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Welcome to CAMPUS ROUND-UP edition five



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Welcome to edition five of our digital Campus Round-Up magazine. This week's guest editor is *FE Week* intern Billy Camden, aged 20, who is a third year journalism degree student at Harlow College. Billy is our third intern and he has done extremely well since he started with us on Wednesday, February 5. He has demonstrated promising writing skills and grown in confidence over the past week when talking over the phone with press officers and other contacts to check story details and carry out interviews. Billy arrived here with a reasonable amount of experience having



used design software through his degree. He also told me that learning to design pages had been one of the things he enjoyed most on his course. That experience and enthusiasm has proved to be useful for us as he has been the first intern to import photos and words directly onto pages using InDesign. Billy, who will be working with us for another week, has helped produce an edition full of inspirational, exciting, and moving stories. There is a feature on students from

South Leicestershire College who redecorated a house for Romanian twins whose mother died of cancer. Other stories include reports on Business Secretary Vince Cable's visit to Fareham College to see its new centre for excellence in engineering, manufacturing and advanced skills taking shape, and former Truro and Penwith student Jack Nowell helping England beat Scotland at rugby union in the Six Nations (see the front page picture).

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Talented bakers show off their sweet side



From left: Tony Awino, catering and hospitality lecturer, student James Ho, aged 17, Jo Lawrence, a James Hopkins Trust volunteer who collected the cakes, and students Felicity Keegan, 20, and Scott Oldham, 18

Catering students from Gloucestershire College showed their sweet side by baking 25 cakes for a charity to sell.

The students responded to an appeal from Vance Hopkins, general manager of the James Hopkins

Trust, for supporters to bake 100 cakes.

The charity, which supports severely disabled and ill children, had been invited raise funds through selling slices of cake and refreshments to visitors during

an open weekend at Colesbourne Gardens, in the Cotswolds.

The students provided a variety of tasty treats — including Victoria, chocolate and coffee sponges, fruit cakes and lemon cakes.

Mr Hopkins said: "We are

extremely grateful to all the catering students for taking the time to support us by making a wonderful number of cakes."

The charity raised more than £1,000 through selling the cakes and refreshments.

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Jack Nowell holding the Calcutta Cup after England beat Scotland Pic: Getty Images

## From BTec to Calcutta Cup

Former Truro and Penwith College student Jack Nowell passed the international rugby union test by helping England beat Scotland to win the Calcutta Cup.

The 20-year-old made his Six Nations debut in the heart-breaking 26-24 defeat to France at the Stade de France two weeks ago.



Jack Nowell playing for Truro College against Ivybridge College in 2009 Pic: Deon Chorley

He was then chosen to play against Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, in a match England won 20-0 where he set up England's second try scored by Mike Brown to put the game out of reach.

Jack was a regular member of the college rugby academy's first team from September 2009 to June 2011, while studying for a BTec in sport performance and excellence.

Julie Penprase, the academy's co-ordinator, said: "Jack is an inspirational role model for current students and those wishing to pursue a career in rugby. He has shown that Cornish talent can be recognised and that has had a huge impact on the determination of current rugby players looking to emulate his success."

## Artwork is tribute to women battling with breast cancer

Students from Chesterfield College were challenged to create works of art inspired by women's battles with breast cancer.

The Hello Beautiful Foundation, a charity which supports women suffering with the disease, asked 30 art and design level three and four learners to contribute to an exhibition at the college.

Their work was also judged by representatives from the charity, who chose a striking painting by Laura Hodkin, aged 18, called

Strong Lady as the winner.

Shannon Poole, 19, came second for her painting on the themes of endurance and survival.

Both images will be displayed at an art exhibition set to be organised by the charity in London later this year.

Laura said: "I went away and researched the subject of breast cancer, from which I learned a lot.

"One word which I kept coming back to was strength, so I decided to use this as the focus of my project."



Laura Hodkin and her painting Strong Lady painting

## Ofsted inspectors rate early years nursery as outstanding



From left: Rocco Beard, aged three, with level three childcare student Henna Hussain, 21. Inset: Staff from the nursery

Birmingham toddlers are getting outstanding care at a city college nursery.

South & City College Birmingham's nursery was rated highly by Ofsted inspectors, who praised the "interesting learning activities" for children and a good relationship between parents and staff.

As well as providing care for learners' and members of staff's children, childcare students also gain hands-on experience through working at the nursery.

Mike Hopkins, principal of the college, said: "We are extremely proud that Ofsted has recognised South & City College Nursery as an outstanding setting for children. The staff are dedicated to providing the best environment and experience they can, and this report recognises their hard work and achievements.

"Not only does being graded outstanding positively affect the children here, but it also has an excellent impact on our childcare students."

## Harry snaps up sports photography job with agency



Harry Trump. Inset: A photo he took of Northamptonshire players celebrating after they won the T20 championships

Richard Huish College student Harry Trump has snapped up a job with a photography agency.

Devon-based firm Pinnacle Photography hired Harry, aged 18, part-time after being impressed with photos he took last season of county matches at Somerset Cricket Club, in Taunton. His snaps were published in The Times, The Telegraph, The Sun and The Daily Mail.

He also went to the T20 Cricket final at Edgbaston, in Birmingham, where he photographed Northamptonshire players celebrating after winning the competition.

Harry will continue to study towards A-levels in photography, media and business studies at the college, while working part-time at the agency, until he takes his final exams in June and goes full-time afterwards.

Saffron Lee, photography teacher at the Somerset-based college, said: "Harry is a brilliant sports photographer, and being employed straight out of college is pretty amazing."

# DIY SOS team redecorates house for twins who lost fundraising mother to cancer

Students from South Leicestershire College have transformed many dilapidated rooms and community facilities since they launched a DIY SOS scheme three years ago. But the current team was presented with one of its biggest challenges yet when asked to repaint an entire house for twins whose mother died of cancer five months ago, writes Paul Offord.

**F**inding valuable work experience for students can be a challenge for providers, but South Leicestershire College is managing to find jobs that are both challenging and worthwhile.

Duncan MacColl, construction project manager at the college, launched a DIY SOS scheme three years ago where the college advertises for worthy causes in need of a helping hand.

His learners do all the painting or construction work for free, gaining in return realistic and invaluable work experience.

The latest project was one of their biggest challenges yet and involved 14 students spending three days re-decorating every room in a two-bedroom house.

It belongs to 24-year-old Ionuts Langham, who came to the UK 20 years ago along with twin brother Dumitru.

Suffering learning difficulties and cleft lips and palates, they were adopted from a Romanian orphanage by children's homes fundraiser Ruth Langham, who helped Ionuts buy the house three years ago.

The house, in Coalville, Leicestershire, had been rented out since it was purchased while Ionuts and Dumitru continued living with Ruth, who died of cancer in October last year, aged 42.

Andy Sarson, a family friend and former painting and decorating lecturer at Leicester College, contacted Mr MacColl to ask if his students could help

re-decorate Ionuts's house, which had suffered at the hands of uncaring tenants.

The students filled and rubbed down all the walls and ceilings, applied wallpaper to the lounge and one large wall in a bedroom, and painted all the other ceilings and walls.

They also applied undercoat and gloss to all the doors and skirting.

Mr Sarson said: "I promised Ruth before she died that if there was any decorating to be done, I would organise it and the college thankfully stepped in.

"Now the lads are very settled in and their [adoptive] grandparents live just around the corner. It's wonderful."

The twins' grandfather, John, said: "The students have done a fantastic job and it was nice to hear them say how much they enjoyed these projects."

The work of the students means a place to call home for Ionuts, a cleaner at East Midlands Airport, and Dumitru, who works as a technician at Melton College having recently completed a media studies degree there.

Painting and decorating student Jordan Buckley, 17, said: "It was really nice to be able to use my painting skills to help people as deserving as the twins."

Mr MacColl said: "The look on the twins' faces when they saw all that the students had done was really special."

Around 100 construction, carpentry, brick-laying, and painting and decorating students

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From left: Painting and decorating tutor Kevin Croft and family friend Andy Sarson (kneeling down) with students at Ionuts Langham's house

have worked on a variety of the college's DIY SOS projects.

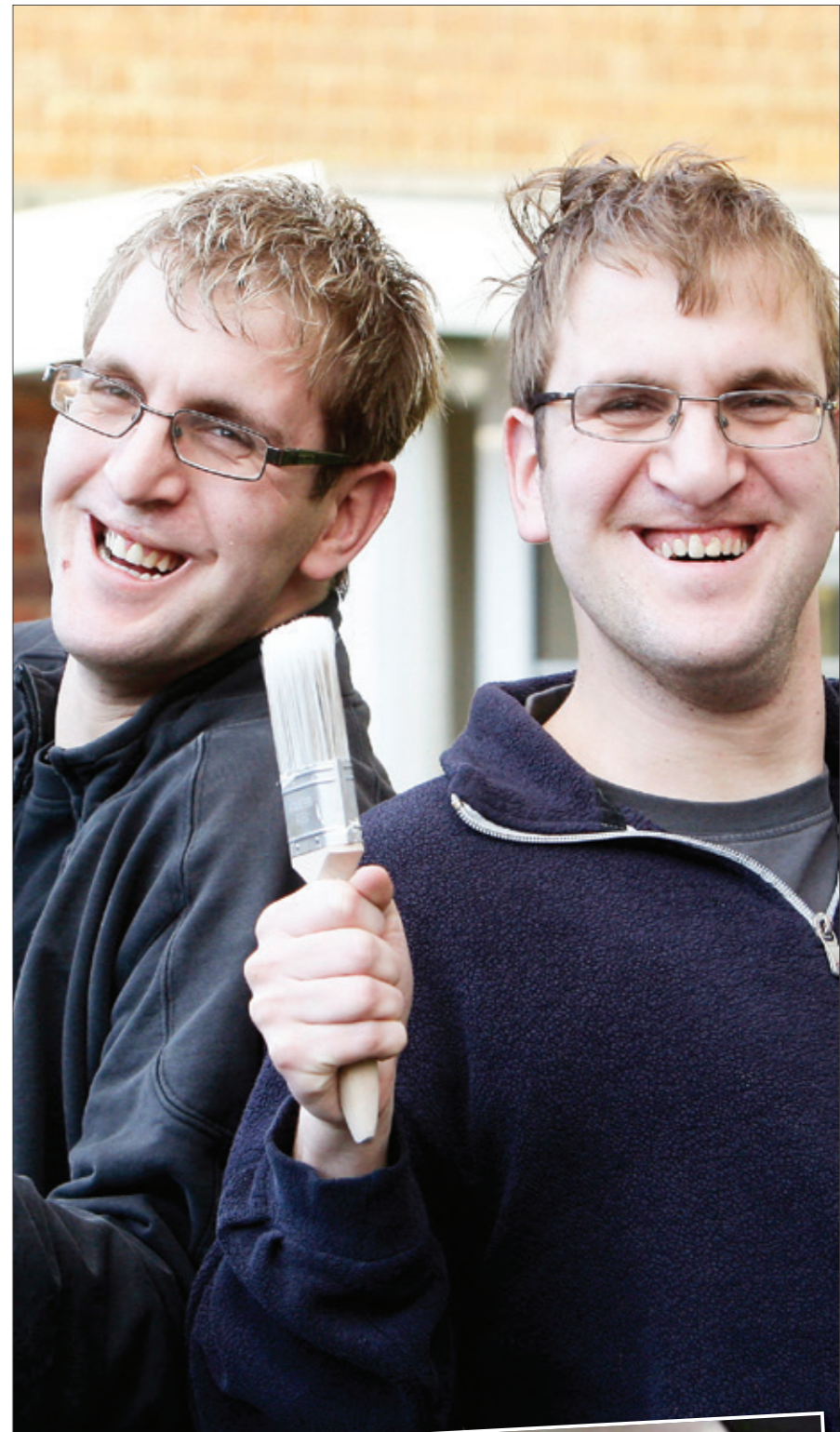
These have ranged from building a disabled access ramp for Kirby Muxloe Cricket Club, in Leicestershire, and re-painting a bar in Saffron Lane Working Man's Club, in Leicester, to decorating a room which was home to an 80-year-old woman in a care home in Wigston, Leicestershire.

Mr MacColl said: "I thought there are a lot of people out there who need jobs done but can't afford it.

"The work experience also counts towards the students' end-mark for their NVQ or diploma qualifications, so it works well both ways."



Students Chelsea Marvin (left) and Lean Woodford (right), both 17, re-decorated a room in flat belonging to 80-year-old Winnie Stevenson (centre)



Above: Ionuts (left) and Dumitru Langham pictured after they saw the repainted house. Below: Dumitru when he was a baby with a cleft lip and palate



# Mr Warburton enjoys a slice of college life



Leeds City College curriculum area manager for food manufacturing Joe Cavalier and Warburtons executive director Mr Brett Warburton. Inset: the cake learners baked for Mr Warburton

A member of the Warburtons family enjoyed a slice of college life after being invited to officially open new bakery teaching facilities at Leeds City College.

Brett Warburton, executive director of the Bolton-based bakery firm launched in 1876, was presented with a giant cake made by the college's bakery students before unveiling a special plaque to mark the occasion.

The college's bakery department opened on February 4 and contains specialist bakery, patisserie, cake decorating and chocolate classrooms. The firm, which is still run by the Warburton family, will run its own bread-making training diploma from the department.

Mr Warburton said: "We need to ensure we provide the environment for future bakers to be nurtured and developed. It is clear from what I have seen that Leeds City College is the perfect environment for this to happen."



From left: Mid Cheshire Radio presenter Jim Burns with students Louis Blair, aged 17, Emily Wilding, 16, Tyler Burrus, 17, and Kieran Jefferson, 18

## Community radio station finds new home in unused rooms at campus

Students from Mid Cheshire College will be able to host shows for a community radio station that has moved to the campus.

Mid Cheshire Radio transferred its broadcasting equipment into two spare rooms at the college's Creative Arts and Sports Centre, after it was forced to move out of the Verdin Centre, in Cheshire, because Cheshire West and Chester Council closed

the building.

Students will now be able to help present shows and work behind the scenes with production.

Karen Burns, from Mid Cheshire Radio, said: "This will provide the perfect environment for us to launch ourselves deeper into the community and give students an opportunity to learn and express themselves in a creative environment."

## ROUND-UP IN BRIEF

### Dogs set to give blood

Veterinary students will help dogs give blood at Myerscough College.

Charity Pet Blood Bank UK will run the session from the college's veterinary nursing centre on March 19.

Veterinary students from the Preston-based college will help with weighing, feeding and comforting the dogs, which will also be micro-chipped if they have not been already and given full health checks.

To participate dogs must be between one and eight years old.



### Student of term award winner

A TyneMet College engineering student has been recognised for his hard work and 100 per cent attendance record.

Jordan Hindmarch (pictured) was given the college's student of the term award.

The 19-year-old level three mechanical engineering learner was also given credit for "excellent" understanding of the practical and academic elements of his course.

### Talk on film classification

Students were put in the picture about how films are classified through a presentation by a leading figure from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC).

Heidi Renton, deputy education officer for the BBFC, told film and media students from South Cheshire College about the rules governing the film classification process.

Students also discussed classification issues such as sexual references, nudity, and animal cruelty.

# Cable sparks excitement for centre of excellence



Vince Cable shaking hands with college principal Nigel Duncan

Business Secretary Vince Cable saw how building work was progressing on Fareham College's new £12m centre for excellence in engineering, manufacturing and advanced skills training.

The centre, near Portsmouth, will contain seven workshops and 12 classrooms for 450 learners studying a variety of technical subjects, including mechanical, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical and marine engineering.

Building work started in September last year on the single-storey building, which will have a 4,000 sq m footprint, and is set to finish over the summer.

Dr Cable unveiled a plaque during the

topping-out ceremony, which marked the half-way stage for construction work, and met college apprentices who are working with major firms including BAE Systems, GE Aviation and Jenson Motorsport.

He said: "What's really good is that there will be a lot of apprentices trained here, which will directly support small and medium sized enterprises. This site is also key to the regeneration of the area. I'd like to thank you for inviting me today."

The centre will be situated four miles from the main college campus on the site of the former Daedalus Royal Navy airfield, in Fareham, which has been out of use since 1996.



A computer-generated image showing how the centre for excellence in engineering, manufacturing and advanced skills training will look

# Don't Doolittle...pop star urges young people to vote



From left: Eliza Doolittle, Pooja Valechha and Abdullah Yusuf Ismailjee on ITV news

City and Islington College students were interviewed on ITV news with pop star Eliza Doolittle about why it is important for young people to vote.

Around 30 of the college's BTEC business students attended an event organised by the Bite the Ballot campaign, which encourages students to become more engaged with politics, at the Centre for Business, Arts and Technology, in London.

They took part in a series of political-themed games — including

one which challenged them to think about how they would manage the British economy. Two of the students, Abdullah Yusuf Ismailjee, aged 17, and Pooja Valechha, 18, were then interviewed on ITV news about why it is important for young people to vote, along with singer-songwriter Eliza.

Prabhakar Tailor, business lecturer, said: "It was fantastic for our students to meet Eliza and have their eyes opened to the opportunities for young people in politics."

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