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The NBS Anniversary Appeal

Make a gift today ... and make a real difference to the Nottingham Business School students of tomorrow.

Your success over the past three decades has created Nottingham Business School's strong reputation for innovation and applied excellence in business and management.

We need to invest now to ensure that our brand continues to be strengthened and recognised globally - enhancing the prospects of our future graduates on a global scale.

That's why I am asking you to help us achieve our goal in any way that you can. One very specific way is through your financial support for NBS initiatives to:

- Expand opportunity to access excellence in research and learning through one of our scholarship programmes
- Recognise and reward achievement and excellence through prizes
- Further enhance the physical and virtual infrastructure of NBS.

With your help, we also aim to create:

- The NBS Masters and Doctoral and Scholarships
- The NBS Entrepreneurship Prize
- The NBS Graduate and Postgraduate of the Year Prize.

In this newsletter we have highlighted our splendid new facilities in Newton building. Your gifts can ensure we continue to develop a great learning environment fit for the 21st century.

Using the donation form enclosed with this newsletter, you can choose where you wish your support to be channelled - towards the creation of a first-class physical environment for NBS or towards a range of opportunities through which students at all levels of study can benefit.

By committing to make a regular gift, you can help us to plan for scholarships and long-term projects, but every individual gift matters.

There has never been a better time to give to Nottingham Business School. A government matched-funding initiative means that, for a very limited time, NTU will receive an additional £1 for every £3 you donate - making your gift go even further for those studying here. And, with the Gift Aid scheme also in place, a gift of just £30 - in our 30th anniversary year - will be worth £50.

Your gift will make a difference to NBS students. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@ntu.ac.uk or tel +44 (0)115 848 8775.



Please make a gift today by completing the enclosed donation form.

Thank you.

Baback Yazdani

Professor Baback Yazdani
Dean
Nottingham Business School

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A landmark year

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, Nottingham Business School is set to enter an exciting new era as it moves into first-class new premises in one of the city's landmark buildings.



Welcome

Welcome to this special Network supplement for former students of Nottingham Business School.

This year our 30th anniversary coincides with our move into a superb new learning environment - and we are inviting all our alumni to share in a year of celebrations.

You are NBS's most important ambassadors, and we hope you can take part in as many 30-year anniversary events as possible. You have played a significant role in our success story so far and we hope you'll continue to do so in the decades to come.

Along with news from NBS and our alumni, this publication highlights how you can strengthen your links with us and inspire future generations of students. The NBS Anniversary Appeal, featured on the back page, offers an ideal way in which you can support our exciting and ambitious plans for the future.

You will also discover the many lasting benefits of collaborating with a leading Business School that has a world-class reputation for teaching, research and consultancy.

We hope you will join us in making this a year to remember for Nottingham Business School.

Professor Baback Yazdani
Dean
Nottingham Business School



Relocation to the iconic Newton building will place NBS right at the heart of Nottingham Trent University's newly transformed city campus. Staff, students, business and industrial partners will benefit from state-of-the-art professional facilities in a truly inspirational learning environment.

The top four floors of Newton will become a spacious and light-filled home for the 200-plus staff of NBS, bringing them together under one roof for the first time.



The floors below will act as the teaching and learning powerhouse for the University (pictured here), featuring ten new lecture theatres, high-specification IT rooms, general purpose teaching, seminar

and syndicate rooms, plus extensive social learning space. NBS students - who now number almost 5,000 - will find the very latest learning technology at their fingertips.

Meanwhile, the front of the building will feature a prestigious new conference centre to rival the best in the region.



The new home for NBS forms part of the biggest estate development in the University's history. A stunning glazed central court and link building is currently being constructed to connect Newton and Arkwright, two listed architectural gems.

The relocation of NBS staff will start later this year and there will be many opportunities for our alumni to view the superb new facilities as our 30th anniversary events programme swings into action: see the centre pages for more information.

If you or your organisation would like to see NBS's new facilities - and be part of our future - we would be delighted to talk to you about opportunities for corporate support and to show you around. Contact alumni@ntu.ac.uk for more information.



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Delivering educational solutions: (l to r) Dr Elaine Robinson, Peter Murphy, Anne Keegan and Dr Kostas Galanakis.

Fresh expertise fuels expansion

Nottingham Business School's executive education and MBA portfolio is being strengthened with five key appointments which form part of a continued programme of academic expansion.



Professor Roulla Hagen

Professor Roulla Hagen is taking up the role of Head of MBA Programmes, leading the entire suite of innovative full-time, part-time and executive MBAs for which NBS has earned an international reputation. A professor of global strategic management, she was previously MBA Director of Curriculum Development and Innovation at Durham University.

In addition, new programme leaders for executive education will help deliver tailored and off-the-shelf educational solutions to meet client needs. They are:

- Peter Murphy, previously Director of Local Government at the Government Office East Midlands. Peter brings 30 years' experience in public service management, including senior civil servant roles in Whitehall and as Chief

Executive of a local authority, and he has led numerous high level reviews for HM Treasury and the Cabinet Office.

- Dr Kostas Galanakis, previously Senior Research Fellow at the Science and Technology Park of Crete, Heraklion, Greece. Dr Galanakis has led several EU and nationally-funded projects and specialises in operations management, innovation and technology policy.
- Dr Elaine Robinson and Anne Keegan, appointed from within Nottingham Business School's own ranks, who have strong backgrounds in public and private sector consultancy and human resource management.

NBS Dean Professor Baback Yazdani said: "We continue to strengthen our team in areas badly needed by industry. These appointments reinforce our strong presence in executive education for the public and private sectors. In difficult economic times, our clients need people with fresh ideas who are practical and applied innovators."

The latest appointments follow the recruitment of eight new professors, four readers and ten senior lecturers who have joined NBS from across the world over the past year.

All our courses are designed to equip you with enhanced skills and leading edge thinking. Find out more at: www.ntu.ac.uk/nbs/courses

Wikis are a TRUE help

Economics students countrywide will benefit from a project led by Nottingham Business School to share high-quality learning resources.

Fourteen economics teaching and learning websites - or 'wikis' - are to be launched through a collaboration involving 12 UK universities.

Entitled Teaching Resources for Undergraduate Economics (TRUE), the initiative promotes resources relevant to options on years two and three of an Economics degree. The wikis will feature items like handbooks, assessments, handouts, lecture slides, seminar and workshop materials.

Nottingham Business School and the Economics Network secured £218,000 for the year-long project, which ends in April 2010. The grant has been provided under the HEFCE-funded Open Educational Resources project. TRUE resources will be hosted on the Economics Network website - www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk



Trying to get on the property ladder? Keen to sell your home? Need to know more about house prices? A new quarterly guide is now available from Nottingham Trent University to keep people just like you up-to-date with the residential property market.

The online newsletter, HOUSES!, covers vital issues like price analysis, affordability, lending, transaction activity, residential investment, the economy and green issues.

It has been launched by Nottingham Economics - a centre within Nottingham Business School - and the University's School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment.

Subscribe to HOUSES! by emailing propertynewsletter@ntu.ac.uk or see: www.ntu.ac.uk/adbe/news_events/residential_property_advice

Setting the agenda



Thirty years after graduating, outstanding business leader and global communications expert John Farrell is making an invaluable contribution to the strategic direction of Nottingham Business School.

John, until recently the President and CEO of Specialist Agencies and Marketing Services at Publicis Groupe Worldwide, epitomises how our alumni can share their knowledge and experience to help future generations of students.

Not only does he chair the NBS Advisory Board but he also acts as a Visiting Professor of Marketing. Such has been his influence and impact that he now serves on the Board of Governors for Nottingham Trent University too.

"I've always been keen to retain my connection with the University and to offer something back to an institution that was so important in my life," said John (Business Studies 1979). "It played a key role in my own personal and professional development and my time there was very happy."

As Chairman of the Advisory Board, John works closely with the Dean, Professor Baback Yazdani, to set the agenda for the future of NBS,

stimulating debate about everything from curriculum development to reputation management. He feels the Board is fortunate to count excellent, high-profile individuals among its members, some of whom are also alumni.

As a Visiting Professor, he delivers an annual lecture to give undergraduates an insight into the business world and to raise their awareness of marketing, advertising and brand building. Time for questions is always allowed: he is keen to keep up-to-date with how learners are thinking.

Through such activities, John brings to NBS almost 30 years of experience and innovation. He still retains some involvement with Publicis, one of the world's top four communications agency groups, but is now developing a series of non-executive roles and consultancy interests in fields such as PR, digital advertising, online media trading, mobile technology and online music communities.

He concludes: "I am an extremely busy man but I always find time for my work with Nottingham Business School and the University. It's very enjoyable - and it keeps me stimulated in different ways to my day job."

Coinciding with the 30th anniversary celebrations for NBS, John's next lecture on March 16 will address current issues in marketing.



Switched on ideas

Nottingham Business School prides itself on producing graduates with real entrepreneurial spirit - and Peter Robertson is a powerful example, literally!

The dynamic MBA graduate has transformed an idea which he advanced on his course into an energy-saving product which helped him scoop one of the UK's most prestigious business awards.

Peter's company, OneClick Technologies, received the Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation for a simple but effective system which dramatically cuts electricity usage on consumer electronics.

The IntelliPlug is a mains adapter which automatically switches off computer or television equipment when it is not in use - an easy way to reduce wasted energy, cut electricity bills and protect the environment.

Peter commented: "As a small firm, we were absolutely delighted to beat off competition from every part of British industry to win the Queen's Award for Enterprise. It's been one of the highpoints of OneClick's development so far."

He graduated from the full-time MBA, which was then part of the Full-Time Masters Programme (FTMP), in 2002. Lecturer Shishir Malde said: "Peter put forward a commercial plan for the idea as part of his New Business Venture assignment and it was obvious then that he was determined to make it work. It was a real pleasure to have him on the course and we wish him even more success in the future."

Peter is now developing 'smart metering' systems - with a number of patents in that field - to take his award-winning business further.



Making a difference

Caring NBS students really mean business when it comes to creating economic opportunities for others. Nottingham Trent University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team runs sustainable projects which enable them to develop their own entrepreneurial skills while making a valuable contribution to business life in the wider community. The team was originally set up through NBS nearly four years ago and has been nurtured with the support of University and business advisers. SIFE schemes have covered everything from enterprise days for school pupils to developing a Fair Trade co-operative for cotton farmers in Malawi. If you have skills, interests or contacts which could contribute to SIFE's ongoing success - either as a student or an adviser - you can get in touch via the University's enterprise development centre, the Hive. Find out more at: www.ntu.ac.uk/hive or at: www.sifentu.co.uk

Punit prizes his opportunities



Winner of this year's Vice-Chancellor's Award, Punit Modi, is a good example of how studying at Nottingham Business School can broaden your horizons.

The BA (Hons) International Business graduate seized the opportunity to study at Roosevelt University Chicago as part of an exchange programme and he then went on to an internship as a Client Associate with Merrill Lynch Chicago. Earlier this year he was also chosen to attend the 'Education Without Borders' conference held in Dubai. These successes, together with a strong academic performance and his commitment to volunteering, earned Punit the Vice-Chancellor's Award of £500, which he received during this summer's graduation ceremony.

Research rating is on the up

As a graduate of Nottingham Business School, you'll be well aware of the exceptional learning experience it offers. But did you know that it has just been highly rated for the outstanding quality of its research too?

In the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), NBS has reinforced its reputation for projects which advance management knowledge and truly help shape the business world. The results of the 2008 RAE - an in-depth analysis of the quality of research across all universities in the UK - show that 80 % of the research undertaken at NBS was judged to be of an international standard. One third of the projects underway were classed in the top two bands of 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'. This achievement is all the more impressive because NBS made one of the largest RAE submissions of any post-1992 university in the Business and Management category. The performance placed it ahead of many traditional universities and it has since developed its research profile even further. The success story has been underpinned by a substantial investment in applied research over recent years and NBS boasts particular strengths in:

- Applied economics and policy.
- Employment, learning and knowledge management.
- Technology management, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Public service management.
- Consumer services - with a focus on tourism, leisure and retailing.

In addition, NBS now has more than 150 doctoral students working towards PhD and DBA qualifications. An acclaimed research community within a leading full-service international business school offers enormous advantages for students at every level. It means they benefit from the expertise of highly-skilled researchers who constantly develop new knowledge and influence business thinking and practice worldwide.

Research underpins and enriches the teaching on all our postgraduate and advanced professional programmes. To find out more about these courses - and some of the projects which have secured Nottingham Business School such a strong global research profile - see www.ntu.ac.uk/nbs



Accounting for success

Network talks to two Nottingham Business School alumni who have made their mark in the influential world of management accounting.

Alumnus Glynn Lowth has just completed an exciting year as the global President of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). His role could not have come at a more interesting time. CIMA, the leading membership body offering a globally recognised professional management accounting qualification, celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. The presidency was a highlight in Glynn's eminent career, which saw him rise through various commercial and financial management positions with Boots and Knoll Pharmaceuticals Ltd before he retired as a General Manager at BASF IT Services. Here Glynn (HNC Business Studies 1971, CIMA 1977) tells *Network* about his year and how he relishes remaining in touch with Nottingham Business School.

How did you stay involved with CIMA?
After qualifying, I volunteered to support CIMA by talking to students about becoming a member and explaining the work of the management accountant. I joined the local branch committee and went

on to become the local President, and then to serve on the global Council. I became the Institute's 75th President in 2008.

What has your Presidency involved?
I've chaired the global Council and the Executive Committee and have represented CIMA on external boards. I've also been called upon by the media to give my views. As CIMA has over 76,000 members in 165 countries and 91,000 students, the role entails a lot of travel. I visited 14 countries in the first half of this year alone.

What were the main challenges?
There weren't enough hours in the day! As well as chairing committees and representing the Institute, I've been delivering speeches, making presentations and writing articles. However I've enjoyed every second. It's great to put something back into a profession which I've found so interesting and rewarding.

What advice would you give students?
I visited Nottingham Trent University in March to deliver a lecture to final-year

business students and was very impressed with them. I try to encourage students' analytical thinking and to engender their enthusiasm for the world of business and finance. I also urge them to develop their communication skills: knowledge is only useful if you can communicate it effectively! My message is that accountancy isn't just about numbers but about influencing and understanding the business world.

Where do you get your inspiration from?
Enjoying my role spurs me on and gives me the enthusiasm to continue. I keep my eye on other successful individuals too - it is good to learn from them but you must always remember to be your own person.

What are your plans for the future?
I will remain a member of the CIMA Council and will undertake some consultancy work. I'm also looking forward to becoming more involved in my role as a Visiting Fellow at the University. Nottingham Business School has one of the best academic environments I've seen and I can't wait to return to give more lectures to students.

World-class exam mark

High-flying alumnus Mark Johnson was on top of the world after gaining the best mark on a Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) exam paper. The BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance graduate scored 92 per cent, more than any candidate worldwide, for Organisational Management and Information Systems. Mark, now Senior Financial Analyst for European Business Finance at Capital One, graduated in 2006 and studied towards the CIMA qualification via Kaplan Financial.

He commented: "I found my job at Capital One through the Macildowie agency, who sponsored a prize that I won in my final year. My degree also gave me exemptions from seven CIMA exams - and a faster route to the qualification." Mark added: "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Nottingham Business School. There's a good standard of teaching to set you up for a successful career and the extra-curricular activities give you a great social experience as well."



Celebrate a year to remember

Join us for an action-packed year of celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of NBS. From thought-provoking guest lectures and round table debates to a dinner hosted by the Vice-Chancellor especially for our alumni, there's something to inspire, entertain and engage everyone.

Full details of the anniversary year events programme are still being finalised, but here are a few of the highlights so far:

November 19: Inaugural professorial lecture by Professor Malcolm Prowle on the theme of 'Where now for Public Services?'

November 27: Launch of Nottingham Economics, with lunch and a talk by Ian McCafferty, Chief Economic Advisor to the CBI.

February 9: Round Table event on the theme of Lean Management and Theory of Constraints (TOC) Leadership.

February 23: Guest lecture by Charlotte Hogg, MD of Experian.

March: Guest lecture by entrepreneur Doug Richard of *Dragons' Den* fame. (Date to be confirmed).

March 4: Inaugural professorial lecture by Professor Susanne Tietze.

March 16: Guest lecture by John Farrell, Chairman of the Nottingham Business School Advisory Board, on the theme of 'Current Issues in Marketing'.

April 20: Talent Management Round Table on the theme of Women in Business.

April 30: Anniversary celebration dinner for Nottingham Business School alumni, hosted by the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Neil Gorman.

May 18: Guest lecture on the theme of Betting and Gambling.

June 21: Round Table on the theme of Retail Management.

Look out for further details of these events at the Alumni Association website: www.ntualumni.org.uk. If you would like to register your interest for the alumni celebration dinner, please email us at: alumni@ntu.ac.uk

NBS: so much to be proud of

In three decades, Nottingham Business School has become one of the UK's largest and leading full-service business schools.

Always forward-thinking, it has not only redefined the market for undergraduate, postgraduate and corporate education but has also forged strategic alliances internationally and has shown a strong commitment to innovation and research. Business and management courses at what is now Nottingham Trent University date back almost 50 years. However, it was in 1979 that the original 'Trent Business School' was established. Since then, key milestones have included:

- 1981 First professorial appointment
- 1984 First PhD awarded
- 1989 Adoption of a new title: Nottingham Business School
- 1993 First major contract with Bass plc
- 1996 Bass Management Centre established
- 1997 Corporate Business Unit launched

- 2000 Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Centre of Excellence status achieved
- 2001 First DBA awarded
- 2002 NBS granted membership of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD)
- 2004 The University's Department of Economics joined NBS
- 2004 Recognition from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for NBS PhD programmes
- 2005 New leadership programmes launched with Barclays
- 2006 CIPD Centre for Research Excellence status awarded
- 2007 Membership of the CBI
- 2009 Membership of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- 2009 The move to the Newton Building.

In from the start



One person who has witnessed the development of Nottingham Business School from the very outset is Principal Lecturer Barbara Sargent, who just happens to be an alumna too!

Barbara graduated in Economics and still has warm memories of her student days. "Many of our lectures were based in the Arkwright building then as well as York House," she says. "In fact, I met my husband in the York House coffee bar!"

She is fascinated to see how Newton has been transformed. She recalls completing her revision for her first year exams on the ninth floor - close to where her new office will be following the NBS relocation.

Barbara originally joined the staff team on September 4 1979, as the first female lecturer in Accountancy and Finance. She is, however, probably best known to many alumni as the driving force behind the innovative BA (Hons) Business Management (In-Company), which celebrated its own tenth anniversary last October.

During her time with NBS, Barbara has seen it grow dramatically. Back in the 1980s, there were about 180 graduates each year: now that figure has risen to around 600.

She concludes: "The real highlight has been seeing our graduates go on to such impressive achievements in the business world. I'm proud to remain in contact with so many of our alumni and to hear what they're doing now."



Business students from the 70s - photo courtesy of Bryan King (Business Studies 1972)

Happy return from St Lucia



As thoughts turn to the 30th anniversary, one Nottingham Business School alumnus has already taken an extra-long trip down memory lane to visit his old haunts.



Coming all the way from his home in St Lucia, Malcolm Charles OBE JP enjoyed a tour of the campus where he took his Management Studies course three decades ago.

“I can honestly say that Nottingham Business School changed the professional direction of my life,” said Malcolm as he retraced his steps around buildings such as Chaucer and Sandby Hall of Residence. “I have fond memories of my time here and

still feel a great loyalty to the University.”

Malcolm embarked on his studies in 1979 and qualified a year later. Since then, he has enjoyed a distinguished and eminent career, making a major contribution to business and community life in St Lucia and the wider Eastern Caribbean.

For many years he acted as Corporate Secretary and Director for Geest plc in the region and in 2002 he received the OBE for Services to Business in the Caribbean.

Malcolm is pictured above as he was taken on a special tour of the Newton/Arkwright transformation project.

During his visit, he made a generous donation to the Chancellor’s Appeal, which this year is supporting this ambitious development, set to provide Nottingham Business School’s new home.

He said: “I’m delighted to help the University continue to provide outstanding facilities for its students.”

China links go further

Nottingham Business School has extended its partnerships in China, paving the way for exciting new collaborations in learning, teaching and research.

- The latest agreements reinforce the School’s growing profile in China, based on strategic alliances with high-standing academic, public and corporate partners. The success stories include:
- The launch of a joint Human Resource Management and Entrepreneurship research centre with one of China’s top five universities. The link with Zhejiang University will foster opportunities for staff exchanges, joint research projects, collaborative funding bids and the publication of academic papers.
 - A new alliance with Renmin University of China which will see the development of a collaborative Masters of Public Administration (MPA) programme.
 - The impressive achievements of NBS’s renowned MPA programme for senior officials from Chinese local government. The fifth cohort, this year from Hangzhou, is currently studying in

- Nottingham for ten months.
- Student exchange agreements with Antai College of Business and Economics at the prestigious Shanghai Jiaotong University.

For more information about NBS’s burgeoning international activities - which encompass more than 600 companies and 50 academic institutions across 40 different countries - see: www.ntu.ac.uk/nbs/international_activities



Zhejiang University



Learning Mandarin

Four globe-trotting students from Nottingham Business School headed to Beijing to learn Mandarin this summer, having received special scholarships.

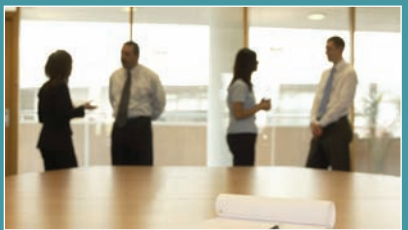
The Vice-Chancellor’s Mandarin Scholarships programme enabled them to attend the Beijing Language and Culture University for four weeks.

Kaloyan Dimitrov (International Business Administration); Keiran Nellist (Economics); and Annabel Donovan and Matthew Jones (International Business) were selected after submitting entries based on the theme: *How the opportunity to study Mandarin in Beijing will help to develop my interest in China.*

Our NTU Alumni China ambassador Du Ning (pictured bottom left) was delighted to welcome the scholarship winners, who numbered ten from across Nottingham Trent University. He said: “Me and a couple of my alumni friends had fun showing the group around the campus and taking them to a Chinese restaurant. We all had a great time.”



Centre for Business Performance and Lean Leadership - delivering innovative and focused business improvement across an increasingly wide range of industry sectors.



International Centre for Public Services Management - working with leading corporate and academic partners to facilitate the development of individuals and organisations in the public services.

Centres of attention

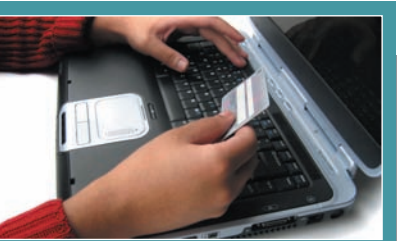
Harnessing the wealth of expertise on offer from Nottingham Business School, an exciting range of specialist centres has been established.

These dedicated teams provide vital educational services, consultancy and research to support the business development needs of NBS clients and partners.

Find out more about how our specialist centres could assist you and your organisation by taking a closer look at: www.ntu.ac.uk/nbs/business/specialist_centres



Political Forecasting Unit - employing state-of-the-art techniques in the investigation and analysis of all areas relating to election and political forecasting.



International Fraud Prevention Research Centre - devoted to projects relating to the investigation, prevention, detection and regulation of financial fraud in the international arena.



Betting Research Unit - investigating and analysing betting and gaming markets and issues. The team undertakes contracts and reports, media commentary and pioneering research.



International Centre for Talent Management and Development - undertaking cutting-edge applied research focusing on HR solutions and innovations.



Nottingham Economics - offering evaluations, targeted research and bespoke courses covering the local, regional or national economic environment.

A view to the future

Ideally placed for success

If you undertook a placement as part of your degree, you'll know just how valuable such work experience can be in building professional skills and confidence. Some of you may now be in a position to offer similar opportunities within your own company to high-calibre students - if so, we'd love to hear from you.

We are constantly on the look-out for stimulating and rewarding placement opportunities for our students, not just in the East Midlands but world-wide. While typical placements last a year, there is also a growing need for short-term opportunities - for instance two-week placements for our marketing, design and communication students or three-month placements in the financial sector for postgraduate students.

Some short-term placements operate as consultancy projects, so they could help you to develop new business ideas, research niche markets, solve technical problems, improve profitability and advance projects otherwise sidelined due to lack of time.

To find out more, contact our dedicated Placement and Employment Service on +44 (0)115 848 6492 or email: blsplacement@ntu.ac.uk

Mentoring with meaning

Could you devote some time to sharing your professional experience and expertise with students via email? A group of generous alumni volunteers have been doing just that - thanks to our inspirational online careers mentoring programme.

This service enables alumni to provide current students with one-to-one advice on careers. Mentoring volunteer and alumna Lisa Gibson (Strategic Human Resource Management 2001) - Head of HR for the BMJ Publishing Group - said: "Support from an excellent person was important in my own career. I wanted to be part of the mentoring programme so that I could offer this sort of support back to somebody else."

For details, email: alumni@ntu.ac.uk

The perfect introduction

Remember the nerves and excitement you felt on your first visit to University? Did it help you to talk to others who knew what higher education was like?

Why not share your own experiences of NBS with our new students? There will be the perfect opportunity in January when we'll be staging a major induction event for our latest cohort. We would welcome alumni volunteers who can assist by giving talks or advice.

Alternatively, we're keen to recruit more volunteers to help at our open days for prospective students and their families. For details, email: alumni@ntu.ac.uk

Your support counts

The Alumni Fund makes a real difference to the student experience. Your gifts help improve resources and facilities right across Nottingham Trent University.

This year, for instance, NBS has been awarded just over £1,600 from the Alumni Fund to buy four digital camcorders to support various HRM programmes. James Leinster, Lecturer in Human Resource Management, said: "The use of technology plays an important part in the students' learning experience. Having the chance to review and discuss their performance adds a new dimension to their studies."

To learn more about the Alumni Fund, visit: www.ntualumni.org.uk

Tell us your memories

Join your fellow alumni in telling us your memories of Newton and Arkwright. We hope to bring together stories and photographs from all graduation years for a special article or event to celebrate the completion of the transformation project.

One alumnus has already testified how NBS will command some of the city's best panoramas from its lofty new location - as pictured left.

Jason Hower (Business Studies 2006) said: "One of my favourite memories comes from the summer exam period of my second year when I would frequently head into Newton, take the lift to the top floor and help myself to an empty room to study. "I remember vividly the large floor-to-ceiling length windows that would provide unrivalled views of the city. It was calm and surprisingly quiet up there, and the views offered some welcome relief from studying!"

Share your memories with us at: alumni@ntu.ac.uk



Keep in touch

Have you joined our online community? Since its launch last year, it's really 'clicked' with former students who want to access a range of benefits and services.

New members can register at www.ntualumni.org.uk - just select 'Log in/Register', click on the link to 'Register as a new user' and complete the form.

The online community provides a wealth of opportunities for you to rekindle your memories and renew your links with the University and Nottingham Business School.

For example, check out the 'Trent Poly years' photographs in our nostalgia photo gallery. With the 30-year anniversary coming up, we'd love to add

more from NBS graduates, so do send us your photos: we promise to return your originals!

You can also search for your 'old' friends online. If we are in touch with them, we'd be happy to help you re-establish contact.

You may even be able to help us find some of our 'missing' alumni and ensure they keep up-to-date with all the latest NBS news too. If you think you can assist our search, call +44 (0)115 848 8777 or email: alumni@ntu.ac.uk

Benefits for you

As a valued member of Nottingham Trent University's 90,000-strong alumni community, don't forget to check out the exciting range of exclusive benefits on offer to you.

They include discounts on everything from great days out to online legal services, weekend hotel deals to flowers and chocolates.

Among latest additions to the ever-expanding list are:

- Special discounts at leading tourist attractions throughout the UK - ranging from Alton Towers to Madame Tussauds.
- Discounted membership of The

Gourmet Society, the fastest growing restaurant scheme in the UK.

- Savings on hotel stays and holiday cottages across Europe.

Meanwhile, discounts on some of Nottinghamshire's favourite attractions can be obtained by presenting your venture card. These cards are available to alumni on request - just email us at: alumni@ntu.ac.uk

And, for a full run-down of the many enticing benefits and services you can enjoy, including those on offer through your venture card, just visit: www.ntualumni.org.uk

Going global

Nottingham Business School has launched its first international alumni group by forging links with graduates in Greece.

In June, Professor Rebecca Taylor and Angela Scott of NBS visited the Athens Graduate School of Management (AGSM) to meet recent graduates during their awards ceremony. AGSM acts as a collaborative centre providing a range of programmes, four of which are certificated by Nottingham Trent University.

There was a positive response to a presentation about alumni networking, with one enthusiastic volunteer, Moschoula Besta, being selected as the ambassador for our new group, NTU Alumni Greece.

Moschoula will work with NBS and the University's Alumni Relations team to support student recruitment and alumni reunions. She is also looking forward to keeping us up-to-date with alumni activities in Greece and the ongoing successes of our graduates there.



Above: Scenes from the awards ceremony, where our Vice-Chancellor Professor Neil Gorman presented an honorary degree to the Deputy Minister for the Interior, Konstantinos P. Gioulekas.

If you are interested in joining this group, or volunteering to help set up something similar in your own country of residence, please get in touch. Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@ntu.ac.uk or on +44 (0)115 848 8777. To see a list of our current overseas groups, visit www.ntualumni.org.uk and click on 'International Alumni'.

Did you enjoy your time studying at Nottingham Business School? If so, you may want to lend your support and advice to the students following in your footsteps.