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# Welcome to CAMPUS ROUND-UP edition eight



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Hello, my name is Danielle Elton and I'm the guest editor of this week's Campus Round-Up digital magazine.

I am a 25-year-old third year journalism student at Harlow College, in Essex, and have been working at FE Week as a paid intern for the last two weeks.

During my time here, I have spent a lot of time dealing with press officers and chasing-up additional information as well as writing stories.

I have also helped out on the main paper by carrying out research on local enterprise partnerships for a planned feature.

This experience has given me a good insight into the day-to-day running of a specialist weekly newspaper and helped build my confidence when talking to contacts over the phone.

One thing I have learned is that press releases can be extremely vague and require a lot more detailed information before they can be turned into stories.

This is something that I will

definitely bear in mind, as I hope to work in public relations after I graduate.

In this week's addition, we spoke to Hopwood Hall College student Harriet Barker about diving with sharks at an aquarium where she subsequently secured a voluntary work placement.

Other highlights include City of Wolverhampton College apprentice Bethany Colburn being recognised as apprentice of the year for her work in restoring a German Second World War bomber, and senior staff from MidKent College and Duchy College receiving the Queen's anniversary prize for further and higher education from Her Majesty herself and Prince Philip.

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## 'Thankyou ma'am' — college leaders awarded by the Queen



Amarjit Basi (front right) and Andrew Counsell, from the Cornwall College Group and Duchy College, being awarded by the Queen and Prince Philip. Inset: Sue McLeod (front right) and Andrew Brader, from MidKent College, with the royal couple

Senior staff from MidKent College and Duchy College rural business school were awarded the Queen's anniversary prize for further and higher education at Buckingham Palace.

The Queen and Prince Philip presented medals and certificates to Sue McLeod, MidKent College principal, Andrew Brader, managing director of subsidiary firm MidKent College Training Services (MKCTS), Andrew Counsell, head of Duchy College, and Amarjit Basi, principal of the Cornwall College Group, which oversees Duchy College.

MidKent College was recognised for its construction and engineering training to soldiers, through MKCTS, at the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME), in Gillingham. Duchy College was honoured for research and training by its rural business school to improve local farming skills.

Ms McLeod said: "It was a very special day and fantastic recognition of the unique skills taught at RSME."

Mr Counsell said: "It was such an honour. I'm so very proud of all those who have worked so hard to make this happen."

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Stephanie Maddocks, modelling for Sara Moylan, Carla Edwards, modelling for Victoria Windle, and Ellie Moss, modelling for Frances Downing

## Vintage students launch classic clothing company

Design students at Uxbridge College proved they are a fine vintage by launching their own classic clothing and styling company.

The group of eight BTEc level three production arts design students secured £5,000 funding from the National Association of College and University Entrepreneurs and £2,000 through the publicly-funded social entrepreneurship group UnLtd to launch the business they are calling Frock & Roll.

They will provide vintage clothing for sale or rent dating back the early twentieth century — including plus-fours from the 1920s, rock 'n' roll dresses from the 1950s, and

shoulder-padded jackets from the 1980s.

They will also offer hair and make-up styling, as well as clothing, for vintage-themed events.

One of the young entrepreneurs Charlotte Reynolds, aged 19, said: "Getting into this industry is really hard so freelancing and building a company when we are young will give us a fantastic grounding."

The students decided to set up the company to create work experience for themselves.

Frock & Roll has already styled a Murder Mystery evening, and is part of a college-wide team working with the Mayor of Hillingdon on a 1960s-themed charity fashion show.



One of the students launching Frock & Roll Shaun Jackson, aged 18. Inset: Shaun (back row, far right) with other learners behind the new company, (back row, from left) Katrina Lock, 16, and Georgina Scott, 19, and (front row, from left) Rheanna Winter, 19, Abigail Lewin, 16, Charlotte Reynolds, 19 and Lauren Bowrey, 17, Charlotte Reynolds, 19, and Katrina Locke, 17

## Turning on the style for national competition

Learners from Coleg Gwent secured 15 places in the regional final of the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists national skills competition.

Level one, two and three hair, beauty and theatrical makeup learners from the Welsh college competed against students representing providers from across South West England and Wales in a regional heat at Bristol College.

They included level three diploma hairdressing students Victoria Windle, aged 30, Sara Moylan, 21, and Frances Downing, 22, who entered the "avant garde" hairstyles category. Victoria won, Sara came third

and Frances was unplaced.

Hairdressing lecturer Alison Edwards said: "In the fast evolving hair and beauty industry, competitions like this allow students to progress and make links within the business, as well as share knowledge and be inspired.

"Taking part in this event allowed our learners to build their artistic and creative vision, and the impressive set of results really boosted their confidence."

The Coleg Gwent team achieved seven first, four second, and four third place finishes — which were all good enough to qualify for the UK-wide final at Blackpool Winter Gardens on March 17.

## Awarded for restoration work on Second World War plane



Bethany Colburn holding her apprenticeship of the year trophy. Below: The Dornier 17 being hoisted out of the sea with a crane



A Dornier 17 ready to take-off during the second world war

Pic: Royal Air Force Museum

Bethany working on the Dornier 17

An engineering apprentice from City of Wolverhampton College has been awarded for her conservation work on a German Second World War bomber.

Bethany Colburn, aged 19, is serving her apprenticeship with the Royal Air Force Museum, in Cosford, and City of Wolverhampton College.



She was named Wolverhampton apprentice of the year by the local Rotary Club, for her work restoring parts of a German Dornier 17 aircraft that was shot down 72 years ago during the Battle of Britain and was retrieved from the English Channel in June last year.

Bethany said: "I was delighted

to have been chosen as apprentice of the year. It's great to gain recognition for the conservation work we do."

The museum launched its apprenticeship scheme in 2005, to counter a shortage of people with the special skills needed to look after its historic aircraft collection.

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# Harriet's shark dive leads to work placement at aquarium

The thought of diving into a shark-infested tank would be enough to bring most out in a cold sweat, but for Hopwood Hall College student Harriet Barker getting her feet wet with eight of the predators was just another exciting step towards a career in wildlife conservation, writes Paul Offord.

Fancy taking a swim with some fearsome tiger sharks, or perhaps a nurse shark and a black tip reef shark? What about getting up close and personal with a white tip reef shark and a bamboo shark?

For most, including those who've never even seen Jaws, the answer would be no.

But 18-year-old Harriet Barker jumped at the chance.

The level three animal management student at Hopwood Hall College, in Rochdale, was offered a two-month placement at the Blue Planet Aquarium, in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, after taking the plunge with two impressed safety divers.

"Sharks are wild animals so you can't know how they are going to behave, but I wasn't nervous to be in there with them, just really excited," she told *FE Week*.

"There were about eight sharks in there. They were tiger sharks, a nurse shark, a black tip reef shark, a white tip reef shark, and a bamboo shark — which are all potentially dangerous to humans.

"There was also a spotted eel swimming around and they can be dangerous too — but the professional divers communicated with me throughout using hand signals and I knew 100 per cent that they would be able to get me out if I got into any problems."

Harriet, a qualified advance open water diver, also went on a tour of the aquarium and further impressed staff.

She said: "I kept asking really awkward questions, like: 'What is

the PH or salt content per gallon of water?'

"The man showing me around asked if I was studying marine biology. I said it was part of my college course and I was just interested because I love marine animals.

"He must have been quite impressed as he took me to meet his boss and they asked if I wanted to do a work placement."

Sarah Whitehurst, life sciences lecturer at the college, said:

"Harriet was very brave to swim with sharks, but I think it's her thirst for knowledge that keeps on pushing her to find out more about the animals around us."

The placement, which Harriet said she was likely to complete over the summer, will include feeding sharks, eels, and other marine wildlife including sting rays, star fish, and sea horses.

But taking a walk (or a dive) on the wild side is nothing new for Harriet.

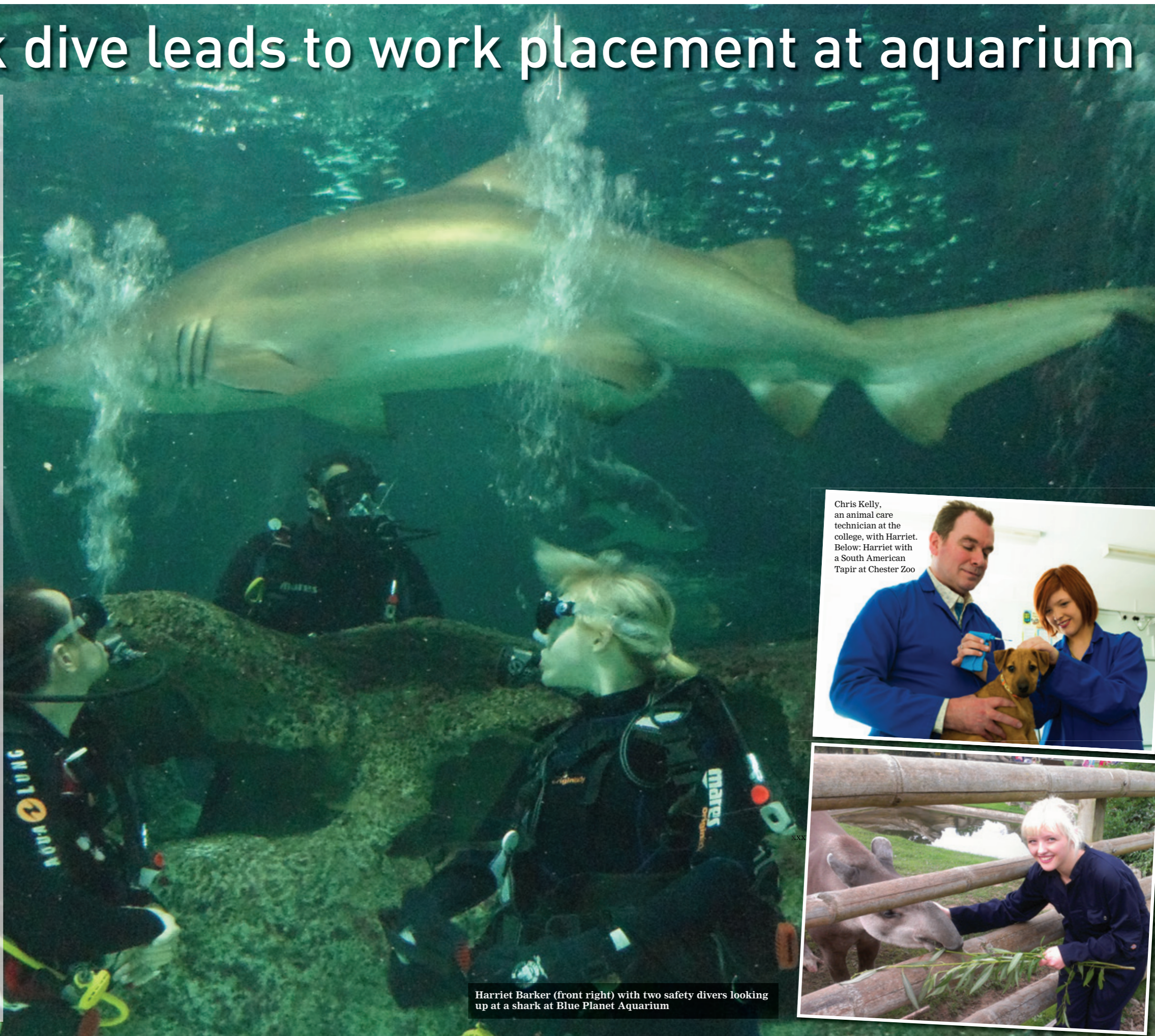
Her interest in wildlife was sparked ten years ago when her mum, Joanne, aged 37, and dad, Paul, 40, took her to an animal sanctuary in Pinnala, Sri Lanka, and later on safari in Tsavo, South Africa.

Her next big adventure will be volunteering in July and August at a South African game reserve, where she will track endangered animals and join gamekeepers in protecting them from poachers.

She said: "My friends don't know how I have any free time, with all the wildlife work I do, but they love hearing about my experiences.

"They say I'm mad because I'm not scared of doing things like swimming with sharks, but I really enjoy it."

Harriet is in her final year at college and has been given an unconditional offer to a study wildlife conservation and zoo biology degree at Salford University.



Chris Kelly, an animal care technician at the college, with Harriet. Below: Harriet with a South American Tapir at Chester Zoo



Harriet Barker (front right) with two safety divers looking up at a shark at Blue Planet Aquarium

## Trainee paramedic Lucy stars in BBC documentary



Trainee paramedic Lucy Wright

Pic: BBC

Former West Nottinghamshire College student and trainee paramedic Lucy Wright is starring in a BBC documentary.

Junior Paramedics, a seven-part documentary on BBC Three, is following Lucy and eight other trainee paramedics.

Lucy, aged 20, studied A-levels in film, media, English and biology at the college between 2010 and 2013, before going on to study a foundation degree in paramedic science at the University of Northampton.

She is currently on a year-long placement with the East Midlands Ambulance Service as part of her course.

She said: "It was exciting to be filmed. Audiences will see a snapshot of what me and my trainee colleagues deal with on a daily basis."

Junior Paramedics first aired on BBC3 on February 27 and will be screened on Thursday evenings during March and April.

## MasterChef star shows how to prepare gourmet dishes



Luke Bryan (centre) with basic catering level one students, from left, Callum Garrard, aged 16, Paige Delamare, Dan Miller, and Billy Mooney, all 15, Ryan Oxford, 16, and Casey Saunders, 15. Inset: Level two professional cookery students Kathleen Christmas, 22, and Rebecca Knight, 17, follow Mr Bryan's guidance

Former student and MasterChef semi-finalist Luke Bryan gave a cooking masterclass to current learners at Fareham College.

Mr Bryan passed an NVQ level three in hospitality and catering at the college in 2007 and has since been working with celebrity chef Paul Merrett in his restaurant The Victoria, in Richmond.

At 23, he was the youngest contestant to take part in the 2013 TV series of MasterChef: The Professionals and made it all the way to the semi-finals.

He returned to the college to show level one and two catering students how to make gourmet dishes including poached beef fillet in coconut milk, masala roast monkfish with red lentil dhal, and cumin roasted paneer cheese.

Mr Bryan also cooked a six-course meal for his former tutors.

He said: "Fareham College was a big part of my career. I wouldn't have had the confidence to apply for the show without the support I received from my lecturers."

## ROUND-UP IN BRIEF

### Les Miserables performance

Salford City College musical theatre students impressed diners by performing songs from Les Miserables.

Hospitality and catering apprentices also cooked prawn bisque and braised beef bourguignon for guests at Damson MediaCityUK restaurant, in Manchester. The event was organised by the restaurant owners to showcase the students' performance and catering skills.

Neil Bennett, head of performing arts, said: "The students' performances were fantastic."

### Helping tenants to find work

Council tenants looking to find a job have completed the first ready-for-work course organised by social housing company St Leger Homes and Doncaster College.

The two-week course included guidance on job searching tips, sessions on confidence building, and training on interview techniques.

Pat Meadows, assistant principal (external partnerships and employer engagement), said, "The college is extremely proud to be part of this project to help tenants."

### Exploring new depths in lake

Mechanical Engineering students from South Cheshire College are set to explore new depths at the bottom of a 270ft deep lake.

Four learners are designing and assembling a waterproof container for a design and manufacturing module. They will take it in May to Wastwater lake, in the Lake District, and hope a camera inside will take hundreds of underwater photos.

Among them is Martin Quinn, aged 21, who said: "This has been such a great project. The camera capsule is virtually complete."



Gill Sinnott with the Pit Brow Lasses painting

## Painting is reminder of mining heritage

A famous painting harking back to Wigan and Leigh College's historic links with the local mining community has been restored.

Arthur Wasse was commissioned by the college to paint Pit Brow Lasses in around 1887.

The institution was called the Wigan and District Mining and Technical College at the time and the painting showed young women working at nearby Mesnes Pit, which is now closed.

The painting gained international recognition after being exhibited in Paris and Chicago in the 1920s and 1930s and appeared on the Antiques

Roadshow in 2004 when it was valued at £50,000. It has now been restored and prominently displayed in the college's new £5.4m professional studies building.

Gillian Sinnott, the college's executive director of environmental services, said: "We decided to move the painting to our new professional studies building as we thought it was fitting to have a piece of college history situated in this symbol of our future. Pit brow lasses were an important part of the community of Wigan, and it is important that our students are aware of the role they played in its industrial past."

## Disability sports club wins government recognition

Kingston College has been recognised for encouraging special needs students to play sport.

The Inclusive Club, which has 25 members with a range of physical and learning disabilities, was launched by the college a year ago.

Its success has now led to the college being given official accreditation by Interactive, a government agency which recognises providers that encourage people with disabilities to play sport. The club's members enjoy weekly sessions with football coaches from Premier League football club Chelsea and play in regular five-a-side tournaments against special needs sides from other colleges.

They have also had tennis lessons at Surbiton Tennis Club and recently met the captain of Great Britain's sitting volleyball team, Rob Richardson.

Carolyn Sheppard, sport co-ordinator at the college, said: "The group has been a huge success and we're delighted with the accreditation. They were absolutely in awe of Rob when he visited the college."



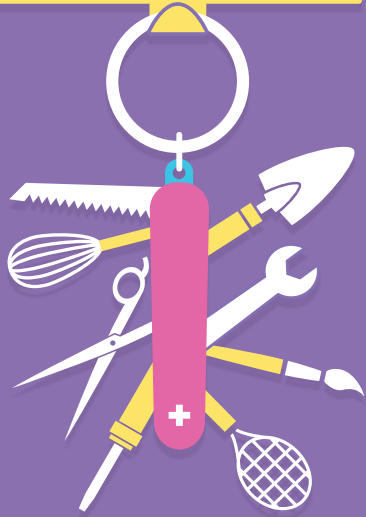
Inclusive Multisport Club members Denise Vaughn-Watkins, aged 52, Sebastian Jacobs, 28, Daniel Oliver, 18, Joshua Mackenzie, 23, and Rohan Chelliah, 26, show-off medals they were awarded for taking part in a five-a-side tournament. Inset: Club members with Chelsea coach Max Ashely (far right)

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BTEC Apprenticeships are available across 27 sectors with over 235 career paths to choose from.<sup>2</sup>

After finishing, the majority of apprentices (86%) will stay in employment, with two thirds (67%) staying with the same employer.<sup>4</sup>



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**22%**

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The average Apprenticeship completer increases business productivity by £214 per week.<sup>7</sup>

96% of employers have reported a benefit to their business.<sup>5</sup>



In England over 100,000 employers are employed apprentices in more than 200,000 locations.<sup>5</sup>



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