Five things you need to know today

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- Edinburgh College Student shortlisted for award
- Gentoo penguins have been busy!
- Property prices affected by school catchment areas
- Latest Walid Salhab film is a stunner
- Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival

An Edinburgh College Graphic Design student is in the running to be crowned Scotland's top creative marketing student at the Scottish Marketing Society Star Awards.

Charlie Law, who is in his final year of the HND Graphic Design course, has been shortlisted in the Star Creative Student of the Year category at the awards, which take place in June. Read more <u>here</u>.

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RZSS Edinburgh Zoo's gentoo penguins have been busy. Keepers there have announced that the gentoo penguins at Penguins Rock are sitting on 15 eggs already! Penguin breeding season has definitely got off to a good start and keepers are looking forward to the hatching of chicks towards the end of the month. The Zoo have released an all-action video of the birds sitting on eggs....

#Penguin breeding update - the gentoos are currently sitting
on 15 eggs! #PebbleLove #Eggciting #RZSS #EdinburghZoo
pic.twitter.com/acavC4iJyS

- Edinburgh Zoo (@EdinburghZoo) <u>April 4, 2016</u>

The <u>ESPC</u> which promotes property selling in east central Scotland says that school catchment has a lot to do with increasing the price of certain properties.

ESPC offer a search facility on their website where you can search by school catchment areas so that anyone looking to send their child to a certain school can be assured of looking in the right place.

An ESPC spokeswoman said: "With exam league tables and HMIE reports on school performance readily available, homes in the school catchment areas for the best performing schools often sell for substantially higher than the average selling price of properties nearby.

"So when it comes to choosing a property, parents may have to stretch their budget or compromise on other key property features such as storage space and large gardens. Getting in to the right catchment area can make the decision on choosing where to buy even harder. "ESPC's website has a search function for school catchments so you can find which houses are for sale under your desired catchment area."

Read more <u>here</u> about the prices in each area of the city!

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The award winning film-maker Walid Salhab who teaches media practice at Queen Margaret University has brought out his latest time-lapse, stop-motion film showing off the dramatic backdrop of the capital.

My Edinburgh from walid salhab on Vimeo.

Commenting on the new film, QMU's Walid Salhab, said: "The idea behind 'My Edinburgh' is to try and capture the stunning storm cloud formation around the centre of Edinburgh. The film

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starts with shots of Edinburgh from across the Firth of Forth, the Forth bridges and Calton Hill.

"Most of the shots were taken before during or after a rain storm to try and capture that dramatic type of light."

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Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival tickets go on sale tomorrow for three of the concerts taking place between 15 and 24 July.

With big names like John McLaughlin, Curtis Stigers and Jools Holland you will be spoiled for choice!

More information on the festival website <u>here</u>.

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