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## BELFAST MET RECEIVES EXCELLENCE STATUS

BELFAST Metropolitan College has received the first Outstanding Centre of Excellence Award from Prodigy Learning.

The award recognises institutions that reach the highest level of achievement in the delivery of internationally recognised IT certifications from industry leaders such as Adobe, HP and Microsoft.

Prodigy Learning awards Centre of Excellence status annually to a small number of academic institutions and training providers in the UK and Ireland to mark the delivery of more than 250 IT certifications in the year.

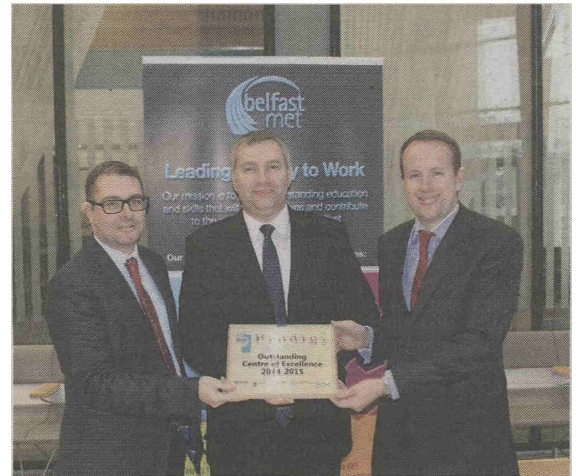
The college achieved this new recognition through particular success with delivery of the Adobe Certified Associate, HP Accredited Technical Asso-

ciate, Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate programmes. These certifications improve employability for students and productivity for employees.

Prodigy Learning Director, Andrew Flood, said: "I'd like to congratulate Belfast Metropolitan College on this achievement. The college is at the forefront of education and training for the IT sector in Northern Ireland, delivering innovative programmes incorporating internationally recognised IT certifications. These awards provide students with job-ready skills in areas demanded by employers and the courses at the college have been very successful in delivering employment for students."

Explaining the partnership

the college has with Prodigy Learning, Jonathan Heggarty, Head of School of Electronic & Computing Technologies at Belfast Met said: "Belfast Metropolitan College has enjoyed a very exciting partnership with Prodigy Learning for several years and we are delighted to be in receipt of this award recognising our Outstanding Excellence in relation to Professional IT Certifications. At Belfast Met we continue to ensure that our curriculum meets the learning needs of students at all stages of their academic career — and with our close collaboration with Prodigy Learning, we are able to offer learners leading edge industry-endorsed professional qualifications to support our dynamic and vibrant IT sector."



AWARD: L-R Michael Noble (Momentum), Jonathan Heggarty (Belfast Met) and Andrew Flood (Prodigy Learning)