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From left: Hereford
College learner
Tim Gilks, 17, who
is playing Dame
Smee, and Kaleigh
Pritchard, aged
18, who is playing
Peter Pan, in their
panto

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My name is Rebecca Jones and I am the guest editor for this week's edition. I am 21 years old and graduated

last month from the University of Chester with a degree in journalism with photography.

Before starting my internship at *FE Week* I was paid as a multi-media journalist and social media manager for six months at West View Publications, in Chester, and completed an extended unpaid work placement that counted towards my course with Archant Publishing, where I wrote articles for Essex Life magazine and The East Anglian Daily Times.

I have enjoyed working on a specialist education newspaper and writing about FE providers and will be sad when my time here comes to an end. I tweeted about last week's Campus Round-Up stories and found it interesting to see how seriously *FE Week* and

the college press offices take social media. I will further develop my online profile as a result.

Aside from working on Campus Round-Up, I was excited to have my byline on the front pages of the last two editions of the main newspaper, for stories on a new animal rescue centre at Kendal College and FE learners nominated for the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award.

Highlights of this week's edition include stories about a City College Norwich student with cerebral palsy who raised £150 for good causes through a Christmas fair and the feature on Lincoln College learners sending shoe boxes full of gifts to servicemen and women who will be spending the festive season overseas.

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Students think singer Jack has the X Factor

XFactor singer Jack Walton performed and took part in a question and answer session at Lancashire-based Nelson and Colne College.

The singer was interviewed by A-level students Oscar Nommay



Jack Walton performing

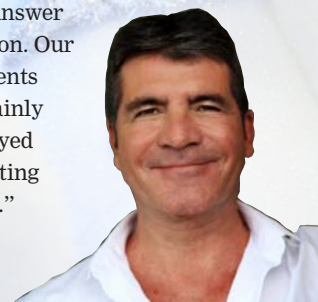
and Kate Whitaker, both aged 18.

They asked what X Factor judge, Simon Cowell (pictured below) was like in real life and what the singer had done since leaving the show.

Mr Walton, who was part of ex-Spice Girl Mel B's team on the TV talent show before being voted off last month, also performed to more than 100 guests outside the college's Farringtons restaurant.

Principal Amanda Melton said: "We were thrilled that Jack was able to join in our festive fun.

"He was a great sport, posing for photos and agreeing to take part in an a question and answer session. Our students certainly enjoyed meeting him."



Front row from left: Jack Walton, a reindeer and college principal Amanda Melton

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Hospitality and catering students Ben Gemmell, aged 18, and Charles Dawson, 20, with home-made festive treats



Trader Stacy Daly at her stall

Sweet success with selling festive cakes and biscuits

Warrington Collegiate opened its doors to the local community for a fundraising festive market.

Stalls were run by level three hospitality and catering students, who sold home-made festive treats including Italian Christmas bread, cinder toffee, fudge, biscuits and stollen cake, along with a number of external traders.

Hospital and catering lecturer Scott Surtes led a team of level one and two learners from his course. They prepared and served soup, braised steak, red cabbage and mulled wine in the college

restaurant.

There was also carol singing and a raffle for a festive hamper featuring a variety of tasty treats either donated or prepared by staff and students, including a Christmas pudding, which raised more than £150. The event raised more than £300 in total for St Rocco's Hospice, in Warrington.

Bethan Bligh, manager of the college's Learning Resource Centre, said: "As a college we are very much part of the wider community of Warrington and we wanted to run an event that would be fun for all the family."



Back row from left: Marouane Fellaini, Ben Amos, Anderson, Antonio Valencia and Jonny Evans. Front row: Salford College Girls Academy footballers

Pitch perfect for training with Manchester United players

Christmas came early for learners from Salford City College Girls Football Academy when they were invited to train with Manchester United first-team footballers Marouane Fellaini, Jonny Evans, Ben Amos, Antonio Valencia and Anderson.

The students were invited to train on a synthetic pitch next to the Sir Alex Ferguson

Stand at Old Trafford with some of the club's specialist women's coaches.

They were thrilled when the Premier League stars joined in a kickabout and posed for photos with them afterwards.

One of the learners, Emma Farrington, aged 17, who is studying maths and English GCSEs and a diploma level three in sport, said: "I can't believe we were given the opportunity to train at Old Trafford. The best bit was definitely meeting the players."

Kelly Macphail, head coach at the academy, said: "The visit was a fantastic way to reward the team just before Christmas and hopefully this has inspired them to continue working hard so that we can finish this season on a high."



From left: Jonny Evans with student, Emma Farrington, aged 17

Ellie's not bashful with Snow White panto stars



Television presenter Jeff Brazier and actress Juliette Dean (back row centre left and right) with South Essex College hairdressing students

South Essex College level three hairdressing student Ellie Valentine wasn't bashful when she cut the hair of television presenter and Snow White pantomime star Jeff Brazier.

Mr Brazier, who is currently a presenter on ITV show This Morning and previously appeared on I'm a Celebrity... Get Me out of Here, visited the college's

Thurrock campus with Juliette Dean who is currently appearing with him in the pantomime at the Thameside Theatre in nearby Grays.

They chatted with learners and had their hair cut by Ellie, aged 17, while they were dressed as their characters from the show, Prince Charming and Snow White.

Ellie said: "I'm a big fan of Jeff

anyway so I was really looking forward to meeting him. It's the most excitement our class has seen all year."

Nicki Kelly, head of hair and beauty, said: "Jeff and Juliette were lovely, complimenting the college and spending lots of time with the students."

A group of 19 level three performing arts students from



From left: Hereford College learner Kaleigh Pritchard, aged 18, who is playing Peter Pan, and Tim Gilks, 17, who is playing Dame Smee

Mr Brazier gets his hair cut by learner Ellie Valentine

Hereford College also launched their pantomime Peter Panto last night (December 9).

Performing arts tutor Naomi Cook said "The script, based on Barrie's Peter Pan story, was written over a five-week period by the students. They then directed, choreographed and rehearsed the panto for five weeks. We are very proud of them all."

Disabled learner runs college fair

Teenager with cerebral palsy raised £150 through a Christmas fair to help fund sport and social clubs that are accessible to people with disabilities.

Rebekah Gill (pictured), aged 17, who is currently on a one-year individual learning

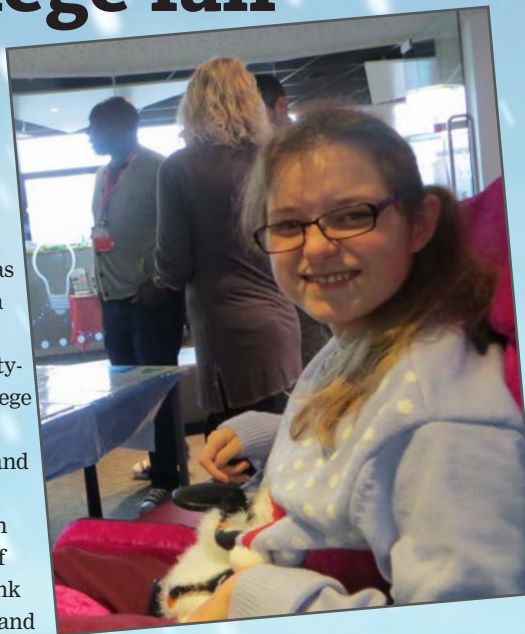
programme at City College Norwich aimed at helping develop her life and employability skills, is confined to a wheelchair due to cerebral palsy.

She organised the fair at the college with help from around 50 members of staff and students who ran 30 stalls offering Christmas craft gifts, jewellery, cakes, badge-making, a lucky dip and tombola. It raised £150 for her next project, which will be to set up disability-accessible social and sports clubs in the college and local community. A further £100 was raised for charities Dogs for the Disabled and Pets as Therapy.

She said: "I was really pleased with how the fair went and the amount of people who came. I would like to thank everyone who helped run the stalls and supported what we were doing."



From left: Student Candy Collings, aged 17, Roxana Stoian, curriculum services support worker, and student Holly Blake, 17, at a craft stall



From left: Rebekah Gill at the fair

Gifts sent to serviceman and women spending Christmas overseas

A group of GCSE learners from Lincoln College donated gifts and toiletries to members of the armed forces who will be away from their families at Christmas, writes Paul Offord.

Most people will soon be exchanging presents and tucking into their Christmas dinner in the company of loved ones.

But GCSE learners from Lincoln College were moved to take action to boost the spirits of men and women who will miss out on traditional home-comforts this festive season while serving with British armed forces overseas.

The learners filled two large bags with books and DVDs and 10 shoe and boot boxes with festive treats.

One of the students, Gemma Tester, aged 18, said: "Everyone brought in something that we thought we would appreciate if we were away from home at Christmas — I brought toiletries.

"I have friends that are in the Army and relatives that are married to people in the RAF and know that it must be awful to be so far from your loved ones at this time of year."

The idea became reality after GCSE pathway lead Lynn Train-Brown heard from her 14-year-old daughter, Beth, that her Army cadets group, the Lincoln-based Abbey Detachment, was collecting gifts to send to those serving in Kabul, Sierra Leone, and other parts of the Middle East.

Ms Train-Brown said: "There has traditionally been strong links to the military in Lincolnshire — particularly the RAF which has bases in Scampton, Waddington and Coningsby, which means that many of our staff and students are either ex-forces or have relatives currently serving.

"The Army cadet group was also based at the college until earlier this year and they still have close links with us, so we really wanted to help out."

She asked a group of 24 GCSE learners if they would like to support the cause and they enthusiastically agreed.

"The students put in things like toiletries, Christmas puddings and hats that they had brought in from home," said Mrs Train-Brown.

"They also donated lots of tinsel and other Christmas decorations so the troops can brighten up their tents while they're away."

She added a number of learners put letters in the boxes which they wrote themselves and were hoping to receive replies.



From left: Army cadet Beth Train-Brown and student Gemma Tester



Gift boxes taped-up and ready for posting

Ms Train-Brown said: "We were told that troops who are missing home and might not have many people to keep in contact with really appreciate being written to."

The overall campaign is being run by Sergeant Instructor Kayleigh Tucker, from the Abbey Detachment.

She said: "The aim behind the scheme is to provide those serving overseas during the festive period with as much moral support as we possibly can.

"It is impossible to imagine how hard it is for servicemen and women to be so far away from their families, especially at this time of year, so it is our mission to ensure that serving

soldiers have something to brighten their day this Christmas."



Above: GCSE learners with some gift boxes.
Below: Army cadets and supervisors with the boxes



From left: Sergeant Instructor Kayleigh Tucker and cadet Kereen Hitchborne

Pulling together for party for seriously ill children



From Left: Students Thomas Houlby and Tanya White on the rowing machines

Firefighters pulled together with public services students from Hampshire-based South Downs College to raise £1,200 for a Christmas party for terminally and chronically sick children.

Firefighters from Cosham Fire Station were sponsored to row a combined distance of 500,000 metres on static rowing machines at Sainsbury's supermarket, in nearby Farlington, to fund a party they are organising for local youngsters.

Level three learners Thomas Houlby, aged 16, and Tanya White, 18, helped organise the event and even sat in on the rowing machine at one point.

Firefighter Tony Russell said: "The support of the students was invaluable as when we [the firefighters] were called to a fire, both students jumped on the rowing machines until the firefighters returned. The students were exemplary and they were a credit to the college."

Public services lecturer Martyn Bell said: "This is an absolutely amazing achievement and something our students should be proud to say they have been part of."

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Flashdance at Michael Buble gig

Students from Stratford-upon-Avon College delighted fans with a flashdance before a Michael Buble show at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.

The level three performing arts learners suddenly jumped from the crowd and danced to classic swing-dance song 'Puttin' on the Ritz' by Irving Berlin in the arena's foyer.

Claire Morley, head of performing arts and music at the college, said: "This was an amazing performance opportunity for the dance's choreographer Clare Palethorpe and our students."

Graduate's X-ray tests for students

Former student Lewis Cooper showed current South Cheshire College BTec and A-level science learners a series of chest X-Rays.

The 18-year-old left the college in the summer after studying science A-levels and began studying diagnostic radiography at the University of Liverpool in September.

He was invited back to inspire current learners and showed them real X-rays before asking for diagnoses.

Andrew Davidson, biology lecturer, said: "This was an excellent opportunity for students to be stimulated and challenged."

Classic Dickens tale set to play

Level two and three performing arts students from West Cheshire College will perform their version of the classic Charles Dickens book A Christmas Carol.

There will be 10 performances of the play at the college's Ellesmere Port Campus from Monday to Friday (December 15 to December 19).

Paul Moss, performing arts programme leader, said: "A Christmas Carol is a classic story that people of all ages will enjoy. Our students worked really hard in rehearsals and will put on a fantastic show."



Staff and learners at the event

Health and safety advice

Staff and students at Walford and North Shropshire College were encouraged to stay safe and healthy this festive season.

Level three access to higher education health learners organised an event at the college on a 'happy and healthy Christmas' theme.

It offered free health checks and advice on sexually transmitted diseases from representatives from the

Terence Higgins Trust charity.

Visitors also learned about the National Health Service's blood, organs, stem cells and tissues donation and quit smoking services and were given advice on how to stay safe on nights out.

Course co-ordinator Jill Cawthray said: "The health promotion was a fantastic way for the students to showcase the skills they have developed over the year."

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