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ENGINEERING A SUCCESS

Students were praised for their skills and aptitude in engineering programmes last week.

Friends, family and local employers gathered to celebrate in the end of year engineering awards held at Yeovil College.

Amongst the award winners was Ben Cleal, from Chard who was awarded the Apprentice of the Year, Ben's placement at Gooch and Housego, is fully supportive of the apprenticeship programme.

Jason Pike, from Frome was awarded the part time Apprentice of the Year award and works and J.W. Singers in Frome. Jason said *"I'm really surprised to win this award but it's really great to be recognised. I'm currently studying my Level 2 NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations and hope to progress at work and on my course"*.

Thomas Frecknall was also awarded the Apprentice of the Year award. Thomas, from Crewkerne who works for Honeywell in Yeovil is also studying his NVQ Level 2 in Performing Engineering Operations. Thomas was given the award for his outstanding project, building a Stirling Engine, which tested all his practical skills which included using lathers, milling and hand fitting projects all over 9 months.

Martin Fox, Co-ordinator of the apprenticeship programme at Honeywell said *"From an employers point of view the apprenticeship route is much preferred as it gives a good balance between the theory and work-based experience. I am really thrilled that Thomas has been given this award, the quality of his project is really outstanding and we look forward to seeing his skills flourish in the work place."*



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Photograph show (l-r) Lecturer Richard Grasby, Apprentices of the Year Thomas Frecknall, James Pike and Benjamin Cleal, Engineering Department Manager Tony Greaves and Lecturer Paul Stone. Second photograph shows Martin Fox of Honeywell with Thomas Frecknall.