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WINNERS TAKE IT ALL AT BIGGEST EVER YEOVIL COLLEGE FURTHER EDUCATION AWARDS...

On Tuesday 15th December 2009, Yeovil College will be holding its largest Further Education Awards to date at the Westland Conference and Leisure Centre, Yeovil.

The Further Education (FE) Awards ceremony is an annual event which recognises the achievements of the College's FE students, including full time, part time, 14-19 and adult students.

The awards have been revamped this year to include **new titles** such as 14-16 Student of the Year and new Outstanding Achievement awards for subjects across the College curriculum. Employer of the Year awards will also be presented at this event to two local businesses.

Nearly 100 students will receive awards in 40 categories including Golden Spanner awards, Most Improved Student, Outstanding Personal Achievement, Student Endeavour and Apprentice of the Year. Prizes will also go to teams and individuals who have represented the College regionally, nationally and internationally, including those who have played for the British Colleges' England teams and taken gold at European sporting events.

As always, the main awards of the evening will be the Lawrence Cove Shield for Engineering Excellence, the Jan Howell Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, the Nicola Locke Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement and the Stephanie Pirongs Personal Achievement.

Despite the threat of the credit crunch, **local employers** have kindly continued to support the celebrations this year, with nearly twice as many awards sponsored than in 2008.

Guests at the event will include local dignitaries representing Yeovil Town and South Somerset District Councils, the business community, sponsors and the College itself, as well as staff, friends and family celebrating the award winners' achievements.

The 2009 **guest speaker** will be Ray Tostevin, Creative Director of GRACE Productions, which recently held a charity premier of 'Charlotte: A Royal at War' at the College.

The evening will also include a **special preview** of the forthcoming Yeovil College production, 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Performing Arts students will perform a number from the show, which will be on at the Octagon Theatre in February next year.

Yeovil College's FE Awards ceremony is **by invitation only** and will take place at the Westland Conference and Leisure Centre on Tuesday 15th December 2009.

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Notes to Editors

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