

## Downend Winners at South Gloucestershire Achievement Awards

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Young people from secondary schools across South Gloucestershire have taken part in a special event to celebrate their educational achievements.

Special guest Mark Lewis, deputy chief test pilot for Rolls Royce presented the prizes for the Student Achievement Awards 2011.

The annual awards ceremony, organised by South Gloucestershire Council, took place at BAWA on Thursday 24 March, 7.30pm.

The awards were presented in a range of categories, including key stage 3, GCSE and post-16 results for both highest performing students and for those making most progress. Also presented were awards to students from all three of South Gloucestershire's special schools.

Therese Gillespie, director for children and young people, said: "Many congratulations to the students for all the hard work that went in to winning their awards. We are fortunate that we have a very dedicated teaching staff in the district who help our young people achieve their potential - all of the students receiving awards will have benefited from their skill and expertise. They are supported by non-teaching staff, school governors, parents and the wider community in their efforts and I would like to pay tribute to everyone for their hard work."

Music at the event was provided by the South Gloucestershire Music Service Reed-up.

Schools taking part in the event included - Abbeywood Community School, Bradley Stoke Community School, Brimsham Green Secondary School, The Castle Secondary School, Chipping Sodbury Secondary School, Culverhill School, Downend Secondary School, The Grange School and Sports College, Hanham High School, John Cabot Academy, Kingsfield Secondary School, Mangotsfield Secondary School, Marlwood Secondary School, New Siblands School, Patchway Community College, Sir Bernard Lovell Secondary School and Warmley Park School, Winterbourne International Academy, Yate International Academy.

Awards were given in the following categories - highest attainment at KS3 based on Year 9 Teacher Assessments; most progress gained from KS2 (year 6) to KS3 (year 9); highest attainment gained at KS4 - GCSE or equivalents; most progress gained between KS3 and KS4 - GCSE or equivalents; highest attainment gained in post-16 qualifications and most progress gained between KS4 and post 16 qualifications.

The event was organised by the council's Beacon Award winning children and young people's department.

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