



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Stevenson College Edinburgh student wins place at Worldskills Final**

Megan McGeever, a Complementary Therapies student at Stevenson College Edinburgh, has won first place at the Edinburgh heat of the Worldskills Challenge to compete with 10 others in the London final in July 2010.

WorldSkills UK is the UK's premier set of skills competitions for young people and adults. Their main aim is to help raise the standards of training and performance at work by strengthening the contribution of skills competitions to the UK economy.

WorldSkills UK is supported by government, the Devolved Nations and a host of other partners across business, industry and the world of education and training.

Megan, currently studying for a VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies, excelled in her chosen field of aromatherapy whilst competing against students from all over Scotland.

Along with her colleague Agata Trojanowska, who competed in the reflexology event, Megan was selected for the competition by her tutors as a student who consistently performs to high standards, working with each client on an individual basis to ensure they receive the best treatment possible.

Megan had heard of competitions for hair and beauty but was "intrigued" when her tutors at Stevenson asked her if she wanted to compete in the aromatherapy heats at the Worldskills event. On winning the competition Megan said:

"The competition has definitely given me a huge boost of confidence and has helped set my mind on future plans and I now want to go on to study aromatherapy at Edinburgh Napier University. But first I am planning on taking a year working in this field of industry to get experience and get a taste of other holistic therapies. "

In the Diploma in Complementary Therapies at Stevenson College Edinburgh, students cover a wide variety of complementary therapies and other subjects to progress into employment as a practitioner. These include Aromatherapy,

Body Massage, Reflexology, Physiology, Health and Safety, Client Assessment and Interpersonal Skills. Students work regularly with clients in the Salon and outwith the College.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Stevenson College Edinburgh celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. When the College opened in 1970 at the Sighthill Campus, it had three thousand students. Today, it is one of the largest colleges in Scotland with over 18,000 students, of which nearly 3,500 are full-time (2008/09 academic year) and over 1,000 are EU and international students.

SCE offers a range of courses from Introductory courses and NQs (National Qualifications) through to HNDs (Higher National Diplomas), BTECs and Degree Foundation. They have a variety of study modes available from full-time, part-time, day release, evening, e-learning and open learning.

The public are able to book low cost treatments in the Salon at Stevenson College Edinburgh. The Salon is open during term time and includes a range of hair, beauty and complementary therapy treatments. Tel: 0131 535 4758.  
Web: [stevenson.ac.uk/about-us/the-sce-salon-0131-535-4758/](http://stevenson.ac.uk/about-us/the-sce-salon-0131-535-4758/)

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