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GOOD LUCK TO OUR 2018 FINALISTS

BEST STUDENT



JACOB LEACH

Energy Coast UTC, Workington

Jacob Leach is not just a fantastic role model in the classroom but a phenomenal athlete in the pool. He is in the sixth form and was selected as a member of Team England and travelled to Australia to compete in

the Commonwealth Games. He works hard to balance his studies and his training.



DAVID MITCHELL

Furness College, Barrow

David Mitchell has proved himself to be exceptional throughout his creative media diploma achieving distinction grades in all 54 assignments on the course. His nomination said, "barriers are seen as

opportunities to David and obstacles are seen as enjoyable challenges".



ALICE WHYSALL-PRICE

Newton Rigg, College

Alice Whysall-Price is a level three horticulture student at Newton Rigg. She has not only started her own sustainable horticultural display business but also initiated a project to reduce the use of plastic at Newton

Rigg. She has a passion for the environment which has led to several initiatives being introduced at the college.

BEST TEACHING PROFESSIONAL



DAVE BARLOW

Ulverston Victoria High School

Passionate teacher Dave Barlow has inspired countless students to make huge progress in the arts. As subject leader for technology his commitment to his field has led to a "huge resurgence" in the area.

Through his drive and enthusiasm he has helped students achieve their goals.



SHEENA KAR

St Benedict's Catholic High School, Whitehaven

Sheena Kar is head of sixth form and was nominated by year 13 students who say she has had a "huge impact" on their lives. "Mrs Kar is the most positive, cheerful and down-to-earth

individual you could meet. She is helping us succeed in our A-levels."



KERRYANN WILSON

Energy Coast UTC, Workington

Kerryann Wilson is director of learning for both english and maths at the Energy Coast UTC and has been described as one of the most dedicated and inspirational teachers a student

or colleague will ever have the pleasure of working with. She always goes the extra mile.

BEST SUPPORT STAFF



CHRIS BURLEIGH, HUSBAND OF THE LATE JO BURLEIGH

Energy Coast UTC, Workington

The late Jo Burleigh was not just the Energy Coast UTC office manager but something much more. She

offered an ear to all of the office and teaching staff, offered words of wisdom and advice but most importantly she was a jovial, vivacious, classy, compassionate, caring and determined individual.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STAFF TEAM University of Cumbria

The UoC's mental health and wellbeing service provides counselling, psychotherapy and mental health support to students

and supports the academic teaching staff who have concerns for students. Because of the confidential nature of their work, they very rarely get recognised publicly for the work they achieve.

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BEST EARLY YEARS PROVIDER



YELLOW BUS CHILDCARE BERNADETTE JONES

Workington

Childminder Bernadette Jones has a reputation for delivering first class education to early year children. Her family-run operation is known for

the hard work and dedication in providing for children in the Workington area.



LAMPLUGH CE SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Frizington

Providing a caring, nurturing environment for nursery children, Lamplugh is seen by parents as a beacon for early years learning. With

a firm focus on building confidence, staff tailor work to individual children's levels allowing them to progress in a short space of time.



ST BEES LITTLE LEARNERS NURSERY

St Bees

Staff at this nursery are proud of helping children become confident, independent young people with their own views and opinions. Support is

always available should parents and carers find themselves in difficult situations and the nursery is proud of the relationship it has with parents and carers.

BEST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE



"WE WILL"

Ewanrigg Local Trust, Maryport

We Will is a group of teenagers who have the aim of improving youth mental health. They joined together to campaign for change in the way youth mental health is dealt with in their schools, communities, families

and wider social circles.



"STEP UP, STAND OUT"

Furness College, Barrow

Working with Inspira and Jobcentre Plus, Furness College has more than 50 students on its SUSO scheme. The programme prepares young people and adults in the community for an apprenticeship, employment

or further education. One learner said "The Step Up qualification is great".



ORMSGILL NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Barrow

Unemployment, crime, drug and alcohol addictions together with poor health and education levels pose serious challenges for the children at Ormsgill. But despite these factors

headteacher Mick Cull is immensely proud of what he describes as an amazing community on its doorstep.

BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY



DALTON ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dalton in Furness

Hannah Croskery, deputy headteacher of Dalton St Mary's, is the county's leading Apple trainer for schools. Every child from year 2 to

year 6 has their own iPad and a whole school approach has been adopted with staff, children and governors sharing resources. The school is a regional training centre for Apple.



ERIN STRICKLAND, FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cockermouth

Children from the age of five are getting to grips with robotic arms and 3D printers at Fairfield School., The

equipment is one way in which the school is embracing the world of science, technology, engineering and maths to inspire its pupils. It also works with local engineering organisations.



NEWTON RIGG COLLEGE FARMS

Penrith

Newton Rigg College farms have embraced the latest in technological advances to improve efficiencies and animal health while inspiring and

teaching students as they prepare to enter the agricultural industry. College leaders are proud of the way its farming staff manage two working farms whilst integrating education for their students.

BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT



SANDRA ALLEN **Belle Vue Primary School,** **Carlisle**

Over her many years as a teaching assistant, Sandra Allen has made an enormous difference to children with special needs and their families. She is a specialist teaching assistant

amassing years of experience. Her positive influence ensures that many families of the children she has taught stay in touch with her.



CAROL FORSTER **Fir Ends Primary School,** **Smithfield**

Carol Forster never shies away from a challenge and takes everything in her stride. The senior teaching assistant is a key part of the team which helps Fir Ends School, excel for its pupils.

Carol looks after two autistic children and has brought them on in "leaps and bounds".



NATALIE SHAW **Furness College, Barrow**

Natalie Shaw demonstrates the perfect balance of sympathetic and firm support for young learners at Furness College in Barrow. Her outstanding support allows learners to reach their full potential, and

achieve their ambitions during their time at the college.

BEST INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE



THE CENTRE FOR LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE **Cockermouth**

CLP supports the growth of leadership across Cumbria by development relationships between

business and schools. The not-for-profit organisation engages with young people aged between 16 and 18 through the Dream Placement scheme and with primary children through Bright Stars.



NICK HALL **Aroma Catering, Ulverston** **Victoria High School**

Food teacher and charity founder Nick is described as an inspiration in the nomination for his work in supporting students and the community through both food, education and sport. He set up the Aroma Catering

Foundation charity raising money to fund young chefs.



THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Workington

This project saw 24 sixth formers given the task of designing, costing and modelling a renewable energy source in Whitehaven. Working with a member of Morgan Sindall's

young professional network students looked at the value of renewable energy for the environment and the future of the UK.

BEST FURTHER EDUCATION PROVIDER



FURNESS COLLEGE

Barrow

In November 2017, Ofsted praised the college for maintaining a clear focus on the quality of teaching, learning and assessment and retaining the specialisms of each campus following its merger with Barrow Sixth Form

College. It also puts emphasis on apprenticeship training implementing 35 new apprenticeship standards.



LAKES COLLEGE

Workington

In 2015 a "requires improvement" Ofsted inspection triggered a college-wide shift in culture beginning a two-year improvement and development process. This paid off when last year Ofsted visited the

college to deliver a new rating of "Good" across the board. A national survey placed the college in the top 10% for employer satisfaction.



NEWTON RIGG COLLEGE **Penrith**

Part of Askham Bryan College, Newton Rigg was nominated for this award for its role in providing high quality specialist education to students from all over the UK. It is a specialist, land-based college

providing courses in agriculture, gamekeeping, forestry, equine and animal management.

BEST EDUCATION PROFESSION NEWCOMER



STEPHEN BLACKWELL

Lakes College and National College for Nuclear, Workington

Stephen joined the NCN last year as a lecturer in engineering, science and technology. He has already proved that a new teacher can make a huge difference to his students and

colleagues. His student achievement rates are high and he is described as a credit to the college.

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MATTHEW CROUCH **Yanwath Primary School, Penrith**

Newly-qualified teacher Matthew began work in the reception class at Yanwath in September 2017. He has carved a reputation for nurturing children emotionally and academically gaining their

trust and respect. Parents describe him as friendly and approachable and goes the extra mile.



RICHARD GARDINER, **Newton Rigg College, Penrith**

Agriculture lecturer Richard Gardiner left a long career in the farming industry to share his experience and knowledge with students. His conscientious approach to teaching extends beyond the

classroom and he offers students advice on livestock sourcing and starting their own business.

BEST LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROVIDER



CUMBRIA TRAINING CENTRE **Barrow**

Based in Howard Street, Barrow, this training centre is praised for its commitment, innovation, and growth in the training and development

of learners from all backgrounds and age groups. The nomination speaks of allowing them to grow their careers and knowledge base.



EDUCLA **Carlisle**

Educla is an independent education therapy centre that provides emotional and educational support to children and young people. It is a safe space, a creative hub and a place for young learners to grow and

flourish. It is described as unique with an ethos of always looking forward and never giving up.



THE PGCE **Design & Delivery Team,** **University of Cumbria**

Led by Ruth Hurst at the University of Cumbria's Lancaster Campus, the PGCE (non QTS) team worked together to deliver a fully online high-quality programme in its

first year. The programme put Cumbria on the map as a provider of high quality provision of online learning.

BEST EDUCATION AND LEARNING LEADER



SAMANTHA ADDISON **HIT Training Ltd., Penrith**

Samantha is a senior manager with HIT Training, a leading specialist training and apprenticeship provider for the UK's hospitality industry. Samantha is dedicated to providing first class apprenticeships for the

hospitality industry in Cumbria and is described as an inspirational leader.



CHERRY TINGLE **Energy Coast UTC, Workington**

As principal of the UTC since September 2016, Cherry is credited with inspirational leadership at all levels which has brought her recognition at a national level. Academically in 2017 GCSE results

placed UTC near the top of national and local results tables.



ANDREW WREN **Furness College, Barrow**

Described as an exceptional leader, Furness College Principal and Chief Executive Andrew Wren is at the forefront of education, skills and training opportunities in its community. He has received praise

for ensuring Furness College has maintained outstanding financial health at a time when most colleges are struggling.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD



RACHEL ESPOSITO **Primary Programme Lead** **(School Direct), Kendal**

Rachel is dedicated and committed to nurturing her students to become outstanding new teachers. Her PGCE students often say

"everyone needs a Rachel" and they described her as "truly inspirational". The students refer to her as a "second mother".



ALAN ROBERT GILLON **Learning and engagement** **officer at The Beacon Museum,** **Whitehaven**

Alan's vision is to transform the Beacon Museum into a leading local, national and international museum for learning and discovery. His

inspirational qualities to work with wider the museum collections and learning resources has created pathways for more engagement and participation at all levels.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (CONTINUED)



KATE HODGSON **Play, learning and childcare practitioner at Barnardo's Children's Centre, Carlisle**

Kate is a dedicated early years apprentice who works extremely hard to bring her local community together through her rewarding work

with children and families. She supports families through her role as a play learning and childcare practitioner at Barnardo's Children's Centre, in Carlisle.



LITTLE LAMBS NURSERY **St Pius X Catholic Primary School, Barrow**

Little Lambs Nursery is an exciting new nursery with big goals for its pupils. St Pius opened its nursery facility last year to meet the needs of local families. The Schneider Road

school refurbished a former IT room to create a nursery facility for three-year-olds.



CALLUM SLATER AND JACOB MCSWEENEY **Furness College Students' Union**

Callum and Jacob are two exceptional students who were instrumental in setting up Furness College Students' Union. The two former Barrow Sixth

Form College students established the SU to represent learners across the merged Furness College's Rating Lane and Channelside campuses.

AGAINST ALL ODDS



NATHAN MILBURN **Barrow Sixth Form College**

Nathan has worked hard as a student at Barrow Sixth Form College to achieve "outstanding" grades. He has continued to grow in confidence and self-belief and has been praised by college staff for his incredible

personality and witty sense of humour while coping with his complex epilepsy and autism spectrum conditions.

BEST APPRENTICE



CONOR ALEXANDER **Lakes College, Workington**

Described as an exceptional student, apprentice and welder, Conor joined Lakes College to study for a Diploma in Engineering excelling from day one. His tutor says "Conor is

proof that mastering a trade is not a lost art; his dedication to welding, his course and his apprenticeship has been outstanding".

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REBECCA MOONEY **Carlisle College**

Assistant accounting apprentice Rebecca Mooney has achieved marks of more than 90 per cent in all three units of her AAT Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Accounting. Her employers Carlisle Refrigeration

have highly praised her development from a junior role to a focused credit control position.

BEST INCLUSION INITIATIVE



EDUCLA **Carlisle**

Described as giving excellent support to vulnerable children, Educla is a new business based in High Head Castle, Ivegill near Carlisle. It has a mission to help children who

are unable to manage mainstream education reach their full potential allowing them to take qualifications so they can continue to study.



KICK START PROJECT **Barrow**

This project gives support to children and young people who are at serious risk of not being able to engage with the school curriculum. It works with them by developing their confidence, self-esteem, sense of personal

efficacy, social communication and emotional resilience and works with 160 children a year.



NORTH ALLERDALE DEVELOPMENT TRUST **Wigton**

This programme is an alternative provision for young people who are at risk of exclusion or under-achievement within formal

education. Based in a fully functioning workshop in Wigton, young people can upcycle and refurbish items which would otherwise be scrapped.



SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS & DISABILITIES TEACHING SUPPORT TEAM

The team consists of 10 teachers and higher level teaching assistants who support families and educational

settings with children who have a wide range of special educational needs. "The clue is in the title "special" and they certainly are that and more," a parent wrote.

BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL **Cockermouth**

Fairfield Primary School is described as being at the heart of its community and a place where children blossom. The school aims to provide the best possible

education for all pupils, focusing on the individual requirements of each pupil and creating a bespoke curriculum which builds on their interests.



LEES HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL **Brampton**

Caring, sharing and always learning is the motto of Lees Hill Church of England Primary School, The tiny school, near Brampton, which

celebrated its best-ever results at the end of the last academic year, has just 22 children. Despite being small, the school “never stops moving forward”.



NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL **Barrow-in-Furness**

Newton Primary School is a “small village school with a big heart”. In recent years the Furness school has gone from strength to strength with

staff and governors working tirelessly to raise standards and its profile. It has also seen the introduction of a nursery.

BEST SECONDARY SCHOOL



ENERGY COAST UTC **Workington**

The rise of the UTC since it opened in 2014 has been remarkable. Student progress figures are among the best in the country compared to other UTCs. It aims to not only help students earn outstanding academic

qualifications but also to prepare them for work or higher education.



FURNESS ACADEMY **Barrow**

The past 12 months have been the most successful in the history of Furness Academy with 237 children joining in year 7, the highest-ever intake. Staff work hard to ensure that no matter where a child comes

from, their background is not a limitation on what they can achieve.



NETHERHALL SCHOOL **Maryport**

The school has seen a near-meteoritic rise from inadequate to good. Two years ago, the school's sixth form was threatened with closure and the school was in special measures. Now it has been rated good by

Ofsted. Parents say it has become a good place to learn and somewhere to be proud of.

BEST EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



NUCLEARGRADUATES **Workington**

Based at Energus, Lillyhall the nucleargraduates programme is delivered by a small team committed to ensuring all graduates receive the highest quality of training, mentor support and

pastoral care available. It was established by the NDA in 2008 to address the future skills needs of the nuclear sector.



SELLAFIELD UNION LEARNING CENTRE **Seascale**

Sellafield Ltd Union Learning Centre was set up in 2003 through a partnership between the TUC, management and the unions on

the site to help learners engage in various learning programmes. Since 2003 it has seen 6000 learners accessing 14000 courses.



WARD 4 **West Cumberland Hospital and Tissue Viability Nurses, Workington**

This elderly medical ward cares for frail patients when they become acutely ill. Ward Sister Debbie Evans, Matron Christine Musgrave and

members of the ward team along with the tissue viability nurse team took part in a workshop which has led to a reduction in bed sores by 61%.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



DENIS FAY

An inspirational headteacher who had a highly successful education career spanning 40 years in Barrow, Dalton and Ulverston is in line for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Denis Fay retired from Ulverston Victoria High School at Easter and

the whole school community was sad to see him go.

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