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COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW £1.1 MILLION A LEVEL ACADEMY

Yeovil College is delighted to announce plans to create a new £1.1 million academy specifically dedicated to the study of A Levels.

Yeovil College's A Level students have achieved outstanding results in recent years and have gained a particular reputation for traditionally difficult subjects such as Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

In 2011, students achieved a 99% pass rate, placing the College in the top tier of UK A Level providers, including Sixth Form colleges, according to the Government's latest National Success Rate Tables. 78% of Yeovil College passes were A* to C grades, an increase of 4% on 2010 results, while an outstanding 24% of passes were graded A* to A.

The College's international reputation for A Levels is also growing. Recent visitors from Shanghai, China, represent the first in a growing number of international partners whose students will complete A Levels at the College.

The new A Level academy will be unique in that it will be specifically dedicated to enhancing the academic ambition of students unlike anything else offered locally.

Yeovil College Principal James Hampton said "*Yeovil College students have achieved outstanding A Level results in recent years, but we know that it takes more than good results to have a successful future. Yeovil College recognises that individual aspiration and development are equally important. Through the dedicated A Level Academy, we intend to foster a specialist culture of academic ambition which encourages, educates and supports learners in a way that reflects their specific needs as A Level students. For example, the Academy will feature specialist academic study areas for supported and self-directed learning, new social areas and high quality, professional teaching and learning spaces. A Levels are a qualification unlike any of the others we offer, so by investing in a dedicated space for these students we will prepare them better than anywhere else for a successful future at university.*"

Work is expected to begin this summer and the Academy is due to accept its first students in September 2012.

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