

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Murder investigation

Forth Bridges Festival

Biggest ever Fringe

New recruits at QMU

Today at Edinburgh Art Festival

Edinburgh police are appealing for information in connection with a murder after a man who was attacked in Wester Hailes died yesterday morning.

The 31-year-old was the victim of a serious assault in Dumbryden Gardens at around 4.30pm on Friday 22nd August.

He was transferred to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and was in a critical condition over the weekend, before succumbing to his injuries

Police Scotland has been carrying out extensive enquiries and is appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident to come forward

Detective Inspector Grant Johnston, who is leading the enquiry, said: "This is now a murder and the Major Investigation Team are progressing all enquiries.

"A member of the public may hold a key piece of information

that could assist with the investigation, and we are appealing to anyone who saw anything in and around Dumbryden Gardens on Friday afternoon to get in touch as soon as possible.

The Area Commander Chief Inspector Mark Rennie stated: "We have been carrying out high-visibility patrols in the Wester Hailes area and will continue to do so. We are keen to reassure residents that, at this stage, the incident appears to be isolated."

Anyone with any information on this incident should contact Police Scotland on 101 or, alternatively, contact the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Using 10,000 LEGO® bricks and towering almost 9 feet off the ground, a model of the Forth Road Bridge was unveiled at the National Museum of Scotland yesterday.

The intricately detailed and engineered replica – which reveals a cross section of the Bridge's deck and supporting steel truss, as well as one of its soaring towers – has been commissioned to mark the 50th birthday of the iconic structure, which takes place on 4 September.

The model, which will be on view to the public until 15 September, is a highlight of the Forth Bridges Festival, a key event in the Homecoming Scotland 2014 calendar. Photos of the creator with the model are on this Pinterest board:

<http://www.pinterest.com/forthbridgesfes/lego-model-of-the-forth-road-bridge/>

After 49,497 performances of 3,193 shows in 299 venues across Scotland's capital city, The Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2014

has come to an end for another year.

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society announced that by Monday afternoon, with hundreds of performances still to take place, an estimated 2,183,591 tickets had been issued for shows and events in 299 venues across the city, reflecting the continuing popularity and cultural significance of the Fringe. This is 12% more than the overall number of tickets estimated to have been issued by the same point last year.



Over 400 lucky school pupils from Edinburgh, Lothians and the Borders secured their place on a pioneering academy project which aims to boost educational and career opportunities for 15 – 18 year olds.

In just two years, the acclaimed academies project, spearheaded by Queen Margaret University and Edinburgh College, has grown from 34 young people from three East Lothian schools, to 450 pupils from over 50 schools in Edinburgh, East and Midlothian and the Scottish Borders.

All 400 new academy students were brought together at Queen Margaret University on Friday to begin a programme of learning which will help prepare them for employment in some of Scotland's most important growth industries.

The initiative, which was conceived by the Vice Principals of Edinburgh College and Queen Margaret University, is hailed as one which is delivering real results for Scotland's young people. What started as a trial project with three East Lothian secondary schools, has now grown into a unique and highly successful partnership involving the University, Edinburgh College, Borders College, four local authorities and industry partners.

The Hospitality and Tourism Academy started in 2012 with the aim of smoothing the transition between school, college, university and work, as well as raising standards within the industry. The South East Scotland Academies Project now offers four academies for young people. The more recent additions are The Creative Industries Academy, the Food Science and Nutrition Academy, and the Health and Social Care Academy. The

academies provide young people with a real insight into key growth industries and improves their employability by developing specialist skills and knowledge.

The project will mark one of its most significant milestones next month when the first cohort of students graduate from the academies project. Having successfully completed the full two year Hospitality and Tourism Academy, the East Lothian pupils will be the first to graduate with an HNC in Hospitality. These academy students will be in a unique position – leaving 6th year of school whilst also achieving a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Hospitality. This privileged position secures them a place in specific courses at Edinburgh College or allows them to skip first year and move directly into the second year of BA (Hons) in International Hospitality & Tourism Management at Queen Margaret University.

The addition of key industry partners, such as Double Tree by Hilton, Marriot Hotels, Skills Development Scotland and Creative Scotland, has helped to ensure the academies' success, allowing young people to develop an understanding of the full range of jobs available within the hospitality, creative industries, food and health sectors.

Nick Hogarth, Reception Manager at Double Tree by Hilton Edinburgh – City Centre, is an enthusiastic supporter of the academies project. He is very keen to help young people develop a better understanding of opportunities within the hospitality industry and encourage them to view it as a first destination career choice. He explained: "From an employer's view, the academies project helps develop a pool of young people who are better equipped than ever before to enter the industry. It's difficult for young people to get experience but the academy model hits all the marks – academic education, industry insight and hands-on learning. I only wish that I'd had this opportunity when I was their age."

All 400 new recruits to the academies project gathered for a photograph in the grounds of Queen Margaret University's campus in Musselburgh where they will study for part of their academy journey. Learning for all four academies also involves the students taking classes with academics and industry experts at the University, as well as Edinburgh College or Borders College and gaining work experience in industry.

Professor Alan Gilloran, Deputy Principal at Queen Margaret University, said: "The academy model shows partnership working at its very best. By bringing together experts in further and higher education and working directly with schools, local authorities and industry, we can offer young people an incredible start in life – one which can help shape their future and bring about educational and career success."

Ray McCowan, Vice Principal at Edinburgh College, concluded: "The academies project goes from strength to strength and two years on, the realities of our vision can be clearly seen. Many of the young people are now choosing to study towards careers in these important industries. They will not only be better informed about their own future career direction – they will develop skills and knowledge that can contribute to the growth and development of key industries in Scotland."



The Fringe may be over but the official Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh Art Festival continue. **Yann Seznec in conversation with Martin Parker takes place** today at 6.30pm

Free, but please book in advance. [Book tickets](#).