



Award winner Andrew Savvides

Andrew is the Rolls-Royce of gap year students

Future engineer Andrew Savvides has just spent a year working with aerospace giant Rolls-Royce and was named among the top nine students on the prestigious Year in Industry working gap year programme.

The 19-year-old's placement was quickly appreciated by his host company for the value he could add to their projects and Rolls-Royce bosses praised him highly for his contribution to the business. Some of the work he did promises significant on-going cost savings for the company.

As a result, Andrew, of Creighton Avenue, was selected as one of the top nine students in the UK

marked out for having made

a significant contribution to the business of their placement company.

Skills sets

Starting this month, this former pupil of Dame Alice Owens School, Potters Bar and Our Lady of Muswell Hill primary school is studying Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield University. He goes there not only armed with the technical skills he learned in the project but also with a valuable insight into the necessary

management skills, including planning, negotiating and communicating.

The Year in Industry is one of the programmes for paid placement in technical and commercial functions organised by the Education Development Trust charity. Visit www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry for information on students using their gap year to improve their CVs and to earn some money with top UK companies to help finance their degree.

Robo-students raise the flag in Brazil

Two pupils from the Robotics Club at Christ's College Finchley competed against 35 teams in the World Championships of Junior Robocup in Joao Pessoa, Brazil.

The global event fosters development and collaboration in robotics and artificial intelligence, with teams testing their skills in events such as robo-soccer, rescue and dance.

East Finchley students Riku Murai and Nikunj Pindoriya, whose team is already a three-times winner of the UK championships, were competing in the disaster rescue task, where their fully autonomous robot had to navigate a maze, find a victim and carry them to safety. The

CCF robotics team came in 11th place overall, making it fifth out of all of the European teams.

It is a very exciting time to learn about robotics in school and if you are interested in Junior Robocup then the UK website can be visited at www.roboocupjunioruk.org. There is also information about robot events, including the London Open Championships which will be hosted by Christ's College Finchley on Saturday 13 December.



Paresh at the re-modelled CW Andrew pharmacy. Photo: Mike Coles

New look for old pharmacy

By Diana Cormack

There has been a chemist's shop on the corner of Baronsmere Road and the High Road since the building there was completed in 1883/84. In 1900 it became CW Andrew and kept the name when it was bought by John Bolton of Twyford Avenue in 1939. Nearly 40 years later it was sold to pharmacist Paresh Shah's family and he refurbished it in 1995.

This September the familiar dark green shop front disappeared and the interior was revamped to give the place a fresh, updated modern look. Paresh told *THE ARCHER* it made for better working conditions and for a better customer experience.

As he pointed out, the role

of the pharmacist and the pharmacy has changed substantially. Nowadays people are encouraged to speak to the pharmacist for some aspects of medical advice. His business also has a full time travel clinic and there are staff offering vaccinations as well as flu jabs.

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Royal Mail mumbo-jumbo

Archer reader Neville Robinson took this puzzling picture of a notice on his local post box in Bancroft Avenue, N2. Neville says it's a prime example of "gobbledygook" and it certainly seems that the more you read it the less it makes sense. Let's hope the postal staff collecting the mail know what they're doing!