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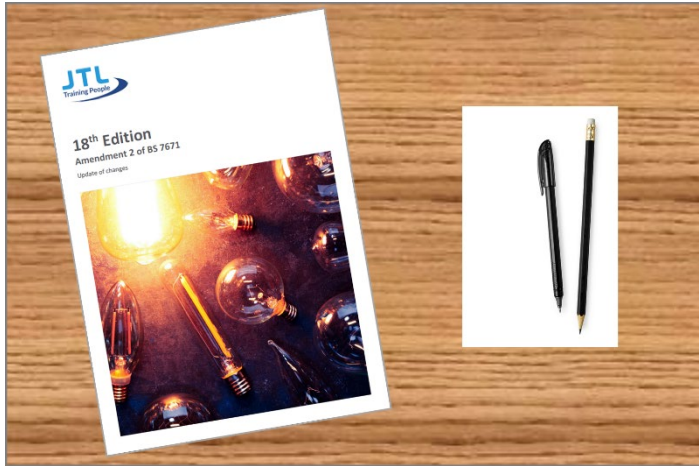
Welcome to the December issue of Learning News. We hope you get some time to enjoy a break over the festive season.

As and when you do have time, we advise you to check on Smart Assessor if you have any outstanding work that you still need to do to keep on track with your apprenticeship.

If you have any problems accessing Smart Assessor, or if there's anything that you need help with, please be sure to let your Apprentice Support Officer or your Training Officer know.

Latest updates

Wiring regulations update in electrical textbooks



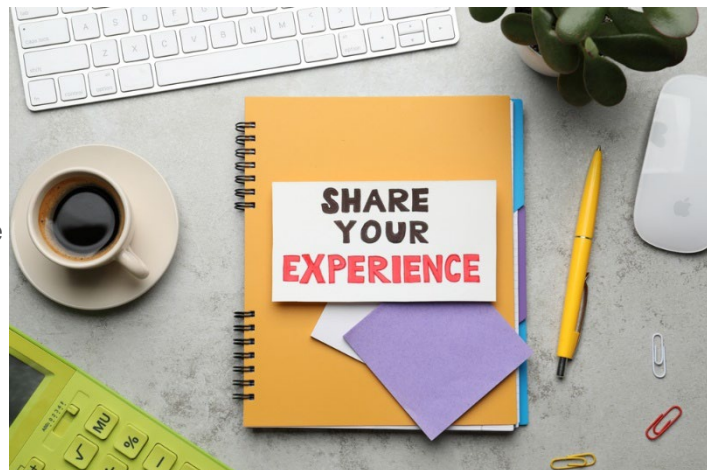
If you have the JTL electrical textbooks, please note that the wiring regulations (BS7671) covered in Chapter 5 of book B have been updated since the book was published. We have created a document that summarises the changes.

This update is accessible through your Smart Assessor e-portfolio account in the course resources section or else you can view the document [here](#).

Tell us your experience

The JTL quality team will be carrying out informal discussions with some of you (either in-person at your JTL centre/college of learning, or via telephone) over the next few weeks.

This is so we can understand what it is like for you to be a learner at JTL. Please engage in these discussions if you are asked to take part. Thank you.



World Skills UK - JTL apprentices reach the finals



The annual World Skills UK competition sees the country's top apprentices coming together for the chance to represent the UK in the "Skills Olympics". This year, JTL electrical apprentice Liam Hilton and JTL fire, security and emergency systems apprentice Nathan Portman were invited to the live qualifying heats, where they became two of the

highest-scoring competitors nationally. Liam and Nathan competed in the grand finals that took place in November.

Liam who was one of 8 top competitors from around the UK was featured in a film telling the story of the Skillelectric UK final held at Middlesbrough College.

[Watch the film to find out how Liam got on >>](#)

Why do I need to continue developing my English & maths skills?



Whether or not you have already achieved your GCSE English and maths or Functional Skills qualifications, you will greatly benefit from continuing to develop your maths and English skills throughout your JTL apprenticeship. Progression in these skills must be discussed and

evidenced at every review that you have to enable you to swiftly progress to achieving your apprenticeship.

[Learn more about why it's important >>](#)

Staying safe when Christmas shopping

The run up to Christmas is the busiest shopping period of the year, in 2021 a total of £9.4 billion was spent in the UK on Black Friday alone. While this is a great prospect for retailers and consumers, it also opens an opportunity for cyber criminals to cash in.



Keep in mind the following tips to make your online shopping experience a little more safe and secure:

1. **Be cautious** where you are buying from, stick to retailers you know and trust.
2. **Beware** of phishing scams masquerading as delivery companies like Royal Mail, EVRI, DHL, UPS and others. Fraudsters claiming to be from these companies may send you messages about a missed parcel delivery and will typically include a link which requests a payment.
3. **Only use sites that are secured** by HTTPS (indicated by the little padlock symbol on the left side of the website address bar in the browser). This indicates the website has at least minimal baseline security implemented. If you're interested in this technology there is a two minute explanation video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0QbnxKRD0w> (the link is secure and safe).
4. Make sure you are using a **strong password** or passphrase on your retailer accounts and enable two factor authentication if it is available.

Finally, if you spot a bargain that is too good to be true, it probably is!

And finally ...

So, that's all from us for now. Our next newsletter will be sent to you in February.

If you have any general questions or concerns about your learning, please contact your Apprentice Support Officer, Training Officer or call JTL's customer services team on 0800 085 2308. You can also email info@jtltraining.com.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year!

**With best wishes,
From the JTL team**

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