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DECISIONS MADE EASIER BY COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY

Yeovil College has held a very successful Higher Education and Careers day, an event designed to support students and help them make informed decisions about their lives after graduation.

More than 700 students came to the HE day, hosted in Yeovil College's Learning Centre on 24th June 2008. They were able to speak with a wide range of employers and HE providers, who were on hand to provide support, information and advice. Potential employers included the Western Gazette, Yeovil District Hospital NHS Trust, Augusta Westland, the emergency services and military. 20 universities from as far afield as West London and North Wales were also represented, as well as organisations offering gap year activities.

Students were able to meet face to face with organisations and ask the questions that mattered to them about possible careers. Jan Speak of the Western Gazette said *"We've had a lot of interest at the stand today with lots of young people asking about reporting in particular. They are always surprised by how much reporters need to know about different subjects, about the law for example, and the range of editorial and other jobs we offer beyond reporting. There are a lot of stands here today, but if we all do our bit and help at least one of the youngsters here with their career choices, then that's good."*

A number of talks and presentations also took place, providing information on UCAS applications, careers and 'What Makes a Good Employee'.

Students found the day very informative and useful. A Level student Hannah Williams said *"This event has been very helpful to me. I was undecided about what I wanted to do after leaving college this summer, but the HE day has given me lots of ideas. I am thinking about taking a gap year and travelling before university, perhaps even doing some volunteer work in Africa. Today has made me think about my options and given me a chance to explore what I want to do next"*.

David Guillford, Mitchell Childs and Ruaraidh Dodge, currently studying for BNDs in Business, also found the event beneficial. David said *"I found today really informative and worthwhile. I've been speaking to people about my options after college and they've all been really helpful. I've collected lots of useful information which will help me make the right decision for me about what I will do next."*

Andy Perlejewski, Yeovil College's Head of Sixth Form, who organised the day, said *"We have had a very successful day and are very pleased that so many students took advantage of the advice and information of offer."*

Feedback from exhibitors has been very encouraging and they were delighted that our students have engaged so well with them and been asking lots of salient questions.

“We are very, very grateful to all the employers, universities and other exhibitors who attended for giving up their time to support and advise the students.”

The HE event tied in with a taster day at the University Centre Yeovil, which offered students the chance to try a variety of university level and professional courses at the UCY’s recently refurbished Preston Road campus.

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