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Hello my name is Thomas Turnbull I'm guest editor for this week's Campus Round-Up

digital magazine.

I am 17 years old and recently completed my A-levels in English literature, government and politics and theatre studies.

I will begin an American studies degree at the University of Manchester in September and hope to become a journalist after graduating.

This is the second Campus Round-Up magazine that I have overseen, during my two-week internship at FE Week, with support from training manager Paul Offord.

I have got much more involved with planning the layout for Edition 23, which has been really interesting.

I have found it useful, during my

time here, to watch how the other reporters in the office work.

I have taken on board lots of good advice from them, about how to write concisely and hit tight deadlines, when writing up most stories for this week's edition.

Highlights include stories on a trek along the Inca trail in Peru by Birmingham Metropolitan College staff and students and a Croydon School of Art learner who launched her own fashion label.

The feature is about a horror movie written, filmed and edited by staff and students from Andover College. It is gaining national attention because Daisy Ridley, a professional actress who starred in the college film, has been cast in the new Star Wars movie.

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Costumes inspired by The Gruffalo

Cleveland College of Art and Design students helped youngsters with special needs create costumes and paper mache masks inspired by children's books.

A group of 22 first year extended diploma art and design learners spent a day in June with five to 11-year-old pupils from Springwell School, in Hartlepool.

They helped the youngsters, who had a variety of special needs, create costumes and paper mache masks inspired by popular children's books including The Gruffalo, by Julia Donaldson.

The children showed off their finished costumes to the students in a parade at the end of the day.

Course leader for art and design Amanda Smith said: "The students have grown massively in self-esteem through delivering these workshops at the school. They supported the children incredibly well."



Springwell School pupil Liam Horner, aged six, wears a hat inspired by The Gruffalo and Art. Also pictured is design student Chelsea Hammersley, 18

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Exeter College treble at BTEc Awards



From left: Rob Bosworth, assistant principal of Exeter College, Reanna Killeen-McGuirk, outstanding BTEc public services student of the year award winner, Rosie Birch, outstanding BTEc hospitality, travel and tourism student of the year award winner, and Richard Atkins, principal of Exeter College

Exeter College achieved treble success at the National BTEc Awards.

The provider, which was rated outstanding by Ofsted in January and has more than 3,200 learners on level one to five BTEc courses, won the outstanding BTEc school/college of the year award at the ceremony run by Pearson UK in London on July 3.

Rosie Birch, aged 17, who completed a level three travel and tourism course at the college, achieving a distinction star, won the outstanding BTEc hospitality, travel and tourism student of the year award.

Reanna Killeen-McGuirk, 18, who completed a level three public services course at the college, achieving a distinction star, won the outstanding BTEc public services student of the year award.

After being handed the outstanding school/college award by TV presenter Jameela Jamil, principal Richard Atkins said: "We are a big BTEc centre and this award is great recognition for all our staff and students. It's

been a really good year with our outstanding Ofsted inspection, but winning this has been the icing on the cake.

"The whole day has been an absolutely brilliant experience — particularly for our students who won awards and their families."

Connor Thomas, 18, who completed a level three interactive media course with Bridgend College in June last year gaining a triple distinction, won the outstanding creative art & design student of the year and outstanding BTEc student of the year award.

Bethany Alsbury, 20, who completed a level three health sciences course with City of Bath College, gaining a distinction star, won the outstanding BTEc child and social care student of the year award.

Civil engineering lecturer Barry Falconer, from Leeds College of Building, won the outstanding BTEc teacher/ tutor of the year award. Visit www.edexcel.com/btec/progress/nba/Pages/2014-winners for a full list of winners.



From left: TV presenter Jameela Jamil, former Bridgend College learner Connor Thomas, outstanding creative art & design student of the year award and outstanding BTEc student of the year award winner, and Jill Duffy, vice president of UK Schools at Pearson



From left: David Heath, Somerton and Frome MP, and former City of Bath College learner and outstanding BTEc child and social care student of the year award winner Bethany Alsbury



From left: Outstanding BTEc teacher/ tutor of the year award winner Barry Falconer, from Leeds College of Building, and Mark Anderson, managing director of Pearson UK



Fashion student Jeanne-Marie Fraser works on one of her outfits

Cutting cloth in fashion world with clothing label

Teenage designer Jeanne-Marie Fraser is cutting her cloth in the fashion industry through developing her own clothing label.

The 18-year-old former level three fashion and clothing student, who completed her course at Croydon School of Art on Friday (July 4) but does not yet know what grade she achieved, has been developing her clothing brand called Limitless London over the past year.

She designed and created a range of men's and women's outfits in the college workshop, including t-shirts, trousers, jackets, cardigans, and coats inspired by contemporary designers Dries van Noten, Vivienne Westwood and

Alexander Wang.

Designs by Jeanne-Marie, who will start a fashion degree at Edinburgh University in September, were showcased at the college's end of year fashion show and she has already sold around 30 t-shirts and other outfits making a £150 profit.

Jeanne-Marie said: "Coming to Croydon College has helped me to design clothes to the best of my ability. Before I came here, I wouldn't have even dreamed of setting up my own fashion label, which is very exciting for me."

The Cultural Lounge, a shop in Edinburgh, has also agreed to stock her outfits and she made t-shirts for Edinburgh-based band Indigo Velvet's recent Hit the Road tour.

Fresh water supplied to Madagascan village

An English teacher from Wigan-based Winstanley College raised more than £3,000 to bring fresh water to a remote village in Madagascar.

Fran Pridham saw how residents from the village of Filemahana faced a five-mile walk to the nearest fresh water well during a holiday in 2012 on the island, situated off the coast of Africa.

After returning home, she spent 10 months raising £3,000 through cake sales, a sponsored diet and other fundraising activities for the Madagascan Development Fund.

The charity used the money to install a well and five connected water pumps around the village,

which was up and running by May this year. Ms Pridham has since been sent a video of villagers thanking her for transforming their lives.

She said: "I was deeply touched by the friendship I was shown during in Madagascar."

"I was inspired when, bottled water in hand, I met an old man and his grandson walking five miles back to their village with the water they'd collected. I'm so thrilled by the impact the money has had."

Madame Celestine, MP for Filemahana, said: "The new system is a dream come true. I cannot find words adequate to express our appreciation for this life-changing project."



English teacher Fran Pridham pounds grain with villagers in Filemahana during her holiday to Madagascar. Above: The villagers hold-up a banner thanking Ms Pridham for raising the money for their new fresh water system

Students make their own horror film with Star Wars actress

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Andover College students acted in and helped shoot a feature-length horror movie. The film has attracted widespread interest because it starred professional actress Daisy Ridley — who will appear in the new Star Wars film, writes Paul Offord.

The movie world may appear to exist in another galaxy far, far away to most media students. But dreams of working on a full length feature film came true for 40 BTec and A-level learners from Andover College.

They worked behind-the-scenes and acted in a horror movie written and directed by film production lecturer Peter Hearn that starred professional actress Daisy Ridley — who is set to become an A-list celebrity when she takes a lead role in the new Star Wars movie.

The horror film called Scrawl, premiered two weeks ago at The Lights theatre in Andover. It is about bored teenagers from a rundown seaside town who create a comic book.

All is going well until monsters from the book start appearing in the real world.

Mr Hearn said: "It is the first feature film that I have heard of that has been made by a UK college — although it is more common in America. The students did everything helping out behind-the-scenes, to operating the clap board, filming, sound recording and engineering, and editing the footage.

"The time spent giving them a real world view of making a film, rather than all their teaching and learning being in a classroom environment, is something I know was important in their FE lives, something they'll never forget."

He added: "I brought in some professional actors because I wanted to show the students this was a serious film. Daisy liked the script and agreed to shoot with us. She was very professional and really friendly with the students.

"She played Hannah — a sinister character who comes to life from the comic book. She filmed with us over the three-week period and has been a supporter since. It's exciting to think that she is now going to be in Star Wars."

Ellie Selwood, 18, who secured a triple distinction star for her level three performing arts BTec course a week ago, played lead role Rosie in Scrawl.

She said: "It was amazing working on a full-length feature film. My character was one of the first people who noticed things were

coming to life from the comic book. All the professional actors all got on well with the students and gave us some good advice. Daisy told me you have to put yourself about as much as possible if you want to make it as an actor."

Another key contributor was Scrawl's director of photography and editor Matty Crawford, aged 19, who completed a level three TV and film production BTec at the college in July 2013 with a triple distinction star.

Annabelle Le Gresley, also 19, who secured a triple distinction star for level three BTec creative media in July 2013, was producer of the movie and also played troubled teenager Annie Williams.

Ms Ridley, who recently played Roxie Starlet in BBC drama Mr Selfridge, has been confirmed as a cast member for the seventh Star Wars film currently being shot by director JJ Abrams for Disney.

The name of her character has not been confirmed — but it is widely rumoured she will be playing Jainia Solo, daughter of Han Solo and Princess Leia. She will star alongside established stars Harrison Ford (Han Solo), Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia), Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker), Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) and Kenny Baker (R2-D2).

The college raised £3,000 to fund Scrawl through crowdfunding site Indiegogo.



Students and staff from Andover College on the premiere evening for their film Scrawl



Mark Hamill



Carrie Fisher



Harrison Ford



Students check out film footage on the set of Scrawl



From left: Director JJ Abrams, Harrison Ford and Daisy Ridley read through the script for the new Star Wars film



Student Catherine Ruddick, 19, who played a character called Charlie in Scrawl, with film production lecturer Peter Hearn



Daisy Ridley in a scene from Scrawl

Helping to save the Amazon rainforest in Peru

Endangered trees were planted in the Amazon rainforest by Birmingham Metropolitan College students.

The nine higher national diploma uniformed public services students helped out on a reforestation scheme in the Manu National Park during a three-week stay in Peru.

It involved clearing unwanted bamboo and planting Peruvian pine, capirona and iron trees — which are endangered species in the region because of deforestation.

They also trekked to Machu Picchu — an Inca settlement 2,430m above sea level which was abandoned by the native tribe more than 400 years ago.

Chris Harding, assistant director for uniformed public services at Birmingham Metropolitan College, said: “Peru was chosen because we wanted students to experience a landscape and environment that would challenge them and add to their overall experience as well as enrich their cultural knowledge.”



Birmingham Metropolitan College students and staff by the remains of the Machu Picchu Inca settlement. Inset: Student James Bennett, aged 19, clears bamboo in the Manu National Reserve



Media students Katie Hollinshead and Rob Hemmingway in the Cat community radio studio

Tuned in for community radio shows

Level two and three creative media students from South Cheshire College showed they were on the right frequency at a community radio station.

Cheslyn Gobey, aged 16, Clarke Johnson, Andrew Blackburn, Jack Such, all 17, Katie Hollinshead, Rob Hemmingway, both 18, Sam Lawrence, 19, and Tom Smallwood, 20, produced and presented two three-hour shows at Cat Community Radio, which broadcasts across Crewe and Nantwich.

One involved discussions of different music genres and the other

focused on indie music and featured a preview of upcoming summer festivals.

Cheslyn said: “I was nervous before we started but as soon as we were on air I felt fine.

“This has made me realise how much I want a career in radio.”

Media lecturer Lynn Simpson said: “It was a truly fantastic experience for the students to have the opportunity to present their own show in a real-life working radio studio. Each production created a unique and very individual radio experience.”

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Basketball academy

Oldham College will launch a basketball academy in September.

It will combine study towards a BTEc level three extended diploma in sport with playing for the college team and around four hours-a-week coaching with professional club The Manchester Giants.

Students will also work towards level one and two coaching qualifications.

Principal Alun Francis said: “The partnership with Manchester Giants is great news.

“It means our students will get to understand the industry as a whole.”

Sculpture for Britain in Bloom

A sculpture designed by a City of Bath College student has been unveiled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Britain in Bloom.

Part-time sculpture student Maureen Hosier, aged 68, designed the 150cm-tall steel sculpture.

It was then made by 3D design technician Stephen Handley and unveiled in Parade Gardens, central Bath, on Monday (June 30).

Maureen said: “I was proud when my idea for the sculpture was chosen.

“It was based on a plant bulb to signify new life and growth and look to the future of Britain in Bloom.”

Decorating student double

A level three painting and decorating student from Stoke on Trent College triumphed in two regional heats.

Hayley Grindon, aged 25, took gold in the North West regional heat of the UK SkillBuild competition on June 26 — two weeks after winning the North West heat of the Dulux Apprentice of the Year competition.

Both events involved a series of painting and decorating challenges.

Hayley said: “I’m delighted. I’ve been in a few competitions over the years as a painter and decorator and had never come first before.”

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