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Press Release

TALENTED MAKE-UP ARTIST LAURA WINS THROUGH TO WORLDSKILLS UK FINAL

A talented young special effects artist from Haverhill will be testing her skills to the limit this weekend after reaching the national finals of the prestigious WorldSkills UK competition.

Laura Nicholas, 19, a Media Make-Up student at Cambridge Regional College, is one of just ten finalists from regional heats across the country to win through to the event, designed to showcase the best of British talent.



Laura Nicholas preparing for the WorldSkills UK final

The theme of the final is metamorphosis, and Laura is already working on an alien-like costume which she is creating with different pieces of latex body art to be put together and painted on the day of the competition under the watchful eye of the judges.

If she wins, she could go on to represent the UK in the WorldSkills international competition to be held in London next year.

Laura, who hopes to work on special effects and make-up in films when she leaves the College, said she was thrilled to have made it to the national final, which takes place on Saturday (June 26) in Derby.

“It’s fantastic to get to the final. I love Media Make-Up and creating something special – I would really like to have a career in films,” she said.

Competitors have to demonstrate their creativity and technician skills during a four-hour test, designing and applying a costume to a model and finishing with body art and paint.

Celia Weir, Head of CRC’s Catering, Hair and Beauty Academy, said it was an immense achievement for Laura to have reached the final.

“We are extremely proud of her and wish her all the best in the final,” she said.

Two other CRC students, beauty therapists Katie Wright and Rachel Hine, will also be competing in a WorldSkills UK final on the same day – in Advanced Beauty Therapy.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and

6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.