



# CONNECTIONS

*Connecting parents and guardians with careers*

**YC Careers News | October Edition**

## Welcome!

Welcome to CONNECTIONS, Yeovil College's monthly newsletter which keeps you updated on everything we offer on Careers and Events! In this edition, we are exploring learner's career journeys; what fantastic opportunities our Yeovil College courses offer for work experience and employability; the Duke of Edinburgh's Award; ways to support your young person at College; and a flashback to the brilliant 2024 Futures Fest. Only our best is good enough, and our learners are reminded of this every day at Yeovil College.

## Learner's Career Journeys

Career journeys are not expected to be linear. The outdated belief that you embark upon a career and stay within that career, job, sector or industry for the rest of your life is very much obsolete, particularly now. Our aim at Yeovil College is to give learners the skills, knowledge and work experience to allow them to follow their passion into a career of their own choice. Throughout their time with us, we will work with learners to ensure that they are confident about their career decisions, and we will give learners every opportunity to reach their full potential. The future is exciting!



## Work Experience Focus

Many of our courses include some time with an employer at a work placement, which gives learners the chance to use the skills and knowledge that they have gained on their course. The YC Careers Hub will support learners to ensure that the work experience placement is a fantastic learning experience and that it gives a taste of working in the area that they may be considering as a career choice. On many courses, this work experience may lead to permanent employment, an apprenticeship or further education.

Each pathway available at Yeovil College offers a different number of hours completing Work Experience.

## T Levels

T Levels (Technical Qualifications) offer 80% classroom based learning with 20% Industry Placement. This is often one day a week in a work environment, around 45 days.

## A Levels

First Year A Level learner's typically complete one week's worth of work experience and this offers them exposure to a career which they might study further for or explore as a post-18 option.

## Vocational

The exact number of hours of work experience on Vocational Courses varies per course, but each course still includes valuable work experience. To explore this in more depth, reach out to our Careers Hub.

## Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at Yeovil College offer a real job alongside training. Typically, apprentices will spend six hours per week undertaking off-the-job training.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Exciting News! The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Returns to YC!

Yeovil College is thrilled to announce the relaunch of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels! Whether learners are a seasoned participant or new to the DofE programme, this is a chance to embark on an incredible journey of self-discovery, skill-building, challenge, and adventure.

### What's New?

**Bronze, Silver, and Gold Levels:** Tailored to challenge and inspire learners at every stage.

**Open to All:** Perfect for those who have never done it before. No prior experience needed!



### Flashback: Futures Fest

On Wednesday 25th September we saw the return of Futures Fest, a dedicated careers-focused event open to every single Yeovil College student. We welcomed over 60 different employers, community groups and university partners to support our learners in discovering positive progression for their next steps.

Check out a video of the day on our TikTok account [here](#).



### Student Story

Who best to tell you about their work experience and careers than our incredible students themselves? We have a fantastic learner in this edition, Maddy Howland.

Maddy Howland, an A Level student studying History, Sociology and Geography completed her work experience placement at Somerset Heritage Centre and has shared her experience of her time there:

*"It was a very valuable experience. My work experience has opened my eyes to everything that goes on behind the scenes to preserve historic documents. I didn't realise so much went into providing information and documents to the public. It was very interesting."*

### Ways to support your young person

We appreciate that making decisions with your young person about their future can be extremely difficult, and it is often as difficult for the family unit as it is for the young person themselves to think about future careers. We actively encourage you to do your research, look at all the options available to your young person, align ambition with aspiration, and think about their end position, which may be employment, university, further study, independence or an apprenticeship.

For more help, please read Yeovil College's 'Supporting Young People' guide, which offers guidance, information about the Yeovil College day and contacts - [Click here!](#)

### Useful Contacts

#### The Careers Hub team

**Email:** [CareersHub@yeovil.ac.uk](mailto:CareersHub@yeovil.ac.uk)

#### Where to find them:

In the Careers Hub, past the iZone in the back of the main Reception building.

### Events Coming Up

#### October Open Event:

Wednesday 23rd October, 5-8pm

#### High Needs & SEND Focused Open Event:

Thursday 14th November, 5-6:30pm

**Half Term Week:** W/C 28th October



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