



STUDENTS HOST SUCCESSFUL ART SHOW AT FRANCES BARDSLEY SCHOOL

Students on the prestigious Art & Design Foundation Diploma course at Havering Sixth Form College recently held a highly successful and lively opening of their show at Frances Bardsley Arts centre.

The Foundation course at Havering Sixth Form College is an intensive one year course, that is unique to art and design in providing a bridge between A level study and degree level courses.

It provides students with portfolios that enable many to enter the top art institutions in the country.

Antonia Heslop, who completed the Foundation course last year and is now studying Graphic Design at the influential Central St Martins College of Art & Design, came back to Havering to visit the show. She said: "My time on the Foundation course at Havering Sixth Form College was definitely the best year of my life. During my time, I was able to experiment with different media - such as film and sculpture - which I hadn't been able to do so before. The course is really open to everything, which has allowed my work and ideas to develop much further than I had previously realised, and this has helped me a lot in my BA Graphic Design Degree, which works in a very similar way. Currently, I am half way through the first year of my degree, which is going really well with great feedback, and I have been shortlisted into the finals for a competition with Hugo Boss, which I am really excited about."

The exhibition provided the students with an opportunity to show their recent projects, and the work on show was impressive in both scale and diversity; works included Adam Walker's animations, Amy Turner's huge scale poster and Chantelle Tungatt's fashion design based on work wear.

Assistant Principal and art lover, David Andrews, said: "All the work on display was characterised by energetic and imaginative exploration of both media and concepts."

The Foundation group have used the exhibition as a learning space, holding their own critique discussions and talking to students from Frances Bardsley School about their concepts and working methods, thus strengthening the good links that the Art & Design Team has built with this school.