Portsmouth student tipped as Young Entrepreneur of the Year《图》

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At just twenty-one, David is managing director of Boat Care UK Ltd, a specialist boat-

cleaning and servicing company. He discovered a gap in the market for the service while cleaning boats to earn extra money in his first year at the University of Portsmouth and since then he has gone from strength to strength.

In 2006 he was nominated for "Achiever of the Year" at the Excellence Awards hosted by The Portsmouth News after already collecting a prestigious award at the University's Enterprise Challenge competition. In the last twelve months he has been growing the business which he is constantly developing and fine

-tuning and increasing his market share along the South-Coast. He also has big plans to expand the business overseas.

Richard Sant, David's mentor at the University of Portsmouth Centre for Enterprise, said: "David has already demonstrated extraordinary determination and resourcefulness, two characteristics which I believe will take him a long way." As part of the Shell LiveWIRE competition, David will attend a gala event in Great Yarmouth on 23 May where he will present his business to a panel of

"It's all very exciting and I'm happy to have got to through the first round," he said, "but making it to the final would be a fantastic achievement.

The Shell LiveWIRE Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards recognise and reward the achievements of young people in business aged 16-

30. They are recognised as the key, independent competition in the UK for young entrepreneurs. David is still a student at the University of Portsmouth where Boat Care UK has an office in the university's Centre for Enterprise but is currently on sabbatical while he concentrates on the business. He is currently seeking investment as sales continue to grow rapidly.

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