



CONNECTIONS

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YC Careers News | Term 3

As another half term passes, it's important to reflect on all that we have achieved since the Christmas break and the exciting term our students, staff and visitors have shared at Yeovil College. Please read on for useful information, a half term rewind and dates for diaries.



Learning Resource Centre (LRC)

The LRC is located on the Ground Floor of Kingston and is open to all learners Monday-Thursday 8.30am-6pm and Friday 8.30am-4.30pm during term time. They can help with login issues, password resets, book borrowing and library loans, as well as supporting you to study within the LRC space. There are 15 PC's which can be reserved, study desks and group booths where collaborative work or study can be completed.

Access To Wellbeing Support

The Health Assured 'Wisdom' student wellbeing app is 100% online, free and available for our learners to access at any time. It can help to track wellness, improve mental health, and help learners stay resilient during tough times. Learners will need to download the 'Wisdom' app and log in using the details shown below.

App code: MHA078286

Username: YEOVIL

Password: COLLEGE

Changes to Minimum Wage Rates from 1st April 2025

In the October Budget, the Government announced increases to minimum wage rates which will take effect from 1st April 2025. A summary of the changes is shown below:

- The rate for Apprentices will increase from £6.40 to £7.55 an hour.
- For 18 to 20-year-olds, the minimum wage will rise from £8.60 to £10 an hour.
- The minimum wage for over 21s, known officially as the National Living Wage, will rise from £11.44 to £12.21 an hour.

The Apprentice rate applies to all apprentices in the first year of their apprenticeship and apprentices who are under 19 in the second year of their apprenticeship. So, if an apprentice is aged 18 or under and in the second year of their apprenticeship, they may still be paid the National Minimum Wage for apprentices. Apprentices who are 19 or over and have completed the first year of their apprenticeship are entitled to the current national minimum wage rate for their age. Access more information on the current National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates [here](#).



Trek Exhibition to Peru in 2026

Yeovil College learners are invited to take on the challenge of a four-week Trek Exhibition to Peru in 2026, with Camps International in a once-in-a-life-time opportunity.



Half-Term Rewind

Let's rewind on an exciting and busy half term, beginning with the formal opening of the Yeovil College Swap Stop. This initiative was undertaken by our Students' Union where learners can donate their gently used clothes and find new favourites at super low prices, whilst supporting learners in making kinder decisions for our planet, promoting sustainability and encouraging a strong YC community. The Swap Stop has been generously supported by New Look and the Students' Union have received a huge amount of brand-new stock to help them get started. Opening hours are posted on our social media channels!

Also this half term, two new educational partners, City of Bristol College and South Gloucestershire and Stroud College, joined our strong West of England Institute of Technology (WEIoT). The Yeovil College IoT covers Engineering, Health, Computing, and Creative Industries, meaning that students within these areas can be 100% confident that they will be part of an established community of industry leaders, using UK-leading facilities and technology.

Finally, we celebrated National Apprenticeships Week on 10th-16th February! This week was filled with visiting schools, highlighting Yeovil College apprenticeship success across our social media channels, sharing our top tips for securing an Apprenticeship Employer and hosting extra 1:1 and group Apprenticeship Information sessions. On Wednesday 12th February, we hosted our annual Apprenticeship and Careers Fair, providing young people with the opportunity to speak with over 50 local and regional employers from a variety of sectors as well universities.

Tutorial Programme

This term, learners at Yeovil College took part in our weekly tutorial programme in sessions covering PREVENT, Extremism, Online Radicalisation, County Lines and Sextortion. Our student support team are always available for learners.

Interested in Apprenticeships, Higher Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships?

We have a dedicated Apprenticeships team which can meet with learners 1:1 in the Careers Hub, or answer questions by emailing studentrecruitment@yeovil.ac.uk. To find the latest vacancies, learners can check out the Grofar noticeboard or the Apprenticeships page on the Yeovil College website. Another opportunity to speak with our experts has become available, as an Apprenticeships stand will be open 12pm-1pm in the Nexus Foyer once a month on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 5th March 2025
- Monday, 7th April 2025
- Wednesday, 7th May 2025
- Monday, 2nd June 2025

At Yeovil College, there are lots of ways learners can find out more about Apprenticeships!

DATES FOR DIARIES

Barbers Against Prostate Cancer Charity Day – Tuesday 11th March 10:00-4:00pm

Our Nexus Salon will be hosting a charity day to raise awareness for Barbers Against Prostate Cancer. Our salon will be open for free cut appointments for men over 40 with our Barbering students, or our hairdressing apprentices are available with other services for a charitable donation. Throughout the day, Barbers Against Prostate Cancer founder, Mark Rayment, will be delivering presentations on his experiences, including signs, symptoms and the importance of talking. Appointments must be booked in advance, for more information and to book an appointment please email Leanne.Hughes@yeovil.ac.uk.



Support

If you would like to discuss work experience or next steps for your young person, please contact the Careers and Work Placement Team on CareersHub@yeovil.ac.uk or look at resources on our website on the [Careers Hub page](#).



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