2015, the second edition of The Patriarch was published, with our staff members contributing the research and articles, and there were two in-house training sessions. The first was delivered by Pearson and introduced assessment marking and standardisation, while the second focused on classroom management and conducive learning environments. This training centred around managing challenging behaviour, ADHD\* and awareness of how to develop techniques for those with learning disabilities. Both sessions led to participants receiving formal qualifications. Swati Dabas, a lecturer from School of Tourism & Hospitality, said: "The training has equipped me with much-needed behaviour management skills which, if applied correctly, can enhance students' experience here at St Patrick's." Towards the end of 2015, we organised an internal Staff Conference that focused on enhancing the student experience. This allowed staff members to share areas of good practice and learn new skills. Malcolm Thompson, Head of Technology, said that the event had "energised the staff and been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience." More staff members are now attending external conferences than ever before, including several conferences in other countries. Others are currently pursuing or have recently completed additional qualifications, including two individuals completing their PhDs, two currently studying for their PhDs, and seven in the process of gaining a PGCE award.











# **GRADUATION 2015**

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sukhdev Jassi HND NETS

14 Distinctions, 1 Merit, 1 Pass Roman Cerny HND NETS

15 Distinctions, 1 Merit Marius Moraru

HND NETS

15 Distinctions, 1 Merit **Ed Edris** 

Ed Edris HND in NETS

14 Distinctions, 1 Merit, 1 Pass

#### THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### Natalja Ruckina

HND Business Management Maria Joao Almeida Lopes HND Hospitality Management Hannan El Bou Rbiee HND Fashion & Textiles

### THE PATRIARCH AWARD FOR MOST DILIGENT STUDENT

#### Verna Kadyamadare

HND Health & Social Care Management Lyzette Leah Diyoka HND Hospitality Management Jason James HND in ISE

THE TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD FOR ENABLING GLOBALISATION

Appolin Fotso

HND in NETS from Cameroon

It has been an honour for St Patrick's to have held three graduations this year in February, July, and November, with over 600 of our students receiving their certificates. At each graduation, we see how our students' success reflects our values. We pride ourselves on being an accessible college for all. This year, we awarded the Principal's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement to technology student Roman Cerny, who joined St Patrick's as his wife was studying here. He achieved 15 distinctions and won the Principals Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement for his final dissertation idea, which was to design, develop, and deploy an e-commerce website for the Taxi Kinshasa Company located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). We also recognise students who have come from a background with many challenges, and ensure we assist them in achieving their goals and overcoming difficulties.

One of these students was Lyzette Dikoya, who came to the UK in 2008 from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She studied for an HND in Hospitality management, which was a departure from her previous roles in social care. As a result, it presented a very interesting challenge to her. As she was a single mother of two girls it was tough for her to manage her home and family responsibilities as well as coping with her college studies, but against all odds she persevered and was chosen as a class representative. After finishing her course, she had five offers from various universities and chose the University of Greenwich. She has since stated that this was the biggest achievement of her life, as she was recognised for her knowledge.

St Patrick's has changed many lives through our teaching and support, and Lyzette is not the only student at St Patrick's who has had a challenging background. Another student, Bashir Williams, said: "This is a new level of development which has opened up a new world for me, because of coming from the background of construction and building and now combining it with computer technology." Despite the many differences between the industry he had previously worked in, Bashir graduated in July with a HND in Information Systems Engineering.

Camilla Zak also had challenges to overcome during her HND course on business management – specifically language barriers - but has now progressed to an advanced level in English language. She says: "It was difficult to start with learning lessons in a different language as I'm Polish. Definitely over these two years I have developed myself. I knew what I wanted to do as I have my own business – I have connected the practice with the theory and now I feel like a business woman."

Finally, we think of our college as a nurturing environment for our students, encouraging their development through our exemplary lecturers. Arlene Scott, who studied law at St Patrick's, was recently awarded with the Vice Chancellor Scholarship Award from the University of East London (UEL). It is the highest scholarship the university provides, at the worth of £27,000 to cover her full course tuition fee. She has expressed great gratitude to her lecturers for their support, naming Stephen Airey, Kareesha Maitaram, Uriah Bajela, Christopher Ojoko and Margarita Dimitrova in particular. She said: "Due to your never ending support and encouragement with my studies, application to university and my subsequent interest to apply for a scholarship, I have won the Vice Chancellor's scholarship award."

<sup>1.</sup> St Patrick's graduates, July '15

<sup>2.</sup> Professor Daniel Khan OBE,

giving a speech, July'15

<sup>3.</sup> Principal's award, Nov'15

<sup>4.</sup> St Patrick's graduates, July'15

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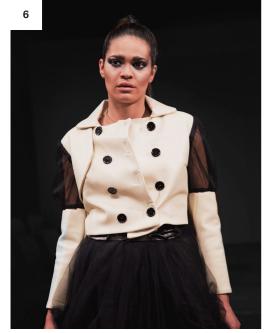














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## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

#### **STUDENT SURVEY 2015**



Found their course intellectually stimulating

St Patrick's College has always had a studentcentred approach, and our commitment to student enhancement is a key part of our strategy. We strive to enhance the student experience for all students, which includes focusing on student participation, community engagement, health and wellbeing, and new learning experiences. This prepares our students for their careers after St Patrick's.

#### **2015 ACHIEVEMENTS**

Over the last year, at St Patrick's, we have:

- launched our second annual student survey
- · increased the number of events and activities
- · arranged talks from industry figures
- participated in the annual Newham Run
- developed a community engagement initiative
- · conducted academic workshops
- facilitated student-led projects, such as a health and sexual well-being awareness campaign and a fashion show

#### ANNUAL STUDENT SURVEY

St Patrick's conducts a student experience survey each year. After a successful promotional campaign headed by the student council, 934 students participated in 2015. This beats the already impressive figure of 854 last year. Students gave feedback on all aspects of student life at St Patrick's:

- · college services and facilities
- teaching & learning
- communication and student engagement (events and activities)

The results showed 75% overall course satisfaction, which is close to the sector average. 84% said their communication and confidence has increased by studying at St Patrick's, which is above the 2014 sector average. The Student Experience

Department has now analysed the data and put together an action plan with management and the Heads of Schools to address the feedback.

#### STUDENT VOICE

We work closely with our students to give them a platform to engage with the college. This is integral to our growth and ensuring a positive student experience.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council acts as an effective communication channel between the student body and senior management team, ensuring the student voice is heard. Regular elections are held, and the council has greatly improved communications.

Victoria Onokpite, the recently-elected Welfare Officer, said: "I am very excited to be part of the Student Council and it is a great opportunity to work with the college management team." Previous decisions influenced by the council include the Student Evolvement Entrepreneurship Development (S.E.E.D) initiative and an increase in career development support for health and social care students.

A new student council office was officially opened this year by Professor Daniel Khan and the President of the Student Council, Jonathan Sandy, in the presence of senior members of staff and student council officers. This improves access to the council and provides a professional environment for students to share ideas and raise issues. We are sure that ideas put forward at council meetings will improve the St Patrick's student experience for years to come.

- $\textbf{1.}\, \mathsf{Outside}\, \mathsf{Duncan}\, \mathsf{House}\, \mathsf{campus}$
- 2. Duncan House campus
  3. St Patrick's students on a trip
- to V&A museum

  4. St Patrick's Fashion Show 2015
- 5. Outside Duncan House campus
- 6. St Patrick's Fashion Show 2015
- 7. Duncan House campus
- 8. St Patrick's students on a trip to Science museum

## CAREERS & COMMUNITY

Here at St Patrick's College, we aim to provide an exceptional careers service that is regarded as a necessity by the students who have used it. We're proud of our 100% success rate for finding work experience opportunities for eligible students to help them to complete their course. Our service focuses on the students' needs, ensuring suitability and a pleasant working experience for them. This includes considering the students' geographical location and any other commitments they may have. Our objective for 2016 is to expand and make more career development opportunities available to help students improve their work skills and increase their chances of securing permanent jobs, internships and entrepreneurial opportunities in their career.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Our community engagement strategy is one of the ways in which our mission statement can be achieved. We aim to create working partnerships within our local communities which are beneficial to all involved. Current partnerships in Newham include the Docklands Settlements charity and food outlets such as Golden Flakes and Britanico Café. Newham Workplace is also a community partner, which links local residents to the college for work experience. Building relationships with food providers has allowed our students to benefit from discounted offers, as well as boosting the visibility of the business. Since this agreement was put in place, Golden Flakes has seen a significant increase in business, with the student body and faculty members making up a large portion of their clientele.

The working relationship between St Patrick's and Newham Workplace has enabled a number of residents to improve their skill set in a nurturing and constructive environment. Some of these very

same volunteers are now part of the St Patricks team, while others have progressed into work in other areas and with other businesses. Newham resident Atiya Patel was recently recruited to work permanently as a receptionist at the Stratford Campus. She said: "It's a fantastic idea to give opportunities to residents, this helps continue the regeneration within the borough of Newham by empowering the locals."

Our partnership with Docklands Settlements has gone from strength to strength. St Patrick's students currently receive discounted rates on gym facilities, and our staff and students took part in The Great Newham Run and raised a substantial amount of funds for the charity.

In all of the listed partnerships, St Patrick's has endeavoured to ensure that students have benefitted, whether from the use of facilities, discounts offered by establishments, or volunteering opportunities. We wish to continue to foster good relations with even more businesses in Newham in 2016.



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Stratford Campus Receptionist

1. St Patrick's students participating in The Great Newham Run

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# SUCCESS STORIES

"Finishing in the Olympic stadium and raising money for a charity which has been looking after the underprivileged in Newham for 120 years feels amazing."

Jonathan Osanyingbemi Student Experience Executive



In 2015, St Patrick's College became a member of Newham Chamber of Commerce (NCC), as part of our initiative to collaborate with the local business community. NCC is a thriving chamber in a vibrant area of London, and includes large companies such as Tate & Lyle and London City Airport as well as medium and small businesses. Our membership with NCC has helped us to network with local SMEs, high street brands, and international companies. St Patrick's staff regularly participate in NCC breakfast meetings and networking evenings to connect with businesses and employers, and we have been able to invite NCC members as guest speakers and to run workshops for our students. NCC has shown full support for our Enterprise Centre and will assist in running future collaborative events with its members.

#### ST PATRICK'S CARDIO CLUB AT THE OLYMPIC STADIUM

The newly established St Patrick's Cardio club competed in the Morrisons Great Newham 10K run. The event saw over 15,000 runners take part, including Paula Radcliffe, an Ambassador of the Great Run, and Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham. They raised funds for Dockland Settlements as part of the college's community engagement initiative. The event acted as the official launch of St Patrick's partnership with the charity, which includes heavily discounted access to their leisure facilities for both staff and students. The fundraising activities raised more than £300. First to cross the finishing line with a time of 50 min and 27 sec was Jonathan Osanyingbemi, a Student Experience Executive at St Patrick's. Jonathan said: "Finishing in the Olympic stadium and raising money for a charity which has been looking after the underprivileged in Newham for 120 years feels amazing."

#### PROFESSOR DANIEL KHAN APPOINTED TO IAFI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Professor Daniel Khan, OBE, was appointed to the Board of Directors for IAFI, the International Association of Fish Inspectors. His appointment was announced at the World Seafood Congress, which was held recently in Grimsby, UK. IAFI works with regulatory authorities, industry and the United Nations to ensure that seafood and associated products are safe, of acceptable quality, and readily available for sale in the global marketplace. Congratulations to Professor Khan on this prestigious appointment.

#### ST PATRICK'S FASHION STUDENTS TAKE LONDON FASHION WEEK 2015 BY STORM

Two alumni of St Patrick's Fashion & Textile course, Emanuela Giannelli and Hannan El Bou, featured their collections at London Fashion Week 2015. Hannan El Bou displayed her designs at the House of iKon show, using the traditional flavours of Morocco and Spain for her monochrome designs. Italian-born designer Emanuela showcased handmade, bespoke collection at the Oxford Studio Catwalk Show. Since graduating, Emanuela has launched her own fashion brand and has become a fashion lecturer within the GUS group.



