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## YEOVIL COLLEGE PREPARES TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Yeovil College will be holding its Further Education Awards ceremony on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at the Westlands Leisure Complex. The annual event is an opportunity for staff, friends and family to celebrate the achievements of the College's Further Education (FE) students.

More than 70 awards will be handed out to exceptional students, including those sponsored by local companies including Agusta Westlands, the Western Gazette, Battens Solicitors, Mulberrys, Numatic International, Hays and Aerosystems International. Prizes will be awarded across for outstanding achievement across the full spectrum of subject areas, including Media, Sport, Maths, Science, Care, Horticulture, English, Law and Performing Arts. Other awards include 'Commitment to Study', 'Volunteering and Community Award', 'Outstanding Achievement in Work Based Learning' and 'Supporting Fellow Students'.

Three special awards will also be presented to students. The Shield for Engineering Excellence, dedicated to student Lawrence Cove who tragically died in a road accident in 2001, will go to a student who has demonstrated excellent in areas including craftsmanship, engineering skills and technical knowledge. The Stephenie Pirongs Award, dedicated to a much loved staff member who showed great dedication and commitment to students, recognises the recipient's achievements. Last but not least, the award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community of Yeovil College is dedicated to Jan Howell in respect of her unparalleled contribution to the College's community life.

The ceremony will be chaired by Head of Sixth Form Andy Perlejewski. The guests of honour will include Linda Jones, Chair of the Corporation, and Yeovil College Principal, James Hampton. The guest speaker at this year's event is Russel Slade, Manager of Yeovil Town Football Club.

Mr Perlejewski said "*This is one of the most important events in the Yeovil College calendar. The students work very hard throughout the year, not just on their qualifications, but also on voluntary projects and enrichment activities such as sports, performing arts and charity fundraising. It is very important we give the resulting achievements the recognition they deserve and highlight the excellent level of ability, skill and knowledge our students attain.*"

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### **Notes to Editors**

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