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Welcome to CAMPUS ROUND-UP edition 12



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Welcome to our first digital Campus Round-up magazine following the Easter break.

The guest editor this week is James Jefferson (pictured), aged 16, who started a two-week internship with *FE Week* on Wednesday, April 16.

He is a first year A-level student at Exeter College studying English language, drama and theatre studies, sociology, and print-based media.

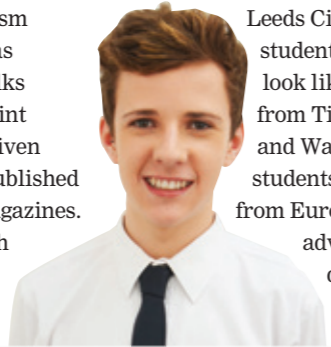
He is also a member of the college's JAx Journalism Academy, where he has heard inspirational talks from broadcast and print journalists and been given help getting articles published in local papers and magazines.

James is our seventh paid intern and the youngest so far, but

he has demonstrated a mature approach to work and obviously wants to learn as much as possible from his time here.

All newspapers have their own writing styles, which are always a challenge for new reporters to learn, but James has already adapted well.

Highlights from this week's edition include stories on Leeds City College students made-up to look like characters from Tim Burton films and Walsall College students who learned from Euro MPs about the advantages and disadvantages of European



Union membership. We also reported on a visit by the BBC's Countryfile team to Warwickshire College's working farm and special recognition granted to a former WorldSkills winner from a historic representative body for builders and tilers.

This week's feature is on fundraising at Middlesbrough College for a three-year-old girl who had a heart transplant.

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Young voters hear from Euro MPs and vote to stay in the EU



From left: West Midlands Euro MPs Phil Bennion, Nikki Sinclair and Anthea McIntyre (far right) at Walsall College with students who took part in the debate

Students from Walsall College voted overwhelmingly in favour of the UK staying in the European Union (EU) after debating the issue with three West Midlands Euro MPs.

The college held a Europe day, where it invited Anthea McIntyre (Conservative), Phil Bennion (Liberal Democrats) and Nikki Sinclair (Independent) to debate the advantages and disadvantages of EU membership with around 100 learners.

Students were then asked to vote using electronic keypads whether Britain should be "in" or "out" of Europe — with 66 per cent opting to stay in.

They also took part in activities challenging them to consider the effects of EU human rights legislation.

June Morrow, Walsall College's director of student services, said: "This was great way to help young people see the relevance of the European issue.

"By the end of the day, only a handful of students felt they wouldn't be bothered to vote (7 per cent) which indicates that Europe day did a lot to challenge political apathy among our young people."

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Students in Wonderland through movie make-up challenge



Acting student Becky Bartram, aged 16, made up as a combination of Alice and the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland. Inset: Acting student Danny Jubb, 16, is transformed into The Joker from Batman

Leeds City College students were transformed into characters from Tim Burton films.

Level three production arts students used hair and make-up skills they had learned on their courses to carry out the make-overs on level three performing arts and acting students.

The learners looked like characters from Burton's films including Batman, Alice in Wonderland, Edward Scissorhands and Sweeney Todd.

They were star attractions at an open day, attended by around 200 people, aimed at attracting more people on to production arts courses.

Claire Dunkerley, Leeds City College curriculum leader for performing and production arts, said: "This was a great opportunity to show the talent and creativity of our students while also providing an insight into the courses."



All-female team triumphs in engineering competition

An all-female team of MidKent College learners proved they were on the same frequency by winning an engineering competition that challenged them to build a working radio.

Level three engineering students Katie Emery, aged 16, Emma Nelson and Lauren Wells, both 17, Sophie Everest-Ford and Dylan Halpin, both 18, and Jessica Beckley, 19, triumphed ahead of five teams from other colleges at the Stem (science, technology, engineering and maths) Fest at neighbouring East Kent College.

The competition required teams of students to follow a set of instructions to create a working radio, then give a presentation on how they would improve it.

The students, who are the only females on their course, won the £500 first prize.

Miss Halpin said "Engineering isn't very popular with many girls. I think it's seen as a dirty, manual job, but that doesn't put us off at all. It was good making the boys jealous."

"We spoke about how we would like to make it smaller so it would be more appealing to a younger age group."



From left: Jessica Beckley, Sophie Everest-Ford, Emma Nelson, Lauren Wells, Dylan Halpin and Katie Emery



From left: Students Rachael Turner and Harriet Hollis, both aged 18, Countryfile presenter Tom Heap, and students Jennifer Bent, 17, and Jonathon Wolsey, 18

Warwickshire College featured in a report by BBC TV show Countryfile on the importance of health and safety in farming.

The BBC spent two days filming at the college's 345-hectare farm, where learners gain hands-on experience of arable cropping, working in a dairy unit, and with sheep and cattle herds.

They also use field-based machines involved with ploughing, muck-spreading and mowing.

Presenter Tom Heap interviewed level three extended diploma agriculture students about the health and safety training they receive on their course.

The item also featured James Chapman, a farmer who lost an arm when he was 23 years old after getting it caught in a slurry tanker, who stressed to the students the "importance of safety".

Diane Whitehouse, vice principal, said: "We were really pleased to welcome Countryfile to film at our working farm."

"It was a unique experience for our students, giving them a first-hand insight into how television programmes are made, and the opportunity to be interviewed on camera themselves."



Farmer James Chapman is filmed explaining to students how he lost an arm in a farming accident



Left: Student Andrew Whitlow, aged 18, takes a "selfie" with presenter Tom Heap and fellow students Martin Hayes and Wesley Udall, both 18. Above from left: Students Rachael Turner, 18, Jennifer Bent, 17, and Wesley Udall, 18

Staff and students go extra mile for heart transplant toddler Evie

Brave little Evie Clasper has new hope for life after a heart transplant operation over the Easter weekend. And nobody will be happier than staff and students at Middlesbrough College who raised more than £1,500 for the heart unit that has been treating her, writes Paul Offord.

Staff and students at Middlesbrough College went the extra mile for a brave little girl whose life has been blighted by heart problems.

Three-year-old Evie Clasper, whose aunt, Helen Spencer, is an administrator in the college's health and care department, was diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome before birth.

She has spent much of her life on the operating table and with the Children's Heart Unit at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital.

Her fight for survival has caught the imagination at her aunt's college, where 20 volunteers aimed to raise money for the college by completing 86 miles between them on running machines — the length of the round trip between the college and Freeman Hospital.

But they ended up completing more than 200 miles, which raised more than £1,500 for the hospital's Children's Heart Unit.

Ms Spencer said: "The support we've received has been amazing. People want to help in any way they can and we've already exceeded all our expectations by the number of people volunteering to take part and the donations that have flooded in."

Evie was diagnosed with heart problems when her mother [Miss Spencer's sister], 41-year-old Dawn, was 20 weeks pregnant with her.

She needed surgery as soon as she was born and endured 14 operations before doctors finally allowed her parents to take her home in December 2010 when she was six months old.

And a suitable new heart was found for little Evie on Saturday, April 19.

Miss Spencer said: "We found out she was getting the transplant at lunchtime [on Saturday] and she was in theatre a couple of hours later for an operation that took 12 hours.

"She has been a stable condition since. It was the best possible Easter present. Her skin was pale and her lips would often go blue before the operation, but they are now a healthy looking pink."

Most of the miles for the fundraising event were clocked up on exercise treadmills at the college, with principal Zoe Lewis running the first mile.

She said: "We know how important the children's heart unit is to poorly youngsters across the region and we're proud to show our support in any way we can."

Most people who took part walked or ran three miles.

But health and care lecturer Karen Gibson and course co-ordinator Laura Cochrane, who also helped organise the event, ran 10 and eight miles respectively.

The only volunteers who did not use the running machines were health and care lecturers Dan Yates, 52, and Matt Hopton, 39, who opted to walk 43 miles from the college to the hospital over two days. Miss Spencer said: "Evie's mum was texting me all the time asking how it was going. They are really proud of what we have done and told Evie about it."

Visit www.justgiving.com/chuf to boost the fund.



Zoe Lewis, Middlesbrough College principal, walking the first mile for the fundraising event and (from left) staff members Matt Hopton, Laura Cochrane, Dan Yates and Helen Spencer



Left: Evie Clasper with her mother Dawn. Above: Helen Spencer with Evie when she was 12 days old. Right: Evie with sisters Daisy, aged 5, and Megan, 12



It's no drama as learners help fight bullying

Learners from Macclesfield College used their creative talents to get an anti-bullying message across to primary school pupils.

The level two performing arts students created bullying-themed drama scenarios and helped year three and four children from Hurdsfield Primary School, in Macclesfield, act them out.

The learners, who were also challenged to organise enjoyable warm-up activities for the school children, wore hooded tops branded with an anti-bullying logo designed by level three graphic design students from the college.

Maura Shilton, lecturer in creative studies and visual media, said: "It was great to work with the school because the pupils were so enthusiastic and our students benefited from gaining valuable work-related learning experience, helping to build their confidence."



Students Mia-Iola Adam (second from left) and Charlene Salthouse, both aged 16, show the primary school pupils some dance moves. Inset: Students Georgia Tomlinson (centre left) and Sam Perry, both 16, talk to the children



Performing arts students dressed in mermaid-themed costumes with primary school pupils who watched the show

Making a splash with musical

Everything went swimmingly when students from Winstanley College in Wigan performed a mermaid-themed musical to children and their families.

The level one performing arts students produced and acted in the show, called *A Mermaid's Tale*, as part of their course which requires them to learn about theatre for children.

The show was targeted at four to seven-year-olds.

Pupils from Maharishi Free School, in Ormskirk, and St Thomas

the Martyr School, Skelmersdale, also met the cast before the show started.

Elise Carman, aged 16, who played Ariel the Mermaid in the show, said: "It was a fantastic experience to perform in front of so many primary school children.

"The response from them was very different from anything else I have done as an actor.

"It has given me a thirst to explore different avenues and types of theatre to the ones I would usually do."

ROUND-UP IN BRIEF

Blowing whistle on soccer theory

Players from Bury and Rochdale football clubs studying level three BTec sport at Bury College tried out refereeing.

They officiated the North West colleges' under 19 women's football tournament at the JJB Soccerdome, in Manchester.

The idea was that refereeing was another useful way, other than playing, for students to apply soccer theory learned in the classroom on the pitch. Student and Rochdale FC goal keeper Aaron Ashley said, "It was great to see the game from another position."

Top marks for food hygiene

Environmental health officers gave Newham College's restaurants top marks after making an unannounced inspection.

Newham Council wrote to the college saying it had awarded its four food outlets five out of five for hygiene.

It followed an unannounced inspection using food hygiene ratings developed by the government's Food Standards Agency.

Luigi Lipparelli, head of catering, said: "It was certainly a challenging test.

"An inspector came out of the blue and checked everything."

Birthday cake for young shark

Students at Hampshire's Sparsholt College made a cake from chopped cockle and sprat to celebrate the first birthday of a bamboo shark, a year after it was filmed hatching on Channel 4.

The shark, called Nirvana, was a star of Easter Eggs Live 2013 — a programme that showed a variety of animals hatching.

The learners gave the cake to Nirvana to enjoy in her tank at the college. A college spokesperson said: "Nirvana provides some fantastic teaching opportunities, as our students have been redesigning her tank as she grows."

WorldSkills winner recognised as master craftsman



From left: Ashley Terron with his gold medal, Paul Gould, curriculum manager for construction at Warrington Collegiate, and course tutor Rob Holmes



Ashley Terron (third from left) with other award winners at the ceremony and David Cole-Adams, master of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers (centre left), and Alan Yarrow, alderman at the company (centre right)



Above: Ashley Terron building a wall at WorldSkills 2013. Below: One of the walls he completed for the competition

A gold medal winner at WorldSkills 2013 has been recognised as a master craftsman by a historic representative body for builders and tilers.

Ashley Terron, aged 21, who completed an advanced level three apprenticeship in construction building with Warrington Collegiate and his family firm Peter Terron Construction three years ago, set a world record for

the highest marks ever awarded for bricklaying at the prestigious competition in Leipzig, Germany.

He has now been recognised as a master craftsman by the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers — a representative body for tilers and bricklayers that was granted the Royal Charter in 1568.

Mr Terron travelled with Rob

Holmes, a senior lecturer in brickwork and Ashley's former tutor to London for the company's annual craft awards lunch where he was presented with a certificate and medal.

He said: "From starting my apprenticeship in 2008 I have always aspired to be the best. I hope that my achievements will inspire others to strive for excellence in their own career."



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