

## Broadstairs College



*CEO Graham Razey cuts the vine to open the Forest School*

### **The importance of Climate Change and its impact on future generations was recognised last week at the opening of the Forest School at Broadstairs College.**

The EKC Group CEO Graham Razey welcomed guests to a previously derelict and unsightly area of the campus now refurbished as a natural learning centre for Level One BTEC and supported learning students. The classes will take place in an environment that responds directly to the changing seasons and will provide a consistent reminder that work undertaken nourishing young plants has a critical impact on the blossoms and fruit harvested later.

After the official opening, all those present were treated to a tour of area and the opportunity to see a controlled fire lighting followed by a treat of toasted marshmallows. Lecturer Rob Tye has been delighted by the enthusiasm of all the students involved in preparing the site. Similarly, Assistant Principal Nicola Kelly has every reason to be satisfied with the results of the project which she first conceived last October.

Also last week was the Awards Ceremony at Broadstairs College, one of the constituent colleges of the EKC Group. East Kent Chambers of Commerce has strong links with education providers throughout East Kent and was pleased to sponsor the award for Business & Finance won by Caitlin Jeffrey as well as the award for Construction which went to Emanuel Okesola.

East Kent Chambers of Commerce Chief Executive David Foley said: "Given the current difficulties faced by UK companies of all sizes in recruiting workers, it is more important than ever for businesses to nourish their relationships with education providers. One of the fastest growing Further Education bodies in the country, the EKC Group owes much of its success to its firm commitment to listening and responding promptly to the needs and interests of companies in its area of operations".

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