

## **Leicestershire Young Business Apprenticeships**

Our congratulations go to Thowani Lunghi and Halima Abdulkadir from Riverside Community College who have not only achieved more than 8 GCSE's [A-C] but have also completed their **Young Apprenticeship Certificate**. This entailed the full completion of the NVQ Level 2 in Business Administration and the Technical Certificate which is part of the qualification. In addition, Halima completed the required 50 days of work experience in the VESA office over 2 years and Thowani with the Leicestershire Primary Health Care Audit group where their contribution was invaluable. LETG (one of our local training providers), assessed the students for their NVQ in the workplace. That these two students committed to this programme on top of their extensive school curriculum demonstrates considerable motivation and dedication to their education. Both students are now enrolled at Wyggeston Queen Elizabeth1 Sixth Form College to study Accounts, Business and Mathematics at A level. We are confident they will have brilliant careers and wish them every success.

In addition 11 students from Rawlins Community College have completed their first Art and Design Young Apprenticeship and have gained a BTEC 1<sup>st</sup> certificate in Art and Design.

This successful Young Apprenticeship programme has proved that qualifications gained off-site and in the workplace really do enable students to develop employability skills as well as raising confidence and self-esteem. Beaumont Leys has students in Cohort 2 & 3 of this exciting initiative and Burleigh Community College has joined the programme this year. We shall keep you updated about developments as this provision evolves. **For further information please contact Viv Laxton at the VESA office**