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YEOVIL COLLEGE MEDIA STUDENTS FILM LIVE TV SHOW...

Yeovil College Media students recently organised and arranged their own version of a 'Question Time' style event. Students worked hard to plan, direct and film a live TV show with around 80 students and staff joining the event held at lunchtime in the College's main hall.

The event was initiated and created from an idea by Media student Joe O'Rourke (21) from Taunton. Each year, students studying the BTEC National Diploma (Level 3) in Media are tasked to create an idea for a live TV show as part of a module on outside broadcasting. Students then plan the organisation of the show, lighting, sound, filming and editing and encourage other students to take part. This year the idea of creating a mini question-style event was launched.



Lauren Parker (19) of Yeovil gains filming experience of filming through the event

Joe, who also expertly chaired the panel and was praised by panellists and audience alike, said *"This has been a really successful show, it's great when all the students work together to plan and execute a 'live' show. It was a great educational experience and*

means that I can improve my grades in my presenting and interviewing modules. I will be going to Edge Hill University next year to study Television Production Management run in conjunction with the BBC, the only course of its kind in the country. Hopefully, I'll get to work on the real 'Question Time' one day!"



Media student Joe O'Rourke

Panel members were chosen to represent the main national political parties and also reflect the geography of the College campuses in Somerset and North Dorset and the importance of education through Somerset County Council and local employers.

Members of Parliament Mr David Laws (Lib Dem) for Yeovil and Mr Bob Walter, (Conservative) for North Dorset attended along with Cllr. Andrew Govier (Labour) of Somerset County Council and, for local industry, College Governor Mr Scott Roy, who recently retired as Managing Director of Aerosystems International.



The panel, chaired by Media student Joe O'Rourke.

Mr Roy said *"I really enjoyed seeing the students at work today. They put a lot of effort into managing the whole event and they showed excellent team working skills. Its really positive that the College's governing body can get involved in events like this, getting an insight into the student population and hands-on experience of how they use the technology and resources available to them."*

Students asked questions relating to national issues such as funding for education and university courses, affordable housing and industry, as well as more light hearted questions including the panellists' middle names!



Media student Keir Holiday (18) of Yeovil records Jason Legg (18) of Yeovil asking a question.

Panellists gave a broad response allowing students to gain an insight into how politics and government policies can affect students both on a local and national level.

Principal James Hampton who introduced the show said "*The Media students have put together an excellent TV show today and have worked very hard to re-create all*

the elements that would be required in a real television broadcast. This event was an opportunity for students to practise running a 'live' TV show involving external representatives from across the main political parties and local industry. This was not an opportunity for panellists to give a party political broadcast, but instead, together discuss issues that students feel are important to young people today. The Media students demonstrated great team working skills and gained some invaluable experience of filming a live event in an unfamiliar environment."



Rob Norris (19) of Yeovil trains his camera on the audience.

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