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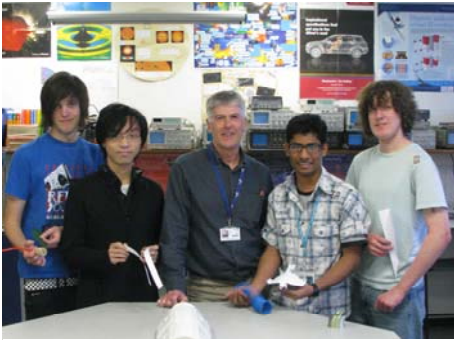


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COLLEGE STUDENTS WIN SCIENCE CHALLENGE

A team of four Yeovil College Physics students has won the annual 'Paperclip Science' competition with a demonstration of aircraft flight made from odds and ends found around the home.



(l-r) Harry Jacobs, Ngo Chi Lam, Course Manager Neil Gorton, Chanchu Mohan and David Withers.

The competition is based around the use of everyday items to explain scientific principles to non-scientists. It is organised by local schools and Yeovil College and this year it was hosted by Sherborne School for Girls.

Harry Jacobs, Ngo Chi Lam, Chanchu Mohan and David Withers, all AS Level Physics students at the College, had less than a week to come up with an ingenious design for the competition.

The students presented a fascinating demonstration called 'How an Aircraft Flies', which was made from paper, card, drinking straws and a cork. Harry, Ngo, Chanchu and David encouraged the audience to become involved and try the scientific principles out for themselves using paper airplanes and more.

Chanchu Mohan said *"We were really pleased to win and enjoyed coming up with the design. Doing things like this makes science interesting because it uses things you find around the house and makes it relevant."*



Chanchu, Ngo and Harry with just some of the materials used to create their winning demonstration.

David Withers added *"It was also really interesting to see the other experiments that had been entered and the ideas behind their designs."*

Course Manager Neil Gorton *"We chose the theory of flight because of the local connection with aviation engineering and the Fleet Air Arm. I'm really proud of this year's team; they showed great motivation and worked really hard to produce an excellent presentation. It was a good experience for them to speak in front of such a large audience*

– after all they may end up presenting their new theories and discoveries one day!"



David discusses the project with Course Manager Neil Gorton.

Physics is just one of the subjects in which students completing a full time A Level programme achieved a 100% pass rate in 2008. For more information, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk or come to the College's Information Evening on Thursday 15th January 2008.

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