

Bill Vinten GTC University Awards/education report - May 2017

The 2016 film competition for undergraduates was won by Krister Antonsen, with runners up Alex Lines and Tom Stibbs at the ceremony held at Bournemouth University last October. All have completed their work experience in Birmingham and at the London Studios. The University of Portsmouth won the University Trophy and will host this years ceremony on October 19th.

The awards were sponsored for the first time by Vinten, through Peter Harman, Head of Global Product and Sales Training, who are kindly continuing to sponsor this years competition.

The 2017 Awards were launched in March with some new software as Stuart McKears has stepped down. Several universities have already said they'll be taking part.

The judging panel is in place, trophies ordered and a recce completed at Portsmouth by Hazel Palmer and Alan Duxbury.

Re Education. Universities are going through a process with 'Athena Swan', "Recognising advancement of gender equality: representation, progression and success for all." The anticipated name change should help with universities engaging with the GTC further.

Mark Bond of Bournemouth University has expressed an interest in helping the GTC, possibly with the Academy idea which has also been mentioned to Ben Thompson at Portsmouth. Being in the centre of town, Portsmouth has limited space during term time which could preclude them as an option for an academy trial, planned to coincide with the Bill Vinten GTC University Awards, but this is still being discussed.