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## STUDENT DESIGNS TAKE THE CATWALK....

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Family, friends and colleagues were wowed by a Fashion Show, which formed part of the End of Year Art Show at Yeovil College on Friday. The main hall was full to capacity as over 150 people watched the energetically choreographed show, where students' work was showcased to the local community.

The event was the fulfilment of an idea by Clarissa Ready Head of Fashion & Textiles at Yeovil College. Clarissa was keen to encourage local schools to partake in Fashion master classes in the College's new Leonardo Building. These classes involved working with different materials, paper, plastic, metal and recycled garments. Indeed, such was the enthusiasm not only did schools contribute a number of garments for the show some of the school's students also modelled and took part in photographing the event.

Delighted with the events success, Clarissa said *"This has been the culmination of a year's worth of work, obtaining funding from Aim Higher and creating links with other staff and schools, which is brilliant! The schools gained experience and access to the wonderful facilities available at Yeovil College."*

The 'sustainability and innovation' theme topped the programme this year as Textiles students revealed an exciting range of over 120 garments featuring items made from paper, metal and fabrics.



Students and staff from across the College worked together to put on the show, a first for the college – with support for dance, choreography, music, hair and makeup – all essential ingredients to the shows success.

Principal James Hampton said *“This really is Yeovil College at it’s best; I am delighted to share in this evening with you tonight and to see the results of many months hard work from both staff and students. As our students complete their studies and progress onto higher education and employment, it gives us the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate their dedication, enthusiasm and sheer talent.”*



The fashion show also featured clothing made through Fashion Master Classes, supported by ‘Aimhigher’ – where pupils from Stanchester, Bucklers Mead, King Arthur’s, Whitstone and Beaminster schools created their own fashion statements and revealed their work at the catwalk show.

Special awards were presented by Principal James Hampton and Deputy Mayor Phil Chandler to Elaine Chapman and Bridie Cheeseman from Beaminster School for ‘The Creative Use of Materials’. Highly Commended awards were given to Holly Moy, Gemma Doyle and Maddy Faulkner – Stanchester School, plus Chantelle Murphy and Amy Baker from Bucklers Mead school, plus Natalie Ferris and Jennifer Dinment from Beaminster school and Whitstone school for outstanding recycling designs. Other awards were presented for technical proficiency, imagination and commitment. The award for ‘Outstanding Commitment and Professionalism’ was presented to twins Emma and Kimberly Gerrard, studying a Foundation Award in Art at the College.



As the opening evening progressed for the End of Year Art Show, visitors were also able to view the impressive range of students work on display in the new Leonardo Building. A huge variety of very professional work pieces were on display covering art, painting, sculpture, photography, fashion and textiles, furniture and graphic design. Visitors were encouraged to see the facilities and enjoy a number of activities including a live TV show from the media team.

Lloyd Richards, Head of Department for Visual, Creative and Performing Arts said *“Our students have really been able to benefit from the much improved teaching space that the new Leonardo building offers this year with more room, better light and state-of-the-art technology. Students have worked incredibly hard on their project work and to put on the art show and we are all very proud of their achievements”*



The Art Show is currently open from, 10 am – 4 pm until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The Art show is also on display at the University Centre Yeovil, on Preston Road, where a range of work is available including Fine Art, Packaging Design and much more.

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