

# ONNECTIONS

Connecting parents and guardians with careers

YC Careers News | Term 5

#### **Welcome Back**

As another term comes to an end, it's important to remember what we have achieved, and how we can make the very most of a final term at Yeovil College before the summer. Please read on for advice, important information and key dates.



# **Supporting young people with exams**

It can be tricky supporting young people through their exams, but Yeovil College is here to help. Your young person can speak to their tutor, lecturers and the student support team about any worries. We have also partnered with Wisdom to provide a Student Assistance Programme, which is 100% online and available for all of our students to access at any time, for any reason. Find out more **here.** 

We have shared a useful video with top tips from lecturers across Yeovil College on our TikTok page. Access this **here.** 

#### Here are some useful links with more information:

• NHS: Click here

• YoungMinds: Click here

• Familylives: Click here



# **Preparing for next steps**

With one term left, now is the time to ensure your young person has a plan of action for their next steps, whether this is a different course at college, employment, an apprenticeship or university. If they need help, advice or guidance in any way, they can visit the Careers Hub at the back of the reception building and speak to our careers team, apprenticeships team or YCUC team. They can either book a 1:1 appointment or pop in.

#### Grofa

Grofar is the online platform learners use during their time at Yeovil College to track their work placement, log all careers activities, access careers resources and view Labour Market Intelligence. If your young person hasn't been active on Grofar this year, encourage them to do so! If you or your young person are unsure about the platform, then please contact our Careers, Work Placement and Employability Team for guidance at

workexperience@yeovil.ac.uk or 01935 845394.



# **Virtual Opportunities**

Virtual opportunities are a great addition to your young person's experience. They can use them to explore possible career paths, access virtual work experience with real employers, or attend webinars with industry experts. Any virtual opportunities can be recorded on Grofar! Below are some links to get you and your young person started. Springpod is a website that YC students have used frequently in the past, but there are also some other options to explore:

Springpod – access this **here!** 

Barclays Life Skills – access this **here!** 

Youth Employment UK – access this **here!** 

# **Knife Crime Awareness Week**

For Knife Crime Awareness Week 2025, the Avon and Somerset Police Force visited Yeovil College to speak with students about their experiences and the importance of preventing knife crime. This included the Police Early Interventions Team, Exploitation and Modern Slavery lead, and the South Western Ambulance Service.



# **Half Term Rewind**

It's been a busy term at YC! To begin, we were honoured to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Mr Mohammad Saddiq, and his team, for his inaugural visit on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This significant occasion highlighted the College's achievements.

The next day, we celebrated our Construction Innovation Centre with a formal Topping Out Ceremony. Combined with our annual Construction Trade Expo and Employer Forum, this was an excellent day for Somerset and Dorset's Construction community and strengthened relations with our employer partners. This also marks an exciting milestone in our campus redevelopment project. For students continuing with us next year, they will gain access to a brilliant addition to Construction, and an incredible new Sports Centre, with access to a state-of-the-art gym.

Finally, we held our annual A Level pizza leaving bash

on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, celebrating the end of exams for our A Level students and congratulating them on their incredible achievements over the past two years. We wish them the very best of luck for results day 2025.

#### **Tutorial Programme**

This term, your young person will have discussed bullying and the impact of mental health, self-care, workplace rights and responsibilities and travelling safely as part of their tutorial programme at YC. Next term, they will continue to explore workplace skills, money sense and being life ready.

#### **DATES FOR DIARIES**



# Shining Stars — Thursday 12th July at Westlands Entertainment Venue

This is our exciting awards evening where we celebrate the success of our learners, whether this is in academic achievement, work in the community or acceleration in the workplace. Learners are nominated through an impartial judging panel, and recipients will have been contacted at the end of April to attend. Read more here.



# Adult Learning Open Event - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 5-6:30pm

This event is for anyone considering a career change, a course to upskill themselves, or a leisure programme, whether this is through a degree qualification or a part time evening programme. If you are interested in finding out more, and would like to register, please click **here**.

#### **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**.











