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STUDENTS FLY HIGH WITH 100% PASS RATE

11 Yeovil College BND Travel and Tourism students are celebrating a remarkable 100% pass rate for an industry standard air travel qualification, which has run at Yeovil College for the first time.

Kelsey Best, Georgina Evans, Victoria Hodder, Sacha King, Mica Munn, Emily Newman, Richard Norton, Leanne Phillips, Melissa Redman, Emma Tidey and Gemma Wareham all passed the OAG (Official Airlines Guide) Travel Itinerary qualification with marks of between 85 and 98%. The course is studied intensively over a single day, followed by an exam which takes place up to a week later.

Travel and Tourism lecturer Phil Costis said *"These results show just how capable our students are. They did this course in addition to their main qualification and their marks are in line with industry results. Some students were concerned about certain aspects of it, such as maths, but they've all done really well and gained a useful qualification which should serve them well in their future careers."*

The OAG Travel Itinerary qualification is an internationally recognised qualification studied by airline staff, tour operators, business employees and administrative staff. It is designed to teach students how to analyse and correctly interpret flight schedules and other complex itinerary information so they can keep employers and customers accurately informed.

Chris Burton, Department Manager for Sport and Leisure, which runs the Travel and Tourism courses, said *"This is the first time that we have run this course, so we are delighted that it's been so successful. Our BND students have achieved excellent results this year, often gaining marks well above the national averages. Courses such as the OAG Travel Itinerary, air cabin crew day, on tour managers and resort representatives mean that our students can supplement their core BND qualification with additional knowledge and skills and widen their experience so that they are better equipped when they leave College."*

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Notes to Editors

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Photograph shows (l-r Back Row) Victoria Hodder, Melissa Redman, Sacha King, Georgina Evans, Mica Munn, (l-r Front Row) Richard Norton, Kelsey Best, Emma Tidey, Gemma Wareham, Leanne Phillips.