



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Stevenson College Edinburgh students shortlisted for Green Gown Sustainability Award**

A team of students from the Media and Audio Visual section at Stevenson College Edinburgh have won through to the second round of the prestigious Green Gown Awards in the 'Student Initiative' category.

As part of their research and project management studies the students from NQ Television and Broadcast Production were tasked with assessing the sustainability activities within the college. The students presented their findings through the medium of a 'wiki' site containing video interviews with fellow students from around the college. Contact with Special Educational Needs Students (SEN) was the catalyst for an additional sustainability project - to fund a wormery for inclusion in the college sensory garden. The £200 raised by the students meant they were also able to purchase a bird nesting box complete with camera, enabling the SEN students to have their very own 'Springwatch'.

The major impact on Sustainability from the college point of view came from an idea the team had to set up formalised links with Edinburgh City Council Recycling Centre adjacent to the college. It is hoped that this cooperative venture will bring considerable annual savings to the College's Estates Department. In the meantime the wiki site has become a dynamic resource for the college to identify, evaluate and implement further sustainability measures.

Head of Media and Audio Visual at Stevenson, Carol Fyfe, said:

"The students have shown great initiative, engagement and creativity on this project. Their research is set to save the College up to £15,000 a year on recycling. The wormery is proving to be a great asset for the SEN students and this has engendered a real sense of achievement amongst the team involved. Being shortlisted for this award is the icing on the cake."

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