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## THIS IS THE END FOR MUSIC STUDENTS...

Yeovil College's Music students are holding their 2010 end-of-year gigs at the Orange Box in Yeovil on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 June 2010. Doors open at 7 pm and tickets cost £4 each.

These are the second years' farewell shows and will be assessed as their final major project. Each night, two second year bands will headline, supported by first years and other groups.

On Wednesday 9 June, the performers will include Battle of the Bands winners **Popeye and the Pixies**, as well as singer-songwriter **Sophie Hosken-Taylor** with backing band and **The Navigators**, featuring Sam Askill (guitar/vocals), Ashley Poulton (Guitar) and Mark Tucker (Bass). The second year bands will be **The Switch** (guitarists Liam Fowler and Scott Hitchcock, bass player Bok Thiphakorn and drummer Dean Frost) and **Vaguely Arabian** (Toby Walkley on guitar and doing vocals, bass player Jake Belben, Bok Thiphakorn on keyboards and drummer Dean Frost).

Thursday 10 June begins with Rock Club band **Reconnaissance Fails**, followed by first year bands **Valiant Effort** (guitarist George Belben and vocalist Henry Aldred) and classic rock group the **Casual Ts** (vocalist Nat Wakeman, guitarist Rob Rose, guitarist Adrien James, bassist Conor Davis and drummer Brandon James). The second year headliners will be **Adam West** (vocalist Ryan Callard, twin guitars from Scott Hitchcock and James Jackson, drummer Chris Woolmington and bassist Liam Fowler).

Liam Fowler (24) of Yeovil is a guitarist with The Switch. He said "*This is the big finale to the course and I'm really looking forward to the gigs. It's exciting, it's our last show of the year and we've got some new songs which show how we've progressed and the new ideas we've come up with. Coming to these gigs is a good way to support the Music Faculty at Yeovil College and a great way to start the summer!*" Liam is going to a Russell Group university to study Music Journalism.

Eighteen year old Ryan Callard of Mudford is Adam West's vocalist. He said "*I've played the Orange Box with other bands and it's the best low key venue we've got. It's got a great atmosphere. I'm looking forward to these gigs – they're the big ones! Everything's been working towards these, they're like a big crescendo at the end of the year! If you choose one Yeovil College gig this year, it should be one of these – it's the peak of what we've been working towards.*" Ryan is going to university to train as a sound engineer and hopes to work in the recording industry.

Vaguely Arabian's Toby Walkley (24) of Yeovil said "*It's going to be fun, it's great to play in your home town! It's always pretty interesting playing at the Orange Box. It has character and when there's a big crowd in a venue like that, you get a real energy from the audience and that's really nice for a band. I've really, really enjoyed the course*

and I'm sad to go, but I'm going to Thames Valley University to study Music Technology and looking forward to that."

Head of Music Simon Squire said "The students have worked really hard to reach the standard needed for a finale like this. These gigs are part of their Final Major Projects and we will be marking them throughout as part of their course. Second years have been recording work for professionally produced CDs, which will also be on sale at the gigs. This is a rare opportunity for friends, family and members of the public to get involved and support the students with the final push. These are always the best gigs of the year and we're hoping for a big audience."

The End-of-Year College Gigs are at the Orange Box on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 June 2010. Doors open at 7 pm and tickets are £4. For tickets, please contact the Orange box on 08458 738 299 or call Yeovil College on 01935 845327.

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### **Second Year Bands**

**Adam West** – Described as 'face melting rock n' riff', including Ryan Callard on vocals, twin guitars from Scott Hitchcock and James Jackson, Drums from Chris Woolmington, and Bass playing from Liam Fowler. (<http://www.myspace.com/thankyouinklefaury>)

**Vaguely Arabian** – New wave, electro group, described as 'the Hives meets Jean Michelle Jarre'. The band includes Toby Walkley (Guitar/vocals), Jake Belben (Bass), Bok Thiphakorn (Keyboards) and Dean Frost (drums). (<http://www.myspace.com/vaguelyarabian>)

**The Switch!** – Dirty disco post punk party. Liam Fowler (Guitar), Scott Hitchcock (guitar), Bok Thiphakorn (Bass) and Dean Frost (drums) (<http://www.myspace.com/theswitchtheswitch>)

### **First Year Bands**

**Valliant Effort** – Creatively spanning the genres of punk and pop. George Belben (Guitar), Henry Aldred (Bass, Vocals).

**Sophie Hosken-Taylor** – Singer-songwriter Sophie Hosken-Taylor performs vocals and plays guitar, supported by Michael Martellette (guitar), Conor Davis (Bass) and Brandon James (Drums).

**Casual Ts** – Classic rock group. Nat Wakeman (Vocals), Rob Rose (Guitar), Adrien James (Guitar), Conor Davis (Bass) and Brandon James (Drums).

**The Navigators** – Singer-songwriters influenced by punk and rock. Sam Askill (Vocals, Guitar), Ashley Poulton (Guitar) and Mark Tucker (Bass).