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This week's news collected by Old Scholar Ben Bampton.

Ellie Martin (Patrick's Class)

"After leaving Ringwood Waldorf School, I went to Brockenhurst College to study a Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts, as well as an A Level in Dance. I managed to achieve the best possible grades I could have during this time and also played roles in two Brockenhurst theatre productions.



Ellie

"After finishing my qualifications, I decided to take a gap year before going to university. In the year out of education, I got a job and earned enough money to allow me to go travelling around Australia and New Zealand for 3 months with my partner, Joe. I came home in December so I could audition for universities and, after these, gained my place at the very prestigious Dance course at the university of Chichester.

"I have been studying here for four months now and I couldn't be happier. I am dancing every day and learning more and more about the art form I have been in love with since I was a child.

I was always encouraged to follow my dream of dancing by my class teacher Patrick, who let me put on class performances and choreograph dances in our school plays. I am very grateful to have gone to a school that encourages all careers, whether they are in the academic field or not."

Patrick McGrath

After leaving the school in 2010, at the end of Class 8, Patrick went to Brockenhurst College for 3 years, and took some time to assess his options before enrolling on his degree in Forensic Computing and Security, at University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol.

Now in its second year, Patrick's course is based around computer security, and involves a rigorous education in how to hack computers and stop others from doing it - a process which is undoubtedly a lot more complex than it sounds. He thoroughly enjoys living in Bristol, and is starting a work placement in the next few months, at a company which provides security services for charities.

Christian Finn, who left the school in 2009 at the end of Class 6, is currently studying motorsport at Bridgewater College, in Somerset. Chris is further absorbed in the world of motoring with his work at the go-kart track in Cheddar, where he's been working for 2 years and was recently promoted to Head Marshall.

In his free time, Chris enjoys kickboxing and fixing up engines, whether in cars, go-karts or motorbikes (in his words, if anything has an engine, he'll have a go!). A big fan of Formula 1 (which comes as no surprise), Chris is especially looking forward to visiting Barcelona in two months time with his college to witness a race event first-hand.

In the longer term, Chris is looking forward to taking a well-earned break in the summer, with festivals and travelling if he can get the funds together, before starting his engineering course at Oxford Brookes, where he will graduate with a degree in either Mechanical Engineering or Motorsport Engineering, depending on where his interests take him.



Ellie dancing