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## STUDENTS CELEBRATE WITH FIRST EVER AWARDS

Yeovil College's Performing Arts students have celebrated another year of achievement with their first ever 'alternative' awards ceremony.

This year has been very successful for the College's Performing Arts students, featuring a triumphant return to the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil, with a production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' and highly praised performances of 'Vinegar Tom' and 'Toad of Toad Hall'.

Many of the stars of these productions won comical awards at the ceremony, including Lorna Hinton (18) of Martock, who played Audrey in 'Little Shop of Horrors' and received the 'Dainty Toes' award, and Sian Doble (19) of Yetminster, who played the eponymous Toad of Toad Hall and was named 'Practically Perfect'.

Other titles included 'Fashionista of the Year', which went to Alex Dickinson, 'Fastest Talker', which went to Gemma McQueen, and 'Bob the Builder', which went to Kayleigh Kaur. Poppy Rendell received the 'Most Convincing Washerwoman' award, a reference to her excellent performance in 'Toad of Toad Hall'.

Performing Arts lecturer Julie Read said "*It has been a very exciting year for Performing Arts at Yeovil College. We've had three very successful student productions, which received a lot of praise from external sources and some excellent reviews in the press. We've also had some great opportunities to work with industry professionals, including Lucy Scott of Formulate and the staff at the Swan Theatre, which has been fantastic for the students. Achievement by our final year students is high across the board and many of them have received Distinctions. It's sad to say goodbye, but we're delighted that so many of our students are going on to university to continue their studies. We're also looking forward to seeing what the current first years achieve!*"

The final year students are heading for universities including Bath, Winchester and De Montfort.

For more information on Performing Arts courses at Yeovil College or for information on previous productions, please visit [www.yeovil.ac.uk](http://www.yeovil.ac.uk).

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