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## **GENEROUS STUDENTS HAVE IT ALL WRAPPED UP!**

Yeovil College A Level students have collected more than 80 boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign, exceeding their target of 50 boxes.

Staff and students have filled shoe boxes with a variety of gifts and practical items. These will be distributed to needy youngsters in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished areas in Europe. Each box is wrapped in festive paper ready for their Christmas delivery.

Rebecca Cohen (17) of Yeovil was one of the group of students who led the project this year. She said *"Our tutor, Wendy Jones, encouraged us to help with the collection and we were all really glad to get involved. A lot of us used to take part in it when we were at school, so we were all really pleased when we found out that Yeovil College supported the campaign too. We like it because it doesn't cost too much to do, it's really easy and it's fun! Best of all, it can really change someone else's Christmas. We would love to be able to visit one of the places the gifts go to one day so we can see the children's faces as they open the parcels."*

Tutor and collection organiser Wendy Jones said *"We're absolutely delighted with the students continued enthusiasm for this particular project. Every year, we decide a target number of boxes and every year we exceed our target. We're very grateful to the students, staff and their families for their generosity and for being willing to get involved."*

The boxes will be collected from Yeovil College and taken to the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse in Chard. They will then be checked and delivered to Bosnia. Last year the collected shoe boxes were delivered to needy youngsters in Romania.

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### **Notes to Editors**

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