

CONNECTIONS

Connecting parents and guardians with careers

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We're excited to announce that National Careers Week has arrived at Yeovil College and we are flying higher than every other college in our area. To mark this very special week, not only are we launching our first career-focused newsletter, **CONNECTIONS**, but we are celebrating high career aspirations, with a Wildcat AW159 Yeovilton Helicopter Landing, giving careers the platform it rightly deserves. Our students are encouraged to reach for the stars, and this week, we will show them how to achieve higher ambition.



National Careers Week Plans

We are excited to share a packed agenda with our students as part of National Careers Week, and this is a small snapshot of the planned agenda:

- RNAS Yeovilton Helicopter Landing – Supporting the home of British helicopters, we will be supporting learners to take guided tours of the helicopter, learn about its mechanics, and ask questions of the pilot or aviation experts, sparking interest in careers related to aviation, engineering, and aerospace.
- Careers and Employability sessions across our student community - Understanding an Application Process and communication etiquette.
- Employer Careers Talk including Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, Kelly Yusuf, Kontrolit, Honeywell, Yeovilton and Early Education careers.
- Progression and next steps with the Apprenticeship and University Centre teams.
- Come and chat careers drop-in sessions with the Careers Team.
- Virtual Reality drop-in sessions and planned curriculum delivery.

Matrix Standard Accreditation

As many people will be aware we have had an extremely positive experience welcoming Sue Harding, representing the Matrix Standard, into Yeovil College this week, as we strive to demonstrate our qualities and strengths around information, advice and guidance. This week we have showcased what makes Yeovil College truly brilliant, and as soon as the report is formally released, I will have the pleasure of sharing it with you. For now, I can confirm that colleagues and students from across the business, including further education, Yeovil College University Centre, adult provision and apprentices have made me extremely proud – a brilliant way to begin national careers week.

Supporting Young People with SEND and EHCPs Event

On Tuesday 5th March, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, visitors are invited to join the College for an evening of presentations, information and support to support young people with an EHCP and/or SEND need. Throughout this evening, guests will hear from the College SENDCo, Curriculum Area Manager for Foundation Learning and the Student Support team. There will also be further information and advice available about English and Maths, enrolment, and of course, careers.



Securing £1.9million of Funding for even more Technological Investment

Yeovil College has played a key strategic role in securing a significant investment for the Devon and Somerset region to address local shortfalls in skills demand, facilitated through the Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF).

The College has obtained £1.9million of funding to be implemented through projects in Somerset, in partnership with Bridgwater and Strobe Colleges. The allocated funding will enable Yeovil College for the delivery of Engineering programmes, such as Factory 4.0. Also, a significant amount is being used to support new developments in virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), mixed reality (MR), and extended reality (XR) course, careers.

ACHIEVING A TOP 50 PLACE FOR DIVERSITY

We are delighted to share that we have secured a position within the top 50 employers in the prestigious National Centre for Diversity (NCFD) 'Top 100 Most Inclusive Workplaces Index 2023.' Joining the top 100 in position 43, we join a group of a few elite UK-wide colleges to make the group, this award recognises Yeovil College's dedication and commitment to embedding Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement (FREDIE), as we strive to place these values at the core of our college community.



Student Finance Uncovered

On Wednesday 20th March, 6pm to 7pm, Yeovil College University Centre is hosting 'Student Finance Uncovered', which is a virtual webinar dedicated to explaining how to fund university-level study. This fully online event is free to all and is open to current students, future students or students attending an alternative college and their parents or guardians, that are interested in any form of Higher Education.

To attend this free webinar, fill out our form via this link - [Click Here!](#)



Introducing new SENDCo, Sophia Dickson

The College is thrilled to welcome our new SENDCo, Sophia Dickson, who not only brings a huge wealth of experience, but also has a deep-rooted connection to Yeovil College. Sophia has been in teaching and education since 2007 and qualified as a teacher at Yeovil College in 2015, through the University of Gloucestershire, before completing a teaching placement at Yeovil College in the Functional Skills department.

Sophia welcomed the opportunity to return to Yeovil College as SENDCo, stating: "Since 2015, I have gained a wealth of experience across Primary, Secondary and Further Education and have been fortunate enough to work and teach in mainstream, a Pupil Referral Unit, an LA maintained specialist SEND setting and independent specialist SEND setting. My journey as a SENDCo started in 2021 and I am proud to hold the NASENCO award for SEND Coordination."

Career Finder - Match Your Skills – Support for students

We are delighted to share our Match your Skills tool, freely available on the homepage of our website. Our 'Match Your Skills' quiz can be used with young people to identify interests and skills, helping them to understand which career best suits their strengths, interests and goals. Future students can also discover more about careers choices, with live salary, vacancy and qualification information.

Take the quiz - [Click Here!](#)



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