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## **SCHOOL LEAVERS GET A TASTE OF A 100% COLLEGE**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Yeovil College opened its doors to more than 1000 school pupils from across Somerset and Dorset to give them a taste of life and study at the 100% A Level pass rate college\*.

Pupils from a wide catchment area attended to gain an insight into college life, the subjects available and to experience working with others from different schools. Friday saw 600 pupils visit from 12 schools outside Yeovil, whilst on Monday it was the turn of the Yeovil schools, from which 500 pupils attended.

The taster days gave Year 11s the opportunity to participate in up to three specially arranged lectures or classes in the college environment.

There were a range of A Level tasters on offer, such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Maths, Social Sciences and Languages, as well as opportunities for practical, vocational sessions including Photography, Media, Sport, Hairdressing, Catering, Health & Care and Construction.

The College's Hospitality, Hair and Beauty department, which is an accredited Centre of Vocational Excellence, provided catering sessions based on a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' style activity and a hairdressing session which encompassed blow-drying, plaiting, setting and perming.

Jennie Ballam, Schools Liaison Co-ordinator at Yeovil College, said *"Once again we were thrilled with the response from our local Year 11s. Numbers attended exceeded our expectations at a time when Year 11 numbers have reduced demographically. They conducted themselves with great enthusiasm, taking part in some fantastic interactive sessions, and we hope they can use this experience as a basis for choosing the courses they would like to study next September."*

For more information on Yeovil College and its full time academic and vocational courses, please visit [www.yeovil.ac.uk](http://www.yeovil.ac.uk) or email [info@yeovil.ac.uk](mailto:info@yeovil.ac.uk).

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\*achieved by students studying a full time A Level programme in 2007/8.