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### **ASDAN Presentation morning at Bayside School**

The Special Educational Needs (SEN) department at Bayside school recently held a presentation to celebrate the work of all students involved in the Awards Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN). The presentation was well attended by students, members of staff, parents and other members of the community.

ASDAN is a British Charity organisation with awarding body status. It provides educational opportunities for young people, in particular helping learners to develop their personal and social attributes through its awards programme and qualifications. It began as a research project of the University of the West of England in the 1980s, and was then formally established as an educational charity in 1991.

This is the second year that Bayside has been running the ASDAN programme. This year two further awards have been introduced: COPE (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) Level 2 is equivalent to a Grade B at GCSE Level and was completed by fourteen Post 16 students. The Towards Independence Award was offered to students with special needs.

Mr. Guilliano, SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) at Bayside, thanked all members of staff who have been involved this year and praised the boys for their hard work in completing the ASDAN awards. He went on to say that the hard work that has been going on in Bayside for the past two years now needs to translate itself into the wider community and be validated by employers.