

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New Artwork to be installed at Cranbourne Business & Enterprise College, Basingstoke**

**Original art work commissioned for Cranbourne Business & Enterprise College, Basingstoke will be installed on Monday 31st March 2008. The Making, the craft and design education charity for the South East, invited artist Andy Hazell to create the new eye-catching sculptures for the school together with the pupils.**

These pieces are the result of an exciting sculpture project that took place in Cranbourne's art department during the autumn term, 2007. The two week residency resulted in several large permanent pieces for the school produced together with the pupils.

Nationally acclaimed metal artist Andy Hazell, who lives in Wales, travelled to Cranbourne to run the workshops with the whole of Year 9, timetabled over two weeks in September and November. This involved using recycled biscuit tins and boxes which were cut and soldered to produce colourful designs for futuristic buildings: a panorama of a 'future Basingstoke'. Andy also helped pupils to make a new sign for the Art block which will also be installed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

Not only did the lucky participants get to learn new skills and use new tools, but also saw fantastic examples of Andy's own work and discovered how you can make a living as a professional artist. Everyone was impressed with the quality and quantity of the work produced and Andy himself commented; "I enjoyed the spontaneity and attitude of the students, their creativity and abstract thinking is inspiring".

This project was managed by The Making in partnership with the art department at Cranbourne and has been generously funded by a 'percent for art' contribution from developer Bellway Homes who are currently building new housing in the Skippets Lane area of Basingstoke.

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**Note to Editors:**

**The artwork will be installed on Monday 31 March 2008. The artist, Andy Hazell, will be in attendance and available for interview from 9am. Staff and pupils from Year 9 will also be available after assembly from 8.50-9.00am. School Contact: Ms. Nicola Whitehouse, Head of Art.**

### **About the Making**

The Making is the craft and design education charity for the South East. It aims to inspire and engage new audiences for contemporary craft, art and design through 'making' and 'doing'. . The Making is developing a vibrant, artist-led outreach programme throughout Hampshire and the south east to encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate in the visual arts. It has two separate but complementary strands: *The Theatre of Making* which targets families, young people and enthusiasts, and participatory community projects which help to nurture the creativity of disadvantaged young people .The Making also aims to provide the infrastructure for a crafts network in the South East through its database, networking meetings, talks, seminars and on-line resources.

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