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A college group in the South West is helping pioneer the Government's technical skills plan that is aimed at helping to address the widening skills gap across the UK.

The Teach Too project, funded by the Education Training Foundation and led by the Association of Colleges (AoC), is designed to encourage employers and their staff to work closely with teachers and trainers to help develop curriculum, design training programmes and share delivery.

The Cornwall College Group (TCCG) was brought in on Phase Four of the project, one of only five in the UK testing it, aiming to improve relationships between industries and educators.

"Cornwall College has a good strong history of doing this stuff well", according to AoC Associate, Rob Martin.

"There are times when education is being done for the sake of it, but this is a good example where it's challenging the purpose," he said.

"It's about great organisations like Cornwall College adding value to young people with skilled employment, which is critical, especially in a rural setting. Vocational has been seen in the past as a poor relation to A-levels, but this will aim to bring parity of esteem."

Rob also said that it was important for parents, carers and employers to get on board

so the option of either an A-level, T-level or apprenticeship is equally viable.

T-levels will allow 16 to 19-year-olds to study in 15 sectors and will replace thousands of courses that are currently on offer making access to the job market easier.

"This Phase Four is about bringing expertise of industry professionals, employers that know their stuff at the cutting edge of work with the education sector, to pass across expertise and potentially get involved in the design and delivery," Rob explained.

Mel Moore, associate head of education at TCCG, and Bob Harris, curriculum lead for engineering, are leading the project for the College.

"We were approached by the AoC to take part and we were very keen to do it," Mel explained.

"It's been very interesting as we came into it without any preconceived ideas, so we had a fresh view on using the materials that came out of the first three phases. This will help us to formalise what have been informal arrangements and it's systematic so we can share more readily."

Bob said the College could see how this would work "in a productive way with employers".

"It will help in the delivery of T-levels and work-based learners, giving them access and exposure to the latest specialisms and

technologies in the workplace," he continued.

"Because of our established links with employers, Teach Too will also provide us with a deeper bond with them as they are also passionate about making this work."

Rob said he "took my hat off" to Mel and Bob, due to their professionalism and engagement with employers.

"To raise aspiration for people is so important and to have an employer say 'I need these skills from you', has a massive impact on those learners," he added.

"Cornwall College is a good example of where a college has engaged with industry ensuring line of sight to work."



Bob, Melanie, Rob and Tony Gallagher from Sevenmilestone Garage.

EXCLUSIVE: First SW college to award degrees

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South West bucking apprenticeship trends

The region's largest apprenticeship provider is helping the South West buck the national trend for apprenticeship take-up.

Demonstrating the ever-increasing popularity of the apprenticeship pathway into employment in Devon and Cornwall, Cornwall College Business (CCB), part of The Cornwall College Group, has noted that more than 1,200 new apprentices have started with us since September 2017 to date.

Latest figures published by the Department for Education (DfE) report shows provisional starts for the first quarter of 2017, covering the months of August, September and October were down by 26% nationally compared to

the same quarter the previous year.

"As the largest provider of apprenticeships in the South West, we have helped nurture approximately 15,000 apprentices over the past 10 years," explained Raoul Humphreys, CE and Principal of The Cornwall College Group (TCCG).

"We currently have 3,400 apprentices on programmes and we are committed to supporting our apprentices throughout their career journeys. As a result of our dedication and commitment to apprenticeships we were delighted to be shortlisted for the Apprenticeship Provider of the Year Award at the very first AAC Apprenticeship Awards."

Group Director of Development at TCCG and Head of CCB Sally Foard,

said apprenticeships are a great way for people of all ages to earn while they learn, with opportunities to progress to a degree-level qualification.

"At CCB we see so many apprentices develop into outstanding employees," she continued.

"We are bucking the national trend and have noticed an increase in the number of apprenticeship starts for this year."

CCB has a dedicated Apprenticeship Recruitment Service, which matches employers with their ideal apprentice. The team supports employers with selection and recruitment and helps individuals gain a career via the apprenticeship route by helping with CVs and interview techniques.



Top firms compete in inaugural Apprenticeship Games



Pendennis has secured its place in the history books by winning the inaugural Apprenticeship Games.

Held at Cornwall College St Austell, businesses and organisations with apprentices battled it out in a range of events that tested their mental, physical and creative skills.

Each team took turns at a gaming challenge on a PS4, a University Challenge-style quiz round with mascots and buzzers,

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a cake decorating challenge, a rowing and cycling stage, a blindfold team-building challenge and a task involving getting tyres

across a room without touching the floor.

The ground-breaking event for apprentices and their employers across the South West, was a welcome and fun addition to National Apprenticeship Week, according to The Cornwall College Group CE and Principal Raoul Humphreys.

"This is about different businesses and apprentices representing a wealth of vital sectors for the region's economy coming together to celebrate the thing they all have in common, an understanding of the value of apprenticeships," he continued.

Posy Brooks HR business partner for Gilbert and Goode and Heather Taylor HR coordinator for Ocean Housing took part with apprentices from Ocean Housing Group.

"It was great to get involved and support and encourage our apprentices, whilst encouraging more people to take part in apprenticeships," Posy said.



Heather explained their apprentices "bring fresh new ideas to the table" and apprenticeships "are good for us as a business to grow our own talent and possibly succession plan".

Accountancy firm Whyfield won the Leadership Award with team members managing director Laura Whyte who used to be an apprentice, Liam McCormick, 20, Jess Crook, 23 and Harriet Powell, 22, stating the games had been "really good fun".

"People should definitely consider apprenticeships as an alternative to university, especially if you are not going to university with a specific career in mind," Jess said.

"I am definitely glad I didn't waste a few years doing that and you notice people who are doing an apprenticeship

alongside their accountancy course have an advantage, as they are familiar with how it all applies in the workplace."

Horticultural apprentice for Parnall, which won the Teamwork Award, Bradley Mills, 20, Bodmin said it had been "an amazing day".

"The blindfold challenge was great and challenging, and I'm definitely up for next year's games."

The day included a networking lunch to give businesses and sponsors the opportunity to engage and share their stories, an important component, according to Raoul.

"Not only do we work hard in partnership with businesses, we also work hard at spreading the important apprenticeship message to schools and parents," he explained.



Mature student and orchard branch out



An apple orchard that was planted over 20 years ago has been given a new lease of life by an apple enthusiast student.

The 40 tree strong orchard has been a familiar site for staff and students at Duchy College Rosewarne for the last two decades and now, on the campus' silver anniversary, 25 new trees have been planted.

Andrew Gunderson, lecturer in horticulture, has been a teacher at the Rosewarne campus for 23 years and recalls "when we started looking after the 40 tree orchard there was no shelter built to protect them".

"We have constructed artificial barriers and nurtured them so we can get the most out of the 20 different varieties," he

continued.

"However, the orchard is starting to grow over and we needed to give it a new lease of life."

With an amazing staff and student skillset on campus, Duchy was able to utilise the skills and passion of one of the mature horticulture students. Sally Pyner, 46, is studying Practical Horticulture RHS

Certificate Level 3 and studies one day a week whilst working at Kehelland Trust.

Sally has a passion for heritage apples and has spent a large proportion of her time recently hand grafting the apple trees that have just arrived on campus.

"Grafting is fairly labour intensive and certainly takes its toll on our knuckles and arm muscles," she explained.

"We have discovered it is a job that is far more successful for us when done by hand using a grafting knife; it is a really satisfying skill to learn."

Twenty five new, hand grafted trees were sourced from Kehelland Trust and include varieties that thrive in the typical Cornish weather including Bens Red and Venus Pippin.

"It was a real joy to hear that Duchy College wanted to plant some of our grafted trees and to be a part of the team of students that planted it has been an added bonus," Sally continued.

Sally, who has worked at Kehelland since 2002, started her RHS course in September after acquiring a wealth of experience in horticulture over the last 15 years.

Hesitant at first about returning to study, she wanted to fill gaps that she had in her knowledge and gain confidence in planting.

"The course's hands-on experiences and learning are great, and gaining this qualification will help give me the confidence and skills to help me expand the horticultural business at Kehelland," she said.

"This will further the charity's objectives of supporting and training young people and adults with disabilities within a horticultural setting."

College experience for young scientists



Degree students from Cornwall College Newquay have been providing an insight into the exciting world of science for local primary school children.

Around 140 Year 6 pupils from Newquay Junior Academy attended the Cornwall Science Fair event at the College campus as part of British Science Week.

The wide range of interactive science-based activities on offer were all organised and delivered by first-year foundation degree students from Cornwall College as part of their Personal and Employability Skills Development (PESD) module.

"Our original inspiration came from the British Science Week theme of discovery. We wanted our watchers to come on the journey with us following a well-known story that maybe people didn't know as well as they thought they did" said student Abigail Farrant, one of the foundation degree students in Wildlife Education & Media, who took part in the day's events.

She continued: "We hope that everyone who saw our play, adults and the children,

get a taste for how education can be so much more than just a day in the class and can take away how there are so many exciting opportunities for learning everywhere you look!"

The Cornwall Science Fair ties into a wider initiative of raising aspirations in relation to studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects that Cornwall College currently leads.

Throughout the day, the school children took part in a series of short sessions including making a necklace of their own DNA, completing a freshwater invertebrate survey from the onsite pond, shaping a surfboard, taking part in a recycling challenge, learning about the marine environment using the College's virtual reality headsets and experiencing a play put on by the degree students about the lives of celebrated naturalists Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace.

The day culminated in an explosive finale of outdoor, large-scale science experiments for all of the school children.

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Two year degrees, are they the future?

Many UK universities have started to look at offering 3 year degree qualifications over a condensed 2 year programme, such is the demand from learners to fast track their education and get to the workplace quicker. But did you know if you're thinking about going to university, getting a degree education and boosting your career chances in the Duchy, you can do this right now?

The Cornwall College Group offers the widest range of two year foundation degrees and higher national diplomas (HNDs) in the region, and they could be just what you are looking for if you want to retrain or up-skill fast and get started on the career you want with a degree-level qualification. Not only are they quicker to

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achieve, these two year degree-level programmes are also more cost effective, you pay for two years of tuition fees not three and still gain a university qualification that employers often favour. They also give you the opportunity to gain real work experience, work on live projects and gain insights into industry before you enter the workplace. Providing you with a real career edge that will help you stand out from the crowd.

Director of Higher Education at The Cornwall College Group, Dr Mark Nason said: "Foundation degree and HND programmes take two years to complete - with two to three days a week at college allowing you to work part-time alongside your undergraduate study. It's a

really popular choice with local applicants aged 21+ who still need to work to support their studies or have wider family commitments."

"It doesn't limit your options either, in fact it could open more doors. You could study a two year marine science foundation degree at our Falmouth Marine School for example, then choose to do a one year top up to a full bachelor's in science honours degree at our Newquay campus in applied marine zoology."

"All of our foundation degrees have approved progression routes that can lead to a full degree and even postgraduate study if you want to do so, but many learners find the foundation degree is enough to get them fast tracked onto a career with their employer of choice."

Foundation degrees were introduced in 2001 to bring higher education closer to business and industry, with a fusion of academic and vocational learning designed to make you much more employable. Cornwall College has been at the forefront of this partnership in the region, developing unique and relevant degree programmes in partnership with the University of Plymouth to develop a talent pipeline for the region's economy.

One such partnership is with Software Cornwall and local development company Headforwards. The software industry in the region is booming and there is a real skills shortage that needs to be addressed.

The concept of locating a tech industry hub near a pipeline of talent is key to Headforwards' growth strategy. They are actively working with the College to ensure the coders of tomorrow are trained to industry standards and on software technologies that will guarantee them jobs when they graduate.



College first in region to secure foundation degree awarding powers

In a major boost for businesses and learners in the South West, The Cornwall College Group (TCCG) has secured foundation degree awarding powers.

As the only FE college in the region and one of nine in the entire country, TCCG now has the authority to co-create bespoke higher level courses with key employers efficiently and quickly to the requirements of each business.

TCCG Chief Executive and Principal Raoul Humphreys said the Group was "proud and delighted" to be given the backing to further help learners and employers progress onto greater achievements. "This is testament to our maturity as a provider of higher education in FE for over 20 years," he continued.

"We have been quietly achieving a mini revolution in building skills locally and have helped hundreds of thousands of learners into fulfilling and rewarding careers.

"Our ability to create bespoke foundation degrees is a powerful tool we can use to continue to widen participation in education, facilitate the strategic priorities of Cornwall and Devon through encouraging the development of higher level skills in county, retain talent where appropriate and improve productivity, all

of which build economic prosperity."

Toby Parkins, director of one of the region's leading tech companies Headforwards, welcomed the news.

"The proportion of our graduates progressing to employment, skilled employment and further study is significantly above benchmark."

"The South West is our home and from here we outsource software development across the world," he explained.

"Having an education provider like The Cornwall College Group able to provide bespoke Foundation Degree training is a huge boost, not only for people looking to start rewarding careers, but the companies who operate in the region."

Dr Mark Nason, Director of higher education at the College agreed and said the Privy Council's approval of the College's application for Foundation Degree Awarding Powers was "a prestigious milestone for education in the South West".

"Foundation degrees are two year programmes with a substantial amount of employer engagement, work experience

and entrepreneurial activity," he continued.

"They prepare learners well for their careers or for further study - in fact the proportion of our graduates progressing to employment, skilled employment and further study is significantly above benchmark. Gaining Foundation Degree Awarding Powers is no mean feat and is the culmination of several years of intense scrutiny. We are intensely proud of this achievement, which is due to the professionalism and passion of our HE staff and students."

HE Development Director, Tessa Counsell, spearheaded the application and said receiving the status was a major milestone for education in the South West.

"We have achieved a huge amount in widening participation locally and we have made a significant contribution to the growth of working age adults who hold degree qualifications in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly through our partnership working with universities," she explained.

In 2014 there were over 105,000 working age adults with degree qualifications, a 43,000 rise on figures from 2004.

"The new awarding powers will enable us to build on the solid foundations of our excellent record, good QAA report, TEF Silver and provider review," Tessa added.



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Top hair stylist inspires colourists



One of the UK's top hair stylists flew in from Northern Ireland with his team to inspire the next generation in Cornwall.

"The experience was "brilliant" and "inspiring", not only for the students, but the whole lecturing team."

The award-winning Shane Bennett gave a demonstration that was a cut above the

rest and inspired hundreds of students from Cornwall College Saltash, St Austell and Camborne.

Held in the Keay Theatre in St Austell, the students watched a fantastic demonstration by Shane and his Colour Director, Dorothy Sturgeon.

This is Shane's third visit to the Duchy and he said how "inspiring" he finds the students.

"Coming back and talking to the students takes me back on my journey when I was at

college," he explained.

"It was a pleasure to see a whole new group of students and hopefully inspire them as they go out on their journey.

"It really shows them what you can become as a hairdresser and how fantastic the hairdressing industry is; from salon work to session hairdressing to working on film sets, it all just shows them that good training will help them achieve their goals."

Curriculum Lead for Hair and Beauty, Traci French, said the experience was

"brilliant" and "inspiring", not only for the students, but the whole lecturing team.

"Our whole department really look forward to what has become an annual event," she continued.

"Shane really knows how to inspire both the students and their lecturers with his fantastic and informative hair demonstrations, and we're incredibly proud to be the only college in Cornwall that offers this exclusive learning opportunity to our students."

Best prospectus in the country

Teenage learners in Cornwall and Devon are now able to make their further education choices with the aid of the best prospectus in the country.

Held at the Hilton Warwick, the College Marketing Network Awards celebrated the very best in further education marketing including the coveted Best Prospectus title, which this year went to The Cornwall College Group.

"The Gold Award is made to an entry which was clear in identifying the purpose of the prospectus, the gap it was aiming to fill in the careers information space, and which clearly set out how it hoped to meet the needs of its community," the judges said.

"It involved a large amount of research

with the target market before, during and post-production. It had a clear sense of what the prospectus was trying to achieve, why, and how - and that theme was demonstrated all the way through with high quality photography, great case studies of alumni and staff, and careers-led content. Congratulations to our Gold winners Cornwall College, this was a clear Gold winner for us."

Year 10 and 11 students and careers teachers at Brannel School, Mounts Bay Academy, Penrice Academy, Pool Academy and Redruth School were asked for their feedback pre- and post-production of the prospectus.

Owen, 14, from Brannel School said he

liked having "all of the information about a career on one page".

"It makes it easier to decide if it's right for you or not," he continued.

"This is a much better way of doing things than looking through all the different levels to try and find what you are looking for."

Careers teacher Lindsay Masters from Mount's Bay Academy also praised the new career-focused format.

"Seeing the careers laid out in this way is incredibly useful for our students," she continued.

"Within a couple of days of the school receiving the prospectus it has already helped a student make a decision about his future and that can only be a good thing."



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Film awards shine light on next gen of Cornish Talent



The future of the county's film industry is in exceptional hands if the Cornwall Film Festival Screen Action Awards were anything to go by.

College students studying in Camborne and St Austell celebrated a near clean sweep of the awards held at the Poly in Falmouth, winning four of the six categories that shine a light on the very best of student film making.

Claiming two wins and a runner up gong for his music video, was Cornwall College student Matt Fisher, an unheard of haul of trophies for work carried out by a first year of a further education creative media course.

Matt, 18 from Camborne, was the winner of the Cornwall Film Festival 2017 Rising Star Award, impressing judges with his factual entertainment short film, which focused on his mother's battle with spina bifida.

And it was the former Camborne Science and International Academy student's mum who inspired the talented teenager into becoming a creative.

"My mum taught me to draw and I want to channel my creativity into film making," Matt explained.

"We had an assignment called 'the screen life' where we had to choose a bit of our personal life we wanted to express,

and a big part of my life is my mum for inspiring my creativity as well as the day to day struggles she faces with spina bifida."

Matt said he tried to capture his mum's life by filming interviews with those close to her including her mum, as well as trips

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to a hydrotherapy centre in Truro.

And while Matt poured his heart and talent into the film, he said he was "overwhelmed" when it was announced he had won the Rising Star Award.

"There were all these colleges and sixth forms at the awards and when I heard my name I sort of blacked out and don't remember much of my speech, but my classmates were cheering and really supportive," he explained.

As the Rising Star winner, Matt received a trophy, t-shirt, hooded top and cash prize, but also won the opportunity to be connected with a host of professional film makers and work with the British Film Institute to develop his talent.

He is already looking to set-up a production company called Pescade with

his girlfriend while continuing with his studies, an HND at Cornwall College.

"I love the cinematography of modern films, particularly psychological thrillers such as A Cure for Wellness or 10 Cloverfield Lane, I love leaving an audience feeling 'wow, what happened there?'"

Team Lead at The Cornwall College Group, Rory Mason, said he was delighted with another award-winning year for the students.

"We are particularly proud of Matt Fisher for winning the Cornwall Film Festival 2017 Rising Star Award which recognises the best up and coming Cornish film-making talent."

Rory has overseen the rise of creative media at Cornwall College, making the department a leading light for students wanting to make it in the creative industries.

"We have students who have gone on to set up their own companies, work on films like Star Wars and a wealth of TV programmes," he explained.

"It is such a pleasure to see students who are passionate go on to succeed in a career many were told they would never be able to work in. And it's great to be able to boast a media course in Cornwall that has won 40 industry recognised awards in the last 10 years including four prestigious Royal Television Society undergraduate awards."

Zoo presenter finds her voice



A former zoology student has found a voice that she never knew she had following a work placement at Newquay Zoo. Rhiann Mitchell-Holland, who recently finished a stint as a wildlife presenter at Newquay Zoo, never would have imagined ending up where she has after graduating from her degree in Applied Zoology.

"Presenting was the last thing I thought I'd do," Rhiann explained.

"When it came to talking in front of a group, presenting my own work, I could barely sleep the night before as I was just so nervous. I would have rather done a thousand assignments than one presentation as I was quite shy and never felt like it was my strength."

When Rhiann saw placement opportunities at Newquay Zoo advertised, she knew she wanted to work there, but initially applied for an education assistant role, instead of a presenting job that would require her to face her fear of speaking in public.

"However, after talking to a friend of mine from the zoo, they persuaded me to go for both and after a successful interview, I got the presenting job."

And while Rhiann admits the first two weeks "were really nerve-wracking", she adds "but I grew to absolutely love it".

"I gave talks to crowds of over 400 people and I didn't feel nervous at all."

Rhiann's route to graduating from Cornwall College Newquay was not straight forward. After initially gaining a qualification in hair and beauty after school, Rhiann took some time out to have her three children before returning to education to do an Access to HE course and then finally onto a degree programme in Zoology.



New apprentices join famous Jamie Oliver’s Fifteen eatery



Jamie Oliver’s inspirational apprenticeship programme at Fifteen in Newquay continues to attract large amounts of interest from young people. Hundreds of potential candidates applied for a position at this high profile restaurant; as they look for that special opportunity to grown, develop and find their true potential.

In partnership with Cornwall College, Fifteen offers every student a structured programme that is designed to foster

the right qualities to succeed including: teamwork, self-discipline, hard work,

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learning and passion, not to mention professional training towards a recognised catering qualification.

Tracy Page, Course Manager, Cornwall College said, “I’ve had the great pleasure of managing and working with all the Fifteen cohort’s since inception. It gives me enormous pride to see so many young people enter the scheme with little or no expectation of success, and to complete the programme as high achievers and qualified chefs.

“The Fifteen apprenticeship scheme is now in its tenth year and between practical work at the restaurant and training at college, has successfully taught over one hundred students.”

New student apprentice Harry Stanton, 17 from Mawgan Porth added, “I see joining Fifteen as a new start for me. I didn’t excel at school and I didn’t know what the future held for me. I then got a job in a restaurant in Mawgan Porth and loved it.

“I knew then that the catering industry is where I wanted to be. Joining Fifteen is a great opportunity to learn new skills, increase my knowledge and to eventually join a successful team at one of Jamie Oliver’s restaurants.

“It’s definitely the break that I needed and I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

Cornwall College is recognised as the best catering college in the South West, training students in one of the widest ranges of catering and hospitality courses for many prestigious brands including; Fifteen, River Cottage, The Eden Project and home to the renowned Academy Nathan Outlaw.

Tracy concluded, “We’ve had some amazing students come through the scheme, many of which have forged rewarding careers around the world. As a Fifteen apprentice, the training and support they receive is second to none, which helps equip them with the right set of skills to succeed.

“The next sixteen months is going to be challenging for our apprentices and will be a wake-up call for many, but we have a detailed, proven and flexible programme to help cater for their individual needs and we all look forward to help train the next generation of qualified chefs.”

Floristry blooms at beautiful Bicton College



Experts from the world of floristry descended on Devon for a specialist training weekend to help blossoming careers across the country.

Floristry tutors from leading UK colleges and training providers shared their latest design techniques and developed new skills at the special event held at Bicton

College near Exmouth.

Lecturers went back to the classroom to design and construct complex floral pieces including a floral necklace, a form linear corsage and a planted arrangement with a structure.

The sessions, supported by the Society of Floristry, were led by two industry experts, Laura Leong, a professional florist,

demonstrator and training manager for World Skills UK, who has competed in floristry at international level and Lynda Owen, a professional florist with over 40 years of experience, now an international floristry judge.

Both demonstrators are well known for continuing to push the boundaries of floral design and encouraged the tutors to experiment and innovate with their designs.

Lynda said changes in the floristry industry over recent years included greater competition “with supermarkets selling cut flowers and getting into hand-tied bouquets which used to only be available from florists”.

“Now everyone sells flowers, so we have to develop skills that can’t be replicated by mechanisation,” she added.

Jo Biddle, one of two floristry tutors at Sheffield College explained that the weekend represented an opportunity to “keep up to date with trends and see what’s happening in the industry”.

“We’ll create handouts and revise what we’ve done with our students – it’s been brilliant, really inspiring,” she added.

Laura Leong led the sessions on the design and construction of the set pieces and highlighted the need for florists to use design to demonstrate their true skills

as a means of standing out. She went on to recommend a career in floristry “you work with perfect materials. Flowers are so beautiful and give you so much and you get to work with growers, develop the design and have control from start to finish.”

The demonstrators were supported by Patrick Welch, horticulture expert and lecturer at Bicton College, who shared his in-depth knowledge of plants and botany.

Both Laura and Lynda agreed that floristry as a career may not be an instant route to riches, but cited determination and good business skills as essential components of success, alongside creativity and excellent floristry skills.

“You’re working with wonderful natural materials, it’s creative and gives such customer satisfaction, flowers can soften the sorrow or make people happy, it’s a great career,” Lynda enthused.

Carol Cuthbert, Head of Floristry at Bicton College was delighted with the success of the event, stating it “exceeded our expectations”.

“Our floristry team at Bicton College were delighted to host the weekend event and experience new ideas and inspiration to take back into the classroom and into practical sessions with our students,” she added.



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ST AUSTELL AREA Evening, weekend and daytime short courses running from September 2018 at John Keay House (JKH), Cornwall College St Austell.

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Welding - Saturday Workshop	Andy Appleyard	JKH	Sat	12.15pm - 3.15pm	22/09/18 10/11/18 19/01/19 09/03/19 27/04/19 08/06/19	4 wks	£145

PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Basic Digital Photography	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	02/10/18	5 wks	£60
Basic Digital Photography	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	13/11/18 26/02/19	4 wks	£48
Advanced Digital Photography	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	08/01/19	5 wks	£60
Advanced Digital Photography	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	23/04/19	4 wks	£48
Photoshop	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	09/01/19	5 wks	£60
Photoshop	Melissa Hallam	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	06/03/19	4 wks	£48

HOLISTICS/LIFESTYLE

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Mindfulness - Day 1	Nancy Finch	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	06/10/18	1 day	£30
Mindfulness - Day 2	Nancy Finch	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	03/11/18	1 day	£30
Reiki - Stage 1	Nancy Finch	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	26/09/18	10 wks	£120
Reiki - Stage 1	Nancy Finch	JKH	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	24/01/19	10 wks	£120
Reiki Healing - Stage 2	Nancy Finch	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	23/01/19	10 wks	£120
Reiki Healing - Stage 2	Nancy Finch	JKH	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	25/04/19	10 wks	£120
Colour Energy Workshop	Nancy Finch	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	02/02/19 06/04/19	1 day	£30
Reiki Shares	Nancy Finch	JKH	Wed	10am - 1pm	08/06/19	1 day	£18

CAKE DECORATING

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Cupcake Bouquet Masterclass *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	06/10/18	1 day	£50
Introduction to Model Making, Figures & Animal Decorations *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	01/12/18	1 day	£50
Mother's Day Special *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	02/02/19	1 day	£50
Introduction to Wired Flowers *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	06/04/19	1 day	£50
Pretty Fondants *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	03/11/18	1 day	£50
Cake Decoration Masterclass *	Claire Bender	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	08/06/19	1 day	£50

LANGUAGES

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
An Introduction to Japanese Language - Term 1	Hiroimi Bunday	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	TBC	10 wks	£120
Learn Japanese - Term 2	Hiroimi Bunday	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	TBC	10 wks	£120
Japanese - Term 3	Hiroimi Bunday	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	TBC	8 wks	£96
French for You - Term 1	Susan Butterfield	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	06/11/18	5 wks	£60
French for You - Term 2	Susan Butterfield	JKH	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	TBC	5 wks	£60
Italian for Beginners	Susan Butterfield	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	03/10/18	10 wks	£120
Italian for Improvers	Susan Butterfield	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	09/01/18	10 wks	£120

FLOWER ARRANGING AND FLORISTRY

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Fun with Flowers *	Angela Hyland	JKH	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	10/10/18	5 wks	£60
Wall Designs with Flowers *	Angela Hyland	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	TBC	1 wk	£30
Wedding Flowers *	Angela Hyland	JKH	Sat	10am - 3pm	02/02/19	1 wk	£30

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JEWELLERY & SILVERSMITH

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Silversmithing for Beginners *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Wed	6pm - 8.30pm	05/09/18	10 wks	£165
Silversmithing for Beginners *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Thu	6pm - 8.30pm	06/02/19	10 wks	£165
Silversmithing - Intermediate & Studio Sessions *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Thu	6pm - 8.30pm	14/11/18	5 wks	£85
Silversmithing - Intermediate & Studio Sessions *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Wed	6pm - 8.30pm	01/05/19	5 wks	£85
Silversmithing for Beginners Workshop *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Thu	6pm - 8.30pm	01/12/18	1 day	£30
Silversmithing for Beginners Workshop *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Sat	9.30am - 3pm	06/04/19	1 day	£30
Silversmithing for Beginners Workshop *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Sat	9.30am - 3pm	TBC	1 day	£30
Silversmithing - Intermediate Workshop *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Thu	6pm - 8.30pm	02/02/19	1 day	£30
Silver & Sea Glass Workshop *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Sat	9.30am - 3pm	22/09/18	1 day	£30
Wirewrapped Sea Glass Jewellery *	Suzanne Barr	JKH	Sat	9.30am - 3pm	17/11/18	1 day	£30*

DANCE, FITNESS AND EXERCISE

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
BarreConcept	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	5.30pm - 6.30pm	13/09/18	13 wks	£78
BarreConcept	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	5.30pm - 6.30pm	10/01/19	12 wks	£72
BarreConcept	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	5.30pm - 6.30pm	25/04/19	11 wks	£66
Move It - Dance Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Wed	5.15pm - 6.15pm	12/09/18	13 wks	£78
Move It - Dance Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Wed	5.15pm - 6.15pm	09/01/19	12 wks	£72
Move It - Dance Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Wed	5.15pm - 6.15pm	24/04/19	11 wks	£50
Buzz - High Energy Fitness Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	6.40pm - 7.30pm	13/09/18	13 wks	£58
Buzz - High Energy Fitness Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	6.40pm - 7.30pm	10/01/19	12 wks	£72
Buzz - High Energy Fitness Class	Jess Leonard	JKH	Thu	6.40pm - 7.30pm	25/04/19	11 wks	£66

SALTASH AREA

Evening, weekend and daytime short courses running from September 2018 in the Saltash area.

ART AND CRAFTS

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Lace Circle Term 1, 2 and 3	No tutor	Saltash	Thu	1pm - 3pm	20/09/18 10/01/19 25/04/19	10 wks	£20
Traditional Stained Glass (Evening) Term 1, 2 and 3	Ray Boundy	Saltash	Wed	7pm - 9pm	19/09/18 09/01/19 24/04/19	10 wks	£120

LANGUAGES

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Cornish Language	No tutor	Saltash	Tue	7pm - 9pm	18/09/18	30 wks	£40
French Beginners Term 1 and 2	Christel Bodin	Saltash	Tue	7pm - 9pm	18/09/18 08/01/19	10 wks	£90
French Beginners Term 3	Christel Bodin	Saltash	Tue	7pm - 9pm	23/04/19	8 wks	£72
French Improvers Term 1 and 2	Christel Bodin	Saltash	Wed	7pm - 9pm	19/09/18 09/01/19	10 wks	£90
French Improvers Term 3	Christel Bodin	Saltash	Wed	7.30pm - 9pm	24/04/19	8 wks	£72

CAMBORNE AND REDRUTH AREA

Evening, weekend and daytime short courses running from September 2018 in the Camborne and Redruth area.

ART

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Drawing & Painting for All*	Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	1pm - 3pm	17/09/18 14/01/19	10 wks	£120
Drawing & Painting for All*	Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	1pm - 3pm	29/04/19	8 wks	£96
Drawing & Watercolour Painting for Beginners*	Dan Phillips	Krowji, Redruth	Tue	10.30am - 12.30pm	18/09/19 15/01/19	10 wks	£120
Drawing & Watercolour Painting for Beginners*	Dan Phillips	Krowji, Redruth	Tue	10.30am - 12.30pm	30/04/19	8 wks	£96
Drawing, Pastel & Watercolour Painting for All*	Dan Phillips	Krowji, Redruth	Tue	1pm - 3pm	18/09/18 15/01/19	10 wks	£120
Drawing, Pastel & Watercolour Painting for All*	Dan Phillips	Krowji, Redruth	Tue	1pm - 3pm	30/04/19	8 wks	£96
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Botanical Art*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	17/09/18	5 wks	£60
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Seascapes*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	29/10/18	5wks	£60
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Landscapes*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	14/01/19	5 wks	£60
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Harbour Views*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	25/02/19	5 wks	£60
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Animals*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	29/04/19	5 wks	£60
Painting for Pleasure in Acrylic or Watercolour - Portraits*	NEW Dan Phillips	Kehelland Methodist Chapel Hall	Mon	10.30am - 12.30pm	03/06/19	5wks	£39
Pen & Wash Architectural Imagery - Watercolour Painting Workshop*	NEW Rachael Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	13/10/18	1 day	£39
Cornish Seascape - Watercolour Painting Workshop*	Rachael Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	09/02/19	1 day	£39
Cornish Landscape - Watercolour Painting Workshop*	Rachael Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	11/05/19	1 day	£39
Art Inspired by Pablo Picasso Workshop for All*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	06/10/18	1 day	£39
Art Inspired by Vincent Van Gogh Workshop for All*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	09/02/19	1 day	£39
Art Inspired by Henri Matisse Workshop for All*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	16/03/19	1 day	£39

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ART CONT'D

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Getting Started with Watercolours Beginner's Workshop*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	22/09/18	1 day	£39
Discover Botanical Watercolours Beginner's Workshop*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	17/11/18	1 day	£39
Painting Woodland in Watercolour Beginner's Workshop*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	08/12/18	1 day	£39
Painting Mining Heritage in Watercolour Beginner's Workshop*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	19/01/19	1 day	£39
Discover Colour In Botanical Watercolour Beginner's Workshop*	NEW Dan Phillips	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	02/02/19	1 day	£39

CRAFTS

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Clothes Making*	Helen Clemo	Sewing Studio, Redruth	Wed	10am - 12pm	19/09/18 16/01/19 01/05/19	10 wks	£132
Cushion Covers Sewing Workshop*	Helen Clemo	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	08/12/18	1 day	£38
English Hexagon Patchwork Craft Wallet Sewing Workshop*	NEW Helen Clemo	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	19/01/19	1 day	£38
Oilcloth Bags Workshop*	Helen Clemo	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	16/03/19	1 day	£38
Pretty Picnic Textiles Sewing Workshop*	Helen Clemo	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	11/05/19	1 day	£38
Introduction to Weaving Workshop*	NEW Julia Simpson	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	17/11/18 16/03/19	1 day	£32
Introduction to Knitting Workshop*	NEW Julia Simpson	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	19/01/19	1 day	£32
Ceramics/Pottery for All	Wendy Wilbraham	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	20/09/18 17/01/19	10 wks	£139
Ceramics/Pottery for All	Wendy Wilbraham	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	02/05/19	8 wks	£115
Ceramics/Pottery - Intermediate	NEW Wendy Wilbraham	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	19/09/18 16/01/19	10 wks	£139
Ceramics/Pottery - Intermediate	NEW Wendy Wilbraham	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	01/05/19	8 wks	£115
Silver Jewellery - Beginners*	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	17/09/18 14/01/19	10 wks	£137
Silver Jewellery - Beginners*	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	29/04/19	8 wks	£113
Silver Jewellery - Improvers*	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	19/09/18 16/01/19	10 wks	£137
Silver Jewellery - Improvers*	NEW Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	01/05/19	8 wks	£113
Silver Ring Jewellery Workshop	NEW Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	22/09/18 19/01/19	1 day	£49
Silver Bangle & Charm Jewellery Workshop	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	13/10/18 09/02/19	1 day	£56
Silver Sea Glass Jewellery Workshop*	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	17/11/18 16/03/19	1 day	£49
Unfinished Silver Jewellery Projects Workshop*	Anna Pope	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	08/12/18 11/05/19	1 day	£40
Picture Framing (D.I.Y.) Workshop	Stuart Ross	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	17/11/18 09/02/19 11/05/19	1 day	£36

COMPUTING

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Getting Started on eBay Workshop	James Winnan	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	13/10/18 16/03/19	1 day	£35
Simple Computer Basics for the Beginner Workshop	NEW James Winnan	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	22/09/18 09/02/19	1 day	£35
Lightroom for Beginners	Lisa Wallace	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6pm - 8pm	14/01/19	10 wks	£120
Photoshop for Beginners	Lisa Wallace	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6pm - 8pm	08/10/18	10 wks	£120
Photoshop - Intermediate	Lisa Wallace	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6pm - 8pm	29/04/19	8 wks	£96
Introduction to Photoshop Workshop	Lisa Wallace	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	13/10/18 09/02/19 11/05/19	1 day	£35

COOKERY

Course Title	Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Bread & Bakery*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	19/09/18	2 wks	£43
Fish Cookery for Beginners*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	07/11/18	2 wks	£43
Gluten Free Cooking Workshop*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	30/01/19	1wk	£23
Sushi for Beginners Workshop*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	06/02/19	1wk	£23
Taste of Italy - Part 1*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	10/10/18	2 wks	£43
Taste of Italy - Part 2*	NEW Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	27/02/19	2 wks	£43
Pastries, Cakes & Puddings*	Mark Devonshire	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6pm - 9pm	20/03/19	2 wks	£43

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Junior CHEF CLUB

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Our state-of-the-art kitchens at Camborne, Saltash & St Austell are the perfect place to cook up lots of tasty treats to take home and enjoy. A chef's apron, all equipment and ingredients are included, all you need is a passion for cooking.

Please ensure that all children wear non-slip enclosed shoes.

Workshops

Workshops run between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturday mornings and cost £12 per child, per session.

13th October 2018	Bonfire Night treats workshop	19th January 2019	Healthy fast food	No club in April 2019
17th November 2018	Winter comfort food	2nd February 2019	Valentine delights	11th May 2019 Cupcake decorating
1st December 2018	Getting ready for Christmas	16th March 2019	Sticky Easter treats	

CAKE DECORATING

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Introduction to Model Making Figures & Animals Workshop*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	22/09/18	1 day	£54
Cupcake Bouquet Masterclass*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	17/11/18	1 day	£54
Pretty Fondant Cupcakes Workshop*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	19/01/19	1 day	£54
Mother's Day Special Cupcake Workshop*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	09/02/19	1 day	£54
Basic Cake Decoration Masterclass*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	11/05/19	1 day	£54
Introduction to Wired Flowers Workshop*	NEW	Claire Bender	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3pm	15/06/19	1 day	£54

DANCE & MUSIC

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Belly Dancing for All		Pam Hunt	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 7.30pm	17/09/18 14/01/19	10 wks	£60
Belly Dancing for All		Pam Hunt	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 7.30pm	29/04/19	8 wks	£48
Guitar - Getting Started		Peter Perkins	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	04/10/18	5 wks	£60
Guitar – Improvers		Peter Perkins	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	07/02/19	5 wks	£60

FITNESS

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Simply Keep Fit		Pam Hunt	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	9.30am - 10.30am	19/09/18 16/01/19	10 wks	£60
Simply Keep Fit		Pam Hunt	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	9.30am - 10.30am	01/05/19	8 wks	£48

LANGUAGES

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
French - Beginners Term 1 and 2		Peter Perkins	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	17/09/18 14/01/19	10 wks	£120
Fun French for All	NEW	Ruth Wilkes	The Perranwell Centre	Fri	9am - 11am	28/09/18	6 wks	£72
French Conversation for the Very Rusty	NEW	Ruth Wilkes	The Perranwell Centre	Fri	11.30am - 1.30pm	28/09/18	6 wks	£72
Spanish Beginners - Term 1 and 2		Rocio Rivero	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	19/09/18 16/01/19	10 wks	£120
Spanish Beginners - Term 3		Rocio Rivero	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	01/05/19	8 wks	£96
Spanish Intermediate - Term 1 and 2		Rocio Rivero	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	20/01/18 17/01/19	10 wks	£120
Spanish Intermediate - Term 3		Rocio Rivero	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6.30pm - 8.30pm	02/05/19	8 wks	£96
Spanish Advanced - Term 1 and 2		Rocio Rivero	The Business Space, Truro	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	18/09/18 15/01/19	10 wks	£120
Spanish Advanced - Term 3		Rocio Rivero	The Business Space, Truro	Tue	6.30pm - 8.30pm	30/04/19	8 wks	£96

PHOTOGRAPHY

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Beginner's Guide to Digital Photography		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	17/09/18 14/01/19	10 wks	£120
Beginner's Guide to Digital Photography		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6.30pm - 8.30pm	29/04/19	8 wks	£96
Improving Your Digital Photography		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	19/09/18 16/01/19	10 wks	£120
Improving Your Digital Photography		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	01/05/19	8 wks	£96
Black & White Film Day – Using, Developing & Printing Workshop		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	13/10/18	1 day	£52
Improving Your Landscape Photography Workshop		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	11/05/19	1 day	£38
Improving Your Portrait Photography Workshop		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	09/02/19	1 day	£38
Macro and Close-up Photography for DSLRs Workshop		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	17/11/18	1 day	£38
Product Photography for Artist & Craft Workers Workshop		John Satterthwaite	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	9.30am - 3.30pm	16/03/19	1 day	£38

PRACTICAL SKILLS

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Welding Skills - ARC/MIG		Dave Lawer	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6pm - 8pm	20/09/18 17/01/19	10 wks	£195
Welding Skills - ARC/MIG		Dave Lawer	Cornwall College Camborne	Thu	6pm - 8pm	02/05/19	8 wks	£171
DIY Cycle Maintenance Workshop		James Winnan	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	17/11/18 11/05/19	1 day	£35

SPECIAL INTEREST

Course Title		Tutor	Venue	Day	Time	Start	Length	Cost
Confidence in Public Speaking Workshop		Angela Stoner	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	13/10/18	1 day	£35
Confidence in Public Speaking Workshop		Angela Stoner	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	16/03/19	1 day	£35
Creative Writing		Angela Stoner	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	03/10/18	5 wks	£60
Creative Writing		Angela Stoner	Cornwall College Camborne	Wed	6.30pm - 8.30pm	27/02/19	5 wks	£60
Get Writing Workshop		Angela Stoner	Cornwall College Camborne	Sat	10am - 3.30pm	08/06/19	1 day	£35
Introduction to Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP)		Lizzi Larabalestier	Cornwall College Camborne	Mon	6pm - 9pm	14/01/19	5 wks	£90

Business to keep top gaming industry students working in the South West



A Cornish games design graduate is looking to make Cornwall a hub of the UK's gaming industry by giving opportunities to graduates and

a clear progression route into the thriving sector.

Angela Hosking from Penzance, who recently graduated from Cornwall College with a BA (Hons) in Games Design for Industry, wants to establish a new business on the campus that is run by graduates for graduates.

"During my time on the course, I realised that one of the big barriers to the world of employment at a top games design studio, is that they insist on applicants having three years industry experience working on AAA games," she explained.

In the video game industry, Triple-A is a classification term used for games with the highest development budgets and levels of promotion.

Angela said she knew she could make a difference by setting up a business in Cornwall.

It will initially be developed in conjunction with key partners like The Engine Room, a network of Cornish social

enterprises, funded by the European Regional Development Fund, offering a fully funded support programme for pre-start up and start-up businesses based in Cornwall.

"Starting this business will give graduates the opportunity to have a job at the end of their degree course without having to move away from Cornwall, where they can develop their skills and experience working on real commercial projects," she explained.

"I also hope that internships will be able to be offered, alongside work experience. It will prove very beneficial to those currently on the games design course to be able to have time in a real studio and see the process of how things are run.

"It will also provide a rewarding environment where everyone has the same passion to make epic games and be in a place that is fully creative."

As part of the plan, a new game jam site has been set up on social media, to try and get more people involved in the process of making games, emphasising the "fun aspect" of an industry that is going from strength-to-strength in the region and beyond.

Animals aid students with hot new technology

Not wanting a cat scan, Rupert the dog has taken part in infrared thermal imaging technology testing by Cornish students.

A talk by Louisa Jenkins from SyncThermology for veterinary nursing students at Duchy College Rosewarne, revealed the diagnostic capabilities of the technology.

Thermography is a non-invasive diagnostic technique that allows the examiner to visualise and quantify changes in skin surface temperature.

Louisa Jenkins, Veterinary Thermograph Technician, said the company feels "it's really important to educate people about Thermography and what are the best ways to use it in a quality way".

"This is particularly true when educating the next generation of veterinary nurses that we have coming through, as this is a new and emerging technology and we very much hope that it will get more widely used than it is at the moment," she continued.

During the session, students were able to see the equipment first-hand and see it in operation taking Thermographs of one of the students' dogs.

FayAlsworth, 25 from Blackwater, a student on the FdSc Veterinary Nursing course, said she found the talk "very interesting and I really enjoyed scanning Rupert".

"I brought my dog Rupert in today and we have scanned him. I thought his back leg was a little bit sore and it showed that on the scanner," she explained.

"Now that I am aware of this technology, if the situation called for it and it was available I would use it."

Thermography allows us the ability to measure the inflammation no matter how deep in the body.

Nicola Penrose, lecturer on the FdSc Veterinary Nursing course, said "it is part of the current practice module where students are looking at new and emerging technologies in veterinary medicine types and this an important diagnostic tool".



Storms highlight seal stranding investigation

The April storms and resulting casualties amongst seals brought the work of a local marine conservationist into sharp focus.

Catherine Barry, who completed her Foundation Degree in Marine Conservation at Cornwall College Newquay, has undertaken a project analysing the link between grey seal mortalities and the way in which marine strandings are reported around the county.

"Since starting university, I have tried to be as involved as possible with the Cornwall Seal Group Research Trust, so I wanted to take the opportunity to look into seals and the threats to them," she explained.

"The project investigates the increase in numbers of grey seal mortalities around Cornwall and whether this is due to an overall increase in grey seals dying or an increase in the reporting effort.

"The data was gathered through the use of the Marine Strandings Network database, which records all reported dead grey seals across the South West."

The Marine Strandings Network, run by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, consists of a team of over 100 volunteers who record all reported strandings of marine organisms on Cornwall's coastline.

The volunteers' main activity is recording and photographing all stranded dolphins, whales and porpoises, as well as seals, basking sharks and turtles. Recording stranded animals provides information about the marine environment and the health of marine creatures.

This information is vital in helping to conserve wildlife and provides an insight

into causes of death and threats to survival.

Catherine's analysis uncovered some interesting findings.

"The examination of the data suggested that there is both an increase in the amount of awareness for reporting seals, as well as an increase in the number of seals dying," she explained.

"There is no certain answer to the project, just a number of suggestions such as a possible increase in danger, with stronger storms, increased bycatch from fishing and a larger amount of marine pollution being possible contributing factors.

"Or even that the seal population is reaching carrying capacity and therefore there is an increase in competition for food and shelter, we cannot be certain."



Exclusive dairy apprenticeship



Bicton College and Duchy College are celebrating a new partnership with Synergy Farm Health, which provides a complete veterinary service to all farm animals.

The partnership has resulted in the creation of an exclusive new Level 3 dairy apprenticeship programme, starting this September.

Delivered from Lower Coombe, near Crewkerne in Somerset, the apprenticeship will cover a variety of topics, including welfare and biosecurity, nutrition, milking routine, mastitis, lameness, fertility, calf rearing, dry cow management and common health problems.

Allowing apprentices to earn while they learn, this Level 3 qualification is a great next step for those who are already working in agriculture, or those who wish to pursue a career in the dairy industry.

Roger Clarke, Work-Based Agriculture Team Lead at Bicton College and Duchy College, said: "We have an in-house apprenticeship recruitment team, who are able to match potential apprentices with employers, and likewise help employers who would like to upskill their existing employees via an apprenticeship, with funding and mentoring, so we urge both

apprentices and employers to get in touch."

Peter Reed, Agriculture Programme Manager at both colleges, worked closely with Synergy Farm Health to develop this exciting new partnership.

"We are very much looking forward to welcoming the first cohort of apprentices in September," he said.

"The knowledge and facilities that they will have access to via Synergy Farm Health are second-to-none, and will be of huge benefit to both the apprentices and their employers. Focussing on welfare, maximising outputs and prevention rather than cure, this new dairy apprenticeship programme will help farms to secure a sustainable future."

Ed Powell-Jackson, lead vet on the teaching delivered by Synergy Farm Health, said the team was "excited about this new initiative".

"As a farm animal only veterinary practice we are whole heartedly committed to the future development of the dairy industry," he continued.

"Our involvement in this programme, along with our well established teaching programmes for both farmers and final year vet students, will allow us to help train the dairy workforce of tomorrow."

World-renowned rural leadership course hailed huge success



One of the world's leading rural leadership courses is celebrating the conclusion of another successful year.

The Challenge of Rural Leadership course, now in its 22nd year, has been lauded by delegates and organisers.

Managed by the Rural Business School (RBS) at Duchy College, part of The Cornwall College Group, on behalf of the Worshipful Company of Farmers, delegates from across the globe came to Dartington Hall in Devon to undertake the intensive and rewarding programme.

They have returned to their businesses with new found confidence and skills to enable them to thrive in an ever-changing agricultural industry, according to Director of RBS, Richard Soffe.

"It was great to work with another outstanding group of international, high potential managers on the Challenge of Rural Leadership this year, as well as using Riverford Organics as a local case study," he explained.

The Worshipful Company of Farmers has a new chair of education Karen Mercer who, along with the retiring chair Mike Rowe and the Master, Julian Sayers, joined the course for several sessions.

Everyone was impressed with the beautiful Dartington Hall, and the enthusiasm of the delegates.

Two Nuffield scholars from Australia were in attendance, along with the Chief Executive of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, and the President of the Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster.

The first week of the course formed a case study which focused on a local business. The delegates visited early in the week and had an overview of every process which currently makes the business work.

During the second week the focus turned to the individual. There were sessions on psychometrics, the media, time-management and how to present yourself under scrutiny. There were also more guest speakers, such as the President of the NFU, MPs and also a military commander, all of whom brought a unique perspective on their own paths to leadership.

Nuffield Australia delegate Bernadette Mortensen, said "I had high expectations for the course and my expectations have not only been met, they have been surpassed".

President YFC Clubs Ulster, James Speers concurred and added it was an "invaluable experience I will never forget".

Student triumphs at prestigious national farm health awards



A student in Cornwall has won a prestigious award presented at a new national event focussed on farm health.

Holly Yelland from near Okehampton, a student on Duchy College's BSc (Hons) Rural Business Management course, won the Farm Health Management Award at the first national Dairy-Tech event at Stoneleigh Park near Coventry in February.

She triumphed in the category for students studying agriculture at colleges across Britain.

"I was thrilled to win the award and be able to visit the first Dairy-Tech event," said Holly.

"I utilised the theory of farm health planning from my studies along with the practical side I deal with on a daily basis through my part-time role working in farm assurance with farmers."

The competition, organised by the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF) to raise the awareness of the importance of proactive farm health planning among younger members of the industry, is sponsored by Volac.

The entrants had to prepare a 1,500-word essay demonstrating their understanding of

proactive health planning. They were asked to identify the barriers to adopting such a strategy and how to overcome those issues to improve heath and profitability. Students undertook the task as part of their course and Holly was one of three chosen to represent the College.

It was judged by a panel of John Owen,

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Gelli Aur College farm manager, a vet, Oli Hodgkinson and Award Chairman, John Sumner.

"The standard of entries, whether agriculture or veterinary students, was of an extremely high order and we had difficulty placing the finalists," John said.

"I can vouch for this, as I have been involved in the competition since 2007."

He also announced that Duchy College had the highest success rate of any college or university over the duration of the competition.

Holly produced an excellent piece of work using Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD), as an example of a disease, where preventative health panning is key to its prevention and control, according to the judges.

She also highlighted the barriers to uptake of proactive farm heath planning and suggested practical ways to overcome them.

Paul Ward of the Rural Business School said Holly "did very well" to win the award, "producing an essay of top quality".

"This reflects the expertise that Duchy College and in particular, the Rural Business School, has built up as a result of running successful knowledge exchange programmes such as 'Healthy Livestock' with farm vets and the livestock sector across the South West," he continued.

"This is illustrated by the fact that the approaches to the prevention and control of both John's disease and BVD, piloted in the South West have now been adopted at national level."

Dr Jurie Intachat, programme manager for the course and the higher education team lead for rural economy at the College, added it was "an excellent opportunity for students to apply knowledge gained from their studies and develop innovative solutions".

"We aim to develop our students' professional skills and to see that they have achieved this through such competitions is an honour," she added.

Students learn the art of game meat processing

Having unique skills increases employability prospects and with this in mind, gamekeeping students have been learning how to process game meats.

Working in Duchy College Stoke Climsland's state-of-the-art food processing rooms, the students prepared a fallow deer, pheasants and rabbits.

They also learnt how to check for any signs of disease in the carcass and skin and butcher the deer ready for processing.

Level 3 Gamekeeping student Conor Raffie, from Bideford, said the whole process "has been really interesting".

"We got hands-on experience of the whole process of preparing and butchering a deer and we learnt how to cut the carcass for joints and how to make sausages," he continued.

"It was great being able to taste our hard work at the end."

Students then processed the pheasants and rabbits for the table, learning the correct protocol and processes for putting game meat into the food chain, and ensuring a safe product for the consumer.

Deer Management and Game Meat Hygiene tutor, Ian Berry, said the workshop was "an important part of the course" as "students need to learn the correct protocol and processes".

Gamekeeping Programme Manager, Peter Walters, said that it was vital to give students "hands-on experience".

"Obviously the classroom theory and understanding of the gamekeeping units is essential, but we also want to ensure students get that real world experience to prepare them for the workplace."



Valuable insight into Royal Navy life for keen Military Academy students



Students from Cornwall and Devon are gaining an invaluable insight into life in the Royal Navy at HMS Raleigh.

Duchy College is the only college in the UK to attend a phase one or initial training establishment on a regular basis and during the latest visit, Military Academy students had the opportunity to tackle the assault course.

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The assault course is normally carried out during week nine of training for the Royal Navy. After been shown how to deal with each obstacle, the students then competed in two teams for the fastest time.

Students also spent time with Drill Leaders (DLs) and practised some rifle drill, as well as receiving a brief on the weapon systems the Royal Navy use.

They had the opportunity to get hands on with the Glockenspiel Pistol, SA80 A2 and Carbine and the General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG).

Military Academy student, Courtney Diggins, said she found the session "really tough and it was extremely cold".

"Although it was really hard work, I am so glad I did it. It has really helped me realise what I need to work on."

Fellow Military Academy student, Tom Golding, agreed that it was "really hard work, but also really good fun."

"I really enjoyed it. These visits to HMS Raleigh are really useful, I feel really lucky to gain this experience during the course."

Military Academy Programme Manager, Jon Stone, said the trips to HMS Raleigh are "invaluable and give the students a real insight into Royal Navy training and Armed Forces initial training".

"The opportunity to work with the Royal Navy instructors and receive actual training provides real work experience for the learners."

From packing to managing, apprentice makes mark in furniture design



Atalented furniture design apprentice is celebrating her rise from packer to workshop manager for one of the UK’s leading and most innovative furniture designers. Two years ago, Safia Megatli, 24 who lives in Falmouth, was keen to use her design skills developed during her degree, in a more practical way. “I enjoy learning and I wanted to take my

design skills to the next level and get more involved with production,” Safia said. “I always enjoyed the creative subjects at school and like making beautiful things which also have a function.” Safia was given the opportunity to complete an apprenticeship through Cornwall College whilst working for Tom Raffield, an award-winning company that designs and makes a range of hand-made furniture and lighting by steam bending

a variety of woods from its woodland workshop just outside of Helston.

“We’re extremely proud to be investing in local talent in Cornwall and building the next generation of skilled designers helping to put British design on the map.”

“It’s such an interesting, fun place to work and I have learnt so much from the colleagues that I work with,” she continued. “In my new role as workshop manager, I’m the link between the design team and the workshop guys, so I’m constantly looking at lead times, tools, materials and processes to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. It’s such a varied role, and I really enjoy being on the tools and getting to see the final products. There is nothing more satisfying than receiving emails and photos from satisfied customers of pieces that you’ve personally worked on!” Founder of the company and designer Tom Raffield, said Safia is one of the many women leading the charge in what can sometimes “feel like a male dominated design industry”. “The energy that our apprentices have on the team is inspiring; providing new ideas and solutions, and bringing enthusiasm to the team,” he continued. “We’re extremely proud to be investing in local talent in Cornwall and building the next generation of skilled designers helping to put British design on the map.” Safia also competed in the SkillBuild UK National Final at the NEC in Birmingham at the end of last year, coming home with a bronze award in the cabinet-making section.

The largest multi-trade competition in the UK for construction trainees and apprentices, The Skills Show saw 82 construction competitors from across the country battle for the top spot in ten disciplines. Safia said the event was “amazing”, despite being “quite scared about competing”. “As soon as I got there I relaxed and really enjoyed the competition,” she explained. “It was a great confidence builder, and it was nice to meet the other competitors who I have so much in common with. I’d definitely encourage other apprentices to enter if they get the opportunity.”

Students help bring back classic boat from the brink

Boatbuilding students from Falmouth Marine School have just completed the restoration of a 40 year old Cornish Rowing Association skiff. She is believed to have been built by Falmouth boatbuilder Dicky George, and was rescued from decrepitude on the Isles of Scilly by local boatbuilder, Dave Cockwell. One of the students who worked on the project is retired Bill Sharpe from Truro, who previously served 36 years in the Army. “The skiff was very tired and neglected when it came to us, but underneath was “Cockwells boatbuilders currently employs two boatbuilding students.”

a beautiful boat with great lines. We reinforced the structure and gave her a complete refurbishment, which revealed

the beautiful slopes and design,” he said. Bill is making the most of his retirement and personally funds his tuition fees for his course. “I have always been interested in boats and I was attracted to the practical nature of the boatbuilding and restoration course, it combines work-based skills with art and design,” he added. Dave, owner of Cockwells Boatbuilders, supplied all the materials and generously replenished Falmouth Marine School’s stores, to further support the students. He said he was very impressed with the standard of work carried out by the students. Dave provided them with a number of live projects over the years as he believes “it’s important to support the next generation of skilled boatbuilders”. Cockwells boatbuilders currently employ two boatbuilding students part-time to fit in around their studies, together with employing over 70 employees, many of whom are previous Falmouth Marine School students.



First ever Board Game School a winner



The first ever Board Game School in Cornwall, which saw the premiere of Vault of Champions, has proved a roaring success. Following in the footsteps of the popular Film School project run by the county’s most successful digital media team, Board Game School was set up to develop and challenge creative thinking within the games industry. Games design students at Cornwall College were tasked with delivering a fully functioning board game in just 10 days before exhibiting it at a live premiere event

to industry experts. Matt Warner, course manager, said all the students “pitched an idea for a board game to their peers before a vote on the best idea to take forward into production”. “Everyone is given a job role within specific key departments including, art and imagery, rules and mechanics, marketing and so on,” he continued. “During the 10 days, they had to work as close-knit groups in order to carry out all the necessary tasks and to meet the deadlines, so the pressure is really on.” The project is part of the University

of the Arts London curriculum schedule that Cornwall College teach. The task is to provide an introduction to job roles and progression routes within the games industry and to enhance key skills and knowledge. Miles Waterhouse games design student, said he was “lucky” to have his idea, The Vault of Champions, chosen by the group. “It is set in a fantasy setting with a broad range of characters and it’s amazing to see my game being turned into a fully functioning product; I’m so proud,” he explained.

“The whole project has been great fun but also a huge challenge as we all learn about the intricacies of producing a real game.” Amanda Wood, Cultivator Learning Co, manager, said projects like Board Game School are “very important”. “Not only are our students learning some valuable and specialist skills, but they have also been working towards stage 1 and stage 2 competencies for employability,” she explained. Cornwall College has enjoyed great success within its digital media department, winning more awards over the past decade than any other college in Cornwall. Katie Goode, creative director, Triangular Pixels said “what the students and college have achieved here is remarkable, this is true genius to get the students interacting, developing creatives and experiencing production techniques.” “Vault of Champions takes you into a fantasy world with lots of twists and turns and a very dark side to it,” she added. Matt said he was “so proud of all the students”. “They have really put in a tremendous amount of effort which has resulted in successful completion of a new game in a challenging ten days,” he continued. “We have developed a new curriculum pathway that makes that whole course a lot more realistic and thought-provoking, enhancing the student experience.”

Mysteries of the sea revealed to ambitious maritime students

Three students in Cornwall have been lauded for helping to break down gender barriers while being recognised for their work using technology to operate underwater exploration machinery. The students from Falmouth Marine School achieved more than 100 hours of Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) experience while working with subsea company KMEXGroup and Kernow Marine Exploration. (KME) “Cornwall is being used as a training ground for new technologies and future employees of the marine sector.”

Emily Hardisty, Vanessa Mancini and

Ella Treloar were awarded their certificates at Falmouth Marine School’s Industry Day and Emily, 23 who moved to Cornwall from Kent to study, is interested in deep sea exploration as a future career. “I’m also interested in species discovery and ROVs are increasingly being used in that whole industry, so I thought being able to operate one would be a good skill to have for my future ambitions,” she added Cornwall is being used as a training ground for new technologies and future employees of the marine sector, and as part of this, director and founder of KME Angelina Rose said the company was involved in training, commercial work and eco-tourism. “We work closely with STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and educational research hence working with Falmouth Marine School,” she explained.



Eden work experience for budding students

A group of horticulture degree students have been sowing the seeds of their success with some hands-on experience in the world famous Eden biomes. The group of university students, all currently studying the first year of their degree programmes in Horticulture and Plant Science through Eden Project Learning, have been undertaking three weeks of work experience alongside staff at the iconic Eden site near St Austell. Working directly with Eden’s own teams of skilled horticulturists, the students have been involved in a wide range of tasks covering all areas of the site, including the Mediterranean and Rainforest Biomes, as well as Eden’s nearby Watering Lane nursery and their sister site; the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Eden Horticulturist Lucie Oldale worked in the Rainforest Biome with students who were involved with mulching, cutting back shrubs and herbaceous planting, clearing beds ready for replanting, planting new displays and clearing and rebuilding the nursery area. The students also joined in on Eden’s winter ‘clump’ days, where the whole gardening team works together on big jobs like cutting back willow and dogwood outside. “For us it has been really great working with the degree students, they’ve been so enthusiastic and interested in what we do and how the biome works,” Lucie said. “We have all been students before too so it is lovely to be able to pass on some of what we have learned to inspire others. We’ve got such a lot of work done too, the



Party island Ibiza beckons once again for talented student DJ



As a trainee DJ from Falmouth is making huge moves in the music industry at home and abroad, while supporting some of the best dance music artists in the world. Gigging all over the UK and Europe, Sara Fry, 19, spent last summer in the dance music capital of the Mediterranean, Ibiza, where she entertained thousands of people in famous venues like Sankey's and Pukka Up.

fantastic acts like KryWolf, Shadowchild and LowSteppa," she explained. "Those gigs to date are the highlight as the crowds and atmosphere were amazing, but I've got lots of new things planned already for 2018."

Sara, who is currently studying an HND in DJ & Electronic Music Production at dBs Music, is making the most of her time while at college.

"I'm absolutely loving my course and thanks to the highly skilled staff and amazing facilities I feel that I have progressed beyond

recognition," Sara said. "I've learned so much from audio editing and mixing, to sequencing and sampling. Since joining dBs Music I've been able to

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experiment with lots of different music styles, which has influenced my own type of music and coupled with the many guest lectures on how people produce music, has had a very positive effect in how I approach my individual style."

dBs Music, which is located on the Cornwall College Camborne campus, is one of the most respected music teaching providers in the country; offering a wide range of performance, production and recording courses not available anywhere else in Cornwall.

John Williams, dBs Music tutor said the philosophy is simple, "to impart our industry knowledge and skills to enthusiastic students, to help make them develop, engage and network for a successful career".

"Our highly practical courses are designed to bring out the best in students and we assist in finding live gigs where they can perform," he continued.

"Sara's passion and drive to be the best is infectious and through her dedicated commitment both to the course and in finding places to showcase her talents, has enjoyed some amazing experiences that many only dream of."

Anyone with a keen interest in the music industry can start studying at Level 2 up to HND on campus and then progress onto BA (Hons) with one of their university partners; with careers including DJ, music producer and events management.

Sara is spending the next few months recording her own tracks and she is looking forward to heading back to Ibiza in the summer.

Ground-breaking new photography course

One of the most decorated media and creative educational teams in the region has launched a new photography course that focuses on the future employability of the students.

The team behind the nationally-recognised Film School at Cornwall College, led by Rory Mason, is looking for candidates who are keen to make a real career of their passion for photography.

"This is about giving young people an education that will secure a long and successful career in the photography industry," Rory explained.

"Of course there is the creative and artistic element, but the main focus is on developing skills and contacts that have commercial value."

Lecturer of photography at the College, Tobias Rossi explained the course would be "tailored specifically to pure photography".

"It's fantastic to be able to take my skills and pass them on to the next generation of photographers," he added.

"At the end of this course, students will have the essential skills they can put into practice in the real working world, so much more commercially-focused in its approach."

Technical instructor Ashley Hampson explained that the course includes

techniques and applications that will "prepare students for the real world of photography, so it's very exciting".

All of the lecturers on the course, are working photographers, and have between them 60 years' combined experience including portraits, weddings, events and editorial commissions.

The course is for anyone who wants to become a working photographer, take their ideas further or turn a hobby into a career.

But Rory warned it was important for those interested to get in contact quickly about signing up for the course.

"This is going to be a very popular course as there is a direct line of sight to employment," he explained.

"There are courses out there that only really focus on creating a limited portfolio of work and then leave the student to make their own way into the world of work."

Students will explore landscape, portrait, wildlife, fashion, events and fine art photography whilst being introduced to studio lighting, photographic products, stop-motion animation and the creation of photographic books.

They will also learn to express their photography through both traditional darkroom and digital image making, including Adobe Creative Suite, according to course lead Simon Colgan.

Simon also revealed that students will be working on live briefs with real clients and will be taken out on location for photographic shoots.

"Local and internationally renowned practitioners will be invited in for guest lectures and practical workshops to enhance students' knowledge of the subject," he continued.

"We are also rolling out Arts Award, which will further enhance important transferable skills and give our learners valuable additional UCAS points ensuring they get the university place they want."

During the second year, students will

undertake a two week intensive set build project, which will involve them pitching ideas, building and decorating a set, hiring models before lighting, shooting and finally editing the final image.

There will also be an annual London trip that includes accommodation, viewing the work of professional photographers exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery and the Photographers Gallery, visiting QI, experiencing a live TV studio audience and meeting and working with professional photographers.

Simon added that Cornwall was the perfect place to have a career in photography.



Businesses flock to Falmouth for Industry Day



Firmly establishing Falmouth's importance for specialist industry training and jobs, more than 50 business people from across the country attended a student industry day at the coastal town.

Falmouth Marine School's Industry Day welcomed businesses representing marine engineering, watersports, travel and a host of other sectors.

Also in attendance were Cornwall Chamber CEO Kim Conchie and Falmouth Mayor Grenville Chappel, who both praised the day that saw students exploring work opportunities.

"I've been coming to this event for three years, first year as Deputy Mayor and two years as the Mayor, and every year it has built," explained Mr Chappel.

"This year I think it has built tremendously, there is much more here, it's very to the point and I support this college 100% as it's an integral part of Falmouth."

Kim Conchie concurred and added that he saw a wealth of "skilled young people who have the necessary life skills".

"What employers are saying to me all the time, no matter what skillset students come out with, is they want people with the skills

to be able to listen to a customer, look them in the eye and be forward thinking," he added.

"The vibe I am getting here this morning is exactly that, people clued up so that they can be part of the workforce of the 21st century."

Student Emily Hardisty said the day had been "a really good a chance to make lots of connections".

Emily, 23, from Kent, studies FdSc Marine Science and moved to Cornwall specifically for her course.

"I am interested in deep sea exploration and species discovery as a future career," she explained.

Nancy Barnett, 29 from Ponsanooth attended the day having studied watersports at Falmouth Marine School when she was younger.

"It was the best course I have ever done and I went on to work in the watersports industry teaching windsurfing in Turkey, Egypt and Kenya before spending a winter season in Norway," she said.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to find today, but it's a brilliant opportunity for everyone. Spread over three floors, there are loads of really interesting companies and it's

useful in expanding my knowledge of where I can work in the industry."

For engineering manager at Mylor Yacht Harbour, Nathan Percival, Industry Day was an opportunity to speak to young people coming up through the industry and possibly taking on trainees and apprenticeships.

"We do everything, from fault finding to major overhauls on single cylinders up to V8s," he explained.

"It's a fantastic career to get into as it's such a diverse industry and can lead to so many different pathways whether it be marine sales, management or the yachting industry for example. It's a really good day, the students are interested and asking all the right questions."

Falmouth town manager Richard Gates delivered a speech that highlighted the importance of businesses across the town working with education institutions, from primary schools to universities.

"There is so much energy and it's so positive here today, and seeing it gives you that confidence in what Falmouth is about," he added.

Head of Falmouth Marine School Justin Olosunde thanked the attending businesses and praised his students.

Future construction workers celebrate safety success

Students wanting to forge a career in the construction industry have celebrated passing an important milestone in becoming fully qualified.

All Level 1 Construction Plant Operation students at Duchy College successfully passed their Health, Safety and Environment test as part of their Construction Skills Competence Scheme (CSCS).

These students want to go out and work in the construction industry and to do so need to be in possession of a CSCS card. CSCS cards are fast becoming the industry norm for UK construction sites and industry staff, part of a programme set up to increase

working standards.

Student, Elanor Danson from Launceston, said she was "really enjoying the course".

"We are being equipped with all the skills and qualifications we need to be able to work on sites," she continued.

"Now I have passed this test I am looking forward to my Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) starting with the forward tipping dumper ticket."

Now that the students have achieved their CSCS, the next step for them is the CPCS, which is a scheme to prove their skills as a plant operator. It is based on a combination of professional competence and health and safety awareness - two essential qualities for

operating plant.

Level 1 Construction Plant Operation Course Manager, Chris Neve, said he was "extremely proud of how hard the students have worked in preparation for the test".

"The fact that they have all managed to pass is a testament to the time and effort that they have put in," he added.



Ex RAF serviceman nails it with new career



A former RAF aircraft engineer has been inspired to pursue a radical change in career and is swapping jets for nail polish.

Charlie Brown, who lives in Saltash, spent 22 years as an aircraft engineer with the RAF, working on Harrier Jump Jets based in both the Gulf and Afghanistan.

A couple of years after leaving the military, Charlie and his wife moved to Cornwall, knowing he wanted to continue working but unsure in what industry.

"I have always enjoyed making people feel nice; I live in Saltash and drove past Cornwall College Saltash one day and after a conversation with my wife I thought I'd go for a complete change and try a nail course," Charlie said.

"I really love the Level 2 Nail Services course, everyone has been really welcoming and I seem to be quite good at it so far. The tuition is great, Dawn our lecturer has been in the industry for nearly 30 years, we are getting the latest techniques in an industry which is always changing. It is a technical skill with your

His interest in the industry and latest trends will really help him as he continues to move forward in his new career."

hands, which is what I've been used to as an engineer."

"I didn't come into it with a pressure of needing a second career, but I am enjoying it so much, I think on completion of the course I will set up my own business and work mobile."

Nail Lecturer at Cornwall College Saltash, Dawn Willock, said Charlie is a "fantastic student, he is very good with customers and really keen to work with clients."

"He has a great attention to detail and likes to get everything just right. His interest in the industry and latest trends will really help him as he continues to move forward in his new career."

"Most of our students in this group are over 19, many go onto Level 3, set up their own business or work in a salon. It is never too late for people looking to change a career, there are always options available."



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New Head of St Austell A-level Centre

There is a new Head of VI Form at the A-level Centre at Cornwall College St Austell.

Roisin Higgins, who has taught at the College for nearly a decade, is excited to have recently been appointed to the post.

"I have had the privilege of working at Cornwall College since 2008," she explained.

"During this time I have taught across the three English disciplines, sat A-levels alongside students, achieved success rates of 100% at grades A*-B and had the diverse experience of teaching, tutoring and managing UCAS applications.

"Now I am Head of VI Form, I am proud to be leading a team of excellent lecturers who continue to take learners from strength to strength."

"I have always loved the immersive experience of the written word; especially as a little girl hidden beneath my duvet with a torch"

Roisin, who studied an English language degree at Cardiff University, has had an appreciation for linguistics as long as she can remember.

"I have always loved the immersive experience of the written word; especially as a little girl hidden beneath my duvet with a torch and a copy of Enid Blyton's 'The Wishing Chair,'" she explained.

The A-level centre has a great record for achievement and was in the top 10 percent in the UK for ALPS data in 2017.

