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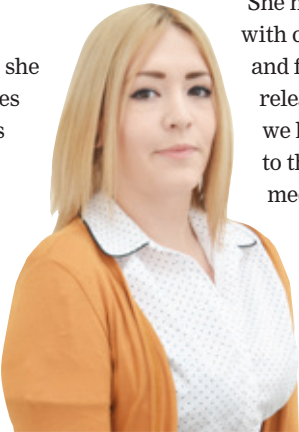
Welcome to our latest digital Campus Round-up magazine. The guest editor of what will be

the final edition before the Easter holidays is Yasmine Blackman (pictured), aged 24, who is a third year journalism student at Anglia Ruskin University.

She is our sixth paid intern having started with *FE Week* on Wednesday, March 19.

One of the first things Yasmine admitted when she started working on stories was that she felt nervous about phoning press officers with enquiries, particularly in front of more experienced reporters in the office.

This is something most reporters have to deal with at the start of their careers



and is a good example of work experience students cannot learn in the classroom.

Yasmine soon overcame her nerves and was confidently phoning and posing the right questions by her second day.

She has also done well with checking facts and figures from press releases and stories we have been alerted to through social media.

Highlights from this week's edition include Chancellor George Osborne picking up bricklaying tips

from Warwickshire and Hinckley College apprentice Tom Fyfe, and a United Nations-style event which saw students from 30 colleges debating important global issues.

There is also a story on an art exhibition at the House of Commons featuring work by sixth form college students from across the country.

This week's feature is about Derby College apprentices who completely redecorated Sinfon Moor Church and Community Centre, in Derby.

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In the frame for special commendation for video on local policing



From left: Students Reece Nash, Aidan Fisher, both aged 19, Aaron Ball, Danielle Jameson, both 18, and James Liddell, 19, with Darlington neighbourhood inspector Mick Button (left) and Chief Superintendent Graham Hall

Television and film students found themselves in the frame for high praise after filming and editing a video to boost confidence in local policing.

Five level two students at Darlington College worked on the video, which features officers giving out crime reduction advice and helping reduce antisocial behaviour through high-visibility street patrols.

Senior officers were so impressed with the results that the students received a superintendent's commendation — an accolade normally reserved for non-police officers who show outstanding bravery to prevent crime or protect others.

Durham Chief Superintendent Graham Hall said: "We have been trying to engage with the public to get our messages over and we are delighted with the work the students have done to achieve this."

Course tutor Mike Chapman said: "There is no substitute for working to real-life pressures, having a client to please — so this has been an incredible learning experience for them."

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Talented young poet has way with words

South Cheshire College student has proved she has a way with words after seeing her work appear in two poetry anthologies.

Lydia Eccleston entered a competition, along with thousands of other budding poets from across the country, to get her work printed by United Press.

The 17-year-old English literature, English language and philosophy A-level student was one of 200 poets chosen by the publisher for anthology *Between the Lines*, which featured her poem, called *Blood Black and Truth Blue*.

United Press then decided to use another of her poems, called *Beautiful Addiction*, in its National Poetry Anthology for 2014.

First year dance students have also choreographed a routine to a recording of her reading *Beautiful Addiction*. Lecturers are planning to use more of her poems for routines in future.

Lydia said: "I write at least one poem a day in my spare time and decided to start sending some of my work to national publications and entering competitions to see whether it would capture the imagination."

"I was thrilled to have my poem published in the National Poetry Anthology which felt like a real achievement."

Dance lecturer Kema Ekpei said: "When we became aware of Lydia's poetry talent, we had some of her poems professionally recorded and they are being used as backing tracks for student dance routines." She is a very talented individual."



Lydia Eccleston writes a poem in her notepad



Sophie Ord, aged 18, preparing shepherd's pie. Inset: Devon Foster, 17, grates a carrot

Healthy food prepared for residents in care home

East Durham College catering students prepared healthy dishes for elderly residents at a care home.

The group of five level two learners visited Ashwood Park Care Home, in Durham, which provides residential and nursing care.

They prepared a special low-fat shepherd's pie and a diabetic carrot and currant cake, using sweetener rather than sugar.

The idea behind the visit, which was in celebration of nutrition and hydration week, was to give students practical experience of working in a commercial kitchen.

Catering lecturer Lynn Smith also hoped the students' visit had given catering staff at the home fresh ideas about healthier dining options for residents.

She said: "It was great to be able to go out and show our support for nutrition and hydration week. We had a fantastic afternoon at Ashworth and we hope our input can have a beneficial effect in the future."

Students' artwork displayed in House of Commons



Frances Reynold shows her picture to Martin Doel, chief executive of the Association of Colleges



Left: Fine art A-level student Sarah Spurgeon, aged 17, from Farnborough Sixth Form College, with Michael Gove and Paul Eyres, curriculum manager at the college. Far left: Sarah's painting of church steps

Talented students from 20 sixth form colleges had their artwork displayed at the House of Commons.

The exhibition, which displayed 21 works of art by 21 students including still life, portraits and landscape scenes, was organised by the Association of Colleges (AoC) and attended by Education Secretary Michael Gove.

One of the chosen artists Frances Reynold, aged 17, an art and design A-level student from Sir John Deane's College, in Cheshire, exhibited an image created with a combination of charcoal and paint of St Paul's Cathedral, in London.

She said: "I'd been on a tour of St Paul's and we went into the viewing gallery."

"When we came down I got a good perspective and then started drawing from that. It's really humbling to have been chosen for this exhibition because it's such a prestigious event."

Alice Smith, 17, who is studying A-level fine art at Cardinal Newman College, in Lancashire, exhibited a watercolour painting of a cabbage.

She said: "I have always loved watercolours and doing realist paintings, which is why I chose to paint the cabbage. It is part of a wider set of work including a courgette and a mushroom, which uses a range of colour palettes."



Alice Smith shows the Education Secretary her painting

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Apprentices use their decorating and maintenance skills to revamp rundown church

Construction and maintenance apprentices in Derby put their skills to good use by giving a church and community centre a huge facelift, writes Paul Offord.

Brownies, Cubs, Girl Guides and a parent and toddler group are just a handful of the regular users of an East Midlands community centre and church who are benefiting from the hard work of local apprentices.

An Asian over 60s group, plus taekwondo learners and members of an exercise class have also seen first-hand the transformation of Sinfin Moor Church and Community Centre, in Derby, which is used by more than 700 worshippers every week.

Built in 1975, it had become badly rundown and church-goers were struggling to find the funds for a much-needed revamp.

So, in stepped Derby Homes with its 20 apprentices, aged from 16 to 27, who are all at level two and three and who do their training with Derby College.

Level two building maintenance apprentice Nigel Duffus, aged 20, said: "It was such a big place that I wondered how we would get it all done in time when I first saw it.

"But it gave me lots of satisfaction as we gradually did it all. All the apprentices worked really hard and I think we made a good team."

In just five days they pulled out the church's old kitchen and fitted new appliances, as well as connecting gas and water to the new cooker and sink.

They fitted new double-glazed windows and completely repainted the whole of the inside of the church and connected community centre.

The team also installed damp-proofing, air vents, new doors and re-plastered the former vestry room, which was converted into a storage room for a large lawnmower.

Level two and three construction and maintenance learners from the

Royal School for the Deaf Derby also helped out along with other staff from Derby Homes and local building and decorating firms.

Church treasurer Stewart Ian Sant said: "We desperately needed to upgrade the kitchen facilities and redecorate the main hall and approached Derby Homes to see if they could help. The apprentices have done a fantastic job."

Construction lecturer Bill Bentley, who worked as site manager, said: "Sometimes it is harder to replicate work in a college workshop than it is to do it in the real world.

"We decided to look for a worthwhile cause that would allow them to demonstrate all the skills they have learned and the church was perfect."

"We are really proud of our apprentices," said Annabelle Barwick, apprenticeships manager at Derby Homes.

"And we wanted to say — 'look they've been with us eight months now and look what they can do'."

Mrs Barwick estimated they saved the church £25,000 on the cost of labour and building materials, which were donated by local firms.

She said: "It is a huge, huge building. The people at the church were also really bowled over by the work our apprentices did and they can feel very proud of themselves."



Above: Derby Homes apprentices and staff at Sinfin Moor Church and Community Centre. Left: Sinfin Moor Church. Right: Work is carried out at Sinfin Moor Community Centre. Below right: Apprentice Simon Smith, aged 27. Far right: Apprentice Bradley Erasmus, aged 18, fits a smoke alarm

Five-day work diary of apprentice Nigel Duffus

Monday: We started off on the kitchen by taking out the old cupboard units. I also vacuumed up around the main church. It's important to make sure everything is tidy when you start on a project.

Tuesday: I had to do brickwork around some of the window frames to make the new double glazing windows fit. The new windows were smaller than the original ones, so the spaces in the walls had to be made smaller by adding some extra bricks.

Wednesday: I was on general cement mixing duties and did some plaster skimming in the old vestry room, which is going to be used to store the lawnmower from now on. I also cut to size and fitted the skirting boards [for the same room] and chopped out some bricks from an outside wall to make space for two vents.

Thursday: Most of the day was spent finishing off the air vents. I was quite pleased with how they turned out and took photos of them [pictured]. I also spent time tidying up at the

end of the day. There's health and safety to consider.

Friday: I fitted a ply wood frame around the new shutter door for the same room [the former vestry]. We also met some church users who were really interested in what we are learning as apprentices. I felt honoured when they said they liked the work we had done.



Apprentice gives Osborne tips on bricklaying

Chancellor George Osborne was given bricklaying tips by an apprentice.

Mr Osborne visited a site in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, where construction firm Barratt homes is building 800 new homes.

He was shown how to build a wall by level one bricklaying apprentice Tom Fyfe, aged 16, who works for Barratt and does his training with North Warwickshire and Hinckley College.

Tom said: "I'm still learning how to be a bricklayer, but I was able to pass on some bricklaying skills to Mr Osborne.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, and I'm really enjoying the course."

The chancellor tweeted: "Meeting apprentices and builders at Barratt building site in Nuneaton where they're building 800 new homes."

He was joined on the visit by Tory Nuneaton MP Marcus Jones, who said: "I was delighted that the chancellor chose to come to Nuneaton. Mr Osborne spent several hours meeting builders, apprentices and youngsters from the Nuneaton Academy and from Hartshill School who undertake work experience on the site."



George Osborne lifts a breeze block to help apprentice Tom Fyfe, right



Student Rachel Pearson, aged 19, doing a bungee run. Inset from left: Professional footballers Alex Peterson and Josh Meade

£600 raised for Sport Relief

Doncaster College students raised over £600 for Sport Relief with the help of Doncaster Rovers players Alex Peterson and Josh Meade.

The professional footballers, who attended the college from 2011 to 2013, made a 15-minute sponsored dash around the college campus and collected £97 sponsorship from staff and students.

Students and staff were sponsored to cycle 22 miles

between the four college campus sites across town.

Other fundraising events included a bungee run, sumo wrestling and a balloon hopping race.

College sport organiser Craig Robinson said: "The fundraising activities were all hugely successful.

"In addition to raising money for Sport Relief, it raised the profile of what the college has to offer in terms of sporting activities."

ROUND-UP IN BRIEF

Hair-raising experiments

Students from across Sevic College in Essex tried out hair-raising science experiments and demonstrations.

The experiments for the event, run by the British Science Association, included making bubbles that let off small explosions when they burst. Students were also invited to place their hands on a Van de Graaff generator, which produced electrostatic charges that made their hair stand on end.

James Parker, head of science, said: "It was fantastic to see so many students engaging with science."

Visit to the Supreme Court

A-level law students from Winstanley College visited the Supreme Court in London.

The 17 learners from the Wigan-based college were allowed to walk around the courtrooms and told about the court's role in the UK justice system. They also visited the Garrick Theatre, in Covent Garden, to see the play Twelve Angry Men, about a murder trial jury.

Law tutor Mark Hage said: "It was interesting looking at the serious matter of a defendant's guilt through the eyes of the jurors [through the play]. The whole group enjoyed the trip."

Lecture on journalism

The managing editor of more than a dozen local newspapers spoke to students from across Bromley College.

Andrew Parkes has been a journalist for 26 years and is managing editor of 15 Newsquest newspapers in South London.

He was invited to deliver the college's sixth landmark lecture in answer to the question: "Do we still need journalists?"

Mr Parkes warned of the dangers of reporters not covering trials. He said: "This can threaten that most important principle, that justice is not only done, but is seen to be done."

Students united for debates on major global issues



Above: Dozens of sixth form college students waving their banners outside Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College. Inset: St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College students Collins Konadu-Mensah, Prince Kwofie, Lahai Fornah-Sesay, all aged 18, and Shine Poonoli, 17, representing Ukraine

Students from 30 sixth form colleges took part in a United Nations-style event at Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College.

The event, at the college in Birmingham, was opened by journalist John McCarthy CBE, who was held hostage from 1986 to 1991 in Lebanon.

Around 300 students represented 40 countries and acted as delegates

from UN member states. They worked in committees that focused on a range of issues including human rights, disarmament and the environment.

They also took part in debates on resolutions for global issues such as violence against women and Palestinian refugees.

Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College principal Elly Tobin said:

"This event was particularly exciting given the current situation in Crimea, as heated debates between the Russian and Ukrainian delegations took on a particular air of realism that went beyond even the usual high standard of informed and insightful commentary by students."

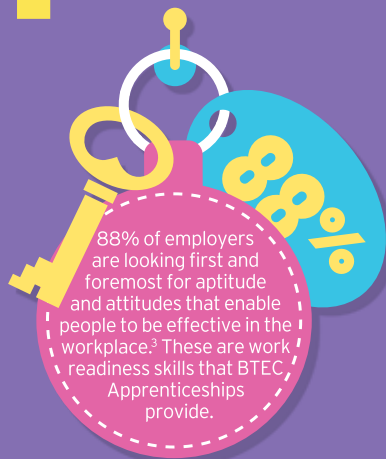
Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College student Nimrah Malik, 19



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