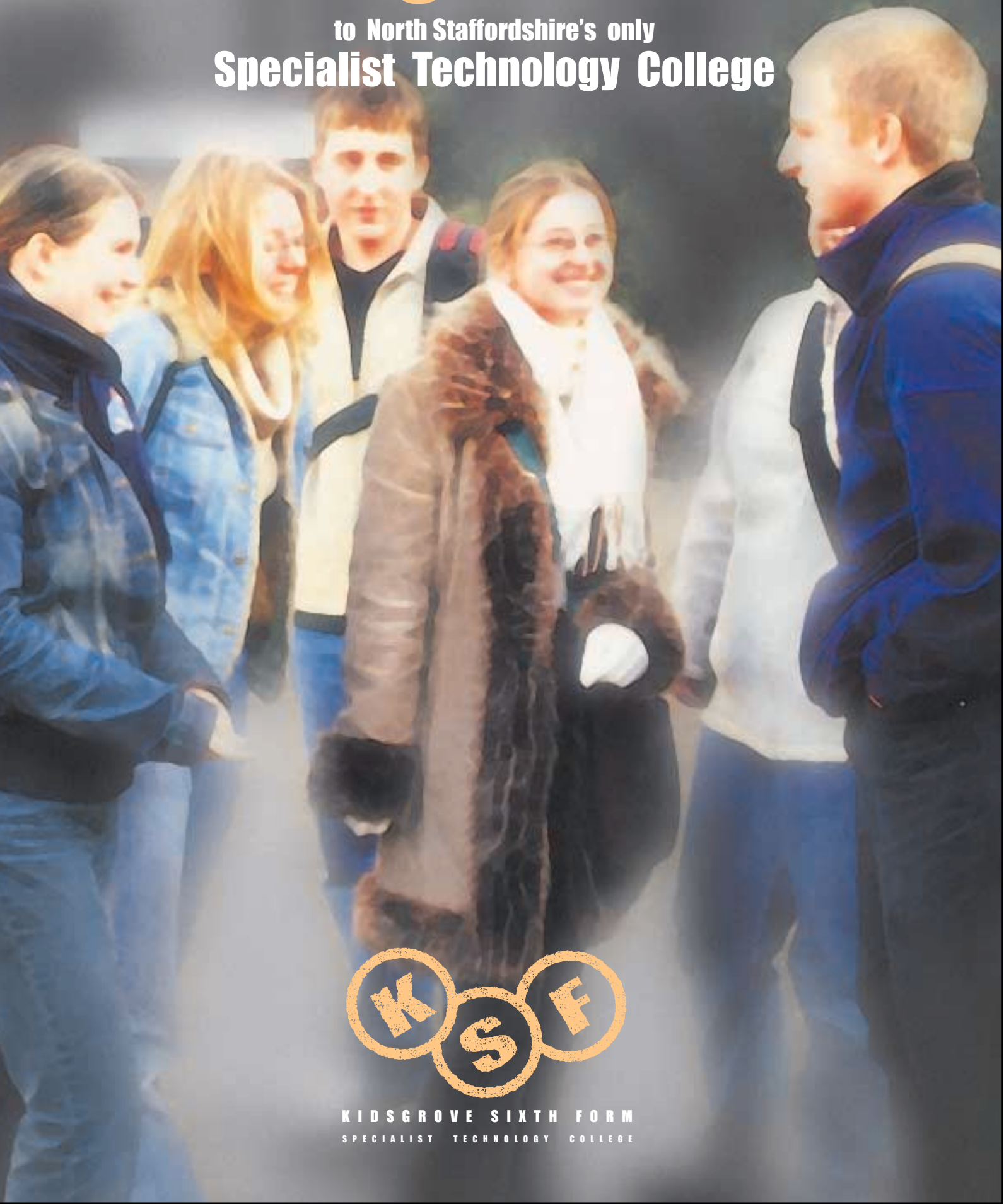


# the essential guide

to North Staffordshire's only  
**Specialist Technology College**



KIDSGROVE SIXTH FORM  
SPECIALIST TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE



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## TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE! When working together for your future

The Kidsgrove Sixth Form College is a partnership of powerful forces working together for educational excellence in Kidsgrove. Our mission is to provide an increasingly broad and varied programme of courses to meet the needs of all students in the area. With that in mind, our college strives to be innovative and is frequently at the forefront in launching new qualifications and initiatives.

Jane Holland  
Maryhill High School

Mick Readman  
Clough Hall Technology School

With some 300 students, we are big enough to offer a full range of courses but small enough to provide the individual guidance and support needed to ensure maximum success. Our exciting new Kidsgrove Learning Zone adds a unique dimension to each student's chosen course and creates opportunities to develop self-confidence, maturity and a range of skills essential for success in the world of work and success as an individual.

In Kidsgrove, we listen first and plan our curriculum to address local needs and student aspirations: we listen to students and parents, we listen to universities, we listen to local and national politicians and civil servants and we listen to exam boards. We listen to employers and work with them to predict employment trends and secure real jobs for our students.

A full range of sporting, cultural and social activities are on offer for those who wish to take part. As joint leaders of the Kidsgrove Sixth Form College, we are guardians of the ethos of success embedded in it and we give our personal undertaking that we will refine and improve the service offered at every opportunity in our efforts to deliver a personal service and the best education for our community. We look forward to you joining with us in shaping an exciting future.

Make Kidsgrove  
Sixth Form  
College your  
Key to a  
Successful  
Future

# WHO'S WHO



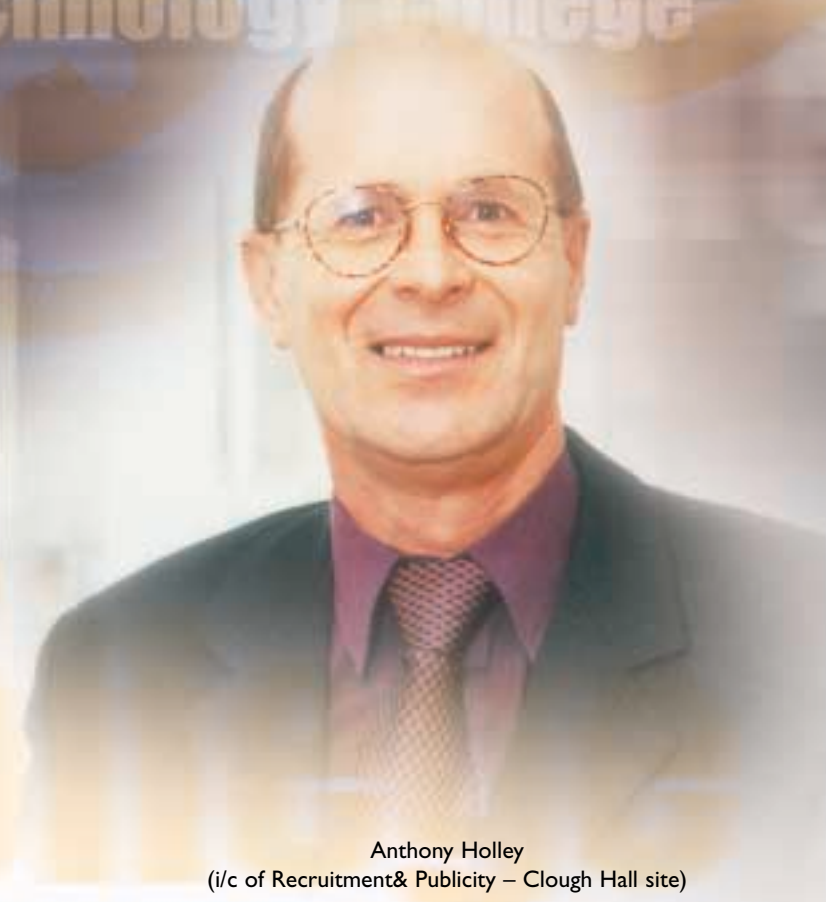
Linda Edwards  
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Laura Kealey  
(i/c of Recruitment & Publicity – Maryhill site)



Anthony Holley  
(i/c of Recruitment & Publicity – Clough Hall site)

# COURSES AVAILABLE IN THE KSF

## Advanced Level courses

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Art                     | ICT                        |
| Biology                 | Maths-Pure with Mechanics  |
| Business Studies        | Maths-Pure with Statistics |
| Chemistry               | Further Maths              |
| Drama                   | Media Studies              |
| Drama & Theatre Studies | Music                      |
| English Language        | Physical Education         |
| English Literature      | Physics                    |
| Environmental Science   | Product Design             |
| French                  | Psychology                 |
| General Studies         | Religious Studies          |
| Geography               | Sociology                  |
| German                  | Systems & Control          |
| Human Biology           | Textiles                   |
| History                 |                            |

## VOCATIONAL COURSES

### GNVQ Courses

Subject	Level	Level
	Intermediate	Advanced
Art	•	
Business	•	
Engineering	•	
Health & Social Care	•	•
ICT	•	
Leisure & Tourism	•	
Leisure & Recreation		•
Travel & Tourism		•

All GNVQ courses include 1 day a week of work experience.

### Other Vocational Courses

- NVQ Hospitality & Catering
- VRQ Customer Care
- VRQ Call Handling
- NCFE (NVQ level 2) /BTEC National Technical Theatre
- CLAIT
- CISCO CNNA
- A+

### Skillpower

Skillpower is a course designed to improve basic levels of literacy, numeracy and ICT.

# HELPING YOU HELP YOURSELF

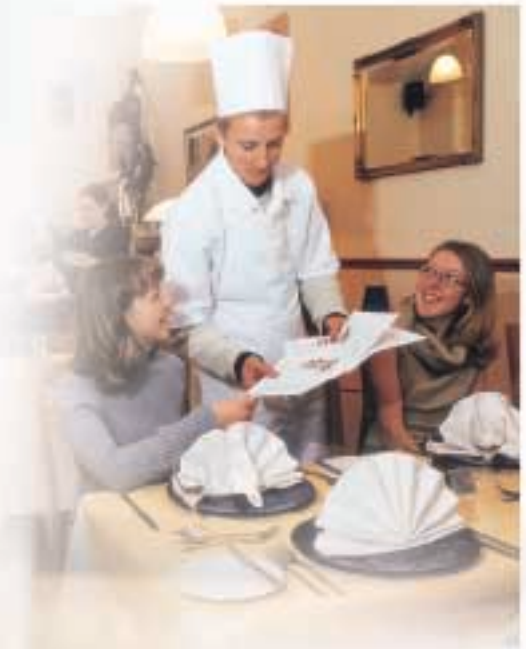
## Tutorial System

In the KSF you will be assigned a personal tutor who will provide you with help and support throughout your time with us. They will be your first point of contact and individual meetings will take place on a regular basis.



## Guidance Programme

A detailed programme of guidance will assist you in moving between units of study.



## Careers Advice

Careers advisors are available on both sites to help you with every decision that will affect your future.

# LEADING IN TECHNOLOGY WITH



- Over 250 workstations on both sites
- Subject based network areas
- Broad band internet access with full multi-media provision including video conferencing
- New CAD/CAM room for advanced application of Technology and Engineering
- The cutting edge in Design Technology, Food Technology, Science, Mathematics and ICT.
- Fully equipped catering kitchen with restaurant
- Two specialist labs for CISCO courses on each site
- Specialist communication facility for Call Handling and Customer Care courses



## The Kidsgrove Sixth Form experience goes beyond your main course of study.

- Work Experience
- Employment and Training Opportunities
- Community Involvement
- Careers and Higher Education Support

- Virtual Campus
- Access from home via Easilink
- European Computer Driving Licence
- On-line Learning
- Access to ICT resources
- IT Training
- Discussions Groups
- Conference Rooms

# The Kidsgrove Learning Zone

- Study Facilities
- General Studies
- Residentials
- Field Trips
- Communication support
- Numeracy support

- First Aid course
- Health and Fitness course
- Social Events
- Team Building

**“The Kidsgrove Learning Zone” offers you a wide range of opportunities to develop your skills and experiences.**



## WORK & PLAY

"Whether you want to exercise the mind, as well as the body, you will have plenty of opportunities to mix with other staff and students through a wide range of visits and social activities."

## SPORTS

- 25 metre swimming pool
- Indoor sports hall
- 4 pitch, floodlit Astroturf area
- New fitness suites on both sites
- Hardplay tarmac area
- New gymnasium / dance and drama studios



## SOCIAL/STUDY

- Social areas
- Coffee shops
- Private study facilities
- Access to libraries and work areas



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## THE WIDER WORLD

KSF students have taken globetrotting to new heights over the past few years.

In recent years Morocco, Thailand along with Israel, France and Italy have all been visited.

Our students are currently planning expeditions to Poland and Honduras.

Where will the KSF take you?



## COMMENTS

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KSF is great but don't just take our word for it, read what past students have said about KSF.

I felt happy at KSF, I was given good advice and I chose the right subjects for university. KSF was the right choice for me!

The courses have been interesting and beneficial.

I feel I made the right choice in attending the KSF as I felt at ease with the staff and they genuinely cared about me and my success.

The KSF was convenient and close to home- no long wet bus journeys.

Coming to the KSF was a good decision.

I wouldn't change anything about the KSF.

The facilities are great and getting better all the time.

The teachers were very helpful- both sites were great.

The staff were very supportive and good at their jobs- we were always kept up to date about events and had relevant trips organised for us.

The staff help in anyway they can- especially with coursework.

The staff and students bonded well.

We had access to great facilities at both sites.

Top facilities

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Have you ever wondered what KSF students eventually become.

**Ruth Carney** – a student who took an active part in all school productions and has now gone on to become the artistic director for a theatre company in London. As a student she directed productions in Russia and during 2000 professionally directed various Repertory Touring Companies in the UK.

**David Simpson** – went on to become Headteacher of Westwood High School in Leek.

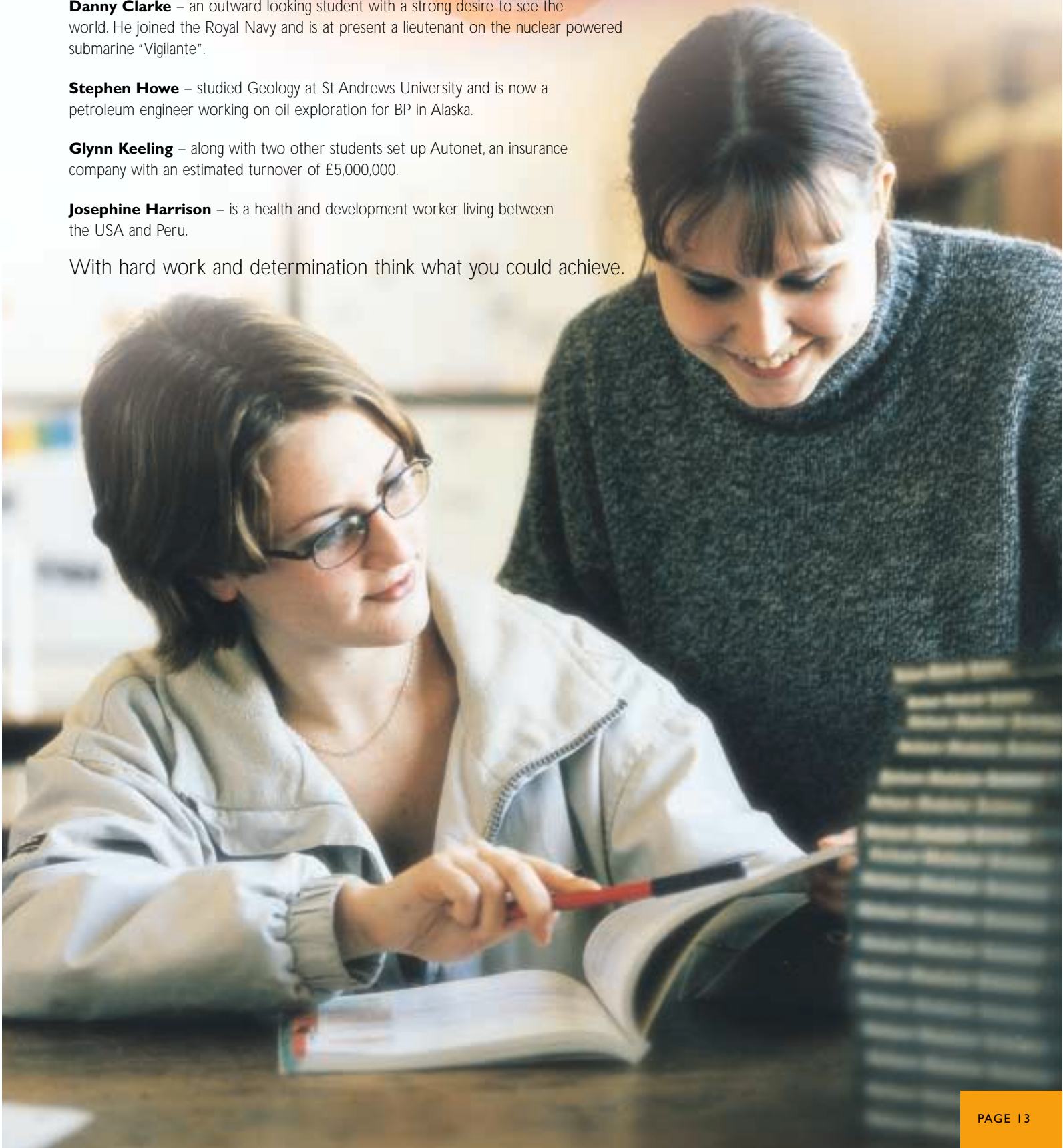
**Danny Clarke** – an outward looking student with a strong desire to see the world. He joined the Royal Navy and is at present a lieutenant on the nuclear powered submarine "Vigilante".

**Stephen Howe** – studied Geology at St Andrews University and is now a petroleum engineer working on oil exploration for BP in Alaska.

**Glynn Keeling** – along with two other students set up Autonet, an insurance company with an estimated turnover of £5,000,000.

**Josephine Harrison** – is a health and development worker living between the USA and Peru.

With hard work and determination think what you could achieve.



# Specialist Technicians



## MAKING YOUR CHOICE

A presentation evening will be held early in the Spring Term at which you will be able to gather information about all courses. Factsheets will be provided with all of the specific details about each subject that is offered in the KSF. Subsequently our sample lesson day will provide you with a taster of the courses you are interested in. You will then be invited to fill out an application form to join the KSF and will be given personal guidance to aid your application.

Your points of contact are Anthony Holley at Clough Hall Technology School and Laura Kealey at Maryhill High School.





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