

Big date for Danni

A FORMER Mark Rutherford pupil will be performing in front of thousands of students this summer.

Singer and songwriter Danni Nicholls (*right*), 22, from Bedford, has been asked to play at Beach Break Live which is taking place in Polzeath, Cornwall.

Danni will be performing alongside headliners such as The Wombats and The Cribs at the student festival which received funding after two entrepreneurs won their pitch on the BBC2 series *Dragons Den*.

Danni began her musical career after swapping her two keyboards for an acoustic guitar at Cash Converters in Bedford.

Her early influences include Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly.

She went on to record two albums of songs that she had written.

Danni said: "It's pretty hard to sum my music up in one or



two words because it's such a mixture of all influences. I guess you could call it 'roots infused pop.'