

# YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE GRADUATION 2023





## WELCOME TO THE YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE GRADUATION 2023

“ We believe that the right university-level education opens doors and changes lives. We work tirelessly with our local business community to ensure what we deliver, how and when we deliver it, hits the mark to create a more capable and prosperous community for the benefit of all. We see our graduates secure their dream jobs and careers every year, inspiring us and their peers to be the best we can. I love what it does for our learners.”

**Mark Bolton,**  
***Principal and CEO of Yeovil College.***

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



# YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE GRADUATION 2023



Today, we come together to celebrate the achievements of our students at Yeovil College University Centre. Welcome all and thank you for sharing this special day as we recognise the *Graduating Class of 2023*.

Our University Centre strives to enable students to fulfil their potential by providing an opportunity to achieve a work-related higher education qualification locally and flexibly.

To do this, we work in partnership with a range of prestigious UK universities and professional bodies to bring you excellent, industry-recognised qualifications.

The Yeovil College University Centre offers a dedicated area where people from across Somerset, Dorset and beyond have an opportunity to study for Bachelor's Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas and Certificates, Degree Apprenticeships, and professional qualifications across a range of subject areas. Our mission is to enhance our communities' opportunities to achieve their academic potential and equip them with the life skills required in an ever-changing and dynamic work environment.



Please switch mobile devices to silent before entering the auditorium, refrain from using flash photography, and enjoy the afternoon.



# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

## **Civic Procession:**

**Please remain seated as the procession enters the auditorium**

- The Deputy Mayor of Yeovil, Emma-Jayne Hopkins
- The Yeovil Macebearer, Alex Locke
- Yeovil College University Centre Dignitaries

## **Main Procession:**

- Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal, Yeovil College
- Peter Thomas, Chair of the Corporation, Yeovil College
- University of Gloucestershire representative
- The Open University representative
- Senior Management Team, Yeovil College University Centre
- Local Councillors

## **Master of Ceremonies:**

- Sian Deasy, Head of Higher Education and Adult Learning

## **The Ceremony:**

- Welcome by Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal, Yeovil College
- Guest Speaker, Edd Goddard
- Presentation of the University of Gloucestershire Awards
- Presentation of the Yeovil College University Centre Awards
- Outstanding Achievement Awards:

*The Award for Management Excellence, honouring the memory Harry Livingstone*

*The Computing Outstanding Achievement Award*

*The Award for Engineering Excellence, honouring the memory of Wayne Minter*

*The Outstanding Trainee Teacher Award*

*The Creative Industries Outstanding Achievement Award*

*The Outstanding Childcare Professional Award*

*The Excellence Within Social Work Award*

*The YCUC Outstanding Professionalism Award.*

- Graduand Speaker, Sandra Fifield, Yeovil College University Centre
- Vote of Thanks by Peter Thomas, Chair of Corporation, Yeovil College.

## **Retiring Procession (Please remain seated)**



# GUEST SPEAKERS



## **GUEST SPEAKER:**

### **Dr Edd Goddard**

Edd is the Head of Technology and Innovation at Leonardo Helicopters in the UK, part of the wider global Technology and Innovation organisation. Edd is responsible, in the UK, for setting innovation strategy, directing investment and overseeing a team responsible for delivery in Leonardo and the wider UK network. Prior to this, Edd held Leonardo management roles, responsible for technology delivery in Mission Systems, Synthetic Environments and with experience as a manager in Market Development.

Previously Edd worked with a national engineering consultancy, with responsibility for a research team and investment due diligence for new areas of technology for client organisations across the UK. This included further study as part of an industrial doctorate at the University of Bristol in the management of risk for engineering firms engaged in technological innovation. He started his career in engineering as a trainee Technologist at Leonardo and studied for a Masters in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Bath.



## **GRADUAND SPEAKER, YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE:**

### **Sandra Fifield**

Sandra has been studying a BA (Hons) Degree in Childhood Studies and Education at Yeovil College University Centre for the past two years. After the achievement of her First Class Honours Degree, she secured a placement on a primary Initial Teacher Training programme (Ages 3-7). She is currently studying for her QTS and PGCE with Exeter Consortium Schools Alliance in partnership with South West Teacher Training SCTT and Bath Spa University.

# SPECIAL AWARDS

## **The Award for Management Excellence - Honouring the memory of Harry Livingstone:**

This award recognises outstanding achievement by a Business student who has clearly demonstrated excellence within their studies. The Award is dedicated to the memory of Harry Livingstone LLB MA, who was an active member of the Yeovil and District Ward and the Chair of the Management Institute.

## **The Computing Outstanding Achievement Award:**

This award is presented to a Computing student who has demonstrated dedication to their studies and shown either practical or academic excellence throughout their time on the programme.

## **The Award for Engineering Excellence - Honouring the memory of Wayne Minter:**

Wayne Minter enrolled upon the Aeronautical Engineering programme in March 2012. He remained dedicated to the programme, with his sights firmly set on obtaining his qualification and progressing his career. Tragically, a life changing illness inhibited his progress, and ultimately took him too early in late 2014. This award recognises outstanding achievement by an Engineering student who has clearly demonstrated excellence within their studies.

## **The Outstanding Trainee Teacher Award:**

This award is presented to a trainee teacher who has shown commitment and completed outstanding observations during their time at the Yeovil College University Centre.

## **The Creative Industries Outstanding Achievement Award:**

This award is presented to an exceptional student from the Creative Industries curriculum, taking into account all factors during their time at the Yeovil College University Centre including academic excellence and resilience.

## **The Outstanding Childcare Professional Award:**

This award is presented to an exceptional student, who has shown academic excellence and dedication to the profession, during their time at the Yeovil College University Centre.

## **The Excellence within Social Work Award:**

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellence and passion within the Social Work Industry, during their time at the Yeovil College University Centre.

## **The YCUC Outstanding Professionalism Award:**

This award is presented to an outstanding student who has completed a professional qualification at Yeovil College University Centre.

# 2023 GRADUANDS



## **BA (Hons) Business Management and Strategy**

Gabrielle Cobner  
Saphron Gafney  
Richard Murphy  
Eve Partridge

## **BA (Hons) Childhood Studies, Care and Education**

Jody Campbell  
Oliver Dodson-House  
Sophie Farmer  
Sandra Fifield  
Matthew John  
Emma Knight  
Julie Manning  
Julia Parkinson  
Macy Redhead  
Aimee Salt  
Molly Scott  
Amy Smeeton  
Shannon Wallis  
Hannah Winter

## **FdA Childhood Studies, Care and Education**

Inga Adams  
Charlie-Louise Cousins  
Tasmin Enticott  
Charlotte Hagley  
Rosenn Harvey  
Jessica Mallon  
Lucy-Ella Robinson  
Deborah Weston  
Emily Young

## **Certificate of Higher Education in Childhood Studies, Care and Education**

Sian Williams-Yeagers

## **BSc (Hons) Social Work**

Laura Beldham  
Sadie Bovey  
Jeannette Chaning-Pearce  
Alexander Gitta  
Claire Jillings  
Anna-Marie Perry  
Hayleigh Stepney  
Leyla Yilmaz

## **Certificate of Higher Education in Social Work**

Kelly Lawrence

## **BSc (Hons) Computing**

Michael Dow  
James Parham  
Paul Thomas  
Hubert Wisniewski

## **FdA Digital Design and Media**

Robbie Chard  
Hugo Goncalves  
Evie Harwood  
Ryan Higgins  
Jacqueline Hughes  
India Lloyd  
Jack Owen  
Alexandru Petre  
Connor Raithby  
Jack Riley  
Shannen Sheppard  
Thomas Wade  
Brook Whelan

## **Certificate of Higher Education in Digital Design and Media**

Sam Brown  
Zack Parfitt



## **Degree Apprenticeship in Engineering**

John Brown  
Alannah Hambley  
Jack Harris  
Charlotte Lilley  
Timothy Osborn  
Joseph Pope  
Tom Strudwick  
Harry Townsend

## **Association of Accounting Technicians**

## **AAT Professional Accountant Taxation Technician Apprenticeship Level 4**

Chloe Beckett  
Jasmine Brandon  
Kayleigh Gane  
Natasha Perkins  
Andrew Sykes  
Megan Wise

## Chartered Management Institute

### CMI Diploma in Management and Leadership Level 5

Rich Bawdon  
Lucy King  
Vicky Mitchell  
Amy Wilshaw

### Aim Qualification

### Aim Diploma in Counselling Practice Level 4

Chris Beechey  
Susan Belton  
Lucy Locket  
Richard Robins  
Lucy Sawrey-Cookson  
Jackie Williams

## ***NCFE Cache***

### Diploma in Leadership and Management in Residential Care Level 5

James McMahon  
Gemma Perry  
Lucy Yard



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### Diploma in Education and Training Level 5

Clive Adams  
Adam Guest

Gary Pinney  
Stephanie Voice  
Dawn Whitlock  
Chelsea Wood

### Certificate in Education and Training Level 4

Tracy Baker  
Dean Blackwell  
Jack Clark  
Charli Graham  
Isaac Lisney  
Sophie Mason  
Charlotte Mitchell  
Chris Smith  
Lisa Smith  
Willow White



## Pearson

### HND Aeronautical Engineering

Uzair Afzal  
Benjamin Card  
Haydn Connolly  
Edward Dart  
Vito Di Giovanni  
Amber-Louise Hart  
Felix Loy  
Jack Webber  
Oliver Whyton

### HNC Aeronautical Engineering

Leon Poulton

### HNC Engineering (Mechanical)

Ahmadzia Koerner  
Fraser Payne

## HNC Manufacturing Operations

Scott Broadway  
Benjamin Puddick  
Neil Rushton

### HND Business

Bethia Alger-Poole  
Nasir Bhuiyan  
Georgina Wheeler

### HND Computing for England

Heba Haskale  
Eleanor Kirk  
Benjamin Noer  
Benjamin Rood  
Thomas Wellwood  
Klaudiusz Zblewski

### HNC Computing for England

Samuel French  
Kai Plympton

### HNC Computing

James Clifton  
Ethan Drake  
Bradley Edwards  
Graham Hutchings  
Corbin Last  
William Olbrechts  
James Prentice  
Tristram Stobbs  
Samuel Stone  
Harry (Rook) Warren



# YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE MARSHALS

Graeme Tate  
Fiona Pavey  
Lisa O'Hehir

Holly Meaden  
Alexandra Magalhaes

Syed Murad  
James Guest

Simon Weait  
Hannah Morris

Andrew Morter  
Lorraine Cox

## DIGNITARIES



**Peter Thomas**  
Chair of Corporation, Yeovil College

A former Vice-Principal of a Further Education College in Essex, Peter retired to Somerset in 2007 with friends to form a small community and create a garden which has been open to the public under the National Gardens

Scheme since 2012, raising money for charity. He was appointed as a Governor at Yeovil College in December 2008, served as Vice Chair of the Audit Committee for several years, and is now the Lead Governor for Teaching and Learning. He became Vice Chair of the Corporation in July 2015. Peter took the position of Chair of the Corporation for Yeovil College in October 2019.



The University of Gloucestershire prides itself on caring for the future of its students and the future of the planet. With a diverse, vibrant and closely connected community of over 8,000 students and staff, it's an amazing environment for students to figure out their own direction and collaborate with others to reach their goals.



**Mark Bolton**  
CEO & Principal, Yeovil College

Mark joined Yeovil College as Director of Employer Engagement in November 2015. Prior to this, he studied at De Montfort University where he graduated with an Honours Degree in Graphic Design and Illustration in 1993, Mark

worked as a freelance illustrator and Graphic Designer until 2007. Mark began teaching Graphic Design in 1995 in the North East of England and continued to develop his work in the sector in the following years until he was promoted to Head of Creative Industries in 2003. Mark joined the senior team at Northumberland College in the Northeast with a focus on teaching and learning and working with the business community over the next few years until he joined the Principalship team as Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning and then subsequently for Apprenticeships and Business Development. Mark continued with the same focus at Yeovil College, from 2015, where he led the strategic direction of curriculum and engagement with our business community. Mark was appointed as the Vice Principal for Curriculum and Quality at Yeovil College in March 2018. He took on the role of CEO & Principal at Yeovil College in October 2019.

# THE OPEN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

## **Yeovil College is set to receive support from The Open University**

Yeovil College is amongst the first wave of colleges in England that will receive support from The Open University (OU) to develop their higher technical educational offer.

Yeovil College will receive specialist support from the OU throughout the next three years to expand the number of higher education courses available in their local communities.

Backed by £10 million of UK Government funding, the OU will be working with colleges across England to support colleges put on a wider range of advanced technical courses, linked to local employer requirements, supporting more people to secure jobs with higher wages and grow the economy in their area.

### **Professor Tim Blackman, Vice-Chancellor at The Open University, said:**

"Further education colleges are a critical part of their local communities. We are delighted to be working with both Yeovil College University Centre and Strode College to develop their higher education offer through new advanced technical courses.

"With Government-backed support from the OU we can help provide advanced skills that can attract new businesses and help others grow, creating sustainable and highly skilled jobs."

### **Sian Deasy, Head of Higher Education and Adult Learning, Yeovil College University Centre, said:**

"At Yeovil College University Centre, we are passionate about providing opportunities for real people juggling busy lives to be able to gain a university-level qualification in a local setting.

"This exciting new partnership with The Open University will allow us to continue to provide opportunities for people to upskill and retrain in order to secure high-value employment in our region, in particular, focusing on the essential field of Digital Health."

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## **We would like to offer our sincerest thanks to:**

You, our Graduates for sharing your day with us;

Sandra Fifield for being a fantastic Graduand speaker;

Edd Goddard for his inspiring words as our Guest speaker;

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Westlands Entertainment Venue for providing us with a wonderful venue;

Brimsmore Garden Centre for supplying stunning flower arrangements;

NB Party Decor for the fantastic decoration;

Len Copland for outstanding Photography;

The Marketing Team for organising the Graduation Ceremony.

Plus a special thank you to The Southdown Trust for supporting some of our students with much needed bursaries.

***A massive thank you to all involved.***



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