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## STUDENTS SHOW THEY CARE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

A group of nearly 100 Yeovil College Childcare students have raised more than £550 for Children in Need.

The students on Level 1, 2 and 3 Childcare courses decided to raise money for the charity in a wide variety of ways, including face painting, cake sales and sponsored activities. Some were even paid by friends and family to wear their pyjamas all day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



Lianna Hearne (17) of Yeovil and Sophie Long (17) of Yeovil decided to do a sponsored silence to raise money for the good cause. They communicated *"It was our idea, but we only decided to do it two days ago, so it's great that people have sponsored us at such short notice. We've raised nearly £40 so far."*

Becky Putland (16) of Lydford on Fosse, Chelsea Northway (17) of Ilminster and Kara Caines (17) of Yeovil all took part in sponsored events, including wearing their pyjamas from 9 am to 4.30 pm. Chelsea said *"The whole class came up with the idea. We bought our pyjamas especially. We've had a few funny looks and cheeky comments, like 'Did you wake up late this morning?', but we're doing it for a good cause."*

Damien Fitzpatrick (18) of Beaminster was also sponsored to dress up, but in a different way. He said *"The class suggested I dress up as a woman for the day, so I thought, it's for a good cause and decided to do it. Everyone's been very supportive – my mum lent me the clothes – and I've had help from the rest of the class with a wig and make up. I've had a few funny looks – but I've raised £70 so far so it's worth it!"*



The students were from several tutor groups, led by Nancy Harman, Keris Batley and Michelle Dennett. Michelle said *"I'm really proud of the students and how hard they've worked. This charity is very relevant to their course, so they were very keen to raise some money, even though they've only just finished another charity project. Everyone has been so supportive of them – friends, family, staff and students in the Health and Care Faculty and across the College."*

*We're all so very grateful for their support."*

So far, the students have raised more than £550 through cake sales, face painting, a 'guess the number of sweets' competition and a staff shopping event. This total will rise as money from sponsored events is included.

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