

AYRSHIRE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Spring Newsletter 2016



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Blog

Ayrshire College Foundation Chairman **John Rainey** was interviewed by Ayrshire College about the Foundation and its work to date. John was asked why he decided to get involved with the Foundation and what its purpose is.

John's interview is available to read online.

[Click here to read our blog...](#)





MISSION DISCOVERY

READY FOR BLAST OFF

We are delighted to announce that the Mission Discovery programme will be coming to **Ayrshire** for the first time this summer as a result of funding we agreed.

Mission Discovery is a **space school** developed by the International Space School Educational Trust (ISSET) and will give 200 lucky secondary school pupils and college students the chance to engage with NASA astronauts and rocket scientists.

They will work in teams, aided by mentors, to develop their own space

experiments – with the winners having their idea launched to the **International Space Station!**

Mission Discovery is proven to enhance **students' scientific and technological** skillset, while developing innovation and team work, and we are delighted to be in a position to bring it to Ayrshire.

All three Ayrshire council areas will put forward 50 pupils each for the extraordinary week-long adventure, with Ayrshire College selecting 50 students from its STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics) courses.

Mission Discovery will take place over the week beginning June 13th at Prestwick Airport's Aviator Suite.

There will also be a programme of **public events** on during this time. Further details of those events will be announced on our website soon. This can be found at **here**.

**LIFT OFF
JUNE 13TH
PRESTWICK
AIRPORT'S
AVIATOR
SUITE**



PROVIDING EXCITING LEARNING SPACES

Ayrshire College opened its brand new Student Services areas at the Ayr and Kilwinning campuses at the end of 2015.

The Ayrshire College Foundation made £3 million available to the College to support the upgrade of the facilities. The new areas bring together all of the College's student support staff into one central hub. Previously student services, student funding, inclusive learning, the learning resource centre and the Student Association areas were at different locations at the College.

A Business Centre has also been established at the Ayr campus. Ayrshire College Foundation chairman John Rainey officially opened the Ayr Campus Student Services and said *"This is a wonderful transformation of these areas. The College has consolidated all the student services and learning resource areas and I am sure this will really benefit the students.*

"I am also pleased to see the work that has been carried out to transform the Business Centre so that the college can support the training and development needs of local employers."

John Rainey, Chairman of the Ayrshire College Foundation



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[Click here](#) for Ayr opening video

visit us online

www.ayrshirecollegefoundation.org.uk

Our brand new website launched in October thanks to two Ayrshire College students. HND Web Development and Interactive Media student Ian Morrison, and HND Visual Communication student True Anderson, won a competition to create the website.

The website was designed by True and developed by Ian, and we think the end product is fantastic. Here is what they had to say about working on the website.

"It was a great project to be involved in. It provided me with invaluable experience on how to deal with a client and how to build a website to a provided specification and design. It also helps that I have a website created for a client to add to my portfolio of work. This will hopefully demonstrate to potential employers that I have the ability to carry out development work in a professional capacity."

I completed several live briefs at college, including the Ayrshire College Foundation website design. This gave me valuable experience in working with real clients – which is exactly what I want to do in work.

Alongside the artistic skills within my course, I learnt many other skills at college. I learnt that



True Anderson designed every web page

presenting yourself and your work properly is just as important as the work itself. I also learnt how to work together as part of a large team, and how to enjoy working hard."

True Anderson was the **Winner of Ayr Campus Student of the Year 2015**.

[Read True's story here](#)

[Read Ian's story here](#)



Ian Morrison developed the website



Click here to go to our website

Graduations

We were proud to sponsor Ayrshire College's 2015 graduation ceremonies.

Over 500 students attended graduation at Kilmarnock's Grand Hall on 23 October, Kilwinning's Abbey Church on 6 November and Ayr's Town Hall on 20 November.

Congratulations

to everyone who graduated and good luck for the future.





Are you looking for *funding* for an *Ayrshire* PROJECT?

We want to hear from any person or group requiring funding for an educational Ayrshire project which is in line with the objectives of Ayrshire College Foundation. Full information is on our website.

Applying is easy – go to our website www.ayrshirecollegefoundation.org.uk and submit an application form.

We will follow this up with a face to face interview leading to a presentation to the Foundation Trustees.

We recommend that applications are submitted at least **four months prior** to the planned project start date. The process will take between three to six months.





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YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE
DETAILS FROM OUR MISSION DISCOVERY
LAUNCH EVENT AND MUCH MORE!





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