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I've followed Team UK since they were announced for EuroSkills 2016 earlier this year (May), and the journey culminated in an unforgettable competition in Gothenburg.

From flying out with the team on November 29, to celebrating an emotional medals night at the closing ceremony five days later, it was an experience that will live long in the memory of not only myself and competitors, but the incredible team supporting the competitors and all those involved.

Around 500 young people, aged 18 to 25, from 28 European countries

competed in 44 different skill areas from stonemasonry to beauty therapy, to be crowned as best in Europe at their trade. I was lucky enough to follow the team through their training, psychological preparations and team-building sessions to become fully part of Team UK and the EuroSkills family.

We start with the route to Gothenburg, and how our 22 competitors navigated through numerous tests to get this far.

If this event was anything to go by then next year's WorldSkills will be a true spectacle. On page 3 we run through how preparations for the global competition, which will be held in Abu Dhabi in October 2017, are going and what the next cohort of Team UK can expect.

Then we get down to business. An opening ceremony that resembled more of a Eurovision night, but with a serious message, got official

proceedings of competition underway and can be found on page 4.

Space is then made on page 5 for the team's behind-the-scenes heroes, the training experts who have been beside the competitors since day one of the process.

The closing ceremony on page 6 celebrates all our winners with results tables on page 7 noting them down in official form.

Then it is all about our competitors. From page 10 to 15 we bio each one and outline exactly what they had to do in the competition, and what they thought of the whole process.

FE Week are proud to be the official media partner of Team UK and will be there every step of the way over the months leading up to WorldSkills Abu Dhabi.

All that is left is to say a massive well done to Team UK.



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Smart Assessor are delighted to have sponsored the Euro Skills 2016 FE Week supplement, it is an honour to be associated with such a remarkable celebration of UK skills.

As an apprentice herself, Fiona, founder of Smart Assessor and CEO would like to congratulate the competitors of this Euro Skills 2016.

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ON ROUTE TO GOTHENBURG

It may have only taken a one and a half hour flight to get from London Heathrow to Gothenburg, but the journey to EuroSkills 2016 has been more than a year in the making for Team UK.

It started with them competing against more than 3,000 other top apprentices and learners in the country through regional heats in early 2015.

Highest scoring competitors from those were then whittled down to around 500 who appeared at the national finals at The Skills Show in Birmingham's NEC in November 2015.

Standout competitors in those national finals were then put into a longer squad of just 85 competitors for WorldSkills Abu Dhabi, with 22 of them being chosen to represent their country at EuroSkills.

Since then Team UK has taken part in an intensive training programme, supported by their trainers, employers and training providers.

But that was where the real hard work started.

I was lucky enough to attend a couple of training sessions throughout the year, giving me an insight into how much these young people have to go through and the sacrifices they make to be known as the best at what they do.

In March I visited Chichester College's Pulborough Campus to watch 14 carpentry, joinery and cabinet making champion hopefuls complete a training week.

I spoke with cabinet maker Angus Bruce-Gardner, who would go on to be selected as part of Team UK for EuroSkills.



Team UK at the airport

He has since told me of his hopes that his tireless work will pay off with a gold medal in Gothenburg after giving up his social life for two years to prepare for the competitions.

The 21-year-old, who is an apprentice with Waters and Acland and trains at Chichester College, said he has had to dedicate his evenings and weekends to "constantly prepare", but it was all worth it when he got selected for Team UK.

"It has been really hard and at such a high level so far. I haven't really had a social life for the last couple of years because I've just been on it the whole time and focussed on being successful."

Then in October I was witness to the other side of the team's training, as they were put through psychological training to deal with the mental strains of competing on the international stage.

They visited Loughborough University to take part in various sessions, involving Yoga and

situations in which they felt uncomfortable – to boost their ability to handle the kind of pressure that they would experience at EuroSkills.

After a few more weeks of honing their skills and getting in the zone, the day finally arrived when they would travel to Gothenburg.

Before they could get down to competing, a send-off event was held in parliament on November 28th where they were bid farewell by family and given messages of good luck from government officials.

The highlight came from apprenticeships and skills minister, Robert Halfon, who delivered a heartfelt speech in which he said: "You are helping to improve the national culture around skills and apprenticeships"

The flight followed before a day to settle and then the lively opening ceremony kicked things off before competitions started.

NEXT STOP, ABU DHABI, WORLDSKILLS 2017

Now the curtain has closed on EuroSkills, all eyes turn to Abu Dhabi where WorldSkills is being held next October.

The team of 22 from the Euros will be plunged back into the longer squad of 85 competitors who are all vying for a place at the global competition, dubbed as the 'Olympics of skills'.

Experts, team leaders and the bosses of WorldSkills UK will make their way to Loughborough in February 2017 for an assessment weekend where they will carefully consider who in each skill is worthy of a place on Team UK.

A 'choices' event is then held in March, which resembles a mini Skills Show, where the final team for WorldSkills Abu Dhabi will be announced.

"Preparations for Abu Dhabi are going really well," said Neil Bentley, chief executive of WorldSkills UK.

"After the final team selection in March there will be intense training and support for our competitors until October.

"Abu Dhabi is an exciting prospect because obviously it will be a different culture, a different climate."

It will be the first time that a Middle Eastern country will have hosted WorldSkills, although Abu Dhabi itself is no stranger to skills competitions.

The 44th WorldSkills will be held in the Adnec (Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre) – a venue that has hosted both the Emirates skills competition and the Gulf Cooperation Council regional skills competition.

It is one of the largest exhibition centres in the Middle East at 133,000 sq m, or the size of around 20 football pitches.

The event will take place on October 14 to 19, 2017, when temperatures can hit 43C (in England

it's an average of around 12C for the month).

But the heat is not going to be a problem for any competitors from colder countries, according to Simon Bartley, president of WorldSkills International.

"I've visited the venue in the middle of summer, winter, spring and autumn and I can tell you that the centre where the competition is being held is fully air conditioned," he told FE Week.

"It will be perfectly fit for running a competition and the hotels in which the competitors are staying are within 100 or 200 metres of the venue, they'll only be outside in the morning and evening when it is not as hot so I don't think heat is going to be an issue, it is not like playing football in Qatar."

Best in class on show

While the ending could have been mistaken for the Eurovision song contest, there was no doubting the serious message the Swedish Prime Minister drove home to the EuroSkills 2016 competitors at the opening ceremony.

The glitzy event started with each of the 28 competing nations taking to the stage in typical Olympic flag-bearing style as thousands gathered inside the Scandinavium Arena.

The energy was electric as we were taken on a journey through "Swedish hit music history" by the Sweden Symphony Orchestra featuring renditions of 'the final countdown' and 'dancing queen'.

But a powerful speech by Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven on the importance of each and every competitor at EuroSkills stole the show.

"I want to congratulate all of you here today," he said. "You have the pride, you have become the best in your country at your profession and in many cases the best in the world.

"As well as your countries and home town you also represent the future.

Your hands will create the furniture of the future, the design of the future, the communication of the future.

"Your pride will digitalise society, build houses and lay the floors that our children and grandchildren will walk on. Your dreams will become the reality of the future. So treasure them, take pride in them, and never hesitate to make those dreams a reality."

Prime Minister Lofven, who walked on stage in a welding suit, added: "I am also inspired by your teachers. They must have been doing something very well to get you where you are today. Please do not forget them because role models like them are the most important ingredients that we have in our lives.

"My message to you all here today is; the world needs your pride, we need your hands, your drives, your dreams and we need you, as role models of the future."

As well as the Prime Minister's appearance, the ceremony included a speech from the president of WorldSkills Europe, Hubert Romer, competitor and expert oaths, followed

by what could only be described as a Eurovision style concert.

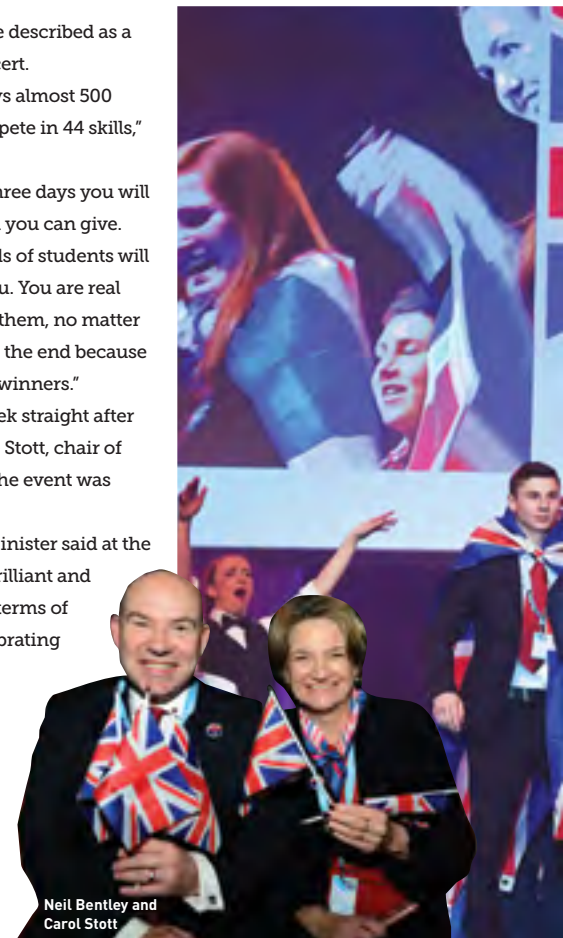
"In the coming days almost 500 competitors will compete in 44 skills," said Mr Romer.

"During the next three days you will work, you will give all you can give. Meanwhile, thousands of students will watch and admire you. You are real heroes for us and for them, no matter what result you get at the end because all of you are already winners."

Speaking to FE Week straight after the ceremony, Carole Stott, chair of WorldSkills UK, said the event was "brilliant".

"What the Prime Minister said at the beginning was just brilliant and was really spot on in terms of recognising and celebrating everything that we are doing and how important it was.

"All of the excitement and energy at the end was a great way to start the competition."



Neil Bentley and Carol Stott

TEAM UK SKILL EXPERTS SUPPORTING 22 COMPE

They may get all the fame and glory from competing at EuroSkills, but every Team UK competitor will tell you they couldn't have achieved success without the unyielding support of their skill experts.

Twenty one training managers have become family to the competitors over the past year as they dedicated thousands of hours preparing them for Gothenburg.

They gave up their spare time, their weekends, to not only get competitors skills up to the international standard, but also be there for them when times got tough.

"I just love it intrinsically," said

Michael Godfrey, the cooking expert who has been involved with WorldSkills UK for eight years.

"The reward is a weird one, I think with the competitors coming from being not the best cooks you've ever seen in your life to a couple of years down the line being incredible craftsmen and masters of what they do, and they go on to achieve incredible things, that is exceptional."

Being a skills expert is a full-time but unpaid job. They fulfil the role in their spare time after their day job has ended.

Barry Skea, the expert in mechanical engineering CAD from

New College Lanarkshire, has been involved with Team UK since 2008.

He told FE Week: "I give up a lot of my free time to do this. I sometimes see the competitors more than I see my family, which I get a little bit of a hard time for but that is one of the things that comes with it.

"WorldSkills is not just something I am very passionate about, it has become a hobby so I find myself choosing to disregard other things."

This year, Mr Skea is training Betsy Crosbie, the only female competitor in the mechanical engineering CAD competition.

After seeing her walk onto the competition floor for the first time, Mr Skea said: "Seeing Betsy enter the competition area full of confidence is amazing. A few months ago she would have found it much more difficult to find that confidence to go in there with her being the only female in an otherwise all male competition is massive for her. That type of thing is why I stay involved."

Andrew Pengelly is the expert in joinery and has been involved with the competitions since 2013.

He said the role is "like an incurable disease that you never want to get rid of".



COMPETITORS

"It is great to see the competitors working at such a high level just like the Olympic games where people get the chance to represent their country and it is just a great opportunity to see young people do the same thing but on the vocational side. I think if anyone said watching them walk out on stage to compete didn't bring a lump to their throat then they are lying."

Team UK are also supported by three team leaders who support and care for the competitors.



(L:R) Clive Bell, Welding, Willie McIlwraith, Automotive Technology, Andrew Pengelly, Joinery, Chris Carter, Heavy Vehicle Maintenance, Michael David, Web Design, Kevin Calpin, Architectural Stonemasonry, Michael Godfrey, Cooking, Mike Burdett, Bricklaying, David Kehow, Plastering & Drywall Systems, Paul Dodds, Plumbing & Heating, David Russell, Mechatronics, Coming McKnight, Landscape Gardening, Ben Blackledge, Technical Delegate, Barry Ikea, Mechanical Engineering CAD, Julianne Lavery, Visual Merchandising and Window Dressing, Peter Walters, Painting & Decorating, Lynda Owen, Floristry, Jenna Bailey MBE, Beauty Therapy, Wyn Rowlands, CNC Milling, Linzi Weare, Hairdressing

'You've made Britain so proud'

Two golds, one silver and two bronze medals marked a special night for Team UK as EuroSkills Gothenburg came to a sparkling close.

And with eight medallions of excellence on top for competitors who missed out on the top three, but hit scores of internationally-recognised standards, it was a haul the team were incredibly proud of.

Welder Josh Peek was Team UK's first gold of the night, followed by landscape gardening duo Will Burberry and Adam Ferguson.

"It was absolutely mad hearing my name for gold," said 20-year-old Josh, who trains at Great Yarmouth College.

"I could hardly stop shaking up there, I've never felt adrenaline like it.

"It was a tough competition. Sometimes I thought I'd done well and others I thought I did not so well but obviously the judges liked what I did.

"This feeling is absolutely awesome, the best thing I've ever done."

Will Burberry, a 20-year-old from Merrist Wood College in Surrey, said he and his partner Adam Ferguson, 20, employed by Historic Royal Palaces in Northern Ireland, couldn't put into words how it felt to win gold.

Adam added: "We've put so much work and effort into this so it is brilliant to reap the awards now."

Danielle Scandone then bagged a



L-R: Adam Ferguson and Will Burberry

silver medal for her beautiful floristry work as well as winning Team UK's 'best of nation' award for scoring the highest points out of the UK competitors.

The 21-year-old, who also trains at Merrist Wood College, told FE Week: "I can't believe, I really didn't think I'd get silver let alone the best of nation.

"My stomach dropped as they called my name but I really can't describe the feeling."

Bronze medals were picked up by 21-year-old cooking competitor Ruth Hansom, who works at The Ritz Hotel in London, and mechatronics pair Sam Hillier, 23, and Thomas Revell, 24, who both work for Toyota Manufacturing UK.

Before the closing ceremony

got underway at the Scandinavium Arena, skills and apprenticeships minister Robert Halfon skyped FE Week to share with the competitors his congratulatory message (pictured).

"You guys as a team have done really well and you've made Britain so proud," the minister told Team UK.

"You are showing the world we are becoming a skills nation so well done to all."

Team UK's medal haul meant they finished seventh out of 28 countries for average points scored.

They finished ninth for the overall number of points awarded.

Peter Launer, Team UK's official delegate, attended the ceremony and told FE Week: "It was great to see our medal winners take to the stage

tonight, some of our best young people building skills for the future. Well done Team UK."

The team's celebrations actually started on the Saturday after 20-year-old 3D game designer Daniel McCabe bagged a gold medal. But his award is not counted in the final medal tally as it is classed as a presentation skill.



Josh Peek



Danielle Scandone



EuroSkills 2016 medal table

Position	Member	Average Points	Number of Competitors	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medallion for Excellence
1	Switzerland	529.89	9	2	2	2	3
2	Austria	520.82	28	5	5	3	9
3	Germany	517.79	19	3	3	2	8
4	Finland	511.16	25	6	4	2	5
5	Hungary	511.14	14	0	2	4	3
6	France	511.04	23	4	3	3	8
7	United Kingdom	507.26	19	2	1	2	8
8	Latvia	506.80	10	0	1	3	4
9	Norway	505.13	15	1	0	1	8
10	Denmark	502.17	6	1	0	2	1
11	Sweden	500.14	28	2	2	2	11
12	Netherlands	499.71	31	3	3	2	7
13	Belgium	499.13	23	3	1	1	9
14	Russia	496.31	32	2	2	1	11
15	Croatia	490	1	0	0	0	0
16	Malta	489.50	2	0	0	0	1
17	Slovenia	488.56	9	0	1	0	2
18	Estonia	488.33	12	0	0	1	3
19	Slovakia	486.40	5	0	1	0	1
20	Portugal	486.33	18	0	2	1	3
21	Montenegro	483	4	0	0	0	0
22	South Tyrol, Italy	482.82	11	3	0	0	0
23	Iceland	480.71	7	0	0	0	3
24	Lithuania	480.20	5	0	0	0	1
25	Luxembourg	479	5	0	0	0	2
26	Spain	477.39	18	1	0	1	0
27	Cyprus	459	4	0	0	0	0
28	Kazakhstan	445.40	5	0	0	0	0

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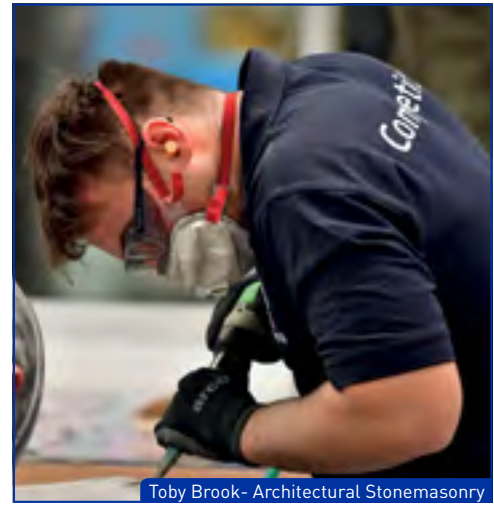
Angus Bruce-Gardner- Cabinet Making



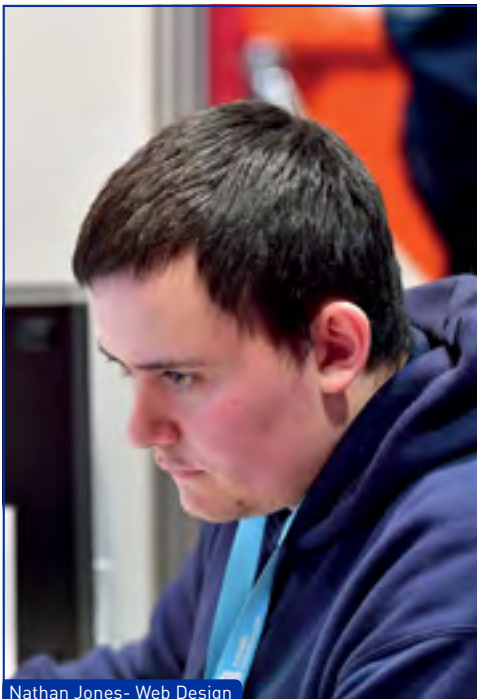
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Ruth Hansom- Cooking



Toby Brook- Architectural Stonemasonry



Nathan Jones- Web Design



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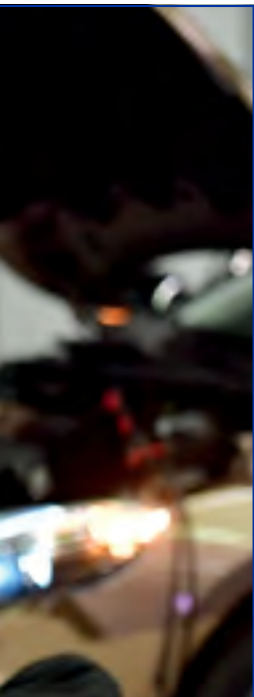
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Isla McLarty- Beauty Therapy



Josh Hunter- Bricklaying



Danielle Scandone - Floristry



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Josh Peek- Welding



Adam Ferguson, Colin McKnight (Expert) and Will Burberry-Landscape Gardening



Isla McLarty - Beauty Therapy and Jenna Bailey MBE (Expert)



Danielle Scandone and Linda Owen Expert - Floristry



Nathan Jones and Family- Web Design

TEAM UK'S SUCCESS AT

Team UK was assembled from a crop of the best young people in their craft from all over the country.

They took to Sweden to test their skills against the best Europe had to offer and did themselves proud.

Each skill was scored differently, but competitors had to reach a minimum of 500 points to claim a medallion of excellence, which meant they reached the international standard in their trade.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were then awarded to the highest scoring three competitors in each skill.

But who are our Team UK competitors and what did they have to do? We've detailed each one with a picture competing and outlined exactly what they had to do and what they thought of the whole process.



KEY:


Medallion of Excellence

Gold, demonstration skill


Gold

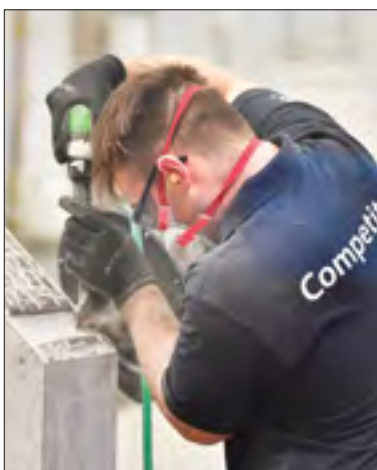


Silver



Bronze

ARCHITECTURAL STONEMASONRY

TOBY BROOK, 20

Employer: Wells Cathedral Stonemasons

Provider: Bath College

Trainer: Kevin Calpin, Calpin Associates

Toby had to produce a tracery window panel using Belgium blue stone. He had to create the design templates to specified measurements given and carve the design out.

The judges were looking for precision in the design, any deviation over a millimetre resulted in lost marks.

“ The tasks have been hard but it has been such a laugh being with the team

CABINET MAKING

ANGUS BRUCE-GARDNER, 21

Employer: Waters and Acland

Provider: Waters and Acland

Trainer: Christian Notley, Chichester College.

Over three days, Angus had to make a table to a specific criteria. The design included frame, drawer, leaf design and decorations.

Angus had practised making the table ahead of the competition but once he arrived on site, late changes were be made to the design to test his ability.

“ Getting this far means all of the weekends and evenings I put into it has paid off



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LANDSCAPE GARDENING

WILL BURBERRY, 18



Employer: Gardenscapes
Provider: Merrist Wood College
Trainer: Colin McKnight, CAFRE

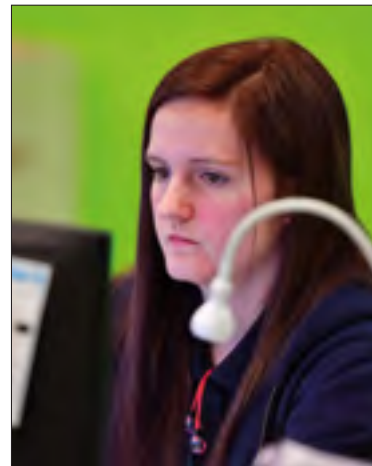
Working together, Adam and Will produced a miniature garden from precise plans provided at the start of the competition.

Some of the areas of the garden, which includes paving, planting and the construction of a wooden structure, had to be designed in accordance with the instructions provided, while other areas offered scope for creativity.

“It was a tough experience but we tried our best and hopefully that was enough

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CAD

BETSY CROSBIE, 20



Employer: N/A
Provider: New College Lanarkshire
Trainer: Barry Skea, New College Lanarkshire

Betsy had to complete three different modules. The first was to create a 3D model of a physical product. Second was to create assembly instructions where several components must be fitted together. Third was reverse engineering where she was given a component and had to measure it up as best she could before the judges took a part off.

“The competition has definitely been a step up to what I am used to



CNC MILLING

ETHAN DAVIES, 21



Employer: Electroimpact UK
Provider: Coleg Cambria
Trainer: Wyn Rowlands

CNC milling is similar to stonemasonry, the difference being that metal is used.

Ethan had to load a block of metal into a machine and then machine it to tolerances which are of about 20 microns, or a third of a human hair. He had to machine that for four to five hours and the parts were then inspected for how accurate it was.

“I was happy with the parts I did so hopefully I'm somewhere near the top



LANDSCAPE GARDENING

ADAM FERGUSON, 20



Employer: Historic Royal Palaces
Provider: CAFRE
Trainer: Colin McKnight, CAFRE

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Some of the areas of the garden, which includes paving, planting and the construction of a wooden structure, had to be designed in accordance with the instructions provided, while other areas offered scope for creativity.

“We're so thankful for the opportunity, the competition was tight but we hope we did everyone proud

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**SEAMUS GOODFELLOW, 20**

Employer: Ballinamullan Auto Repair
Provider: South West College.
Trainer: Willie McIlwraith, Warwickshire College

Seamus worked individually on four different tasks.

First was an internal combustion engine, second was steering, suspension and brake systems, third was engine control, fault-finding in start, ignition and fuel systems, and the fourth was chassis, fault-finding in the various electrical systems in a vehicle, e.g. windows, locks, lights and infotainment systems.

“ I was thrilled to get this far and represent the UK at a European level

HEAVY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**DALE HAMILTON, 20**

Employer: Volvo
Provider: Volvo
Trainer: Chris Carter Stephenson College

Dale completed five different tasks: first was mechanical check of the engine and driveline, second was checking the steering and wheel assembly, third was checking the brake system, fourth was ault-finding in the engine's fuel and exhaust systems, and the fifth was ault-finding in the chassis electrical system.

“ All the younger apprentices I work with are looking up to me now, it is great

COOKING**RUTH HANSOM, 21**

Employer: The Ritz
Provider: Westminster Kingsway.
Trainer: Michael Godfrey Mitchells & Butlers

Ruth had to prepare seven dishes over three days. The dishes included fish and shellfish for starters, meat for the main course, finger food and various desserts.

Ruth was allowed to use a wide range of herbs, spices and accessories. She was also given a secret ingredient to use.

“ It went really well, I just hope it came out nice enough

MECHATRONICS**SAM HILLIER, 23**

Employer: Toyota Manufacturing UK
Provider: Toyota Manufacturing UK
Trainer: David Russell, Northern Regional College.

Competing in teams of two, Sam and Tom had to assemble and programme several stations similar to production equipment used in manufacturing industry. The stations were assembled into a production line and had to be programmed to work together.

The exact details of the tasks were not revealed to Sam and Tom until just before the competition started.

“ It has been fantastic to compete in an international competition

BRICKLAYING

JOSH HUNTER, 20



Employer: Geo Houlton & Sons Ltd

Provider: Hull College

Trainer: Mike Burdett, York College

Using a maximum of 450 bricks, Josh had to build a two metre high construction of both the Feskekörka, Gothenburg's indoor fish market, and Läppstiftet, Gothenburg's famous tower.

Judges not only awarded points for precise measurements, angles and joints but also for the competitor's design skills, organisational ability and problem solving skills.



“ It has been a long process but one that has been worth it

PAINTING AND DECORATING

JORDAN JEFFERS, 21



Employer: Self-employed

Provider: Southern Regional

College.Trainer: Peter Walters, Stoke-on-Trent College

Jordan was provided with a booth consisting of three walls and was given 18 hours to plan and complete five different competition elements including, free decorative painting, wallpapering, painting woodwork and doors, colour nuancing and picture transfer and stencilling.



“ Unbelievable to get this far, the whole international competition has been incredible

WEB DESIGN

NATHAN JONES, 20



Employer: N/A

Provider: Neath Port Talbot

College Trainer: Mike David, Coleg Sir Gar

Nathan first had to create a website for an imaginary company, he then managed databases in accordance with a set of instructions and on the third day he used WordPress to make changes to the website content.

His work was judged on client and server functionality of the website, design and layout, communication and work efficiency.

“ I didn't think I'd get this far at the start so it has been a really good journey

HAIRDRESSING

LUCY KNIGHT, 21



Employer: Owner of Hair by Knight

Provider: City of Bristol College

Trainer: Linzi Weare, Reds Hair Company.

Lucy had to complete six different cuts in a specified time, all requiring a different approach.

These included: ladies long hair down fashion with colour, bridal long hair up with colour and ornamentation, ladies fashion cut and colour with three wishes, men's fashion cut and colour, ladies fashion perm, and a men's modern classical haircut.



“ I was really happy with what I produced, especially the men's classic cut

PLUMBING AND HEATING

DANIEL MARTINS, 19



Employer: Apprentice with Briggs and Forrester.

Provider: EAS Mechanical

Trainer: Paul Dodds, Skills, Educational Training (SET) Ltd.

Daniel has had to create a mock apartment, fitting two boilers and two pumps pumping around the system, a towel rail and a hot and cold water system.

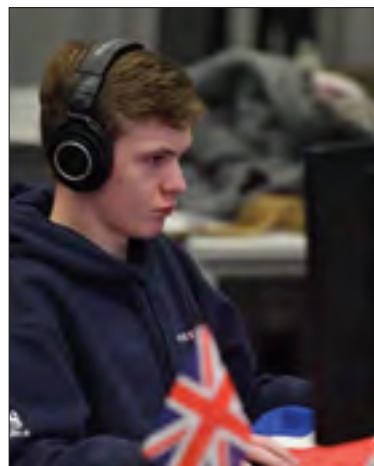
Everything had to be as accurate as possible to the drawing, with all angles within one degree and measurements within two millimetres.

“ Competition can be very stressful but it has been a great experience



3D GAME DESIGN (DEMONSTRATION SKILL)

DANIEL MCCABE, 20



Employer: West Cheshire College

Provider: N/A

Trainer: Mike Spence, South Thames College

Daniel was given a BMW M2 to design for the game Need for Speed. He had to modify it in a similar way to how a mechanic might do to a real life car. He changed the bonnet, added new skirts and a spoiler. The person who did the best job at modifying their vehicle won.

Daniel won gold for a demonstration skill. Subject to there being at least nine competitors 3D game design will feature at EuroSkills 2018 in Budapest, Hungary.

“ I'm absolutely made up to win gold, couldn't have asked for anything more



BEAUTY THERAPY

ISLA MCLARTY, 19



Employer: Experience Health and Beauty

Provider: City of Glasgow College

Trainer: Jenna Bailey, Ashton Community Science College.

Isla was required to carry out pedicure, manicure, facials, body treatments, massage and make-up.

Marks were awarded on completion of tasks in the specified time. Hygiene and safety was also taken into account in the assessment.

“ I just took each day as it came and did the best I could



PLASTERING AND DRYWALL

HARRISON MOY, 20



Employer: British Gypsum

Provider: H&R Property Development

Trainer: David Kehoe, British Gypsum

Harrison had the opportunity to prepare the work in advance by creating templates and drawings and once the competition started he had to set walls, ceilings and decorations.

In some tasks he was free to use whatever method he wished, while in some others the method was specified.

“ I'm a very laid back person so the nerves didn't kick in until I started

WELDING

JOSH PEEK, 20



Employer: L&G Skilled Engineering
Provider: Great Yarmouth College.
Trainer: Clive Bell, Lakes College.

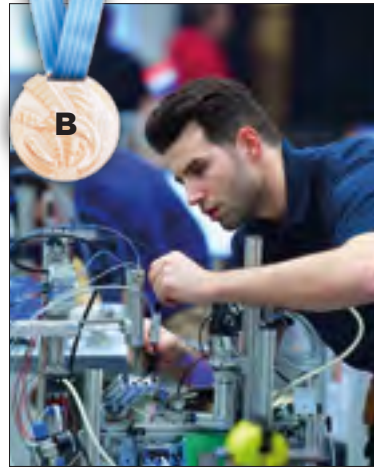
Josh had to weld together plates and pipes in accordance with instructions provided. He was also required to weld a pressure vessel and carry out projects using steel and aluminium.

“ Really pleased with what I produced, competing here has been great

The judges awarded points to work that not only looked visually good, met the specified measurements but also passed tough quality and pressure tests.

MECHATRONICS

TOM REVELL, 24



Employer: Toyota Manufacturing UK
Provider: Toyota Manufacturing UK
Trainer: David Russell, Northern Regional College

Competing in teams of two, Sam and Tom had to assemble and programme several stations similar to production equipment used in manufacturing industry. The stations were assembled into a production line and had to be programmed to work together.

“ Being here with all of the other countries is making us have a great time

The exact details of the tasks were not revealed to Sam and Tom until just before the competition starts.

FLORISTRY

DANIELLE SCANDONE, 21



Employer: Moonflower.
Provider: Merrist Wood College
Trainer: Laura Owen, Self-employed

Danielle had six elements to complete: an original bouquet, wedding bouquet, arrangement using floral foam, a standing display, a wreath, and floral jewellery for a model.

“ The experience has been brilliant, I wouldn't change it. I've had so much fun

As well as composition (colour, shape, proportions, lines, movement, texture, concepts) and techniques, Danielle was scored on organisation skills, customer care, knowledge of materials and tools, as well as her craft skills.

JOINERY

CONOR WILLMOTT, 21



Employer: Precision carpentry and joinery
Provider: West Suffolk College.
Trainer: Andrew Pengelly, Didac Ltd.

Conor had to build a window to specified criteria provided. He first produced his own drawings from the criteria given, he then built the frame and then assembled the whole window.

“ I've never had to work to this sort of standard or make anything that complicated

Judges assessed his drawing and planning, the joints before and after assembly, finish and execution, measurement accuracy, and the finished product including all parts and best use of materials.

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