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Welcome to CAMPUS ROUND-UP edition 30



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Welcome to edition 30 of our Campus Round-Up digital magazine.

The guest editor this week is 24-year-old Christopher Spring (pictured) who started his two-week internship at *FE Week* on Wednesday, October 15.

Chris completed an NCTJ at Brighton Journalist Works in August and is currently a volunteer press officer at an art gallery in Brighton, called Art Schism.

He has shown a flair for finding and writing up a series of quirky and inspiring stories and been confident enough to make useful



suggestions during the planning process for the magazine. Highlights include an article on photographs taken by students of the heavily tattooed chaplain of City of Bath College.

We have also written about ex-New Durham College student Katie Bulmer-Cooke's plan to impress Lord Sugar on the latest BBC series of the *Apprentice* with her determined approach to tasks. Other stories told how an engineering lecturer at Chichester College spent the last two years renovating a

forgotten vineyard on the college grounds and learners from the Rural Business School at Duchy College helped develop an award-winning farming app.

This week's feature is about award-winning Walsall College student Daniel Eden who is training to be a professional football coach despite being left partially paralysed in his left arm and leg after contracting meningitis when he was six months old.

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Photography learners show faith in model chaplain

Photography learners showed faith in a heavily tattooed college chaplain they used as a model for a series of striking pictures for their course portfolios.

Rob Popejoy, aged 30, who is an Anglican Christian, is a multi-faith chaplain at City of Bath College. Level three photography student Fen Petch-Eades, aged 17, recently took photos of his hands, which are covered in faith-inspired tattoos, for her course portfolio.

Family-friend Harriet Evans, 18, also took pictures of him for her level three photography course at City of Bristol College before graduating in July 2013.

He joked: "It's great that people recognise I look different and think that I'd look good in photos, but I'm not about to give up my day-job and launch a modelling career."

Fen said: "I'd noticed all of Rob's tattoos and just thought his hands would make a really interesting photo."

Harriet said: "I decided that I wanted a quirky person with tattoos to be photographed in a bow-tie. As Robbie's personality is naturally relaxed in front of a camera the photographs just came out really well."



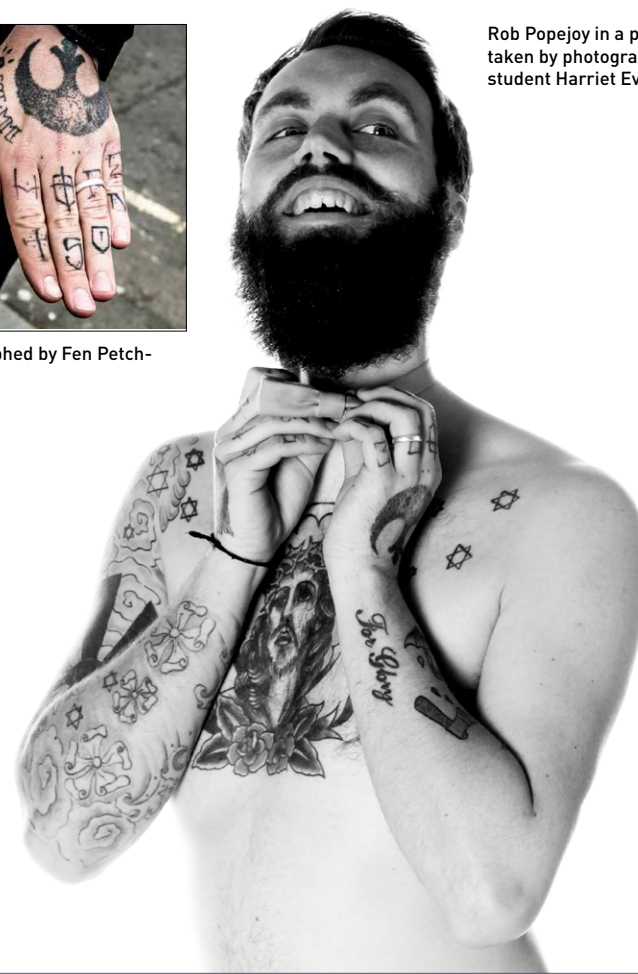
Mr Popejoy's hands photographed by Fen Petch-Eades



Harriet Evans



Fen Petch-Eades



Rob Popejoy in a photo taken by photography student Harriet Evans

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Marlena is student hairdresser of the year

Stroke on Trent College learner Marlena Luczak has been named Student Hairdresser of the Year at the 2014 British Hairdressing Awards.

The 28-year-old level two hairdressing student was one of thousands of learners from FE providers and salons who entered the competition by submitting four photos of a hairstyle created on a model.

The judges were particularly impressed with Marlena's "red carpet" hair style that involved pinning up long hair in to what she called an "elegant and classic" plaited bun.

She recreated the look on a model ahead of the presentation ceremony in London, organised by the Hairdressing Council and L'Oreal, where she collected her trophy and more than £100-worth of hair care products.

Marlena said: "I really was not expecting to win so it was a bit of a shock. Everyone has been so supportive and people I don't even know have been coming up to me around college to congratulate me."

Hairdressing lecturer Jason Davies said: "Marlena is amazingly talented.

"It is a first for the college and we are all so very proud."



From left: Veronika Pantina, who modelled the winning hair style, with hairdressing student Marlena Luczak

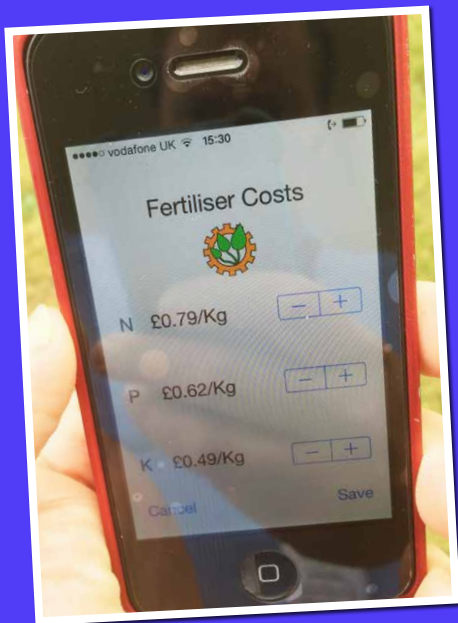


Right: The award-winning hair style

Award winning app manages muck raking



From Left: Chris Hodgeson, of Rothamsted Research, Becky Wilson and Claire Reigate, who presented the app on behalf of the college to the Soil Association's annual conference



A page from the app displayed on a smart phone

An app that up to 100 learners from the Rural Business School at Cornwall-based Duchy College helped develop has won an award at the Soil Association's annual conference.

The Farm Manure

Management Application helps farmers assess the amount and variety of manure needed to grow their crops.

The app, developed by learners from a variety of courses at the Rural Business

School, was voted as the most pioneering idea in farming and growing across the UK in 2014.

Dr Stephen Roderick, the app's project manager at the college, said: "We've already received over 500 downloads

for an app that we feel can make a real difference for farmers. Technology, like this, can improve the efficiency and overall profitability of farms.

"The app is free to download and use."

Bumper crop of grapes at 'forgotten' vineyard

A lecturer with no previous horticultural experience grew and harvested half a tonne of grapes on a previously neglected vineyard at Chichester College.

Associate lecturer in engineering Dave Nott took control of the vines at the college's working farm at its Brinsbury campus, which had not been tended to or harvested for a number of years, in 2012.

He has since spent two hours a-day working alone on the vines and reading-up on the art of grape cultivation.

Mr Nott gave this year's bumper crop to Highdown vineyard in Ferring, West Sussex, which will use the grapes to make wine.

He said: "I was startled to discover the forgotten vines during a tour of the farm.

"I managed to revitalise them through considerable pruning which resulted in a 50 per cent increase in grapes."

Mr Nott, who has worked at the college for 15 years, now hopes to expand the one-acre plot and train students to help him grow even more grapes.



Lecturer Dave Nott at the vineyard



Pinot Noir grapes at the vineyard



Katie Bulmer-Cooke. Inset: Katie talking to New College Durham learners in 2013 Pic: BBC

'Stealth bomber' hopes to impress Lord Sugar

Former New College Durham sport student Katie Bulmer-Cooke is hoping to be the "stealth bomber" on this year's series of The Apprentice.

The 27-year-old fitness entrepreneur completed a two-year sport and exercise foundation degree at the college seven years ago and returned to advise students about launching their own businesses last March.

She is a candidate on the new series of BBC show The Apprentice and hopes to impress Lord Sugar (pictured) with her quiet but efficient approach to tasks.

She said: "In business, I'm like a little stealth bomber

that flies under the radar and smashes the competition before they've realised I'm here."

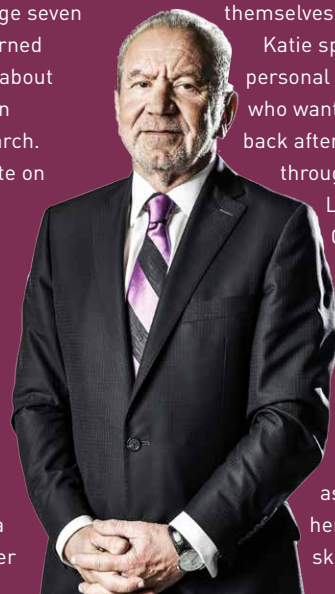
She added: "Studying the foundation degree definitely helped my career.

"I always knew I wanted to help people feel better about themselves."

Katie specialises in personal training for mums who want to get their figures back after giving birth,

through her business The Little Black Dress Club.

Peter Morrison, college head of sport, said: "We wish Katie all the best and are sure that Lord Sugar will be as impressed as we were with her knowledge and skills."



Sport student left partially paralysed by meningitis wins prestigious award

A college learner who was left partially paralysed down his left-hand side after contracting meningitis as a baby has been given a prestigious award by the Mayor of Walsall, writes Paul Offord.

Walsall College student Daniel Eden lives by the maxim “you don’t know what you are capable of until you try”.

The 25-year-old has had a lot to contend with since contracting meningitis when he was six months old.

Doctors told Daniel’s parents, Lindsey and Chris, to prepare for the worst during the three weeks that he spent in intensive care. He eventually pulled through but was left with partial paralysis in his left arm and leg, and learning difficulties caused by brain damage. He also has cerebral palsy.

But Daniel has never let his disabilities hold him back and the lifelong fan of Premier League club Aston Villa decided two years ago to pursue his dream of becoming a professional football coach.

He enrolled on a level one certificate in sport and active leisure at Walsall College in September last year and became involved with coaching local youngsters.

Daniel, who moved on to level two in September, was given the college sport department’s student of the year award last June and has now accepted a High Sheriff’s Medal of Excellence recognising academic and coaching success against the odds.

He said: “It is really nice to be recognised.

“I love helping other people and can do that through coaching.

“My current level two course is more about developing my organisation and communication skills.

“I want to go on to level three next year which will be more about skills coaching.

“My advice to other disabled people is just ‘give it your best shot and try your best. You don’t know what you

are capable of until you try’.”

Alongside his studies, Daniel is supporting the college’s Team 19 football programme which, in partnership with Birmingham County Football Association, delivers free coaching sessions to 14 to 16-year-olds.

The idea is to encourage more local youngsters to play football on the pitch instead of on computer games.

Daniel coaches the youngsters two mornings a week on a voluntary basis.

He said: “I know that I am good at communicating and can see that the young people respond to me on the training pitch.

“I started having botox injections in my bad arm and leg six years ago which stopped them from spasming and helped me do a lot more physically.

“I am so grateful to Walsall College for everything they have done to help fulfil my ambition to become a professional football coach.”

Daniel was chosen for the High Sheriff’s Medal of Excellence ahead of nominations from seven mayoral regions across the West Midlands.

He collected his medal, a framed certificate and a cheque for £250 at a ceremony in Walsall Council House attended by the Mayor of Walsall Pete Smith, college staff and Daniel’s father, Chris.

Mark Howard, college sports development co-ordinator, said: “Daniel is a credit to Walsall College and proof that struggles and perceived weaknesses can actually be transformed into strengths.”

Chris said: “We have always taken it one day at a time with Daniel since he had meningitis.

“His attitude ever since has always been that he wanted to achieve as much as he possibly could.

“I’m very proud of him and would like to think that he will be able to go into professional disabled football coaching and maybe even refereeing one day.

“He’s very determined. You don’t say ‘no’ to him. He will always find a way of getting to where he wants to be.”

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From left: Daniel Eden, High Sheriff of the West Midlands Dr Tim Watts and Mayor of Walsall Pete Smith



Daniel when he was a baby



From left: Chris Eden with Daniel



From left: Sarah Gafford, sport tutor, newsreader Llewela Bailey, who spoke at the awards event, and Daniel with his college sport student of the year certificate

Dame honoured by Clegg for work with AoC in India

Principal of West Nottinghamshire College Group Dame Asha Khemka has been awarded by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg for helping to improve FE links between Britain and India.

Dame Khemka was presented with the inaugural Dadabhai Naoroji Award for Education at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in London.

It recognised her efforts to boost links between the British and Indian FE sectors through her role as chair of the Association of Colleges (AoC) in India.

She said: "I am hugely privileged to receive this award and immensely grateful for the recognition this brings to the work of the AoC in India."

Presenting her award, Mr Clegg said Dame Khemka had "worked tirelessly to strengthen the bond between the UK and India".

Mr Naoroji lived from 1825 to 1917 and was the first Asian to sit as a British MP between 1892 and 1895.



From left: Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, Priti Patel, exchequer secretary to the Treasury and Britain's India Diaspora champion, Sushma Swaraj, Indian Minister of External Affairs, and Dame Asha Khemka, principal of West Nottinghamshire College Group

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Celebrating female mathematician

Totton College students learned about celebrated women involved with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (Stem) including neuroscientist Hannah Critchlow and video gaming executive Lucy Bradshaw.

They studied the case studies for Ada Lovelace Day which celebrates women working in Stem subjects.

Chris Howard, Stem head at the college, said: "It is vital we promote the success of female science professionals to our future scientists."

Ada Lovelace was a nineteenth century English mathematician known for her work on Charles Babbage's early mechanical computer.

New creative hub set to open

Tory MP for Richmond Park and North Kingston Zac Goldsmith attended the topping out ceremony for Kingston College's new £10m Creative Industries Centre.

The centre, which is set to open in January, will feature a 3D workshop, TV studio and music suite.

Principal Peter Mayhew-Smith said: "We know this will become a centrepiece for arts education in London."

Mr Goldsmith said: "I am delighted to be part of marking this milestone and look forward to seeing it grow into a hub for creative arts. This will be a great addition to our local community."

New amps for music students

Marshall Amplification has donated more than £8,000-worth of musical equipment to The Institute of Contemporary Music Performance in London.

The Milton Keynes-based firm gave a variety of Marshall amplifiers and other musical equipment, including a red Natal drum kit to support students learning to play.

Ian Edwards, head of marketing at the Institute, said: "We are so proud of our relationships with all of our industry partners including Marshall. Their continued support shows the future is in safe hands."



Leah's painting helps to launch Crewe Poppy Appeal

South Cheshire College art student has donated a painting inspired by the Poppy Appeal to Crewe Royal British Legion (RBL).

The work by level three art and design BTec learner Leah Parker, aged 16, depicts a lone soldier walking through a field of poppies.

She donated £30 to this year's Poppy Appeal along with the painting which will go on permanent display in the Crewe RBL headquarters.

Leah said: "I'm really pleased the people at the Royal British Legion liked my work and that I was able to give them a good start for this year's Poppy Appeal."

David Ballantyne, art and design lecturer, said: "Leah's artwork really set the scene for this year's fundraising."

"It is fantastic that her work is held in such high esteem by the RBL."

"Her work will now take pride of place on display in the Crewe office."