



## **AWARDS EVENING HIGHLIGHTS MORE SUCCESS FOR HAVERING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008, an Awards Evening was held for students on a variety of one year courses. Thirty one students were presented with awards for work and commitment by Mr Ian Maynard, a director of Rapp Collins, an advertising agency.

The purpose of the evening was to celebrate the success of students on a range of courses including GCSE, BTEC First Diploma and BTEC Introductory Certificate courses. All the students presented with awards had been identified by tutors as displaying consistent commitment or demonstrating significant improvement during the present academic year.

The evening, which began with refreshments in the College atrium, was attended by parents and friends of the students as well as by tutors and other staff of the College. The Principal of the College, Paul Wakeling, welcomed the guests and praised the achievements of the students, pointing out that they had retained that enthusiasm for learning displayed by younger children, but often lost by students in their mid to late teens. He then introduced the guest speaker Ian Maynard and revealed that he was in fact his brother-in-law!

In his address, Ian highlighted the period in his own educational career when he had needed, like the students being honoured, to do an extra year in the Sixth Form in order to progress onto the two year programme that ultimately opened the way to the degree course and into the career area that has proved so rewarding for him. He presented his own experience as an encouragement to the students and urged them to persevere and to set challenging goals for themselves as they planned their future careers.

Three Rapp Collins Awards sponsored by Mr Maynard's firm were presented to the most outstanding students in the year group. These awards were given to Dina Mattia, Carla Schofield and Emma Simmonds.

A number of students said that this was the first time that they had received a prize or award. Mrs L. Mehmet, the mother of one of the recipients, summed up the feelings of many when she said in an email:

*'We would just like to thank you all for a lovely presentation evening. It was so good to see all the students receive recognition for all their hard work over the past year. I understand that this was the first time you have held such an event. I do hope that you continue to do so as it was very enjoyable.'*