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## ROME INSPIRES STUDENTS' ART AND DESIGN

A group of BTEC National Diploma Art and Design students have returned from a productive research trip to Rome, which has inspired work for the end-of-year Arts Show currently on display at Yeovil College. **The show will run from 10am to 4pm every day from now until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in the multi-million pound Leonardo Building.**



The second year students examined some of the spectacular art and architecture of the magnificent city, including landmarks such as the Colosseum, the Vatican galleries, the Borghese gallery, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's.

The students also browsed the designer shops in the Via Condotti and took in the atmosphere of the Piazza di Spagna. During a visit to the Borghese Gallery, they were also lucky enough to witness a state visit by the King and Queen of Sweden.

Once back at College, the students began work on a number of new pieces for the end-of-year Arts show, which is on from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 4pm each day. Some items also featured in the charity fashion show, which took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009.



The students have produced work in a number of different disciplines, including fine art, graphic design, sculpture and fashion/textiles.



Student John Walker (19) said *"I really enjoyed the Borghese Gallery. It was beautiful; it was the best thing I've ever seen in my life."*

Redd How (18) said *"I loved the Spanish Steps and the contrast between ancient and modern in Rome has really influenced my work since I returned to the College."*

Lecturer Catriona Tempest accompanied the students. She said *"The students found Rome very inspiring and we can't wait to put their work on public display. It's very important for students to get out of the classroom and gain experience and inspiration from further afield. The ability to draw from your surroundings is very important in art and design and will definitely be a useful skill for the students as they progress on to university and Foundation degree courses."*

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