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FASHION WORKSHOPS ENCOURAGE DESIGNERS OF TOMORROW

As part of the lead up to its popular Art and Fashion Show, Yeovil College has held a series of fashion workshops for local schools.

Pupils from Buckler's Mead Community School and Westfield Community School have attended workshops, where they worked on a variety of stylish garments. The final creations will be given pride of place alongside the work of Yeovil College and UCY students at the annual fashion show later this year.

The workshops have been supported by Aim Higher, which aims to highlight the opportunities opened up by Higher Education and available to those with the ability to succeed, regardless of an individual's background. Each workshop followed a different theme; 'Felt', 'Plastics' and 'Recycling'.



Buckler's Mead and Westfield pupils at the recent Felt workshop



The Bucklers Mead Community School students show off their handiwork.

For 'Felt', the pupils explored the geometric patterns prominent in the clothes of the Ndebele and the work of designer Bridget Riley before creating their own pieces.

Futuristic fashion was the focus for 'Plastics'. Jewellery designer Paco Rabanne was the inspiration for this workshop.

The final workshop, 'Recycling', drew from the work of Rai Kawakubo and encouraged the pupils to be innovative in how they re-used garments to create new designs.

Art and Design Lecturer Clarissa Ready led the workshops. She said "*The emphasis of these events was definitely experimentation, creativity and fun. For example, when the kids looked at 'Recycling', they were encouraged to think outside the box and not just use a sleeve as a sleeve. As a result, they've come up with some really great garments. We're really looking forward to showing them at the College's Fashion Show on 19th June.*"



Amy Smillie of Buckler's Mead Community School working on her colourful wrap



Moe McCullough, Sian Kelley, Danielle Skeggs, Amy Smillie, Amy Kerrigan and Lauren Hannett with their recycled creations.

The collection created during the three workshops will form part of the College's Fashion Show, due to take place at the Mudford Road campus on 19th June 2009. For more information, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk, call 01935 423921, or email info@yeovil.ac.uk.

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