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STUDENTS WIN SOMERSET EDUCATION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Yeovil College students have won two prestigious awards at the Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards, held in Taunton on Tuesday.

For the second year running, Yeovil College's Media students received one of the top awards for a film project. BND Level 2 students TJ Cheeseman (20) of Sherborne, Tim Bullock (17) of Yeovil and Keir Holiday (18) of Yeovil worked with the National Trust to develop and produce a new 10 minute film about the cider making process at Barrington Court. They visited the site to film the picking, milling and pressing of apples and to interview staff and volunteers, including pommelier Rachel Brewer and Head Gardener Christine Brain.

The students worked closely with Professor Bryan Brown, Volunteer Learning Resources Advisor (Wessex Region) for the National Trust. He said *"It has been a pleasure to work with Yeovil College Media students and staff in the making of the programme on cider making for our Barrington Court exhibition. The National Trust are extremely pleased with the programme and we will look forward to working again with the College in the future."*



Media lecturer Steve Braddick said *"Tim, TJ and Keir worked tremendously hard on this project. From the outset, they threw themselves whole heartedly into the assignment and opened a constructive dialogue with the client. They've gained invaluable experience working on a live brief from a real commissioner. The students should be very proud of their efforts and the recognition they've received. They've made an excellent film."* The finished product is currently being shown at Barrington Court.

Yeovil College and Buckler's Mead Community School student Charlotte Turner also received an individual award at the ceremony. Charlotte (16) of Yeovil was nominated because she has developed a high level of skills in both



practical techniques and theory related to her Level 2 Young Apprenticeship Programme in Hairdressing. She consistently met deadlines for assignments and coursework and works well with her peers and independently.

Charlotte's tutor, Maria Bealing, said *"Charlotte has grown in confidence through praise and determination, demonstrating that students on the 14 -16 programme can start to develop their individual style within the Hairdressing*

area before progressing onto further qualifications to perfect their stylist skills. Charlotte has been a pleasure to teach and I personally wish her all the best for her future. I would also like to thank her employer, Karen Cain, for supporting her so well in the workplace.”

Charlotte is employed by Karen Cain of Studio 84, Yeovil. Ms Cain has supported Charlotte within the workplace, helping her to progress and gain real-life experience in support of her course.

College Principal James Hampton said “*We are delighted that our students have been recognised once again for their hard work and ability by the Education Business Partnership awards. Charlotte, TJ, Tim and Kier have worked incredibly hard to get the most from the courses and opportunities at the College and represent a wider body of students who, supported by our dedicated staff, can consistently strive for and achieve the best. Congratulations to them all and I’m sure they will do well in the future.*”

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