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## New training facilities for National Cleaning Academy at Westminster Kingsway College in partnership with Not Just Cleaning (NJC)

Westminster Kingsway College has launched new training facilities for the National Cleaning Academy in central London to provide training and development for businesses and employees in partnership with commercial cleaning service provider, Not Just Cleaning (NJC).

The new training facilities for the National Cleaning Academy are located at Westminster Kingsway College's Regent's Park Centre and will aim to raise the standards of cleaning and support service training while working with one of the leading employers in the cleaning industry to provide learners with the opportunity to develop their skills. Training facilities include 'real-life' working environments for practical demonstrations and multimedia equipment for teaching and assessments. The cleaning sector is increasingly seen as a dynamic career with clear and fast progression routes from entry level operatives through to supervisory positions and senior management.



The Academy will offer Apprenticeships in Cleaning Services and industry standard training programmes. A group of cleaning operatives from Not Just Cleaning are the first to undertake the Apprenticeship through the new National Cleaning Academy. Not Just Cleaning is a commercial cleaning service provider working in London and the South East and employing over 500 cleaning operatives as well as achieving the Investors in People Standard recognising their commitment to their staff development.

The launch event for the National Cleaning Academy was attended by industry experts and local referral partners such as Job Centre Plus and Westminster Works. Sarah Bentley, Chief Executive of Asset Skills spoke about the College as a founding partner in the Virtual Academy for Asset Skills, the Sector Skills Council for Facilities Management, Housing, Property, Planning, Cleaning and Parking. Other speakers included: Paul Crilly, Managing Director of Not Just Cleaning and Andy Wilson, Principal of Westminster Kingsway College.

Ray Shilling, Head of Employer Training Solutions at Westminster Kingsway College, said: *"The launch of the National Cleaning Academy at Westminster Kingsway College in partnership with Not Just Cleaning (NJC) will give a new focus to professional training and development for the Cleaning Services industry. We are very excited to be working with a partner who can provide industry expertise that will complement the professional training that we provide in this sector."*

Peter Heppelthwaite, Director London Services from Not Just Cleaning (NJC), said: *"The partnership with Westminster Kingsway College represents a fantastic opportunity for NJC to share its knowledge and expertise and to raise industry training standards through the National Cleaning Academy. It will provide the conduit for cleaners to obtain meaningful, recognised qualifications that can lead to further career progression."*

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**Westminster Kingsway College** is recognised as one of the leading providers of training in London and has been accredited with the Training Quality Standard and is a BIFM Recognised Centre. The College offers custom designed, work-based training and professional development programmes through its Employer Training Solutions team. Further information can be found at [www.employert Trainingsolutions.co.uk](http://www.employert Trainingsolutions.co.uk) or on 0844 844 0413.

**Not Just Cleaning (NJC)** is a commercial cleaning service provider in London and the South East providing a wide range of Cleaning Services and additional FM services which include Post Room Services, Janitorial Supplies, Pest Control and bespoke built web based CAFM systems. Visit [www.notjustcleaning.co.uk](http://www.notjustcleaning.co.uk) or call 0118 930 4466 for further details.

