It’s never too late to learn!

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It’s term time again and it’s not just about going back to school, adults are gearing up for the academic year too. If you’ve thought about going back to college, it’s not too late; there are many courses for you to sign up to at your local college until the end of September. From nursing to plumbing, an advisor will be there to help find the right course for you.

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Jaclyn Basham, a 27 year old mum of one from South Shields, is all set to start her career in Social Work after receiving an Adult Learning Grant to help her get the qualifications she needs to join a degree course this September.

“The grant gave me an extra £30 a week which meant that I didn’t need to worry about whether going to college was going to put too much of a strain on my budget – there was a little extra each week to cover travel and some books.

ALG is important because skills shortages continue to have a negative impact on UK productivity and competitiveness in the face of fast-growing economies.

Skills Minister, David Lammy says:

“Financial pressures can often prevent people gaining the qualifications they need for work. The grant is designed to open up opportunities for low skilled, low income adults to gain new skills and qualifications and in turn, improve their employment prospects. The grant is in place to help make
this happen. In some colleges one hundred per cent of learners receiving ALG have completed their courses."

It's not too late to find out if you are eligible for an adult learning grant. Call 0800 100 900 or visit www.learningdirect.co.uk and sign up today.

Jaclyn Basham is available for interview along with a variety of different case studies from around the country, please contact Kate Lupton 0207 413 3769 kate.lupton@hillandknowlton.com for further media enquiries.
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