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Death in a dish

A fine art student has caused a health alert because her end-of-year project created a potentially deadly fungus.

Kelly Cumberland, 23, who is studying for a Master of Arts at Leeds Metropolitan University, had left jelly, gelatin and food colouring in scientific petri dishes to photograph changes in colour and consistency.

But scientists at the university who saw the cultures being grown in the arts studio quickly recognised the aspergillus micro-organism.

When airborne, the culture can be fatal if inhaled.

Ms Cumberland said she could not believe that the cultures she had grown needed to be destroyed by the

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