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STUDENTS LEARN FROM FUTURISTIC DESIGN

A group of 16 Yeovil College students have visited Futurelab in Bristol to research major projects as part of their Design courses.

Futurelab is a not-for-profit organisation committed to sharing the lessons learnt from current research and development to transform the way people learn. The students, who are studying for BND Graphic Design or BND Product Design qualifications, took part in a specially organised research workshop looking at 'Greater Expectations', 'Inclusivity' and 'Accessibility'. This involved looking at and using mobile phone technology related to mobile educational games.

Once back at College, the students will apply what they have learnt to the design and development of inclusive educational toys, games and learning spaces as part of their coursework.

The students also visited the SS Great Britain museum, dedicated to the Isambard Kingdom Brunel-designed steam ship built in 1843. This was part of research for an additional design project and students spent time here sketching and taking photographs.

Course Manager Adrian Ponter said *"This was a really good opportunity for our students to gain research for their inclusive educational toy projects. The FutureLab workshop really helped with this. The students really enjoyed the experience of getting involved in and seeing real projects, research and development, as well as being in a professional working environment. This experience should lead to some very interesting project work."*

Alison Oldfield, Learning Researcher at FutureLab, said *"It was fantastic to have the group from Yeovil College visit Futurelab and learn about and contribute to some of our research projects. The feedback and guidance they provided on our project looking at young people's aspirations and entitlements was particularly helpful and we look forward to possible collaboration with more students in the future."*

Yeovil College encourages trips such as this to ensure that all study is related to real-life situations and to encourage students to see the wider, beneficial implications of what they learn to others in society.

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