



# **Organisational Learning Centre**

*HE College of Excellence*



# **YEARBOOK 2023**

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## Managing Director And Dean's Comments



**DrChrisBamber**



As the pages of this yearbook unfold, our collegiate may find themselves reflecting on a journey of inspiring learning, marking a triumphant chapter in the story of OLC's academic endeavours. The echoes of a successful year reverberate through the halls of our college, resonating with the laughter of newfound knowledge and the camaraderie of achievement of both learners and teachers. ...

... A pivotal moment emerged with the introduction of innovative programmes of study with our partner colleges NCG (degree pathways) and TCG (teacher training), breathing life into classrooms and enriching the academic landscape. These initiatives not only broadened intellectual horizons but also fostered an environment where curiosity thrived and ideas blossomed, the year 2023 proved to be a creative year, a year celebrating our 25th Anniversary Conference and a year of successful academic publications authored by our academics.

At the helm of this transformative period, Sally Dixon our new Principal took the reins, steering the collegiate ship of education with vision and purpose. The senior leadership team of Sarah Moraes, Julie Semmens and Yunus Motara headed by Sally and supported by Ronnie Todd, became the guiding force, charting a course toward excellence and inspiring both students and faculty alike.

Yet, behind every successful academic year lies the heartbeat of any collegiate institution—the dedicated and passionate staff. Our exceptional educators, mentors, and support teams worked tirelessly to create an atmosphere where students could flourish, pushing boundaries and achieving milestones.

As we turn the pages of this yearbook, let us celebrate the collective journey, the triumphs big and small, and the unwavering spirit of a community dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. Here's to a further year of growth, discovery, and the promise of even brighter tomorrows.



## Principal's Comments



**Sally Dixon**



After 20 years in education, I joined OLC in April 2023 as the new Principal and I have spent a large part of the year getting to meet staff, students, and partners as well as learning about all the exciting things that are happening at the College. What inspired me to join OLC was the ethos to support adults to return to higher education, grow as individuals and have a positive impact on their communities. I have been able to see this ethos in so many of our staff, students, and graduates during 2023. ...

... I have seen our students demonstrate resilience, passion, and a commitment to excellence that has made our college truly special. The pages of this yearbook are a testament to the countless hours of hard work, dedication, and creativity that our students, partners, and staff have poured into making this year memorable.

There are so many highlights from my first year including the graduation ceremony where I was able to see the passion that our graduates had for their studies. I hope that as our graduates turn the pages of this yearbook, they find a reflection of the incredible journey they embarked upon at OLC. I know that they carry with them the knowledge, experiences, and friendships that will shape the next chapter of their lives.

This yearbook is not just a compilation of events; it is a mosaic of the stories that make our college special. From the quiet triumphs to the resounding successes, from the everyday adventures to the extraordinary milestones—we have captured them all.

As I reflect on the culmination of this academic year, I hope that we all can carry the spirit of unity, resilience, and camaraderie beyond these pages. May this yearbook serve as a timeless reminder of the strength of the bonds at OLC and the endless possibilities that lie ahead.



# The Tassel Was Worth the Hassle!

“ Empowering Minds, Enabling Futures ”



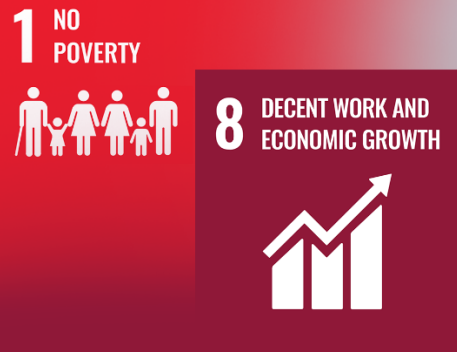
# OLC Impact On Society

**Sustainability** is at the cornerstone of the OLC Strategic Intent. Building on an established track record of research, innovation, education, and social impact through collaborative ventures such as student placement in charities, health promotions and publishing best practice journal articles, the OLC Strategy sets out how we will embed and make visible the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across all our activities.

OLC impacting economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection through application of the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**

## Destinations

As the caps are thrown into the air and the final chapter of college life closes, graduates stand at the crossroads of numerous opportunities. At OLC many graduates choose to dive straight into the professional world whilst for others a thirst for knowledge leads some graduates to pursue further education. All progress to have a positive impact on themselves and their communities.



## Transforming Gender Equality in Higher Education

The College policies currently promote equality and diversity amongst its staff, employees, and contractors, but also provide opportunities for all adults from any background and gender. A new partnership between OLC and Bolton Community Hub, working together, will provide people living in Bolton, with few or no qualifications, the opportunity to secure an administrative role or acceptance on HE courses in the College. Once employed or enrolled, academic mentors will engage with participants regularly during education and training to offer ongoing support, advice, and guidance to help them settle into their new venture.



# Promoting Research Outputs Through Partnerships

OLC student researchers and OLC academics joined an international team of experts from across five continents to present at the December 2023, 25th Anniversary, HE Governance and Risk Conference: Including topics such as Citizen Health, Learner Wellbeing, Trauma Based Teaching Methods, Use of AI in HE, and Climate Resilience. Led by OLC, Researchers from five continents (Europe, America, Africa, Australasia, and Asia) are sharing their learning from published research and good practice developed within research academies. Ongoing collaborations continue to produce outstanding and pioneering research outputs, publications while introducing new and innovative teaching practices.



# Improving OLC Facility Energy Use

Improvement projects costing circa £1.2M across Bolton, Manchester, Oldham and London College Campuses are returning significant reductions in heating and lighting energy consumption, while the completely new re-wire and upgrade of Bolton Campus is starting to show a return on investment, and lighting and facility design improvements have contributed to delivering conducive learning environments. OLC is committed to further investments in clean energy alternatives.



# Cost of Living and Student Supporting Packages

A support package is created for students and staff facing the current cost of living crisis, OLC utilised this over 2022 and 2023 supporting hundreds of OLC students. It included the focus of our welfare staff ensuring students have access to Partner College support funds, local charity and community centre access to resources, food banks and clothing. Our highly trained and knowledgeable staff have facilitated and provided referrals to councils and local partners across the country in delivering services and support for student residents impacted by the rising cost of living. We have provided access to legal advice and supported many students through trauma and physical and mental health support.



# Partnerships Change The World We Live In

Working in partnerships has always been part of OLC's Strategic Intent, since 1998 one such partnership that still exists is with the Groundwork Trust Charity where we collaborate to create a greener, fairer & stronger future for all people, communities and places in Greater Manchester and London Boroughs. Over the years as a Groundwork member company, we have worked on environmental land and water projects, supported industry with their ISO 14001 environmental and infrastructure managements systems, presented at groundwork seminars and workshops, joined in groundwork green initiatives and we continue to back their ongoing efforts supporting volunteers and employment opportunities across their many charity programmes.



## The OLC Values – Encouraging A Growth Mindset

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### **Growth in Enjoyment in Work**

We value working smart and achieving the best we can as individuals, in teams and working in Quality Improvement Projects (QIPS).

2

### **Growth in Knowledge**

We strive for organisational excellence which shall be achieved through continuing professional development and changes in habit.

3

### **Build Partnerships**

We build partnerships that provide mutual benefits, resilience, business continuity and increases professionalism.

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### **Growth in Capital**

We want to grow our human, financial, intellectual and brand capital, in support of our growth mission.

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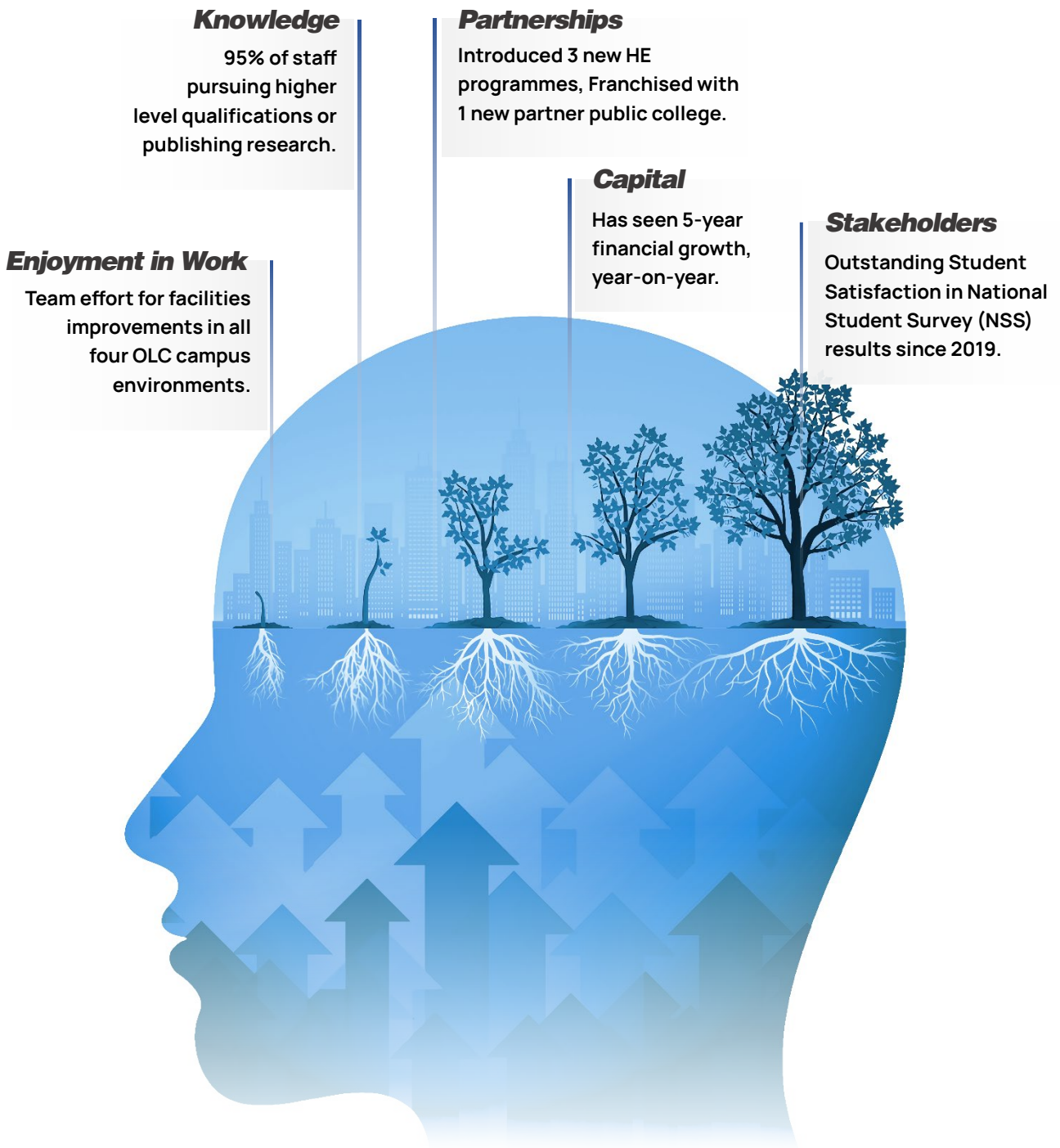
### **Increasing Stakeholder Satisfaction**

OLC recognise its many stakeholders and their impacts on our survival. We also recognise that our learners are our most important asset.





# The growth values have driven improvements in 2023



## OLC as an Influencer

In OLC's collegiate journey, the institution has proven to be more than a citadel of education – it is a societal influencer, shaping not only academic acumen but also contributing significantly to community and cultural development. With our graduates setting up their own businesses, contributing positively to society and reaching topflight positions in businesses.

This educational haven is not just a breeding ground for individual growth; it's a catalyst for community building. The faculty, serving as mentors, guide students through not only academic challenges but also instil values crucial for societal contribution.

Beyond academic prowess, the institution actively nurtures diversity. OLC's experience is a testament to a community where cultural exchanges are not just encouraged but celebrated, showcased in annual festivities that unify the diverse student body.

In the corporate realm of education, the institution stands as a societal influencer, producing graduates not only well-versed in their fields but also equipped with a sense of responsibility toward society. The impact transcends the campus walls, creating professionals with the resilience and adaptability needed to address societal challenges. As OLC concludes this chapter, gratitude extends not just for personal growth but for the institution's societal imprint. It is more than a seat of learning; it is a dynamic force shaping the next generation of individuals who will, in turn, influence and contribute to society.

**87% of Learners** gained graduate level employment and/or entered higher education. Six months after leaving – from OLC KPI dashboard November 2023; 182 graduates out of 210 graduates.

**98% Retention** of Learners on the 4-year degree pathway as number of students enrolled compared to current number of students per cohort – from OLC KPI dashboard November 2023; 381 graduates out of 389 graduates.

**Global Reach: 5 Continents** represented at the OLC 2023 conference.

**Over 80%** of OLC students are from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups (BAME) and Eastern European Communities

## OLC Heads Of School



**Enock Tsapayi** - (School of Health,  
Social Care & Wellbeing)



To all graduating students, I want to pass on a heartfelt congratulations. All your hard work and dedication is worth it in the end. Graduation marks the end of one and the start of another era in your study and career lives.

The whole team and I at OLC are always proud of our students and the impact they have made on their communities by achieving their qualifications. May you continue to break barriers and ensure you find your place in the several opportunities you are working on creating for yourselves. I wish you all the best and happy graduation!



**Nichola Kenny** - (School of Business  
& Computing)



This past year has been a rollercoaster of highs and lows in students' journeys, from academic achievements to facing unforeseen challenges, each experience has been a valuable lesson. The highs brought a sense of accomplishment and motivation, fostering a positive learning environment. On the flip side, the lows challenged resilience and problem-solving skills, emphasizing the importance of adaptability. Reflecting on the year, it's evident that both triumphs and setbacks contribute significantly to personal and academic growth to students and colleagues alike. ...

... Embracing the diverse facets of the student journey, this year has been a testament to the resilience and determination that shape individual learning paths, I personally would like to dedicate 2023 to Carole Kenny my mum, my hero, who at the age of 62 achieved her dream of completing her HND with the help and support of OLC, and was fortunate enough to take part in her graduation ceremony before passing after a short battle with cancer on the 15.12.2023.



## OLC Programme Managers



**Rafeya Mubeen**

HNC/D Business Programme Manager

*"If I were to encompass OLC's vision and practice, I'd say that at OLC, every student counts, and so does their educational journey."*



**Mohammad Rahman**

HNC/D Computing Programme Manager

*"The management profession is a learning journey built upon experience and drive that will allow you the opportunity to grow."*



**Liam Pepperell**

Foundation Year Healthcare Programme Manager

*"Our dedicated team is committed to guiding you through your first year at OLC. Embrace the challenges, as they are stepping stones to growth."*



**Olu Akingbehin**

Top-Up Business Programme Manager

*"Congratulations to the graduating students for this lifetime achievement. At OLC we are committed to making positive impact on the society through people."*



**Dr. Shajib Ullah**

Foundation Year Business Programme Manager

*"At OLC, we understand the challenge of adult learning, but we embrace the belief that within every difficulty lies an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive."*



**Sherryl Kikigue**

CertHE Business Programme Manager

*"Congratulations to all those who graduated at OLC, we are committed to providing our students with world class support."*



**Waseema Salehuddin**

HNC/D Healthcare Programme Manager

*"If you are ready for growth, I believe OLC are ready to support your learning."*



**Habibur Rahman Chowdhury**

I would like to start by stating that my experience in OLC remained outstanding. I am extremely happy with my decision that I have selected OLC as my preferred destination of study and it has actually delivered according to my expectations.

The course that I studied, the knowledge that I gained and the experience that I have acquired during my journey at OLC has enabled me to enhance my professional, communication, and critical thinking and leadership skills.

I believe that my journey at OLC has provided me with more applied experience for my professional career and now I am more confident to achieve my future career goals.”



**Muminah Ali**

In 2021, I enrolled at OLC to study business management. Going back to studying after a long break made me a little anxious, but once the course began, I felt comfortable.

I was so inspired and motivated by the staff and tutors that I didn't even know how quickly the years went by. I began my business management top-up in September 2023, and I'm currently working on it.

Having a family, I've had to develop time management skills to balance my education and spending time with my kids. I am grateful to my amazing tutors for helping me along this journey. My long-term goals are to complete my master's degree and, ideally, a PhD.”



## HND Healthcare Professions' Support For England



**Max Kingsley**

I enrolled into this course at OLC in order to improve my educational capacity and use it to benefit the society in which I live. At the beginning of the course, it was not easy because I was meeting with new people, and to combine my studies with work and family responsibilities and extreme personal challenges. In good time, I adapted to the academic environment and got amazing support from tutors.

In all, I am grateful for the academic excellence that I have received, and I look forward to learning more.”



**Felicia Ogunbanjo**

I am a hardworking student who wants to work in health and social care. My learning experience at OLC Manchester has changed me and taught me a lot. At first, I didn't know much about the complexities of this field, but OLC has helped me learn more and gain more experience. I learned a lot about different healthcare systems, social factors of health, and why patient-centred care is important during my study. The Manchester campus makes me feel like I'm at home; the teachers are friendly and helpful, and the school setting is good for learning.

To sum up, my path of learning in health and social care has given me the information, skills, and drive I need to make a real difference in the field.



## NCG Top-Up Degree BA(Hons) Business Management



**Nilogini Rajikanthan**

I completed my Top up degree in June 2023. I enjoyed my time at OLC Europe and have gained many valuable experiences. Our Tutors were all very supportive and helped us to achieve our goals. I am very proud of my achievement. I would like to thank all OLC staff and especially Nichola Kenny for supporting me through this journey.



## NCG Foundation Year - BA(Hons) Integrated Health, Social Care & Wellbeing



**Jenna Baggaley**

On starting my journey at OLC studying health and social care I felt nervous about returning to education. I was unsure if I'd be able to complete the work provided along with not knowing anyone else here at the campus. The tutors are very helpful, informative, encouraging and help with any struggles along the way. I have also found the students here are very supportive and encouraging. Now, I am pleased to say, it's the best decision I've made. I am really enjoying the course and enjoying learning about the sector I want to work in, gaining knowledge and learning skills required for my future career.



## NCG Top-Up Degree BA (Hons) Integrated Health, Social Care & Wellbeing



**Safia Najib**

Applying at OLC could not have been any easier, the staff were really helpful and supportive in applying for student finance and went above and beyond in implementing support. Since being at OLC I have learned many new materials, completed assignments, and become a better professional in my career. Studying at OLC has given me good self-belief to start a career in doing what I really enjoy, which will be working in the healthcare sector. I plan to complete the last of my assignments, and hopefully go on to continue my education by going onto the Top-Up Degree. Granted, it's not all been plain sailing, but I have stuck it out, because one thing I am not is a quitter.



**Gemness Eduan**

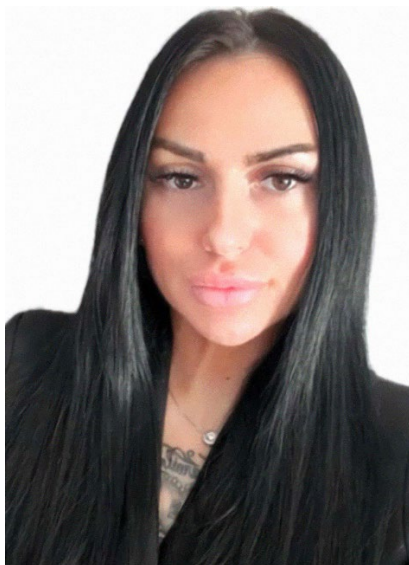
Right from the age of seven years, my goal was to become a doctor. I lost my bearings due to some significant life events and my hope for education became very slim. As God may have it, a good friend of mine introduced me to OLC, of which he himself was a student too. First, I thought it was a joke due to my age, but OLC and the amazing tutors there brought back meanings to my life again. I started in HNC to HND and now I am doing my Top-up degree course (BA Hons) in Integrated Health, Social Care and Wellbeing.

My tutors there in OLC are excellent and very helpful. They make education easier for everyone. I could recommend a thousand people to OLC.





## NCG Foundation Year – BA (Hons) Business Management



**Valentina Nicolescu**

Commencing my academic pursuits in Business Management with Foundation Year at OLC has been an unforgettable experience. With a desire to enhance my understanding of management while working as a nail technician, each phase of this academic effort has proven to be challenging and enjoyable, and I've been able to focus my attention on my studies thanks to the support of my tutors. I firmly believe that knowledge is the key to everything, and it's this belief that I enthusiastically share with fellow students. As I navigate through my studies, I'm not just confident but genuinely excited for the upcoming challenges. My journey at OLC has been a mixture of learning, growth, and gratitude, and I can't wait to see where this exciting path leads next.



**Sadiyya Ali**

My academic journey at OLC has proven to be a decision filled with gratitude and fulfilment. The choice of OLC for pursuing my BA (Hons) in Business Management with Foundation Year has been incredibly rewarding. The tutors are patient and knowledgeable, and they've been instrumental in making my learning experience both enriching and enjoyable. The curriculum has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the business sector, touching upon key facets such as marketing and leadership. In this short time, I've absorbed a wealth of knowledge, and the immersive learning environment has truly exceeded my expectations. Reflecting on my positive experience, I wholeheartedly recommend OLC to those seeking a quality education and a nurturing academic atmosphere.



**Wasika Tasnim**

I am currently enrolled in the BA (Hons) Business Management with Foundation Year programme at OLC in partnership with NCG. Returning to student life brought genuine challenges, and the support and motivation of my dedicated teacher and the valuable assistance offered by OLC, particularly in finishing assignments, has given me a lot of confidence. The prospect of approaching graduation fills me with excitement, and I am eager to continue this transformative journey towards academic success. Beyond academics, the multicultural events organized by OLC add a vibrant dimension to my student life. Engaging with classmates in these events serves as a motivation, making my academic journey even more enjoyable.



## HNC/D Computing For England



**Jabran Ahmed**

One of the best parts of studying at OLC College Europe in Computing (Network Engineering) was that the course is designed based on recent trends. After the first year of my study here, I can now confidently say that the accolade is truly deserved. The relationship between tutors and students is very cordial, which gave me an opportunity to excel and complete my first year HNC programme.

As a whole, I am grateful for choosing OLC as my place of study and would recommend others to experience the same.



**Zakia Ashraf**

I can positively say that OLC College has made me a better person. It has helped me to develop a positive attitude towards my studies and discover more about myself. It has good facilities within the campus such as a computing lab and well stocked library. I am very grateful to be a part of this college. Lastly, I just want to say that potentials are exploited, skills are expounded, and confidence is built.



## Level 5 Diploma In Education & Training



### Rafeed Hassan

I started my journey at OLC as a member of the Student Services & Administration team. Upon learning that I already had a BSc (Hons) in Economics & Business Nichola Kenny, Head of Higher Education at the time encouraged me to go into teaching and join the Business team. After some deliberation I decided to go ahead with the Level 5 Diploma in Education, and I have to say it has been a really positive experience. ...

... OLC have supported me every step of the way, my tutors as well as my colleagues were extremely forthcoming with their support. I was able to complete the course at my own pace and found it beneficial to apply my knowledge in the classroom as I completed my hours. Initially I started by shadowing a senior tutor with their units but soon was responsible for my own units and cohorts.

Nichola was very supportive and helped me discover my own teaching style. I was never pressured to take on more responsibilities but as I grew into my new role as tutor, I naturally took on responsibilities like preparing and marking the units I was teaching. At every stage there was additional training and support making the transition from an administrative role to teaching extremely smooth and enjoyable.

Teaching was not something I considered as a career option, however OLC helped me discover my potential to become a tutor. I would highly recommend the course to anyone who is thinking about teaching.



## Level 7 Strategic Management & Leadership

*“Enid Blyton had the famous five, OLC have the Super Six Scholars!”*

The Famous Five is a children’s novel series of books by Enid Blyton, but OLC have the Super Six Scholars! It is Julie Semmens, Kirsty Haslam, Greg Paton, Liam Pepperell, Jaya Vishram and Mohammad Rahman that have become the Super Six Scholars, they have already successfully completed and graduated with a Level 7 certificate in Strategic Management and Leadership Qualification and have enrolled to work on the diploma. As this is a professional practitioner qualification, they have already demonstrated a deep understanding of the applications of strategic management and leadership applied to their workplace. The Famous Five group stumbles upon secret passages, uncovers hidden treasures, and foils the plans of villains. The series is known for its themes of friendship, adventure, and their resourcefulness in solving problems. The OLC Super Six Scholars are now on their adventures of discovery, uncovering management tools and techniques for strategic problem solving, learning the power of teamwork, leadership, and endurance.

*Good luck and keep strategizing!*

**“With a Level 7 in Strategic Management and Leadership, you are destined to become a Senior Leader and a successful Executive! “**

**– Dr Chris Bamber,  
Course Programme  
Manager**



### Jaya Vishram

I have successfully completed the Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership Certificate. It is a very rewarding course that has helped me in my journey as I am now able to apply theory to strategies for leadership in teaching and learning. I am looking forward to enrolling on the Diploma and learning more about strategic change management and more leadership techniques.



## Collaboration With The Armed Services

We are proud to work very closely with BFRS, a Community Interest Company (CIC), a Social Enterprise that was created to work in support of the Armed Forces Community (AFC). We support them across the UK at education and career events where we help to offer career advice and identify education pathways for the AFC. Throughout the 2023 season we have attended six events at the major military towns of Catterick, Aldershot, Colchester, and Tidworth. In a ten-month period, we have provided advice and supported over 250 armed forces personnel and their families on their resettlement journeys, advising on career prospects, re-skilling, training and education options.

Our most popular courses for UK veterans are the postgraduate Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership programme and the Diploma in Education and Training Level 5 course. The MOD's Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) Scheme promotes lifelong learning amongst members of the Armed Forces, providing financial support in each of a maximum of three separate financial years. With the Organisational Learning Centre, the scheme enables higher level learning of nationally recognised Higher Education qualifications.



Supporting Armed Forces Personnel on their resettlement journeys, career prospects, re-skilling, training, and education options.

The postgraduate Level 7 Strategic Management and Leadership and the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training are the most popular courses with the Armed Forces Personnel.



## OLC Supports Charities

# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

In September 2023 Students and Staff of OLC took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning to increase awareness of those living with Cancer and raise some much-needed funds to a worthwhile cause. The event took place on 25th, 27th and 29th September 2023 at Manchester, Oldham, and Bolton campus respectively. The event was attended by more than 70 students and managed to raise £135, all of which was donated to the charity.



All three campuses were decorated with varied materials to raise awareness about cancer. Students and tutors purchased cakes and drinks for a small donation. They passionately took part in different activities like the Teacup Toss, which was a roaring success with many students taking part and competing against one another. Students also enjoyed other small quizzes. Mirza Hussain of Oldham, Cicilia of Manchester and Alexandra Andreea of Bolton campus won the Teacup Toss game and were awarded with a certificate and a prize. Macmillan is one of the world's largest cancer support charities and OLC are extremely thankful to both Macmillan and all staff and students who helped to make this event possible.

## Consultancy, World Class Research & Post-Doctoral Studies

An incredible year for OLC culminated on December 6th, 2023, with the OLC 25th Anniversary Higher Education Conference. This was attended by academics, researchers, and students from around the world; with keynote speakers from Bahrain, USA, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Jordan, Nigeria, Libya, Sri Lanka, UK, Morocco, Albania, Australia and eagerly supported by the Management Dynamics in the Knowledge Economy Journal, edited in Romania. The conference was held at the new OLC Oldham campus, in the Chambers Business Centre and this proved to be a great venue for academic discourse and networking. The conference theme was Risk Management and Governance in Higher Education, and the scene was set when Colette Mazzola-Randles presented the opening keynote speech looking into the risk of AI in academic settings, four streams were represented and presentations included full papers, executive summary papers and research posters. This OLC conference and the OLC academic research and years of quality publications that are highly valued across the HE sectors truly place OLC College above other Independent, non-governmental Education Providers Institutions.

Testament to the success of OLC in nurturing and developing great researchers are OLC academics Mat, Enock and Waseema who are all in the second year of their PhD journey with the University of Lancaster and all presented papers at the OLC conference. Not only that, but Enock worked with Abneer Samuel (one of

Dr Chris's current PhD students) to jointly publish in a peer reviewed journal an article related to higher education. Congratulations must sincerely go to Dr Shajib Ullah, now working at OLC as Programme Manager for NCG, who graduated with his PhD from the University of Bolton this year (now an ex-PhD student of Dr Chris). We must not forget Nishighanda Shinde in the writing up stage of her PhD also published this year, jointly authoring two research articles, this year, with Dr Chris in a peer reviewed journal.

### Congratulations to the OLC Senior Academics:

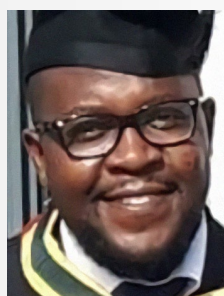
Dr Shajib Ullah



Nishigandha Shinde



Enock Tsapayi



Mathew Cox



Waseema Salehuddin



Abneer Samuel



## Student Enrichment Activities

At OLC we pride ourselves on delivering necessary information to our students, driving a new standard of excellence, and opening doors and opportunities for them, including future career paths and academic projections. In May 2023 OLC organised the careers event at our Northwest campuses. The overall experience was a huge success with over 80 students attending. Over 60 students attended the Social Enterprise Experience with Dr Allan. Students were also helped and supported with completing their CVs.

A number of care providers and voluntary agencies that have attended, offered valuable information and career opportunities. This included NHS providers and volunteers, looked after children and young people services, Outreach Community, and residential services: Jigsaw.



## Cultural Event



This event was held in October, students and staff took part in quizzes and prizes were given for the best cultural costumes. Artifacts and displays were on hand to help educate everyone on places, traditions, and food from all over the world from where our students come.



## Student Enrichment Activities - Eid Mubarak

Our Eid parties were enjoyed at all 3 North West Campuses in April, where students were able to join together to celebrate and have traditional food and traditional music, some of the staff and students being able to show off their musical talents!



## Graduation Ceremony 2023

### Degrees of Victory - Inspiring Success Stories Light Up Graduation Day!

The graduation ceremony was a significant milestone in our students' educational journey and marks the culmination of many years of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. Staff, students, family, and friends were given the opportunity to congratulate our new graduates and celebrate together their achievements.



*"Thank you so much for everything at the graduation, it went brilliantly, OLC put so much effort in and it was fabulous."*

**- Safia Najib, HND Healthcare Practice for England graduate.**



*"I have enjoyed my time supporting students in the Student Services Department and made it clear that my passion is to assist students and ultimately go into teaching. I was able to apply my knowledge and skills gained from my studies to teach students, which I am enjoying immensely. "*

**- Rafeed Hassan graduated from the Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training and is loving teaching on the Business programme.**



*"I wanted to thank you all for such a grand ceremony, we loved being in the courtroom. Overall, it was an amazing day from beginning to end. The food was fabulous too. Thank you for everything you do for us all. "*


**- Muminah Ali, HNC/D Business graduate.**

There were special awards given to students for their inspirational endeavours. Votes were made by all members of staff, to discuss why they felt the student should be given a special award. The recipients were from Business: Nilogini Rajikanthan and Muminah Ali. The students from Health and Social Care: Peter John and Kelly Sinclair.

This year we also held Student Led Awards, where they voted for who they thought had gone above and beyond to assist students, many staff were voted for and the proud recipients were: Nichola Kenny, Greg Paton, Enock Tsapayi and Waseema Salehuddin. All were awarded with a standing ovation from students and staff alike.



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