



National award winner's an inspiration

A 16-YEAR-OLD Downend School pupil has won the National Diploma Student of the Year title.

Parag Bhatt, *pictured*, who is in Year 11, won the title at the Delivering Diplomas 2010 Awards ceremony in London.

With five finalists in each category, Parag scooped

the award for his work on the engineering level two diploma, which has eight units, including innovation and manufacturing.

He will receive the equivalent of seven GCSEs when he completes this course in June.

The Kingswood partnership received a high

profile throughout the awards ceremony and itself received the Consortium of the Year category award.

Parag was nominated for his outstanding work by teachers at Downend School. He said: "I was really surprised — I didn't think I would win. I'm very happy and overjoyed and I'd

like to thank my teachers at Downend School for their help."

Head teacher Tamryn Savage said: "Here at Downend we are so excited and proud of Parag's achievement. He is an outstanding ambassador for our school and an inspiration to our students."