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Welcome to Edition 24 of our new digital Campus Round-Up magazine.

This week's guest editor is Jian Farhoumand, aged 35, who graduated last year from the University of Sussex with an MPhil in literature, film and visual culture before completing an NCTJ diploma in journalism at Brighton Journalist Works in January.

Jian then completed internships at The Sunday Times and Esquire Magazine in March and April.

He is also editor of The Brighton Bugle, a local news website he launched with fellow students on the postgraduate course which has



just been nominated for an NCTJ award for excellence.

During his time here so far, Jian has concentrated on writing-up stories, sourcing pictures, and uploading finished articles on to the FE Week website using WordPress.

He has impressed with his proactive approach and has not been afraid to call press officers and set them tight deadlines to come back to him with quotes and information when required.

He has also found his own stories through social media and web searches.

Highlights of this week's edition include an article on Doncaster College signing-up to a campaign to stop bullying of lesbian, gay and bisexual employees.

We also reported on an It's a Knockout-style competition during induction week at Warrington Collegiate and a former Neighbours scriptwriter joining the creative writing teaching team at North Lindsey College.

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College joins campaign to stop bullying of staff

Doncaster College and University Centre has signed-up to a campaign to stop bullying towards lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) employees.

The 'No Bystanders' campaign by pressure group Stonewall encourages people to sign a pledge that they will take action if they see teasing or bullying taking place.

Diane Bailey, assistant principal for inclusion and learner experience, and Catherine Parkinson, deputy principal of strategy and resources, signed the pledge on behalf of the college. They also agreed to act as 'straight allies' — a term used by Stonewall to describe heterosexual people prepared to stand up for the interests of LGB colleagues — towards LGB colleagues.

Ms Bailey said: "Doncaster College is committed to creating a workplace where all staff can be their selves and a key aspect of this is our partnership with Stonewall."

"I hope that being a 'straight ally' will facilitate a more open and productive dialogue with LGB staff."



Diane Bailey, assistant principal for inclusion and learner experience, and Catherine Parkinson, deputy principal of strategy and resources, holding a 'No Bystanders' banner

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Scriptwriter and creative writing lecturer Mark Holloway at North Lindsey College



Mark Holloway on the set of Australian soap opera Neighbours

Neighbours scriptwriter wins teaching post

ATV scriptwriter who has worked on popular soap operas Neighbours and Hollyoaks has accepted a new role as creative writing teacher at North Lindsey College.

Mark Holloway worked for seven years on Liverpool-based Channel 4 show Hollyoaks, before moving Melbourne, Australia, in 2008 where he worked for Freemantle TV on Neighbours.

He was senior scriptwriter a year later for the final episode featuring Harold Bishop,

played by Ian Smith, when the much-loved character left Ramsay Street to travel around Australia.

Mr Holloway has also worked on BBC school drama Grange Hill and ITV soap opera Emmerdale.

He said: "Writing is not just a pipedream. In reality people can achieve their dreams.

"I'm proof of that. Hopefully the course will inspire budding writers and help them achieve their own individual writing dreams."

Billy and Abbi go into business after classroom studies

Two 18-year-olds launched a painting and decorating business weeks after graduating from college.

Billy Glyde and Abbi Skuse had not met before they started a level one painting and decorating course at South Gloucestershire and Stroud College in September 2012.

They started working together at weekends after progressing to level two of the same course from September last year.

Billy and Abbi, who both live in Bristol, have since redecorated 12 houses and flats and were hired to repaint the college's hair and beauty salons over the summer holidays before launching their business in August.

Abbi said: "We really enjoy working together. I love

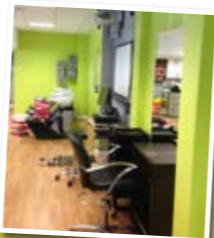
transforming a room and seeing the finished product."

Billy said: "We have never had a single falling out in the two years we've known each other which shows we're a good team."

Billy and Abbi painted the hair training salon grey and green and the beauty training salon cream and purple.

Painting and decorating tutor Justin Grosspietsch said: "Billy and Abbi did a great job repainting the salons. I wish them well in their new venture."

The hair training salon after it had been repainted green and grey



Billy Glyde and Abbi Skuse with their paint brushes in the college's hair training salon. Inset: The beauty training salon after it had been repainted purple and cream



It's a Knockout is foam favourite with freshers



Level one plumbing learner Josh Pyrah, aged 16, slides down a bouncy castle



Level one carpentry student Joseph Burgess, aged 16, carries a bucket of water on his head

From left: Public services level one and two learners Ami Barber and Paul Fox, both aged 16, watch as It's a Knockout supervisor Lee Greenwood helps level three aviation student Will Camblin, 26, back to his feet

An 'It's a knockout'-style competition was a foam favourite with new students at Warrington Collegiate.

The event, which took place last Wednesday to Friday (September 3 to 5), saw rival teams fighting their way through a foam pit, balancing buckets of water on their heads and racing across an inflatable assault course.

Organiser Neil Colquhoun, student involvement manager, said: "We have had more than 600 new students starting from over 30 different schools in Warrington and surrounding areas.

"This event really got students mixing and with its elements of fun and competition helped build strong teams and firm friendships."

New students tuck in at barbecue

New students at South Cheshire College enjoyed a barbecue and motivational talks at a freshers fair.

The barbecue on the college green was hosted by hospitality and catering students.

Social entrepreneur and world music artist Mikel Ameen delivered motivational workshops to help new students focus on reaching their potential.

There were also talks by guest speakers from leading companies including Odeon, Topshop and O2.

Lee Smith, vice principal for curriculum and learner support, said: "We wanted to ensure that students got the best possible first impression, so we staged a number of activities which are enjoyable for learners and help them settle in quickly and make new friends."



From left: Make-up artistry diploma level three students Hollie Burke, aged 18, Hattie Whiston and Sophie Hyde, both 16, at the barbecue. Inset: Social entrepreneur Mikel Ameen delivering a motivational workshop to learners

Aston set to star in prestigious dance adaptation of Lord of the Flies

Havering College of Further and Higher Education graduate Aston Joshua has landed a dream role in a new dance adaption of Lord of the Flies at London's Sadler's Wells theatre next month, writes Paul Offord.

Securing his first big break in the world of contemporary ballet was no easy task for 21-year-old Aston Joshua.

The Havering College graduate was chosen ahead of more than 900 hopefuls who auditioned over the summer for the adaptation of William Golding's classic book about a group of boys left to fend for themselves after their plane crash-lands on a desert island.

The number of performers was whittled down to 150, then 65 before Aston was chosen for the cast of 24 who will be dancing alongside professionals.

Aston, who completed a BTec level three extended diploma at the college in 2011 and higher national certificate (HNC) a year later, said: "The audition process was pretty tough.

"They put us through a lot of push ups, a lot of sit ups and a lot of intense workouts.

"The final audition was before a panel.

"When they rang me the same day to say I had got a part, I was shocked and didn't have any words.

"I couldn't really believe it. It is a dream come true and means a lot to me.

"It will be an honour to dance on stage at Sadler's Wells.

"It is one of the most prestigious theatres in the land with so much history."

He added rehearsals for the show, which was created by world-famous choreographer Matthew Bourne, had been hard work but he was "loving every minute of it".

Aston, who progressed to a higher national diploma (HND) in dance at Havering College, which he completed June last year and is now trying to forge a professional career in dance, said: "Every day is something new and exciting.

"It's a fantastic experience and I would like to thank my college tutors for helping me get here.

"My time at college was amazing. I learned a lot about many different styles of dance and about the history of dance."

Elaine O'Connor, the college's curriculum manager for dance, said: "The whole team are so proud of Aston. This is a fantastic achievement.

"Lord of the Flies will create links within the industry for him. This is well deserved because Aston just works so hard.

"I always saw great potential in him."

Aston hopes Lord of the Flies will launch him on a successful career in dance.

He said: "I have always been a hard working person, determined to get what I want. If I am doing something, I make sure I do my best."

Current HND dance students from the college Adam Sainsbury, aged 21, Daniel Lindsay and Carl Merritt, both 18, narrowly missed out on being chosen for the final cast, after making it through to the final 65 in the auditioning process.

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Aston on his knees in Havering College's 2013 end of year dance



Aston poses by a poster for Lord of the Flies



Aston (front row, centre right) with other dance students and professional dancer Shaun Dowell (front row, centre) in the Havering College dance studio

Young singer shares bill with Blondie



Joe Dolman. Inset top: Blondie at the peak of their fame in 1979. Inset below: Paloma Faith

Joe poses for a publicity shot

Warwickshire College graduate Joe Dolman will rub shoulders with music stars Blondie and Paloma Faith when he performs at Radio 2's sold-out Live in Hyde Park show on Sunday (September 14). Joe, aged 18, who completed a

level three extended diploma in music performance three months ago, is one of six acts chosen to appear on the BBC Introducing stage — which gives up-and-coming talent a chance. The singer-songwriter has performed more than 200 gigs and

has thousands of followers on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. Joe, who is now studying for a degree in songwriting at Brighton Institute of Modern Music, said: "I just feel very lucky and obviously I'm really looking forward to performing."

Louise Clayton-Vance, music performance tutor at the college, said: "Joe is truly and undisputedly talented — a natural musician and songwriter — and when he performs, he commands the room and has such a professional persona."



Daniel Grey with his playsuit and regional heat winner's trophy

Daniel makes a big bang with playsuit

A fashion design student from Cleveland College of Art & Design exploded into the world of science and engineering with his cutting-edge playsuit. Daniel Grey, aged 16, won first place in the North East regional heat, held at Darlington College, of a national science and engineering competition organised by pressure group Big Bang, which promotes science and engineering to young people. The BTec extended diploma student impressed through the use of laser cloth-cutting techniques in the college workshop on the leatherette playsuit, which can be worn in the

gym or casually. Computer-generated digital manipulation was also used to create a pattern for the collar and pockets. Daniel said: "I was so shocked when I won, especially as I was surrounded by people entering rockets, lighting systems and engineering projects." Fashion and textiles course leader Diane Watson said: "Thankfully, all of the processes that we use, such as laser-cutting and digital printing, fell into the criteria for the competition." Daniel will represent the North East at the national final in March next year at the NEC Birmingham.

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Thousands raised for charities

A group of 15 Stratford-upon-Avon College level three business students raised £3,661 for good causes. They ran a fundraising golf day at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club, Warwickshire, and charity auctions at local pubs. The funds will go to charities including Myton Hospice, in Warwickshire, and the Mat Davis Foundation, which supports young people with terminal cancer. Course lecturer Richard Silcox said: "We are incredibly proud of the students. It was a great effort all round."

Staff complete Great North Run

Senior managers from Walsall College raised £830 for Asthma UK by completing the Great North Run. Peter Merry, director of finance, and Fazal Dad, deputy principal for delivery and success, trained together in the college gym ahead of the 13-mile run from Newcastle to South Shields, which both completed in under two-and-a-half hours on Sunday. Mr Merry said: "It was tough with the hot weather, but a lot of fun, and we couldn't have done it without our friends, family, colleagues and governors who all supported our bid last week to raise money."

Duke launches traineeship

A new traineeship has been launched by the Chatsworth Estate in Derbyshire which is home to the Duke of Devonshire. The 20-week programme for 13 16 to 19-year-olds is run with independent learning provider Babington Group and includes training in gardening and landscaping and work in the gift shop. The Duke of Devonshire said: "Here at Chatsworth, we're keen to take an active part in helping young people in our local area into work. We hope our new trainees will have an exciting time and take away valuable knowledge."

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