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Earlier this month the College held its annual CGI EXPO. The EXPO is a celebration of students' achievements, showcasing their work in the field of Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) covering modelling, animation and architectural visualisation. Students from the Foundation Degree and BSc (Hons) in CGI presented their work to friends, family and representatives from industry, with many final year students securing either a one-year placement or full-time employment within the industry.

The CGI course has been training the future generation of CGI professionals for over 17 years and its reputation for developing highly sought after graduates continues to grow. As a result, the EXPO now attracts businesses from all over the UK who are looking to recruit in the field of CGI.

This year the College welcomed former student Natasha Bourne to officially open the event. Natasha has gone on to carve a highly successful career in the CGI industry, and now runs her own architectural visualisation business, NBV Studio.

Natasha said of the EXPO: "The students have produced some fantastic projects. There were some great concepts, and very interesting animations on display. It was lovely to go around and chat with students about what their aspirations are, what they have learned throughout the year, and how they intend to put their skills to use in the future. Coming from industry myself, this event represents a unique opportunity for businesses to be able to meet talented potential employees face to face."

Lewis Barker, a FdSc Architectural Visualisation student, who was showcasing his work as part of the EXPO explained: "I've really enjoyed my four years at the College. 3D Animation has always been a passion of mine, and the courses I have completed here have taught me a huge number of skills; creativity to come up with animation concepts, and creativity to properly execute and deliver projects. I'm proud to be able to show my work to industry professionals."

Kurt French, Lecturer in CGI at the College, was delighted with the success of the event: "Every year we really enjoy being able to see all of these amazing student projects on display. We have so many talented students at every course level, which never fails to impress the employers in attendance. This year we had representatives from a number of high profile companies visit the College to meet the students, including [NBV](#), [Cube Design](#), [Darcstudio](#), [The Table Creative](#) and [Hayes Davidson](#).

To find out more about our FdSc and BSc CGI courses at the College, visit [thecollege.co.uk/cgi](https://www.thecollege.co.uk/cgi) or phone 01202 205205.

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