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Mr Fothergill's award winner Sarah plans a new career in horticulture (MRF591)

Capel Manor College's horticultural student Sarah Ruggeri is the 2016 winner of Mr Fothergill's Award for the student who has demonstrated the highest skills in plant care and propagation. She was recently presented with a commemorative shield and a bursary of £500 by the company's joint-managing director John Fothergill.

"Sarah has faced a great deal of personal challenges this year, but she has been determined to achieve this qualification. Her work is always to distinction standard, on time and with a flair for detail and creativity, especially in relation to propagation and growing plants in the protected environment. Sarah naturally helps other students within the group and is often the first to respond to queries and always gives generously with information to help" says Sarah Seery, head of horticulture at Capel.

Sarah Ruggeri worked in the City for 20 years before deciding on a career change. She says "I did a couple of short courses first, a gardening course and a floristry course, and it was the gardening one that had me truly hooked. It's always something I've loved and I'm always outside in my own garden, but I hadn't really considered it as a career before. I then went on to do the Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture covering the Amenities, Crops and Hard landscaping units. It was hard work, but I loved it and thankfully passed with a distinction. I'm now looking to find work, ideally with a garden maintenance firm".

Capel Manor is the largest land-based college in Greater London, offering a range of nationally accredited courses and apprenticeships and with six centres across Greater London; they are within reach of anyone with a passion for the great outdoors. Subjects offered include horticulture, arboriculture, countryside management, environmental conservation, floristry, garden design, and landscaping. For more details of courses at Capel, visit www.capel.ac.uk

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