

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### *Building Community and Emphasising Learning Beyond the Classroom.*

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Due to the lengthy, and on-going, disruption caused by Covid-19 the Tourism, Hospitality and Events teaching team recognised the need to rebuild and foster a greater sense of community within the subject area. Furthermore, the blog was seen as a way to illustrate the value of learning and understanding of the industry out-with the classroom. Initial discussion led to a Senior Lecturer leading on the development and content populating of T.H.E. News blogsite. Since September 2021, staff and students have contributed a range of articles to the site, including personal viewpoints, book reviews, details on student study trips and details of staff research interests. Linked to the bog, there have also been five “Curiosity Events” led by the teaching team with a focus on their own areas of research and industry interest. Seven months into the initiative, it is now possible to review the level of engagement with the site, and to seek feedback in order to best plan its future direction.

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