

# THE TOP APPRENTICE

## Reece has shown his potential

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**YOUNG** Reece Chaplin is more than ready for the world of work after scooping an award for his performance as an apprentice.

The Swindon Academy pupil goes to New College once a week to do an apprenticeship in business.

The Year 11 student has just bagged two awards from the college – one for being most hardworking Young Apprentice and the other for most improving. He was rewarded with a £10 HMV voucher.

As part of his training, he has worked in the Human Resources department of the De Vere Hotel and the housing inspection team at Swindon Council.

Reece has been spurred on by the memory of his dad who passed away in December and teacher Lisa Randall. Mum Hazel is also proud.

"I have been doing this course for two years and my inspiration for doing well was Mrs Randall, the Assistant Head of Learning for my year group and also my dad," said



**BRIGHT FUTURE** Reece Chaplin with Lisa Randall

the 15-year-old.

"He passed away in December and this would be what he wanted, my mum is also very pleased. I just feel very proud of this achievement."

Reece, of Pinehurst, hopes to be a lawyer and is studying law and history, English literature and PE.

He has completed level 1 and 2 in Business at New College and obtained certificates in first aid train-

ing, health and safety, and web design.

Mrs Randall said: "I remember him as a timid boy in Year 7. He has now flourished, gained confidence and is a hard-working student."

"Reece is a delight to have around the school and teachers are proud of his success."

Reece is also making a difference nationally as one of 20 people in the

country to sit on a Positive Futures Youth Advisory Board. His role is to speak up for the interests and concerns of children in Swindon at regional events.

Mrs Randall also heaped praise on another student who has passed the Young Apprentice course.

She said: "I am also very proud of Andrew Stapleton's hard work and determination."