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WELCOME TO YEOVIL COLLEGE



MARK BOLTON
CEO & PRINCIPAL

A very warm welcome to Yeovil College and thank you for taking the time to find out more about our extraordinary College. Deciding upon your next destination is both an exciting and important decision as it should provide the springboard for your future career, and I hope you will decide that our wonderful College can help you to achieve your ambitions.

I believe that every student at Yeovil College has the potential to be extraordinary; to be more than they thought possible; to achieve more than they dared to dream; to achieve higher, bigger and better.

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

As a College community, we believe that success breeds success. We will generate a more positive future for our students, our businesses and our communities. We are ambitious for our learners, and we work exceptionally hard to provide them with the best environments, resources, facilities, technology, teachers and future opportunities.

Our campus is an open, safe, welcoming and extremely encouraging space. We provide learners with the encouragement and confidence to develop and succeed at a pace which is appropriate to each individual. We are a vibrant College community where our number one priority is to create life-changing opportunities for each and every one of our learners, providing them with the right skills, knowledge and behaviours to support them during their career journeys. You will discover that Yeovil College is a positive, aspirational and inclusive place to learn and grow, making it a brilliant next step for all students.

UNRIVALLED INVESTMENT

You will see that your new learning environments are very different to those that you have enjoyed at school, you will also witness the campus change over the next two to three years (progressed and completed in a thoughtful way), which is transforming your learning spaces and your experience. In addition to the recent £25 million spent on campus redesign, there is an additional £60+ million of investment to build the best college. If we want to provide our learners with the opportunity to live extraordinary lives, to build extraordinary careers and to contribute in an extraordinary way in this community, then it is our job to provide the extraordinary foundations. Within a few short years, we will have a campus that rivals every other college in the UK.

Once here, you will have the opportunity to progress with us, whether that is onto an apprenticeship, to our university centre or to enhance your skills with a further programme of study. Whether your career commences in six months or six years from your starting point with us, we believe we should provide you with a clear line of sight to your career and accelerate you towards it.

The breadth of the offer and the involvement of employers and inspirational contributors will extend your learning and experiences far beyond the subject you have chosen to study and will open doors to new opportunities.

This is an exciting time to be a student looking at their future and I look forward to helping you make the right decision to support a positive career.

DISCOVER YC

WHY CHOOSE US?

Yeovil College offers a dynamic, supportive and digitally advanced environment where students can thrive academically and personally. Whether they are aiming for university, a specific career, or personal growth, we provide the skills, the resources and support to help our students to succeed.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING

STRONG ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

CAREER-FOCUSED EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION

EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES

YOUR FUTURE, YOUR SUCCESS

There are so many compelling reasons why a student might choose to study at Yeovil College, however, here are just a few highlights:

INNOVATIVE LEARNING:

With a focus on digital innovation and a commitment to creating a technologically advanced campus, and as a member of the Institute of Technology (IoT), Yeovil College is at the forefront of modern education.

TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENT:

Through its ambitious 'Big Build' project, Yeovil College is undergoing a £60+ million transformation aimed at creating one of the best campuses and teaching environments in the country. This extensive redevelopment reflects the College's dedication to delivering exceptional spaces that inspire learning and prepare students for future success.

CAREER-FOCUSED EDUCATION:

Yeovil College places a strong emphasis on preparing students with skills for their future careers. This includes industry placements, work experience, and engagement with local employers.

EXTENSIVE CHOICE:

Yeovil College offers a broad range of course pathways designed to suit all learner's goals and ambitions. These include A Levels, T Levels, Vocational Qualifications, Foundation Programmes, and Apprenticeships. In addition, the College's own University Centre delivers university-level qualifications locally in the South of England. With a route available for every learner, Yeovil College is committed to helping individuals aim high and achieve even higher, supporting their aspirations with unwavering dedication.

INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT RATES:

Yeovil College is renowned for its high achievement rates, particularly for 16-18 year olds, showcasing its commitment to student success.

EXPERT LECTURING TEAM:

The lecturing team at Yeovil College is one of its greatest strengths. The majority lecturers are industry professionals who bring years of real-world experience into the classroom. Several continue to practice in their respective fields, ensuring their teaching remains current and relevant.

COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS:

The College boasts strong partnerships with local businesses and the community, enhancing the learning experience and providing real-world opportunities.

UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION:

Many students from Yeovil College progress to prestigious universities, including Russell Group institutions.

EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES:

Yeovil College has made significant investments in its infrastructure to provide students with access to outstanding facilities and cutting-edge technology. These include a state-of-the-art Health, Education, and Science Centre, an Automotive Skills Centre, Digital Dental Laboratories, Creative Industry Studios, and multi-disciplined Construction Centres. This commitment ensures that learners benefit from modern, industry-relevant environments that support high-quality education and training.

OUR VISION & IMPACT

At Yeovil College, our vision is to create life-changing opportunities for all students, regardless of their starting point. We take this commitment seriously and strive to align our values of aspirational, collaborative, exceptional, and Team YC, with our actions to develop a sustainable next generation of future employees and university graduates.

COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS:

We set high expectations for our students, generating a culture of ambition and achievement.

ACADEMIC & SKILL EXCELLENCE:

Students leave us with high grades, solid skills, and a strong knowledge base, ready to contribute to the community.

DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

The depth and breadth of skills, knowledge, and behaviours our students acquire set them apart, making them valuable assets to the community.

FIRST CHOICE:

Yeovil College is the preferred choice for students, colleagues, and the local business community, reflecting our strong community impact.

LOCALLY RELEVANT PROGRAMMES:

Our programmes are designed to be relevant to regional careers and are influenced by local employers, ensuring our students meet community needs.

STRONG WORK ETHICS:

The College community upholds strong work ethics, promoting a culture of responsibility and dedication.

ENHANCED EMPLOYABILITY:

Students leave with enhanced employability skills and experience, ready to contribute effectively to the local workforce.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY PROGRESSION:

Our students move on to fantastic destinations beyond Yeovil College, positively impacting the wider community.

RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF WORK EXPERIENCE

We embed at least one work experience opportunity across all study programmes, including A Levels, however many of our study programmes include substantially longer placements, particularly across vocational and T Level curriculum areas.

MASTERCLASSES

Students attend masterclasses led by industry professionals to gain career-focused knowledge.

INDEPENDENT & DIRECTED STUDY

Students are expected to undertake independent study, both in and outside of College, at a rate of one hour per lesson. Directed study set by tutors reinforces learning and concept development.

TUTORIALS

We inspire learners to achieve more through group tutorials, study skills session, and individual 1-1 meetings, focusing on academic progress and wellbeing. We also emphasise Fundamental British Values and holistic personal development.

CAREERS SUPPORT

Our Careers Team actively supports students at all levels, helping them set career goals, gain work experience, and connect with employers and community leaders. They provide independent careers advice and guidance, and students build their careers passport and work-readiness programme on the Grofar digital platform.

BY FOCUSING ON THESE AREAS, YEOVIL COLLEGE ENSURES THAT IT NOT ONLY TRANSFORMS INDIVIDUAL LIVES BUT ALSO STRENGTHENS AND ENRICHES OUR COMMUNITY. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS COMMITMENT RESULTS IN TANGIBLE BENEFITS AND MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE IT SERVES.

UNRIVALLED AMBITION

DRIVING INNOVATION THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE

Yeovil College is crafting a cutting-edge estates strategy to deliver a 21st-century learning experience. With a £60+ million investment, our campus will rival the best in the UK. Our goal is to create a blend of formal and informal learning spaces, including multi-purpose collaboration areas, advanced digital rooms, flexible teaching spaces, and virtual reality facilities. We aim to inspire students, staff, and the community to spend more quality time on campus, seamlessly integrating learning, living, and socialising.

"In a landmark and historic move for further education in Somerset and North and West Dorset, Yeovil College proudly announced the launch of its brand-new campus transformation. The state-of-the-art facilities promised to offer unparalleled educational experiences to students across the region with advanced facilities, dynamic learning environments, and a commitment to excellence."



£60+ million investment in campus facilities, buildings and teaching environments.



Creative and agile social and study spaces with superior digital connectivity.



Award-winning Institute of Technology (IoT) across Digital, Engineering, Health, Creative, Computing, and Dental, which is the most successful in the UK.



Transformed Engineering & Automotive Engineering departments with a real Lynx Helicopter, state-of-the-art equipment, full-spec'd workshops and cell-tech, EV and Hydrogen.



Digital Dentistry labs with cutting-edge technology – the only dental facility within the UK.



Construction Innovation Centre with advanced technology and machinery and workshops to represent the real-world.



Yeovil Institute of Sport (YIS) with a new build, incredible facilities and a champion-focused sports curriculum.



Bespoke workshops and high-quality teaching spaces across all curriculum areas.



Health, Education and Science Centre with leading physical, VR and digital facilities.



Integration of virtual technology, AI, and augmented reality in the curriculum.

YC EDGE & ENRICHMENT

AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE GREATER!

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STRETCHING AMBITION

We believe that expecting more leads to achieving more. Through Yeovil Edge, we set high expectations and work in collaboration with the student and parents (or guardians) to ensure these goals are supported at home. We keep parents informed with regular updates, reports, phone calls and emails, and parents' evenings to discuss progress and next steps. There are no limits to success - we want every Yeovil College student to reach their full potential, even if it feels challenging at times. We will not compromise on expecting the best for our students.

ACHIEVING MORE

We challenge our students to be their very best. At Yeovil College, students are encouraged to maximise their potential, regardless of where their career journey begins. Every student has the right to demand both challenge and enrichment, which is why we offer ambitious programmes for talented A Level students and a comprehensive sports and enrichment programme for all. You will leave Yeovil College rich in skills and knowledge.

FEELING VALUED

A sense of value and pride is central to Yeovil College culture. Students are valued as an individual and never just a number: this sets us apart. From early transition into college to progression onto the next stage of the career journey, students are supported, guided, encouraged, and celebrated.

MAXIMISING POTENTIAL

From the start of the Yeovil College journey, all students are encouraged to think big and dream bigger. We provide the practical infrastructure to give students the best life chances, from our leading campus to our digital technology, state-of-the-art resources, and UK leading teaching environments. We believe that providing the best resources, environments, spaces, and teachers leads to the best career opportunities, and we are proud to play a part in that journey.

COMMUNITY SPIRITED

We ensure that our students develop into well-rounded, educated individuals with a strong sense of community value. We offer opportunities through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award challenge and social action projects, allowing students to interact with diverse groups and networks. They will develop social skills, problem-solving abilities, and improved communication, supporting their time at Yeovil College and their future career steps.

FUTURE READY

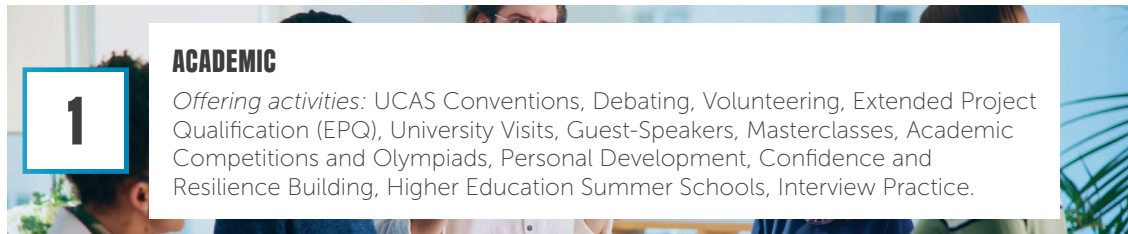
Our job is simple: to prepare our students for their next steps. We have a short time to influence, educate, and instil a sense of purpose and drive within our students, and we maximise this opportunity. Yeovil Edge will help you get ahead of the competition, offering many opportunities to get involved and positioning you for a successful future of your choosing.



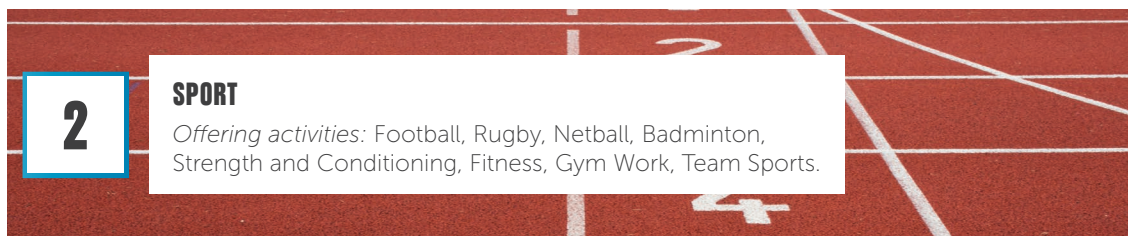
ENRICHMENT **FOR ALL**

Students enjoy dedicated time for enrichment activities that boost confidence, build networks, and develop skills. Our dynamic programme evolves with student interests, ensuring everyone finds something inspiring and valuable.

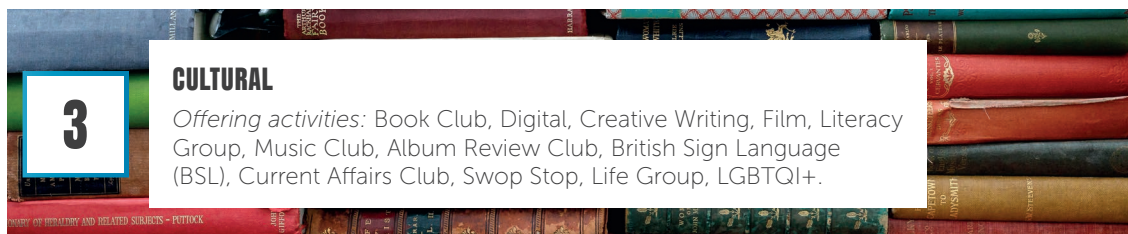
YC ENRICHMENT IS DIVIDED INTO 5 STANDS:



1 **ACADEMIC**
Offering activities: UCAS Conventions, Debating, Volunteering, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), University Visits, Guest-Speakers, Masterclasses, Academic Competitions and Olympiads, Personal Development, Confidence and Resilience Building, Higher Education Summer Schools, Interview Practice.



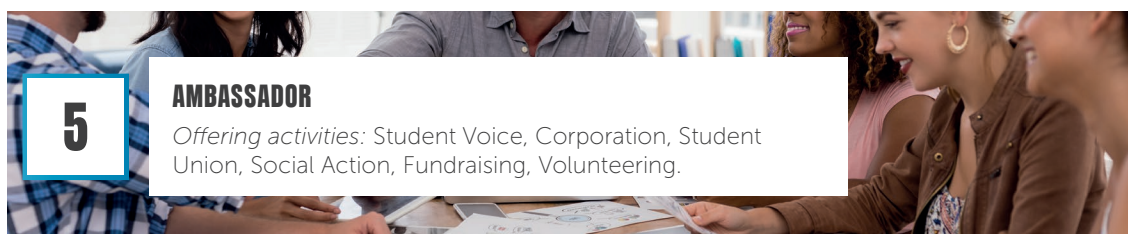
2 **SPORT**
Offering activities: Football, Rugby, Netball, Badminton, Strength and Conditioning, Fitness, Gym Work, Team Sports.



3 **CULTURAL**
Offering activities: Book Club, Digital, Creative Writing, Film, Literacy Group, Music Club, Album Review Club, British Sign Language (BSL), Current Affairs Club, Swop Stop, Life Group, LGBTQI+.



4 **CHALLENGE**
Offering activities: Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors Challenge, World Skills, National and Regional Competitions, Expedition Club, VR.



5 **AMBASSADOR**
Offering activities: Student Voice, Corporation, Student Union, Social Action, Fundraising, Volunteering.

POSITIVE **ENVIRONMENT**

Our Student Support team is dedicated to assisting learners across Yeovil College. We offer a variety of support services and are committed to providing inclusive education in a safe, welcoming, and positive learning environment. At Yeovil College, we:

- Collaborate closely with schools to ensure excellent transition support.
- Offer a range of tutorials on various subjects, including prevent, radicalisation, and safeguarding.
- Provide safeguarding support through our team of designated safeguarding officers and resources.
- Create a safe space for learners to seek internal and external support.
- Partner with our online Student Assistance Programme to ensure learners have 24/7 access to wellbeing support and advice.
- Offer pastoral support for learners needing extra assistance, which may include 1-1 support or small group sessions on specific topics such as bereavement.
- Serve as the main point of contact for any learner who is a Child Looked After (CLA) or has a Personal Education Plan (PEP).

Incorporating the opinions, beliefs, and individuality of our students into the Yeovil College community is crucial to our long-term success. Therefore, we provide students with significant opportunities to contribute to the operations of our College through:

Student Voice: Student representatives meet with the College Management Team to raise issues and collaboratively create solutions.

Student Ambassadors: An opportunity to represent College both internally and externally, whether that is leading tours to prospective students, assisting with events, providing information, or gathering feedback from peers.

Yeovil College Student Union (YCSU): The YCSU fundraises, organizes events, and helps implement long-term changes that benefit our College community.

Student Governor: Our student governor works with our senior team and the Yeovil College Corporation to represent the student body.





YEOVIL INSTITUTE OF SPORT (YIS)

ELEVATED PERFORMANCE

TRAIN WITH CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

ACHIEVING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

PERFORMANCE ATHLETES PROGRAMME



A NEW ERA OF EXCELLENCE

Yeovil College is committed to delivering exceptional sports education and training, for all students, no matter which course or pathway they are taking. Our goal is to elevate the standards of sport, football, and athletics within our community, providing physical benefits, health gains and wellbeing improvements.

Through the groundbreaking Yeovil Institute of Sport (YIS), we aim to take sports education and athletic training to new heights in the region. We recognise the talents and dedication of our top athletes and are dedicated to helping them reach their full potential.

BRINGING SPORTING SUCCESS BACK TO YEOVIL!

YIS represents a significant advancement in sports science, football, coaching, and athletic development. With substantial investment in facilities, equipment, and expert staff, the Institute is set to become a leading destination for aspiring sports professionals, including footballers. The College has no rivals!

At Yeovil College, students can seamlessly integrate their academic studies with elite sports training, fully embracing the student-athlete experience. Team YC takes pride in its sport-focused approach, providing a professionally structured environment to enhance your sporting performance. The students who have experienced this model state that it is second to none!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Coaching and competitive matches across a range of sports.
- Range of sports: Football, rugby, netball, badminton, athletics, hockey, basketball, and cross country.
- Annual gym membership for students.
- Access to a brand new, multi-million-pound Sports Centre.
- Progression routes and links with various clubs and teams.
- Sports Leadership Foundation qualifications.
- Volunteering experiences.
- Quality sporting enrichment experiences.
- Ring-fenced time to train.

YEOVIL SPORT PROGRAMMES OFFER VARIOUS PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING METHODS, INCLUDING:

- UK-leading building and facilities.
- High-quality gym equipment.
- Performance analysis.
- Flexibility, speed, and agility training.
- Virtual reality training modules.
- Nutrition and dietary guidance.
- Personalised Strength and Conditioning.
- Sport England approved pitches.
- Personalised Performance 1-1 Reviews.
- Links to universities, clubs and sports events.



Institute of Sport Shining Stars Award Winners The YC Fitness Games Champions

A huge well done to Sophie Harpur, Jessica Drogan-Hill, Jessica Gold and Bonita Cox for their outstanding achievement in the AoC Sport College Fitness Games! Out of 40 competitors in the South Region Semi-Final, all four girls placed in the top 12—and three went on to compete in the National Final in Nottingham, finishing among the top 20 in the country!

"You've shown incredible commitment, putting in extra training and embracing the challenge of functional fitness—many of you for the very first time. As the only students from the South West to reach this level, you've made your college incredibly proud. Congratulations, team—you've set the bar high!"

COLLEGE LIFE

At Yeovil College, we are committed to providing our students with numerous opportunities to enrich their learning and social experiences, and by offering these diverse opportunities, Yeovil College aims to create a well-rounded and fulfilling experience for all our students.

YC EDGE & ENRICHMENT

Engaging with like-minded peers, developing new interests, skills, or hobbies, and students being able to challenge themselves with new experiences are integral parts of your Yeovil College 'Edge' journey. We ensure that time for such activities is embedded into weekly timetables, allowing you to grow both personally and academically.

YEovil INSTITUTE OF SPORT (YIS)

Join Team YC and represent the College in various sports, including football, rugby, netball, hockey, badminton, basketball, and athletics, with opportunities for disability sports as well. Our brand-new onsite gym is accessible to all students at an annual cost of £15-£50, depending on when you join.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

Yeovil College's Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a vibrant hub designed to support students at every stage of their academic journey. With over 20,000 books, e-books, and journals, desktops and full WIFI access, the LRC offers a wealth of resources for research and study. Students can access a wide range of online databases both on-campus and remotely, ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed.

STUDENT CELEBRATION

We take pride in celebrating our students' achievements. Whether it's at our Oscar-style awards ceremony or smaller celebration events, we ensure that every success is recognised and celebrated.

REFUEL

Yeovil College offers several dining options, from quick takeaway coffee and cake to sit-down meals with friends. These spaces provide a comfortable environment to relax and socialise between classes.

STUDENT UNION

Yeovil College students automatically become a member of the Student Union. This membership grants access to a variety of student events, discounts, leisure activities, and out-of-college interests, generating a vibrant and inclusive College community.

TRIPS & VISITS

We enhance your academic knowledge with practical experiences through residential trips and visits. These include cultural and educational trips both within the UK and abroad, providing students with a broader perspective and hands-on, practical learning opportunities.

SOCIAL ACTION

We place a strong emphasis on community support, encouraging students to engage in fundraising, volunteering, and project work, including activities to support the College charity. Original ideas, activities, and challenges are actively encouraged and supported, as these activities not only benefit the community but also help you develop a sense of social responsibility and teamwork.

EMBEDDING HIGH VALUES

At Yeovil College, FREDIE is at the core of our inclusive culture, embedding Fundamental British Values into everyday life, and it is central to creating fully rounded members of our community. It's simply how we do things:

DEMOCRACY:

Encouraging change through class reps, student governors, student voice, focus groups, MP and police visits, voter registration days, and Hustings.

RULE OF LAW:

Ensuring fairness with policies like the student code of conduct, disciplinary procedures, appeals, safeguarding, and behaviour expectations.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY:

Promoting freedom of expression through our LGBTQIA+ society, student and staff voice, and various policies on respect and prevention.

MUTUAL RESPECT & TOLERANCE:

Valuing diversity and rejecting prejudice with a multi-faith prayer room, LGBTQIA+ society, and strict anti-discrimination policies.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Actively recognising and promoting equality and safeguarding the welfare of all learners through robust policies and practices.



GO FURTHER

ONE VISION

ONE COMMUNITY

ONE TEAM

We have designed a forward-looking curriculum with UK leading learning resources, teaching and facilities to support our community and businesses to be globally competitive, delivering more and better jobs with a clear line of sight to exciting local careers for our students.

MISSION

To Create Life-Changing Opportunities.

VISION

Sharing an exciting future with the best education and collaboration.



OUR VALUES

ASPIRATIONAL

Being motivated and always striving to be our best for the fulfilment of our young people.

COLLABORATIVE

Building the very finest solutions through collaboration, innovation, and shared ideas.

EXCEPTIONAL

Encouraging change and embracing opportunity for growth, development and success.

TEAM YC

Through shared understanding, trust and respect, delivering the best curriculum for our community as one collaborative team.



RESEARCH YOUR NEXT STEPS



Making decisions about your next steps can be challenging. At Yeovil College, we stand out by encouraging you to explore all your options, including other sixth forms and colleges. We want Yeovil College to be your perfect choice, not just a fallback.

Consider your ultimate goals, whether they involve employment, university, further study, independence, or an apprenticeship. Evaluate which type of programme aligns best with your learning style and preferences, leading you to the right qualification—be it A Level, T Level, a Vocational Qualification, or an Apprenticeship. This decision is significant and will impact your future, however, be assured that we're here to support you unconditionally.

You'll have numerous opportunities to discover Yeovil College and see if our visions and values resonate with you:

OPEN EVENTS:

Our Open Events provide a valuable experience, equipping you with the information and tools needed to make the right decision. Within our region, a Yeovil College Open Event is renowned for being personalised, all-encompassing and thoughtful.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP:

Our School Connections team collaborates with your school from Year 6 onwards, providing information and resources to help you make informed decisions about your future. We work on projects that offer exciting opportunities to understand your next steps better.

DIGITAL:

Our award-winning digital and social platforms offer insights into Yeovil College and the Team YC community. Use these tools to search, engage, and get your questions answered at your convenience.

CAMPUS TOURS:

We offer personalised campus tours with limited participants for maximum impact.

EXPERIENCE DAYS:

We host the largest Experience Days in the region for both Year 10 and Year 8 students, offering a full Yeovil College experience with interactive sessions. We also run smaller experience sessions for students in Year 6.

NEW STUDENTS' DAY:

Designed for future students to explore their study programmes fully, meet classmates and lecturers, and become familiar with the environment.

APPRENTICESHIP & CAREERS FAIR:

This annual event features around 50+ local employers looking to recruit their next apprentices or employee. We also host around 20 universities and professional organisations.

Visit www.yeovil.ac.uk and follow our social media channels, TikTok and YouTube for more information.

STUDY OPTIONS

A TYPICAL STUDY PROGRAMME

MAIN SUBJECT:

The main subject or A Level combination a student chooses to study.

WORK EXPERIENCE/INDUSTRY PLACEMENT:

A period of work experience or industry placement, as directed by the main qualification.

SPORT:

Opportunities to play for the Yeovil Institute of Sport as a member of Team YC.

ENRICHMENT & EDGE:

Activities to enhance skills, confidence, knowledge and wellbeing.

TUTORIALS & 1-1S:

Supporting academic studies and citizenship.

ENGLISH & MATHS:

Additional classes for students operating below grade 4 at GCSE.



PATHWAYS

At Yeovil College, we design study programmes tailored to individual career paths and ambition, including education, enrichment, and additional activities to give our students the 'Yeovil Edge.' Post-16 options are vast, including A Levels, T Levels, Foundation qualifications, Apprenticeships, and Vocational qualifications. It is important for students to select their study programme based on personal learning style, preference, assessment performance, and future career goals.

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Vocational qualifications, developed with the support of our business community, provide a clear line of sight to the most important roles within our local economy. Vocational qualifications are practical qualifications designed to prepare students for a specific job or industry. They combine theoretical learning with hands-on experience, often including work placements. These qualifications are available at various levels, from entry-level to advanced:

Level 3 qualifications: Equivalent to three A Levels, taught over two years at Yeovil College, with strong progression to employment or university.

Level 2 qualifications: One-year programmes to develop new skills and help students achieve GCSE English and/or Maths, leading to Level 3 qualification or apprenticeship.

Level 1/Year 1 qualifications: Provide core skills for progression with a focus on work experience and practical exposure, leading to higher levels of study or apprenticeships.

A LEVELS

A Level results are exceptional with students achieving 5% above that national average for grades A*-C, with 77% of students achieving their first-choice university place and 27% of those being at Russell Group Universities. This success reflects the dedication of our students and staff. Yeovil College A Level students are top performer, with many students progressing to prestigious universities, including Russell Group Universities.

T LEVELS

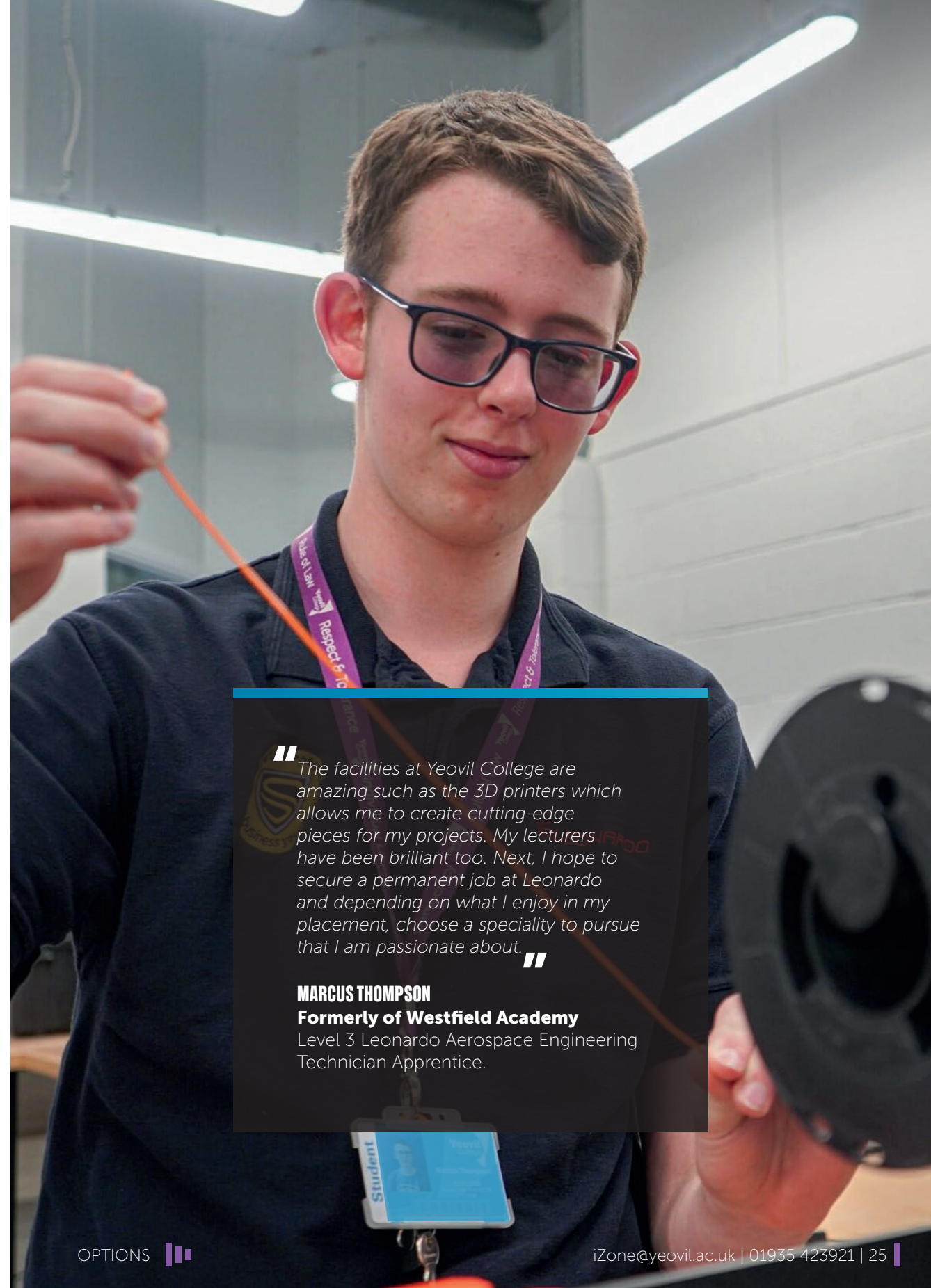
T Levels will be delivered in state-of-the-art facilities, thanks to a £4.5 million investment. This significant campus upgrade will transform the learning experience for our students. Our new Health, Education and Science Centre, along with Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace labs, Creative and Fabrication Labs, and Digital, Software, Cyber, and Engineering facilities, will provide exceptional environments for T Level students.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a structured programme that combines paid on-the-job training with classroom direction. It prepares students for skilled careers by providing practical experience and theoretical knowledge. Key benefits of an apprenticeship are the ability to earn whilst still learning, hands-on, practical experience, and nationally recognised qualifications, and are ideal for those who want to enter the workforce with valuable, job-ready skills.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

Foundation Learning and High Needs programmes are designed for students who require extra support and time to progress to a full study programme, live independently, or secure paid employment. Students will work towards an externally accredited qualification, with many progressing to a Level 1 qualification at Yeovil College or joining our Supported Internship Programme.



"The facilities at Yeovil College are amazing such as the 3D printers which allows me to create cutting-edge pieces for my projects. My lecturers have been brilliant too. Next, I hope to secure a permanent job at Leonardo and depending on what I enjoy in my placement, choose a speciality to pursue that I am passionate about."

MARCUS THOMPSON

Formerly of Westfield Academy

Level 3 Leonardo Aerospace Engineering Technician Apprentice.

UNDERSTANDING QUALIFICATION LEVELS



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L3

LEVEL 3

Advanced level qualifications that offer in-depth knowledge and skills in specific subjects. Our A Level and T Level programmes begin at this level.

PATHWAYS

A Levels, T Level Programmes, Vocational Qualifications, Apprenticeships.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

5 GCSEs at Grade 4 (sometimes 5) or above.

L2

LEVEL 2

Intermediate-level qualifications equivalent to GCSE grades that build upon knowledge from school or a Level 1 qualification. Timetables are designed to support learners re-sitting GCSE English and/or Maths.

PATHWAYS

Vocational Qualifications, T Level Foundation Programmes, Apprenticeships.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above.

L1

LEVEL 1

A great starting point to develop the basic understanding of a subject. They are ideal for practical, hands-on subjects, helping learners build skills and knowledge. Timetables also support those re-sitting GCSE English and/or Maths.

PATHWAYS

Vocational, Kick-Start, Alternative Provision, Traineeships.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

4 GCSEs at Grade 2 or above.

ENTRY

ENTRY LEVEL

Offered by our Foundation Learning Department, these green pathway qualifications are a step before GCSEs and introduce students to Further Education. They come in three subcategories: Entry Levels 1, 2, and 3, each progressively more challenging.

PATHWAYS

Foundation Learning & Alternative Provision.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

No formal entry requirements.

		Apprenticeships	Kingston Sixth Form	Technical		Adult & Professional	Yeovil College University Centre		
Level		Apprenticeships	Academic	Vocational	T Levels	Access to HE	HNC & HND	Degrees	
Higher Education	6	Degree						Top-up Degree	Top-up Degree
	5	Higher						HND	Foundation Degree
	4						HNC		
Further Education	3	Advanced	A Levels	Extended Diploma Subsidiary Diploma	T Levels	Diploma			
	2	Intermediate	GCSE 9 - 4	Certificate/ Diploma	T Level Foundation				
	1	Traineeship	GCSE 3 - 1	Certificate/ Diploma					
	E	Supported Internship		Award/ Certificate					

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOUR POST-16 PATHWAY



“Our ambition for students, business partnerships, and the wider community is driving significant change. Together, we will expect more, work hard, and challenge the norms to inspire and achieve our goals.”



RESULTS & ADDED VALUE:

The learners' ambition, combined with substantial investment in support and staffing, has led to remarkable success in their results over the past eight years. The curriculum is designed not only to deliver qualifications but also to provide value added opportunities and additional qualifications that set learners apart.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Learners are encouraged to consider their learning styles, preferences, and future goals. With a wide range of post-16 options available, they can choose the path that offers the best opportunities, whether it's A Levels, T Levels, Vocational Qualifications, Foundation Learning, or Apprenticeships.

INVESTMENT:

With £25+ million already invested in resources, digital technology, new learning spaces, and superior technology, and an additional £60+ million in the process of being delivered, consider how UK-leading facilities will support your learning.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IOT):

A revolution in learning technologies has provided learners with unparalleled access to resources, and as the UK's leading IoT, digital skills are integral and transformative to the Yeovil College curriculum.

WORK EXPERIENCE & PLACEMENTS:

Substantial and relevant work experience and industry placements allow learners to apply classroom knowledge and skills in prestigious regional businesses.



SUPPORT

“Yeovil College is dedicated to helping students achieve their dreams by providing responsive and flexible support. We are committed to inclusive education in a safe, welcoming, and positive environment. From the first contact, we begin looking for ways to assist students, continuing this support throughout their studies.”



STUDENT SUPPORT:

A member of the Student Support Team is always available in the Student Support Office or on Teams. They provide guidance on steps to support mental health.

ONLINE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME:

All students have access to the Student Assistance Programme, offering 24/7 support and counsellors, 365 days a year, along with self-help strategies through a dedicated app.

WELLBEING & PASTORAL SUPPORT:

We offer Wellbeing & Pastoral Support to help with mental health, ensuring students can engage with their learning and reach their full potential.

RESPECTING INDIVIDUALITY:

Yeovil College values individuality and freedom of choice. We celebrate diverse perspectives and provide personalised support to help students achieve their goals.

TUTORIAL SUPPORT:

Students have 1:1 sessions with tutors to discuss any concerns. Group tutorials cover topics like confidence, resilience, and sexual health, amongst other key areas of citizenship.

RESPECTING FAITH & RELIGION:

We are committed to an inclusive environment that respects and supports diverse faiths and religions. We provide prayer and reflection spaces, flexible timetabling for religious observances, and promote interfaith events to encourage understanding.

SAFEGUARDING:

Dedicated Safeguarding Officers are available during College hours for urgent support. Students can speak to them about any concerns for themselves or others.

DIALOGUE:

Through two-way conversation, our teams understand individual needs and implement appropriate support strategies. This principle is a core part of the student experience at Yeovil College.

CAMPUS RESPONDERS:

Our friendly team of first responders are always present in the busiest areas of campus, ready to assist students with a variety of needs. Whether it's answering simple questions, providing support and wellbeing assistance, or just being a friendly and familiar face - they are there to help.

CAREERS SUPPORT & WORK EXPERIENCE

The Careers Hub at Yeovil College is renowned for its success and the positive impact it has on students and their outcomes. We are proud to be 100% compliant with the Gatsby Benchmarks and have recently received the prestigious Matrix Accreditation. We are dedicated to providing strong and independent careers information, advice, and guidance throughout your College journey.

Our Careers team are passionate about providing strong, independent careers support, advice and guidance throughout the full student journey, and students note their regular presence in tutorials.

CAREERS

Through the YC Careers Hub, students can expect:

- One-to-one meetings with a dedicated careers professional to discuss next steps and progression.
- Information about further study, apprenticeships, higher education, employment, and supported internships.
- Development of CVs, application forms, personal statements, personal presentation, and interview preparation.
- Employability skills sessions to support our students with their onward journey and success post college life.
- Access to our Grofar Careers platform and the Springpod Ignite Hub.
- Careers-focused Futures Festival available for every student, across all levels of education and training.



WORK EXPERIENCE

As the majority of our study programmes require time with an employer at a work placement, of at least one week, the Careers Hub support students to find work experience placements that will be of value to the student and provide insight into potential career paths.

Work experience expectations vary depending on the level of study, qualification, and curriculum area; giving students the chance to apply the skills and knowledge gained from the course.

Entry Level to Level 3 study programmes:

Typically involve 35 to 150 hours of work experience, completed in a block week or on selected days per week. This will be timetabled and vary depending on your course.

T Level qualifications:

Require a minimum of 315 hours (around 45 days) of work experience over two years, integrated into your qualification and timetable.

Specific qualifications:

For example, students on the T Level in Education and Early Years must complete a substantial work placement of 750 hours over two years.

Resources

At the YC Careers Hub, we strive to keep students informed with the latest career-related news. We regularly post updates about job opportunities, apprenticeship vacancies, employer talks, top tips and support on our Grofar platform, which is accessible via phone, laptop, or tablet. Grofar helps students to track:

Review Meetings:

Students can keep track of their meetings with a Careers Advisor and record their actions and outcomes.

Resource Library:

Access a variety of links and resources.

CV Building:

Add activities such as volunteering to start building their CVs.

Job Opportunities:

Look for job opportunities, including apprenticeships and volunteering.

Work Experience:

Record details of work experience placements, log your hours, and add information about activities during the placement.

Support:

Our Careers Hub team offer advice and guidance on all progression options and are contactable at any time via CareersHub@yeovil.ac.uk. This applies to both current and future Yeovil College students.



Parents or Guardians

We understand that you may feel uncertain about next steps, and that the available options may feel vast and perhaps overwhelming, which is why we are here to help. Our role is to assist you in supporting your young person as they transition to further education. Please read our guide for tips on how to best support them.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Yeovil College offers a variety of financial support and funding options to assist students during their studies. By alleviating financial concerns, students are empowered to perform at their best.

FREE STUDY

If you are under 19 years old and studying at Yeovil College, your study programme is free, and other than resource fees, and costs directly linked to the study programme, there is no cost to learning.

16-19 BURSARY FUND

Yeovil College provides funds to assist students facing financial challenges and to support the general costs of studying, such as books, travel, equipment, and technology. Our bursary allocation is limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, if the total family income is less than £50,000 per annum, it is important to apply for a bursary as soon as the application process opens.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All students aged 16-18 whose families are on low incomes or specific benefits are entitled to free school meals. This means that for every day a student is timetabled, they will receive a £4.00 entitlement to spend on a meal via our cashless system.

ADULT ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN BURSARY FUND

The Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund supports students with an approved Advanced Learner Loan in place to cover course fees and a household income of £0-£36,000. It can be used for childcare, travel costs, additional learning support, and hardship.

RESOURCE FEE

An additional fee applies to most full-time programmes, charged at different rates depending on the requirements of your study programme. This fee covers the cost of practicing safely and professionally within the curriculum area. Payment is due upon enrolment and will be discussed during New Students' Day and the enrolment period. Bursary support can be used to cover resource fee payments.

ADULT ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

If a student is aged 19 or above, has been a UK resident for three years prior to the start of the course, and are interested in studying a Level 3 qualification or higher, they may be eligible for help with fees through the Advanced Learner Loan. The application process is straightforward and does not consider household income. Repayment of the loan begins only when you are earning more than £27,295, which is equivalent to £2,274 per month or £524 per week.

Disclaimer: Information listed within this page is subject to change.



"I'm so pleased with what I have achieved as it has allowed me to embark on my future routes. Yeovil College has given me so many amazing opportunities that I will always be thankful for, from delivering a speech to hundreds of prospective students, hearing from guest speakers and going on exciting trips – they're endless! The support I have received from my lecturers has been second to none, they will always give you the time to talk no matter what and they have allowed me to exceed. My YC experience has been enjoyable, challenging and inspiring!"

SCARLETT STERLING
Formerly of Preston School

A Levels in Psychology (A), Biology (B) and Chemistry (C).

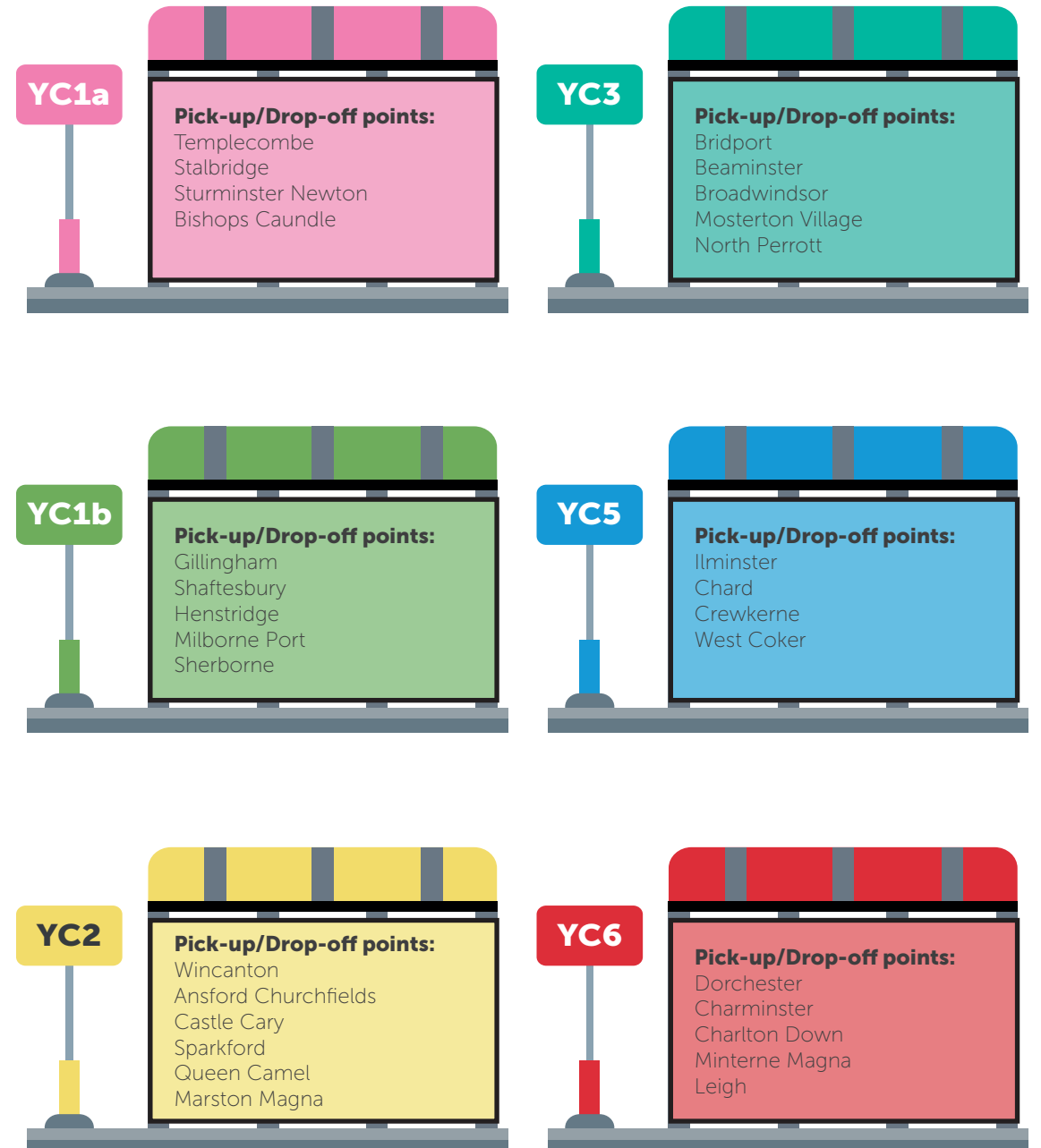
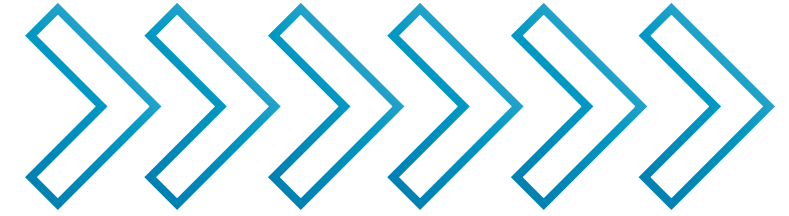
TRAVEL



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FOR MORE INFO

Being located in the heart of South Somerset, Yeovil College is easily accessible through a variety of travel options. While students can choose to walk, cycle, drive (and park on campus), or use public transport, one of the most popular and beneficial choices is the Yeovil College Direct fleet of buses. Operated in partnership with South West Coaches, these exclusive services are designed specifically for our students, offering direct, reliable, and affordable travel to and from campus. This not only simplifies the journey but also helps reduce costs for students and their families. In addition to our direct buses, several public bus services also operate routes to the College, providing further flexibility for those commuting from surrounding areas.

DIRECT BUSES



DIRECT BUSES TO YEOVIL



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"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Yeovil College, my lecturers and the SENDCo team have been so supportive and the resources we have on offer to us is great. Being a Student Ambassador for Yeovil College has been amazing, I've loved having the opportunity to work with the Marketing team and help at Open Events, supporting the College and being able to give advice to future students and their parents."

WILL SULLIVAN

Formerly of Stanchester Academy

A Levels in Business, Economics and Geography,
Student Ambassador and Shining Stars Award Winner.



A LEVELS

EXTRAORDINARY FOCUS

A LEVEL OFFER

In order to study a programme of A Levels at Yeovil College you will need to achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades 9 – 4. To ensure that you are best prepared to be successful in individual subjects we may require you to achieve specific minimum grades in Maths, English or other specialist subjects at GCSE.

A LEVEL SUBJECT	MINIMUM ENGLISH GRADE	MINIMUM MATHS GRADE	OTHER SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
A Level Art & Design	4	4	GCSE Art at grade 4 is desirable but not essential
A Level Art and Design covers areas of Fine Art such as drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture and design, and explores the work of various artists, art movements and themes. Coursework encourages you to develop skills and understanding of visual language and associated practical skills, whilst planning the work in context through researching the work of others. There are opportunities to visit national galleries and exhibitions like Whitechapel, Saatchi and Tate Modern. Our creative areas are undergoing a significant overhaul and investment as part of our Institute of Technology status (IoT).			
A Level Biology	5	6	GCSE Biology or Combined Science at grade 6 or above is essential
Studying A Level Biology gives you a greater awareness of human interaction with the environment and a better understanding of how the body works. Topics covered include Cell Structure, Important Biological Chemicals, DNA, Nutrition, Reproduction, Microbiology, Respiration, the Nervous Systems and Evolution. Learners have the option to travel to an exotic location, such as Madagascar, to learn about local ecosystems and wildlife.			
A Level Business	5	5	A genuine interest in business
A Level Business is a relevant, modern course which develops your knowledge and understanding, preparing you for a variety of careers. This wide-ranging Business course covers all aspects of business including management and leadership, improving marketing, financial and operational performance.			

A Level Chemistry	5	6	GCSE Chemistry or Combined Science at grade 6 or above is essential
A Level Chemistry underpins many other sciences, so is therefore valued by many universities and employers alike. This subject encompasses Atoms, Bonds and Groups, Chains, Energy and Resources, Rings, Polymers and Analysis, Equilibrium, Energetics and Elements and Practical Skills. Our well-resourced and recently transformed laboratories enable you to further develop analytical science skills to prepare you to further develop your science skills.			
A Level Economics	5	5	A genuine interest in the business environment
A Level Economics will give you an excellent understanding of how individuals, firms and governments on a local, national and global level meet conflicting needs and wants with scarce resources. You will investigate microeconomic activity, such as the impact of individual decisions, the importance of competition and how markets operate, as well as the 'bigger picture' (macroeconomics), the global impact of financial markets and monetary policy.			
A Level English Language	5	4	N/A
If you take A Level English Language at A Level you will become a language detective; searching for linguistic clues in speech and writing, gathering evidence and presenting your case with conviction and flair. You will learn to look at language with new eyes and hear it with new ears, as well as growing as a writer with opportunities to write in a variety of styles. You will be encouraged to produce real material, test it on your target audience and then redraft it until it reaches a professional standard.			
A Level English Literature	5	4	N/A
During this subject, you will read and analyse a range of texts from different genres and periods, including novels, short stories, drama and poetry. You will study six texts in detail during this A Level, including Shakespeare. You will take part in lots of class discussion for this subject, so you can develop your own ideas about the texts we explore.			
A Level Environmental Science	5	5	GCSE Geography at grade 4 is desirable but not essential
If you have a keen interest in the sustainability of our planet you will find this A Level engaging and thought provoking. With topics that include the biophysical environment, energy resources, pollution and sustainability there is plenty to explore and research. Environmental Science is a holistic subject covering many interconnected systems and processes and delves into how humans and the natural world are intrinsically linked together.			

A Level Geography	5	5	GCSE Geography at grade 4 is desirable but not essential
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There has never been a better or more important time to study Geography. With growing global and media interest in issues such as climate change and tectonic hazard mitigation, Geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. Some topics studied will be familiar from GCSE studies whereas others will be new and focused on current issues covered in the news and social media.

A Level History	5	4	GCSE History at grade 5 is essential
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The study of History produces a unique and challenging perspective regarding the relationship between ordinary people and the social economic and cultural situation they developed in. This course examines the issue of rights and freedoms in the modern world, with a particular focus upon 20th century American history and India's struggle for independence from British rule.

A Level Law	5	5	N/A
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A Level Law provides an introduction to the legal system in England and Wales and the overlapping principles between law, morality and justice. You will gain an insight into legal liability in relation to criminal law, tort law and contract law or human rights as well as exploring the changing nature of the law. Throughout your studies you will develop a variety of skills including legal reasoning, analysis and constructing legal arguments.

A Level Maths	5	6	N/A
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This A Level is designed to develop your understanding of a wide range of mathematical ideas and your ability to use them to analyse and solve problems in a variety of applications. A Level Maths encompasses pure maths, statistics and mechanics.

A Level Photography	4	4	GCSE Art at grade 4 is desirable but not essential
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A Level Photography will enable you to develop a wide range of technical and creative processes including the creation, selection and manipulation of analogue and digital imagery. You will be encouraged to develop and extend your skills utilising access to our professional studio, IT equipment and industry professional teaching. We will help support you to achieve your creative potential through learning to edit to a high standard within Photoshop and Lightroom.

A Level Physical Education (PE)	5	5	Other requirements: Students need to be training/competing in one sport discipline at an advanced level.
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A Level PE course enables you to follow your sporting passions by providing a comprehensive theoretical understanding of the factors influencing both societal participation rates and elite athlete performance levels. The course is designed to complement an A Level programme for students who are already training and competing in sports at an advanced level. It allows learners to further enhance their practical sports skills while pursuing their academic studies. A Level PE students are based at the Yeovil Institute of Sport (YIS), a premier sports centre that is both brand new and state-of-the-art.

A Level Physics	5	6	GCSE Physics or Combined Science at grade 6 or above is essential
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A Level Physics is at the very heart of science and technology and opens the door to a wide range of careers. This subject looks in detail at the fundamental workings of our universe, from the very smallest scales in particle and nuclear physics, to the very largest in astrophysics and cosmology. You will carry out investigations, use sensors and probes for data collection and use software for analysis.

A Level Politics	5	5	An interest in current affairs
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A Level Politics is perfect for those students with an interest in current affairs. By combining theoretical knowledge with strong practice, students will gain the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and navigate the political landscape. It is perfectly coupled with a number of A Level subjects, to help secure your future at university.

A Level Psychology	5	5	GCSE Science at grade 5 is also essential
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Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. It is a multi-dimensional subject and includes many sub-fields such as human development, health, clinical, social behaviour and cognitive processes. The study of psychology develops an array of transferable skills which can lead to a choice of careers.

A Level Sociology	5	5	N/A
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A Level Sociology looks at people, their experiences and beliefs; how they live their everyday lives and the way those lives are influenced by society. Studying Sociology will help you understand your own experiences and those of others, encouraging you to look at issues from different perspectives before moving towards an informed view.

A Level Spanish	5	5	Other: A grade 5 in a language at GCSE level.
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Our A Level in Spanish has been developed to inspire all students who have an appreciation of the language, literature, film and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. This motivating course of study will enable you to develop an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the Spanish language, the culture of Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills.

Diploma in Criminology Level 3	5	4	N/A
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Criminology aims to build knowledge and understanding of how criminal systems are developed in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. Criminology encourages students to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of crime whilst reflecting on and developing their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning.

A FUTURE FOCUSED SIXTH FORM



CLASSROOM
PROFILE

Yeovil College's Sixth Form Centre offers several standout features designed to enhance the learning experience and prepare students for future success:

Elevate Programme:

A unique initiative aimed at providing personalised support and enrichment opportunities to help students excel academically and personally.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):

This research-based project allows students to delve deeply into a topic of their choice, developing valuable research, analytical, and project management skills.

Ambassador & Mentorship Programme:

Designed to support students by pairing them with mentors who provide guidance and support throughout their academic journey, helping students adjust to their new environment, develop leadership skills, and build a network of support.

Study Visits & Residential Trips:

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational trips, both locally and internationally, to enhance their learning and cultural understanding.

Specialised Subject Offerings:

In addition to traditional subjects, students can explore new areas such as Environmental Science, Psychology, Law, Criminology, Sociology, Photography, and Politics.

Market-led Offerings:

Based on feedback, we are continuously enhancing our A Level course selection. Recently, we've expanded our offerings to include A Level PE and A Level Spanish.

“At our Sixth Form Centre, students are not only achieving academically but are also developing the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to shape a successful and fulfilling future. Their journey here empowers them to reach their highest potential and make a lasting impact on the world.”



“Izzy has shown outstanding performance in Geography, where she is predicted an A* or A. Izzy is always positive and hardworking, contributing thoughtful insights in class and supporting her peers. She is now focused on securing a Solicitor Apprenticeship with a local law firm, where she is sure to excel.”

Izzy Sims
Formerly of Preston School

A Levels in Criminology, Geography and Law.

WHAT MAKES YC STANDOUT?

Our commitment to excellence ensures our students thrive academically and personally within our A Level provision

- Proudly achieving upward of 96% for the past ten years, seven of which scored 100%.
- Optimised class sizes for personalised learning.
- Dedicated time and space for engaging tutorial sessions.
- Exciting opportunity to undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- High-quality, value-added curriculum designed for success.
- Central location means less travel time and more learning time.
- Carefully selected A Level programme taught by academic specialists.
- Quiet, academically focused study areas for optimal concentration.
- Regular parent engagement through reports, meetings, and parents' evenings.
- Comprehensive academic and personal tutorial programme.
- Ambassador & Mentorship Programme.
- Attendance at the inspiring annual UCAS Conference.

Maximising A Value Added Curriculum

We are dedicated to maximising the value added in our A Level curriculum, offering students exceptional opportunities to broaden their minds and aspirations. Our commitment to going the extra mile sets us apart.

Highlights last year included (September to March):

- Conferences & Events:
- Yeovil Chamber Business Fair
- Somerset Sustainable Futures
- Yeovil Literary Festival
- University of Plymouth Changing Places Day
- Yeovil Community Arts Association
- Alzheimer Society Memory Café.



Masterclasses:

- Battens Solicitors
- Milstead Langdon Accountants
- Dorset County Hospital
- Strategy One
- Techosaurus AI
- UK Parliament
- Synergy Farm Health
- University of Law: 'Can We Make our Memories More Powerful'.

Career Focus:

- Futures Fest visit
- Wessex Water Encounter Day
- Inspirational talk by successful former student and Solicitor, Emily Rutter
- Somerset Foundation Trust NHS Medical Mock Interviews.



"At the Olympiad, there were some confusing and difficult questions, but I used my intuition, and it became fun. I liked the variety of topics, and it was an interesting experience overall."

Simona Cruden
First Year A Level student
Bronze at British Biology Olympiad.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

All A Level students have the opportunity to undertake a research-based Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as part of their full A Level study programme. Highly recommended for students with university aspirations, the EPQ has been greatly valued by former students.

The EPQ is designed to help students develop a broad understanding of research skills, along with strong analytical reflection and project management experience. These skills are essential for university progression and are highly relevant to both work and life.

Benefits for Future Careers:

- **Enhanced Research Skills:** Develop the ability to conduct thorough and effective research, a skill highly valued in many professional fields.
- **Analytical Thinking:** Gain experience in analysing data and reflecting on findings, crucial for problem-solving in any career.
- **Project Management:** Learn to manage projects from start to finish, a key competency in the workplace.
- **University Preparedness:** Stand out in university applications with a demonstrated ability to undertake independent research.
- **Transferable Skills:** Acquire skills that are not only vital for academic success but also highly sought after by employers in various industries.

By completing the EPQ, students are better prepared for both higher education and their future careers, making them more competitive and capable in the job market.



RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

Yeovil College A Level students perform well and progress to a range of destinations, which include university and degree apprenticeships. All students are encouraged and supported to develop clear goals which suit their own career-aspirations.

A Level highlights include:

Top Performers: Many students achieved top grades across a number of subjects, with **100%** pass rate in 12 subjects, and over **97%** in several more.

Recognisable growth from last year's results with **37%** of students achieving **A*-B** and **71%** achieving **A*-C**; **5%** above national average

Highest-ever A Level exam entry with an unprecedented increase of over **20%** in student participation, reflecting Yeovil College's rising reputation for academic excellence and its commitment to empowering students with high-quality education and support.

Securing University Places: **77%** of A Level Students with a University Application secured their first-choice university place, and **27%** of Students are progressing to secured places at Russell Group Universities.



"I have had the best experience I could have asked for at Yeovil College and it has hugely shaped who I am now as a person. I'm hoping to get into teaching and these past few years have really supported this idea for me."

Belle Miller
Sociology (A*) Criminology (A) English Literature (B)
Formerly of Wadham School, progressing to a Teaching Apprenticeship.



"I enjoyed the social life at Yeovil College and being able to work alongside my peers in many different projects was very rewarding. I'd like to thank the teaching staff here at the College, they really put me on the right track with my studies. They were always really supportive and have helped me to achieve the grades to progress on to university."

Leon Churchill
A Levels in English Literature (A) English Language (B) Psychology (B)
Formerly of Preston School.

ARE A LEVELS RIGHT FOR YOU?

YES, they are – if the student excels in exams, enjoys revision, and thrives in a classroom-based environment.

YES, they are – if the student prefers the flexibility to explore multiple subjects (usually three) before committing to a specific field of study for university or a career.

YES, they are – if the student's primary goal is to go to university through the traditional route or pursue additional higher education.

Advanced Educational Facilities:

- Student Revision Space: Dedicated areas for independent study.
- Subject-Specific Classrooms: Including multiple, ultra-modern science labs.
- Learning Resource Centre: Welcoming and well-resourced.
- Laptop Loan Service: Access to laptops for study.
- Desktop Computers: Available for student use.
- Super Speedy WiFi: Fast connectivity and specialised software packages.
- Gym and Sports Facilities: Access to fitness and sports amenities.

Sixth Form Centre students benefit from dedicated spaces and carefully designed classrooms within the main College building and specialist spaces within our incredible new Sports Centre, Health, Education, and Science Centre and Creative Leonardo Building. In year two of their A Level programme, they will move to the new state-of-the-art main teaching centre, where they can expect to enjoy all the benefits, technology, facilities and superior learning environments that accompany a brand new college.

Bespoke facilities include:

- Ultra-modern science laboratories
- State-of-the-art sport, strength and conditioning and gym facilities
- Bespoke creative art and design studios
- Digital and photography studios, including a dark room.

These modern environments are designed to support and enhance the learning experience for our students.

A LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Every A Level student is provided with a comprehensive study programme designed to add value, maximise opportunities, enhance personal knowledge, and develop strong study skills. This programme ensures that students leave Yeovil College not only with academic success but also with personal achievements. To succeed, A Level students need to be organised with their time and studies, and dedicated to excelling in their subjects.

Here are the key components of the A Level Study Programme:

Three A Level Subjects: Students will complete between 4.5-6 hours of lessons per subject each week.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ): All A Level students have the opportunity to undertake a research-based extended project of their own choosing, which helps develop their overall UCAS points, skills, and deeper knowledge.

Cross College Assemblies & Group Tutorials: A bespoke and relevant tutorial programme designed to keep learners safe, resilient, and able to flourish.

YC Edge & Enrichment: Students have dedicated time within their timetables to participate in sports and enrichment activities.

Value-Added: Masterclasses, conferences, exclusive events, and an opportunity to explore careers and the world of work.

Work Experience: A Level students have the opportunity to complete work experience as part of their programme.

This structured approach ensures that students are well-prepared for both academic and personal success.

Our students' timetables are academically robust, yet flexible enough to encourage personal growth and development.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am – 10.30am	A Level Geography	A Level Economics	A Level Business	Independent Study	A Level Business
10.30am – 10.45am	Learning Break				
10.45am – 12.15pm	A Level Economics	A Level Geography	A Level Economics	A Level Business	Independent Study
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Learning Break				
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Academic Tutorial	Personal Development Journal	Edge & Enrichment	Independent Study	A Level Geography
2.15pm – 2.30pm	Learning Break				
2.30pm – 4.00pm	Independent Study	A Level Business	Edge & Enrichment	A Level Geography	A Level Economics

SELECTING THE RIGHT A LEVEL PROGRAMME

Start with a few key considerations:

Interests and Strengths: Think about the subjects you enjoy and excel in.

Career Aspirations: Consider future career goals; certain professions require specific A Levels.

University Requirements: Research the entry requirements for university courses of interest, as some have specific A Level prerequisites.

Balance: Aim for a mix of subjects that balance the workload and keep options open.

Advice: Talk to Yeovil College teachers, career advisors, and current A Level students.

Resources: Use online resources and guides to explore different subjects and combinations; UCAS can be very helpful.

Facilitating A Level Subjects

If students are struggling to select their subjects, The Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities, have defined a selection of A-level subjects that are commonly required or preferred by universities for a wide range of degree courses. These subjects help keep options open when applying to university.

The Russell Group, which represents 24 leading UK universities, defines facilitating subjects as:

- English Literature
- History
- Classical Languages
- Maths and Further Maths
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography.

Suggested Combinations



Psychology, Sociology, Law



Business, Economics, Maths



English Language, History, Politics



PE, Psychology, Biology

PROGRESSION

Upon completing their A levels, students have a multitude of pathways to elevate their skills and knowledge. One prominent option is university, where they can explore a wide range of subjects. It's essential for students to thoroughly research which higher-level qualifications align with their career aspirations. For those who prefer to stay closer to home, local university centres, such as Yeovil College University Centre, offer excellent opportunities.

Alternatively, students might consider higher or degree-level apprenticeships. These programmes provide invaluable hands-on experience in the workplace, allowing students to develop practical skills while earning a professional qualification in their chosen field, such as the Chartered Institute of Management or the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. This blend of academic learning and real-world application can significantly enhance their career prospects.

To support their next steps and prepare for the future, A Level students will receive a range of valuable resources and opportunities, including:

- UCAS support
- Mock university interviews
- Careers Fairs
- University Conference
- Employer visits and masterclasses
- Access to a professional mentoring programme
- Guest university speakers
- 1:1 Support and tutorials
- Careers support and guidance

These initiatives are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their future endeavours.

Options Post-A Levels

A Levels are highly regarded by both employers and higher education institutions. After completing their A Levels, most students pursue a future of higher education or career opportunities in various ways:

- Progressing to university or higher education to study for a degree, a professional qualification, or equivalent.
- Starting an advanced, higher, or degree apprenticeship.
- Applying for employment with training.
- Taking a gap year to travel, work, or volunteer.
- Joining Yeovil College University Centre.

These pathways provide students with numerous options to advance their education and career prospects.



Balqees Adediran achieved outstanding A Level results with an A* in Chemistry, A in Maths and A in Biology and received two offers for university.

"The support from my teachers and peers at Yeovil College has been incredible."

Balqees Adediran

A LEVEL FAQS

How many A Levels can I study?

You can take up to three different A Level subjects at our Sixth Form Centre with your Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) being your fourth subject.

What does my timetable look like?

Your timetable will have a massive academic focus around your subjects of choice and your EPQ. We have ringfenced time for 1-1 tutorials, group tutorials, independent and directed study and work experience. We have also allowed time for enrichment activities and the Yeovil College Sports Academy.

What enrichment opportunities will I get?

A Level students have dedicated periods within their timetables for YC Edge and enrichment and Extended Project Qualifications. Learners can take part in any of the 5 strands of YC Edge: Academic, Sport, Artistic and Cultural, Challenge and/or Ambassador.

Will I get free periods?

A Level students have study periods scheduled into their timetable throughout the week, however this is set aside for time to study independently.

Will I be in College every day?

You will be in College every day.

When is the deadline to apply for A Levels?

There are no described deadlines of when you must apply by, however we recommend applying early to ensure you secure the subjects you want. A Level subject demand is extremely high at Yeovil College, which means that some students could be left disappointed when programmes are full. To help, the majority of Year 11s intending to study A Level subjects with us in Year 12 will apply before the December break. You can apply online at www.yeovil.ac.uk.

Can I change my subjects after starting in September?

Yes. We have a 'subject shuffle day' at around three weeks into the programmes. This allows students to change subjects if they are unhappy with their initial choices. We will support you to do this quickly and as smoothly as possible.

Do A Level students go on trips?

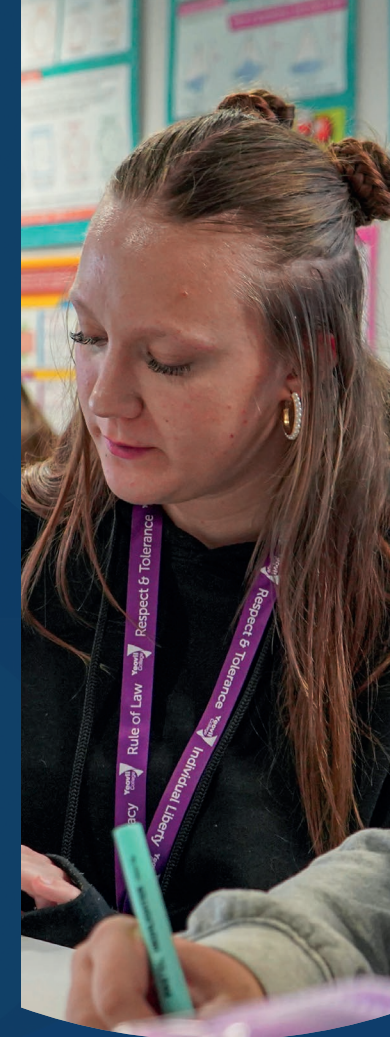
Absolutely! Our previous A Level students have undertaken some fantastic trips both at home and abroad, and they are regulars in London, theatres, UCAS Conference, beaches and a whole host of locations, including Paris.





“ The resources available to me at Yeovil College has been amazing, we've had regular group tutorials where we've discussed important topics that has helped me outside of the classroom and we've had the opportunity to take part in wonderful activities and trips like Center Parcs. My lecturer has been my biggest supporter throughout my course; she pushes you out of your comfort zone so you can achieve your highest potential which I will forever be grateful for. **”**

ISABELLA MATHEWS
Formerly of Westfield Academy
Level 3 Beauty Therapy student and Shining Stars Award Winner.



VOCATIONAL

EXTRAORDINARY **SKILLS**

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Diploma

L1

English and Maths at grade 2 or above

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Diploma

L2

English and Maths at grade 3 or above

T LEVEL PATHWAY

T Level Maintenance Engineering Technologies

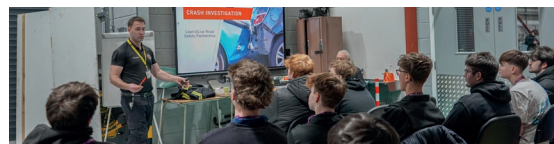
L3

English and Maths at grade 5 or above & Level 2 Diploma

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician

L3



In the field of Automotive Engineering, Yeovil College's mission is to develop the knowledge and skills of the next generation of engineers and technicians. With the unveiling of its cutting-edge Automotive Engineering workshop in the summer-term of 2024, Yeovil College has revolutionised the department by equipping it with state-of-the-art, technical tools and diagnostic systems, creating purpose-built, safe, clean, and spacious workspaces.

As the curriculum and student body continue to grow, Yeovil College is committed to offering the most advanced automotive engineering qualifications. By doing so, it is setting new standards in automotive education.

Yeovil College collaborates with top regional employers such as Ariel Motor Company, Nissan, Vertu BMW, Snap-on, and Brakes Motor Company to provide students with the education, skills, and hands-on experience needed to excel in the industry.

Through its innovative Future Vehicle Technologies (FVT) signature brand, Yeovil College is making significant strides in the fields of electric vehicles and cell technology. Partnering with leading suppliers, it ensures its offerings are world-class. This is the future of the industry, and Yeovil College is at the forefront.

During the study programme, students will gain comprehensive skills and knowledge, from understanding the basics of engines, steering systems, suspension components, and brakes, to advanced diagnostics and fault rectification in transmission systems, engine areas, braking, and suspension. Utilising the latest diagnostic equipment and researching modern vehicle technologies, students will be well-prepared for employment or an apprenticeship in the automotive industry.



"I wanted to gain a better understanding of how cars work, and I am really interested in the body work of cars. I really enjoy the course and the practical sessions are fantastic."

Amy Santos

Formerly of Gillingham School

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Student and Shining Stars Award Winner.

ADVANCED

TRAINING CENTRES

Yeovil College's new Automotive Engineering Centre serves as the primary teaching and learning base. This top-of-the-range, industry-standard workshop is equipped with four vehicle ramps, an MOT test lane with a brake roller tester, diagnostic test equipment, an air conditioning service unit, and electric vehicle tooling. The workshops have undergone significant expansion to provide some of the finest EV and cell-tech facilities in the region.

Students will regularly work with the teaching team on the current fleet of vehicles, including new electric vehicles, diagnosing and repairing problems to build a solid foundation of knowledge. During the Automotive Engineering study programme, students will visit workshops and undertake work placements with local garages. Practicing experts from the automotive industry will also visit Yeovil College to deliver masterclasses and demonstrations of the latest technology.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Howards Motor Group generously donated multiple cars to Automotive Engineering, enabling our students to practice their hands-on skills on brand new vehicles.



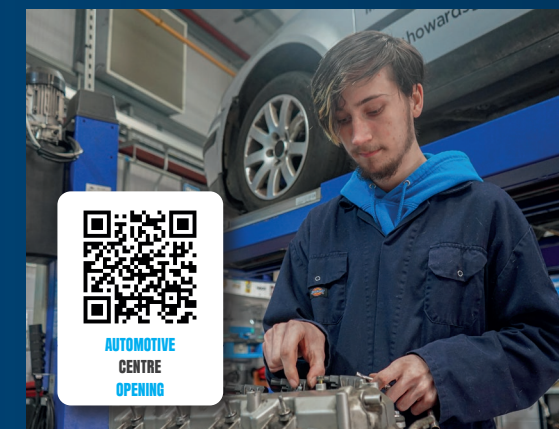
Students had an incredible adventure at the Haynes Motor Museum, where they embarked on a thrilling guided tour, diving into the fascinating origins of cars and exploring cutting-edge future car concepts.



Electude visited students with their mobile experience room, equipped with training boards to provide with students a practical, hands-on experience and a taste of cutting-edge technology.



Level 1 Automotive Engineering learners had an amazing time at the Motorcycle Live show at the NEC and were inspired by all that they saw.



AUTOMOTIVE
CENTRE
OPENING

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



Brakes
Motor Company



Snap-on

Howards Motor Group 50
1972-2022

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Vehicle Technician
Vehicle Mechanic
Electric Vehicle Technician
Mechanical Engineer
Vehicle and Parts Adviser
Vehicle Assembler
Garage Manager
Vehicle Body Repairs
Service Technician



GARAGE MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS

National average

£38,410

£24,970

Starter

Which is the same as **£739 a week**

£53,770

Experienced

L3
Most individuals employed in the sector will possess an industry-standard and relevant qualification.



GARAGE MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

35,668

35,344

35,000

2024

2025

2026

2027

+
1.4%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Garage Management:

Garage Managers are responsible for the day-to-day running of a garage workshop.

Mechanical Engineering:

Mechanical Engineers develop and design the components and machinery used in manufacturing, construction and other industries.

Car Manufacturing:

Car Manufacturing Operatives build motor vehicles by assembling parts on a production line.

Motor Vehicle Fitting:

Motor Vehicle Fitters repair and replace worn or damaged tyres, exhausts, batteries and parts.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Knowledge of engineering, science and technology
- A passion for vehicles
- Ability to motivate and manage staff
- Attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- Teamwork skills
- Patient and calm in stressful situations
- Organised with your time and workload
- Verbal communication skills.

DETERMINE YOUR IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Dealing with customers
- Supervising a team of mechanics
- Ordering parts
- Checking the quality of work
- Managing fleet accounts for commercial clients
- Using, repairing and maintaining machines and tools
- Taking delivery of parts from suppliers
- Operating presses that shape metal sheets and components
- Fixing the engine and frame to the vehicle chassis
- Assembling other parts using robotic welders and hand tools
- Controlling paint spraying machinery
- Fitting interiors, wiring, lights, dashboards and windscreens
- Turning ideas into blueprints for development and testing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yeovil College's Automotive Engineering facilities are a standout feature, including a large, ultra-modern workshop with advanced electrical and cell technology.
- Students use the latest diagnostic equipment and research modern vehicle technologies to prepare for careers in the automotive industry. Industry placements are integral, helping students deepen their understanding and often leading to apprenticeships.
- Yeovil College partners with local and regional employers who provide cutting-edge technology, vehicles, and expertise, and offer masterclasses. This first-hand experience is invaluable.
- The curriculum comprises of experienced professionals passionate about sharing their skills and continuously developing their knowledge; the teaching team are a true asset to the College.



GETTING STARTED IN AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers an Automotive Engineering qualification that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)
Qualifications to enable people to complete light vehicle inspections and MOTs

LEVEL 1

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Diploma
Hydrogen Awareness Award

LEVEL 2

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Diploma
Award in MOT Testing

LEVEL 3

T Level Maintenance Engineering Technologies
Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship
Upskilling Current Technicians (E.V. 2.2, 3, 4)
Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)

LEVEL 4+

HNC/D Mechanical Engineering (linked to Engineering)
HNC/D Manufacturing Engineering (linked to Engineering)
HNC/D Business Management & Strategy (linked to Business Ownership)



IS AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **53,668** people employed nationally within the automotive engineering industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 1.4%**

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"I have always loved everything about cars, especially classic cars - working on them makes me feel like me! I chose Yeovil College as not many other colleges offer automotive courses, and I think that makes YC special. The facilities are really good, and the tutors are supportive. In the future, I want to continue promoting getting women into male dominated careers and open a classic car restoration, following in my Grandads footsteps."

Ruby Chapman
Formerly of Preston School
Automotive Maintenance & Repair.

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

Once someone finishes their qualification in Automotive Engineering, there are plenty of ways to level up their skills and knowledge. The first option is pursuing a higher-level qualification, such as a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or a full degree. They can choose to specialise in Automotive Engineering or transfer their qualification to a different area of Engineering.

At Yeovil College University Centre, we offer Higher National Diploma (HND) qualifications in Aeronautical, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. If you would prefer to get stuck into the workplace, a higher or degree apprenticeship is another route of progression. Roles within the Automotive Engineering industry tend to be more practical than others, making an apprenticeship an appealing route of progression because of the hands-on experience you can gain.

BUSINESS



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

T LEVEL PATHWAY

T Level Foundation in Business Management & Administration

L2

Required: 3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Business Management & Administration

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

Accounting - Assistant Accountant

L3

Administration

L3

HR Support

L3

Team Leader/Supervisor

L3

Information Manager

L4

Operations/Departmental Manager

L5



A solid understanding of business and commercial principles, coupled with entrepreneurial vision, will enable students to develop strong, prosperous, and exciting careers in almost any sector. Yeovil College covers all aspects of business, from finance, quality, marketing, and human resources to leadership, management, and entrepreneurship.

Courses at Yeovil College are taught by experts with extensive industry experience. The curriculum is designed with the support of employers and includes regular masterclasses delivered by respected professionals currently working within the industry. Quality and relevant work experience opportunities are seamlessly integrated into the curriculum, along with employer mentoring. This combination creates highly employable and desirable students who are ready to join the workforce and/or are well-equipped to take on the challenges of university life. Business graduates leave Yeovil College with the skills, knowledge, and behaviours that local employers desire.

The Business study programmes at Yeovil College have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to ensure the content meets industry needs and prepares learners for work in all aspects of the business sector. These programmes are designed to deliver a high-level of knowledge about business management and administration, as well as the occupational skills required to successfully enter the business world.

Most students will also undertake a substantial 45-day industry placement during the first and second years of their programme, supported by both the Business team and the Careers Hub. This placement allows students to put their knowledge into practice and further solidify their learning.



"Yeovil College's link to employers helped me to secure my industry placement and now an apprenticeship with Honeywell. The industry placement is such an important part of the T Level as we are assessed on it, it's a really great way to build skills and knowledge and is great to start your CV with."

Max Smith (left)

T Level Business

Formerly of Preston School.

MOTIVATIONAL LEARNING SPACES

At Yeovil College, the world of business becomes the classroom. Students are based within newly designed and developed learning spaces and environments within the main teaching building. This space is transformed into a professional business environment through visiting lecturers, masterclasses, live briefs, real projects, and work experience.

Real experience and live briefs are crucial at Yeovil College. Students deliver impactful projects whenever possible, such as setting up their own businesses, creating new products, and launching them to market. They pitch their business plans and marketing and sales strategies to regional employers and entrepreneurs.

Substantial work experience is a key part of the study programme, allowing students to embed their learning into practical experience. Each student is paired with an experienced mentor who provides real-time feedback and support, helping them develop exemplary business skills and knowledge.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



T Level Management and Administration students dived into the world of VR with bodyswaps to develop their critical teamwork skills through immersive interactions.



Students took part in the 'Bin Bag Challenge', where they used their critical thinking skills to create clothing lines out of bin bag, scraps and materials, before cat-walking their designs, and presenting their business strategies.



T Level learners took a trip to Bristol to look at different businesses and better understand how they operate, considering their approach to customer service, travel links, sustainability USPs.



Assistant Accountant Apprentices took part in a virtual reality session to learn more about soft skills, including a scenario-based activities focused on active listening and communication.



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EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

BRANSTON



BUSINESS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Business Entrepreneur
Inspiring Leaders
Personal Assistant
Accountant
Human Resources Manager
Administrator
Marketing Manager
Business Development Manager



BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS

National average

£52,900

£34,380

Starter

Which is the same as **£1,017 a week**

£74,050

Experienced



The majority employed will hold a Higher National Diploma (HND), BA/BSc Degree, Degree Apprenticeship or sector specific, professional qualification.



BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

248,028

246,014

244,000

2024

2025

2026

2027

+
1.5%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Marketing:

Plan how to promote products, services or brands, create marketing and social media strategies.

Finance:

Manage the finances of an organisation by keeping track of its income and controlling its spending.

Human Resources:

Support the development and delivering of HR policies and plans, training and developing staff and working to improve employee relations.

Leadership & Management:

Plan and organise people, tasks and resources to complete a project on time and within budget; build your own business enterprise or manage an established business.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Leadership skills
- Knowledge of computer operating systems
- Persistence and determination
- Ability to use your initiative
- Attention to detail
- Business management skills
- Maths and English
- Effective communication skills
- Analytical thinking skills.

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Project management
- Managing a team of people
- Managing an office environment
- Negotiating, monitoring and control
- Setting, planning and managing budgets, targets and timelines
- Writing and overseeing communications
- Organising and attending events
- Building positive relationships
- Writing reports and making presentations
- Completing or supporting audits
- Writing reports and making presentations to customers and senior management
- Forecasting sales targets and making sure they're met
- Producing regular analytics and reports on digital activities
- Managing social platforms and e-communications.

HIGHLIGHTS

The strength of a solid business qualification is that it enables individuals to progress their careers into almost any sector of their choosing, including providing the skills needed to advance to university or operate their own business.

Yeovil College's T Level Business qualification prepares students to progress into any aspect of business, including leadership and management, human resources, finance, quality assurance, or office management. It provides a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the business world.

A critical element of Yeovil College's success is its model where industry experts teach students. All Business lecturers at Yeovil College are specialists in their fields, with bespoke masterclasses delivered by practicing professionals from the external business community. Students have the opportunity to work on live briefs, solving issues for local businesses, and complete real-time projects, such as creating their own business companies for regional and national Young Enterprise competitions.

A significant and relevant period of work experience is built into the Level 3 T Level programme, lasting around 45 days. This allows students to gain real-world experience in a business specialism that most interests them.

GETTING STARTED IN BUSINESS

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers a Business qualification that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

LEVEL 2

T Level Foundation in Business Management & Administration

AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting

Customer Service Practitioner Apprenticeship | Retailer Apprenticeship | Admin Apprenticeship

LEVEL 3

T Level Business Management & Administration

AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting

CIPD Human Resources

Business Administration Apprenticeship

HR Support Apprenticeship

Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship

Team Leader/Supervisor Apprenticeship

LEVEL 4+

AAT Professional Diploma in Accounting (Level 4)

Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician Apprenticeship (Level 4)

HNC/D Business Management & Strategy (Level 4/5)

Operations Manager Apprenticeship (Level 5)

CMI Diploma Management & Leadership (Level 5)



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(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"I really enjoy my course, particularly the finance aspect. College offers a lot of freedom; the teachers are really supportive, and they push you where it's needed, rather than being spoon-fed. I'm currently completing my work experience in the reception at Golden Stones, and I hope to go into either Finance, Banking or Accountancy in the future."

Sebastian Raczkowski
Formerly of Preston School
T Level Business Management & Administration.

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MOVING FORWARD

Having completed a course in Business, why not take it a step further and pursue a university-level qualification? To deepen your understanding of business and commercial principles, a degree in Business is the next logical step and is offered by many top universities across the country. For those looking to stay local and study flexibly, Yeovil College University Centre offers a full BA (Hons) Business Management and Strategy Degree.

University isn't the only path available; a higher or degree apprenticeship in Business is a fantastic alternative to kickstart your career and gain valuable on-the-job skills. It's an excellent way to build a relationship with an employer and advance your career. Yeovil College also offers a range of part-time courses relevant to the commercial world, including Creating a Business Start-up and ACCA accounting qualifications.



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing

L3

L2 in a Computing/IT based subject, plus a GCSE results in English & Maths (any grade)

T LEVEL PATHWAY

T Level Foundation in IT

L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level in Digital (Software Programming) L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

Information Communications Technician

L3

Network Engineer

L4

Data Analyst Apprenticeship

L4

Software Developer

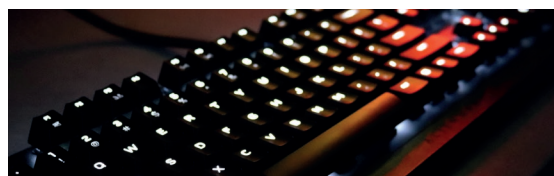
L4

Digital Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship*

L6



*Subject to approval.



The rapidly expanding and ever-changing world of digital and computing is an exciting place to be, especially at Yeovil College. There are numerous opportunities to work with the latest technology, setting the pace for the future and driving change. The Computing department at Yeovil College has received significant funding from the Institute of Technology (IoT), enabling the creation of multiple top-of-the-range industry hardware labs and computer suites.

The dedicated IT Labs are perfect for configuring networking components and developing software for popular games development units. With many options available, students can find courses that match their interests. As the only college in South Somerset partnered with the Institute of Technology, Yeovil College offers UK-leading computing spaces and innovative technology. Coupled with expert teaching, the college is confidently delivering the digital and cyber skills of the future.

Lessons are packed with hands-on practical activities and simulation software to familiarise learners with collaborative development and teamwork. The T Level programmes are comprehensive, designed to equip learners with technical skills in computer networking, software programming, data processing, digital infrastructure, network cabling, digital support, business practices, and essential legal awareness required in the digital industries.

The lecturing team consists of highly qualified and experienced practitioners dedicated to ensuring student success through effective curriculum delivery and pastoral support. The qualifications are designed collaboratively between employers and digital industry specialists to equip learners with the knowledge and skills needed for direct employment in the IT industry.



"I originally choose to study elsewhere after finishing school but decided to come to Yeovil College after seeing the modern facilities they provided. The level of equipment and effort they have put in to providing a better learning environment is incredible. I don't live locally, but I'm committed to studying at YC every day because it's worth it!"

Ryan Laver

T Level Digital Support Services
Formerly of Gillingham School.

HIGH SPEC ENVIRONMENTS

Students will be based in the Institute of Technology (IoT) Digital Labs and Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) smart room, which have undergone significant investment and transformation. No expense has been spared to provide high-spec facilities and innovative learning environments for computing and digital students.

All computing teaching and practical engagement take place within the dedicated Digital Innovation Centre on the second floor of the main teaching building.

As part of the West of England IoT partnership, students can expect better resources, higher-level technical learning, and access to enhanced learning opportunities across the partnership.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



T Level Digital Production Design & Development students have been diving into the digital world, getting hands-on by taking PCs apart in their Digital Environment unit.



T Level students completed their work placement at Leonardo Helicopters UK and welcomed the opportunity to meet with CEO, Clive Higgins to showcase what they had been developing whilst on placement.



The Level 2 T Level Foundation Programme class, spent time on interest-led projects. From programming to building web pages, the students had the control on what they wanted to focus on and achieve.



T Level Digital Production, Design & Development students visited the Retro Collective Museum to experience gaming machines from the ages and see their progressive development.



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EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

BAE SYSTEMS

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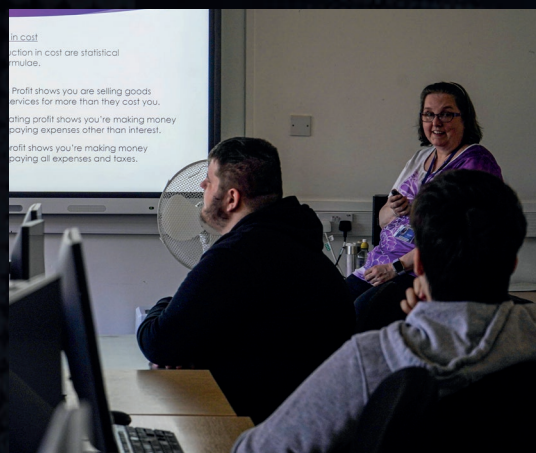
Kingfisher Technology
The people powering the possible.

GARADOR
The Garage Door People

COMPUTING & DIGITAL

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

IT Operations Technician
IT Engineer
Telecommunications Professional
Software Development Technician
Programmer
IT Business Analyst
Programme Manager
Director of Technology
Cyber Security



IT BUSINESS ANALYSTS, ARCHITECTS & SYSTEM DESIGNERS

National average

£51,700

£33,600

Starter

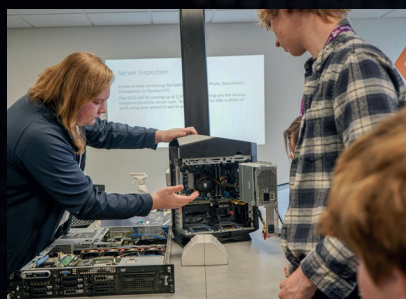
Which is the same as **£994 a week**

£72,380

Experienced



The majority employed in this role will hold a BA/BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship or sector specific qualification.



IT PROJECT MANAGERS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

130,454

129,227

120,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

+
1.5%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

IT Project Management:

Oversee the development and installation of computer hardware and software systems.

Computer Games Development:

Make games that can be played online, on mobile phones, PCs and games consoles.

Network Engineering and Cyber Security:

Design, implement and maintain the way data is transferred across digital and telecommunications networks - including configuration of security measures to protect networks from cyber threats.

Software and Web Development:

Create and maintain software and web applications.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Knowledge of computing, engineering, science and technology
- A passion for IT and how it operates
- Ability to motivate and manage staff
- Attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- Teamwork skills
- Patient and calm in stressful situations
- Organised with your time and workload
- Verbal communication skills.

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- Deliver effective customer service
- Work with clients to understand their digital requirements
- Determine timescales, budgets and quality
- Project manage
- Design, create and innovate
- Cyber security
- Problem-solve and adjust plans
- Plan back-up and recovery systems
- Assess risks to systems/design security systems
- Test and evaluate security products
- Plan for disaster recovery in the event of security breaches
- Simulate security breaches
- Use ethical hacking methods to find security flaws
- Investigate digital breaches and carry out corrective action
- Lead a team of people.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Computing department at Yeovil College is proud to be a member of the West of England Institute of Technology (WEIoT), making it the only college in South Somerset represented within an IoT. WEIoT brings together industry, education, and research to design and deliver flexible, higher-level technical learning, equipping people with the skills needed to participate in and contribute to economic growth driven by digital innovation and emerging technologies.

Membership in the IoT, as well as significant inward development, has provided numerous benefits, including significant investment in the department, the creation of a new hardware lab, multiple high-end computing suites, and an IoT Digital Innovation Centre.

Computing and Digital students frequently engage in live briefs and projects, developing real solutions for actual clients.

Yeovil College is also a Cisco Centre, meaning students learn from IT and digital professionals. Cisco is a global leader in IT, networking, and cybersecurity solutions.

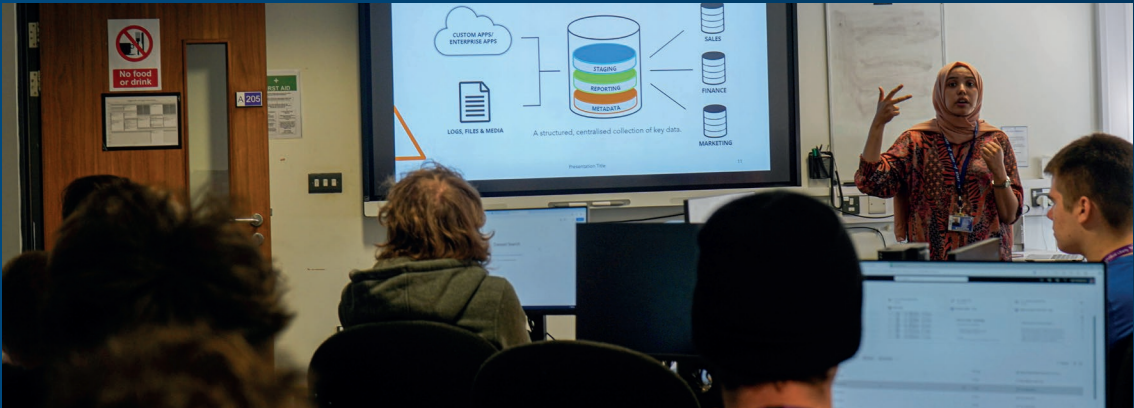
The teachers at Yeovil College are industry experts, each with significant experience in the computing sector before joining the teaching team.

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GETTING STARTED IN COMPUTING & DIGITAL

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers a Computing & Digital qualification that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS
Digital Bootcamps
ICT Functional Skills
LEVEL 2
Certificate in Digital Skills
T Level Foundation in IT
LEVEL 3
T Level Foundation in Computing
T Level in Digital (Software Programming)
T Level in Digital (IT Support Services)
Apprenticeship in Information Communications Technician
LEVEL 4+
Higher National Certificate (HNC) Computing for England
Higher National Diploma (HND) Computing for England
Higher National Diploma top-up (HND) Computing
BSc (Hons) Computing (top-up)
Apprenticeship in Network Engineering
Apprenticeship in Data Analysis
Apprenticeship in Software Development
Digital Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship (Level 6)



IS COMPUTING & DIGITAL AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **130,454** people employed nationally within the digital (computing and IT) industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 1.5%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



“I’ve always been interested in computers and wanted to choose something I was good at and could learn more about. I’m interested in learning more about networking, digital support systems and software as well as many other aspects! My big dream is to become a content creator for YouTube.”

Nikki Tavener
Digital Production, Design & Development Level 2 T Level Foundation
Formerly of Westfield Academy.

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

Once a student completes their Computing course, there are various routes available to further their education and career. A university-level qualification is an excellent way to enhance skills and achieve higher-level job positions. Students can choose to progress to a larger university and study specialist degrees in Computer Science or Cyber Security. However, if moving away isn’t appealing, they can continue their studies at Yeovil College and pursue a BSc (Hons) Computing degree at the Yeovil College University Centre. Alternatively, students might consider starting a higher or degree-level Computing apprenticeship with a local employer to kickstart their career immediately. The technology industry is rapidly expanding, and opportunities for specialist apprenticeships are increasing.

CONSTRUCTION



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES



VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

Bricklaying

Y1 Y2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (Y1)
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (Y2)
(inc. English & Maths)

Carpentry & Joinery

Y1 Y2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (Y1)
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (Y2)
(inc. English & Maths)

Electrical Installation

Y1 Y2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (Y1)
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (Y2)
(inc. English & Maths)

Plumbing

Y1 Y2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (Y1)
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (Y2)
(inc. English & Maths)

College is one of the largest and most impressive providers of construction skills, education and training in the region, and it is about to expand even further, with the introduction of a second dedicated Construction Innovation Centre being added to the suite of facilities in Spring 2026. This extension will support over 100% growth in apprentices and full-time learners, enhancing their career development, part of a £60+ million project.

The Construction provision at Yeovil College is committed to developing the next generation of industry professionals by embedding green skills and retrofit techniques into every aspect of the curriculum. With a team of highly experienced and qualified staff, the department ensures that learners gain practical, future-focused expertise aligned with the latest industry standards.

Student success is a core priority, with many progressing into apprenticeships, employment, or higher education. Strong employer engagement is central to the programme design, with local and regional construction partners actively contributing to course development and offering valuable work-based learning opportunities that enhance career readiness.

Yeovil College provides hands-on training that equips students to build successful careers in various building trades while developing strong employability skills for the future, and thanks to its industry-standard facilities, new-build Construction Centres, and exceptional teaching, the Construction provision is considered a Centre of Excellence, offering unrivalled training facilities for the industry.



T LEVEL PATHWAY

T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering)

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths) and a Level 2 in chosen discipline

T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing Engineering)

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths) and a Level 2 in chosen discipline

Apprenticeship Pathway

For our full list of Apprenticeships, go to page 148, including:

- Brick
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Painting & Decorating
- Fire & Security



"Jack has shown outstanding performance and dedication. He has gone above and beyond in installation skills, customer service, and theory work—setting a high standard for his peers. His passion for inspiring future learners truly stands out, and being shortlisted for the EAL Engenuity National Award is a testament to his hard work and ambition."

Jack Buckler Level 3 T Level Building Services Engineering Electrotechnical Engineering

Formerly of Stanchester Academy.

INDUSTRY-STANDARD TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Yeovil College's two new construction centres offer some of the best facilities, technology, space, and environments in the region. Students will study in dedicated, industry-standard construction workshops designed to replicate real-world environments, allowing them to develop essential construction employability skills. All practical sessions are held in state-of-the-art workshops, where theory is transferred into practice. The Construction Innovation Centre, opening in Spring 2026, will expand vocational training by 1,700m², supporting over 100% growth in apprentices and full-time learners. Part of a £60+ million campus regeneration, it promises top-quality teaching space, facilities, and technology.

Students will undertake substantial work experience as part of their study programme, enabling them to embed their learning into practical experience. Regular site visits to live construction sites and projects, along with demonstrations from visiting experts, onsite construction expos, masterclasses, and live demonstrations, provide valuable insights and hands-on learning opportunities.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Yeovil College hosted their annual Construction Trade Expo where they welcomed over twenty local suppliers and employers to showcase the latest innovations in the Construction industry as well as employment opportunities.



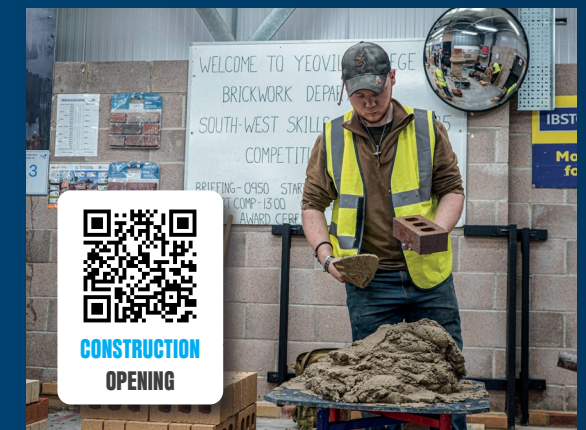
Electrical and Plumbing students visited the redevelopment of Yeovil District Hospital. They had the exciting opportunity to access an incredibly complex and vital building project.



Carpentry and Joinery students helped build the Temple Stage at Glastonbury Festival, gaining behind-the-scenes experience and insight into festival set construction.



Bricklaying learners visited Ibstock Brick Factory in Swanage for a guided tour of the production line and had the exciting opportunity to make unique bricks of their own.



EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

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Creating communities.
empowering lives.

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Fire & Security

Bradford's
BUILDING SUPPLIES

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ELECTRICALS

JONES
Subcontractors
A local since 1971

CONSTRUCTION

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Fire and Security Technician
Building Surveyor
Plumber
Heating Engineer
Electrical Fitter
Carpenter and Joiner
Construction Site Manager
Bricklayer



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGERS AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS

National average

£40,500

£26,330

Starter

Which is the same as **£779 a week**

£56,700

Experienced



The majority of those employed in this role will hold a A or AS Level, T Level, NVQ or an Apprenticeship.



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGERS AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

94,120

93,310

92,500

2024

2025

2026

2027

+
1.5%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK AS:

Construction Site Supervisor:

Manage staff and subcontractors on building sites.

Plumber:

Fit and service hot and cold water systems, heating systems and drainage networks.

Electrician:

Fit, service and fix electrical equipment, circuits, machinery and wiring.

Health & Safety Advisor:

Work to reduce accidents, injury and health problems in the workplace.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- A keen interest in building, construction and maintenance
- Organised with time and workload
- Strong teamwork skills
- Ability to use your initiative
- Verbal communication skills
- Customer service skills
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Flexible and open to change
- Knowledge of public safety and security.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Carrying out work and tasks related to your specialist trade area
- Supervising workers and subcontractors
- Organising staff work schedules
- Checking work is carried out safely
- Providing time and cost estimates for jobs
- Installing water, drainage and heating systems
- Cutting, shaping and joining pipes and fittings
- Servicing gas and oil-fired central heating systems and radiators
- Responding to emergency call-outs, like boiler breakdowns or blocked drains
- Installing power systems, lighting, fire protection, security and data networks in buildings
- Maintaining and promoting health and safety
- Developing safety policies and procedures
- Measuring work areas and set out the first rows of bricks or blocks
- Making and installing control panels that operate electrical systems in buildings, like heating or alarms.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The exceptional brand new Construction Innovation Centre, boasting the very finest in kit and state-of-the-art equipment launched/launches in Spring 2026.
- Yeovil College's facilities are a key strength, adding 1,700m² of training space to address the skills gap, supporting over 100% growth in apprentices and full-time learners.
- Working with partners, construction students and apprentices visit live sites specific to their specialist trades, enhancing their skills, knowledge, and understanding of the industry. This is crucial for fine-tuning their learning, developing practical experience, and immersing them in the operations of the construction sector.
- Yeovil College has an excellent track record of progressing construction students from study programmes into apprenticeships and employment. The College holds an annual Construction Expo to showcase the latest construction trends by local and regional employers.
- As one of the largest educational providers of construction trades in the region, Yeovil College is known for achieving excellent results and providing outstanding career routes for students.

GETTING STARTED IN CONSTRUCTION

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Construction qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Fundamental Carpentry and Plumbing Skills

LEVEL 1

Bricklaying
Carpentry & Joinery
Electrical Installation
Plumbing Studies
Health & Safety
CSCS Card

LEVEL 2

Bricklaying
18th Edition Wiring Regulations
Apprenticeships:
Bricklayer, Carpentry & Joinery, Furniture Manufacturer, Property Maintenance,
Painting & Decorating, Award in Sustainability, Award in Retrofit

LEVEL 3

T Levels: Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering),
Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing Engineering)
Apprenticeships:
Carpentry & Joinery (Site & Architectural)
Electrician (Installation & Maintenance)
Fire Emergency & Security Systems Technician
Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician
Electrical Inspection and Testing
EV Charging Installation
Solar PV Installation
Award and Certificate in Retrofit
Domestic Energy Assessment

LEVEL 4+

HNC Construction Management
Design and Verification of Electrical Installations

IS A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **94,120** people employed nationally within the construction industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 1.5%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"This course was appealing to me as there aren't many women working in Construction and as I never got to learn about it in school. My future goal is to study either Renewable Engineering or Building Services Engineering at University."

Poppy Henderson
Level 3 T Level Building Services
Electrotechnical Engineering,
Distinction*
Formerly of Beaminster School.

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MOVING FORWARD

Once students complete their course in construction, they have the opportunity to progress onto a higher qualification and level up. There are various routes to follow, including higher or degree-level apprenticeships. An apprenticeship is an excellent way to improve skills while learning on the job. Another option is to pursue a university-level qualification, whether at a local university centre or a university further afield.

A higher education qualification provides the expert skills and knowledge needed to excel into a senior position in a chosen career. For those looking to brush up on their skills, Yeovil College offers part-time short courses such as the HNC Construction Management, enabling you to open the door to supervisory and management positions within construction. The college runs various programmes relevant to Construction, including Health and Safety courses to prepare for the CSCS Card.



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FOR COURSES

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

Art, Design & Media **L1**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above

Art & Design **L2**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

Creative Media Production & Technology **L2**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

Art & Design **L3**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. Eng & Maths)

Creative Digital Media Practice **L3**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. Eng & Maths)

Graphic Design & Photography **L3**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English or Maths)

Foundation Diploma in Art & Design **L3+**

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)



Yeovil College's award-winning Digital Media, Art and Design, and Photography department is thriving! Students leave the vast array of studios ready to work directly within the Creative Industries, equipped with impressive portfolios.

The College combines strong practical education with excellence in academic teaching to encourage reflective, critical artists, designers, and media specialists. This approach helps students develop the knowledge and techniques needed to gain employment.

Yeovil College boasts some of the most creative and vibrant learning spaces in Somerset. Facilities include exhibition spaces and art, design, and media workshops. As an Art, Design, and Media student at Yeovil College, students have access to state-of-the-art facilities, innovative technology, and cutting-edge equipment as part of the Institute of Technology (IoT) status. These facilities include a Digital Photography Studio, Darkroom, TV, Film, Sound and Radio Studios, Digital 3D Fab Labs, Immersive VR Lab, Graphic Design Lab, Digital Media, Digital Dental Lab and Special Effects Lab, Printmaking, and Fashion and Textiles Studio.

As the only IoT in the area, Yeovil College ensures that creative students are exposed to the finest equipment, digital tools, and study spaces. The lecturers are industry experts, each running their own business and creative profession alongside their college career, adding value and depth to the students' enriched experience.

All spaces are brand new and creatively designed to inspire exceptional teaching and learning. Each studio and learning space has a unique design tailored to the discipline being taught. These fresh, clean, and vibrant spaces are designed to create flexible and agile environments that focus on maximizing student learning.



"Following the completion of my A Levels, I decided to pursue my passion for art at Yeovil College and feel that this programme has prepared me well to progress onto my studies at the University of Oxford. It has given me an interdisciplinary approach to my learning, in which I will be able to combine my understanding of art, history and critical theory with my upcoming degree."

Aimee Higgins
Creative Digital Media Practice (Level 3)
Progressing to University of Oxford

CREATIVE TEACHING SPACES & STUDIOS

Yeovil College has revolutionised its Creative Industries teaching and learning environments with the finest equipment, digital technology, and state-of-the-art facilities. The studios have been creatively designed to reflect real-world studios and agile working environments, ensuring students get the best experience. You won't want to leave!

Students are based over two floors of the Leonardo building, enjoying multiple collaborative spaces and specialist teaching areas. The building is equipped with top-notch computer suites and technology, including virtual reality, rivaling industry standards.

Students also visit external creative spaces and working studios, with opportunities for trips both locally and abroad. The end-of-year Creative Showcase is a highlight, featuring art and film exhibitions by students and staff.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Art & Design students showcased their creativity in the cabinet of curiosities project, producing innovative black-and-white designs.



Graphic Design students elevated their skills by combining photography with Adobe Illustrator to create stunning graphics, seamlessly blending art and technology.



Creative Industries learners recently visited the London Science Museum, gaining inspiration and deeper understanding through interactive exhibits, digital technologies, and hands-on activities.



Creative Industries learners visited the London Delight art and media exhibition, gaining exposure to diverse artistic expressions and inspiration to refine their craft and boost their artistic confidence.



CREATIVE
SHOWCASE

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



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CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Graphic Designer
Fine Artist
Videographer
Photographer
Interior Designer
Animator
Web or Games Design
Fashion Designer
Digital Marketing



GRAPHIC AND MULTIMEDIA DESIGNERS

National average

£29,100

£18,920

Starter

Which is the same as **£560 a week**

£40,750

Experienced



The majority employed in this role will hold a BA/BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship or sector specific qualification.



GRAPHIC AND MULTIMEDIA DESIGNERS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

102,907

102,703

102,500

2024

2025

2026

2027

+
0.3%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Graphic Design:

Create visual branding, adverts, brochures, magazines, website designs, product packaging and displays.

Fashion Design:

Design clothing, fashion ranges and new style ideas. Lead the way in developing future fashion trends.

Film Making:

Take and process images of people, places, products and events.

Web Design:

Use their creative and technical skills to design new websites and redesign existing ones.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Attention to detail
- Design skills and knowledge
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Ability to use your initiative
- Ability to respond to feedback
- Work well under pressure
- Flexible and open to change
- Creative flare and a passion for design
- Customer service skills
- Verbal communication skills.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Discussing the client's requirements and coming up with creative ideas
- Producing concept and mood boards
- Preparing designs using specialist software
- Explaining requirements to photographers, printers, manufacturers or games developers
- Keeping up-to-date with design trends and developments in software tools
- Analysing or predicting trends in fabrics, colours and shapes
- Finding and preparing the location for a photo shoot
- Composing and editing photos
- Creating videos or formatting footage to view online
- Developing storyboards
- Working from your own ideas, or a commission from an individual or an organisation
- Selling your work through an agent or through galleries, exhibitions, shops or online.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yeovil College has made a significant investment in its Creative Industries workspaces and studios to ensure they meet and often exceed industry standards.
- Creative Industries teachers are experts, with many still actively practicing in their fields. For example, the team includes an acclaimed artists, filmmakers, and published photographers.
- The College runs masterclasses, delivers live briefs for real clients, and regularly partners with local businesses and charities to meet their design and creative needs.
- The end-of-year Creative Showcase is a highlight, held over a one-week period, showcasing and celebrating the finest work created by art, design, and media students and staff. This is a real highlight of the College calendar!
- Yeovil College is one of only a handful of recognised Institute of Technologies (IoT) in the country. This prestigious status means the College delivers a higher set of skills and knowledge within the Creative Industries, aligned with the government's skills agenda.

WEST OF ENGLAND
**INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY**

GETTING STARTED IN CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Creative qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

LEVEL 1

Level 1 Art Design & Media

LEVEL 2

Art & Design

Creative Media Production & Technology

LEVEL 3

Art & Design

Creative Digital Media Practice

Graphic Design & Photography

Foundation Diploma in Art & Design (Level 3+)

Creative Enterprise Bootcamp

T Level Craft & Design (Textiles & Fashion Maker)

T Level Craft & Design (Ceramic Design)

T Level Media Broadcast & Production

LEVEL 4+

FdA Digital, Design & Media

BA (Hons) Degree Top-up Digital, Design & Media



IS CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **102,907** people employed nationally within the Creative industries, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 0.3%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



“Kai has shown exceptional talent and professionalism. In his second year, his creativity, technical ability, and problem-solving skills continued to impress. He consistently demonstrated professional-level standards in communication, attitude, and work ethic.”

Kai Helyar
Level 3 Creative Digital Media Practice
Formerly of Preston School.

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MOVING FORWARD

A career in the Creative Industries requires individuals to be highly skilled, experts in their field. To ensure they have the necessary knowledge, they should level up after finishing their course and further develop their craft. The Creative Industries encompass many different areas, reflected in the programmes offered by universities. At Yeovil College University Centre, the Foundation Degree (FdA) in Digital Design & Media with pathway specialisms across Design, Media, Graphic Design, Concept Art, Visual Effects, Textiles and Photography has been introduced.

University is not the only route; an apprenticeship in the Creative Industries is a great alternative to start a career and learn valuable skills on the job. For those with a specific skill to develop further, Yeovil College offers a range of short courses relevant to the Creative Industries, including 3D Modelling and Printing.

DENTISTRY & DIGITAL DENTISTRY



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FOR COURSES



Yeovil College is pioneering digital dentistry education in the UK, revitalising training in the South West for the first time since the 1990s. Building on their expertise in delivering digital skills, Yeovil College has developed a comprehensive set of digital dental qualifications that offer students progression opportunities up to degree level, including qualifications for General Dental Council (GDC) registration.

In partnership with Health Education England (HEE) South West, Yeovil College has introduced cutting-edge technology, infrastructure, and support for future digital dentistry students. The College has established state-of-the-art digital dental labs to enhance students' educational journey into digital dentistry.

Yeovil College has invested over £200,000 in bespoke dental laboratories equipped with industry-standard technology and equipment. These highly specialised learning spaces feature the latest technology, providing students with an optimal environment for their studies.

The dental qualifications at Yeovil College are taught by registered Dental Technicians and highly qualified tutors with extensive relevant experience. These educators are dedicated to ensuring student success through effective curriculum delivery and high-quality pastoral support. Dental employers also play a crucial role in shaping the course content and curriculum focus, ensuring that students acquire the most up-to-date and industry-relevant skills, knowledge, and behaviours, thereby creating a highly employable workforce.

Yeovil College has made significant investments in developing state-of-the-art, industry-appropriate learning environments and teaching spaces. These spaces are equipped with the latest technology, mirroring the equipment and tools used in professional workplaces.



APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY

Dental Nursing L3 (Health & Social Care curriculum)	L3
Laboratory Technician Apprentice (Digital Dental)	L3
Oral Health Practitioner Apprentice	L4
Dental Technician Apprentice (Also offered as a Dental Foundation Degree)	L5



"Digital Dentistry allows me to combine my passion for art and pottery, with my interest in science, and I wouldn't want to do anything else! I am very determined and committed to my studies as an adult, because I can see the payoff in the work I do within the lab. The community feel of studying locally in a small class is unmatched, and I am so proud of what we have all achieved."

Sarah Mastrogiannopoulou

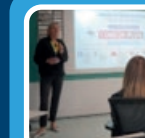
Level 3 Laboratory Technician (Digital Dental) Apprentice.

STUDY & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Yeovil College has made a significant investment into developing and creating state-of-the-art, industry appropriate learning environments and teaching spaces, adding to them, kit and technology that you would expect to operate in the workplace. Our spaces are highly-technical and house all the latest technology.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Emma Savage, Associate Director of Research and Evaluation from NHS Gloucestershire ICB, visited our Level 4 Oral Health Practitioner Apprentices to discuss health inequalities.



Digital Dental Laboratory Technicians have enthusiastically started the year with their first hands-on project: casting models, setting the stage for practical learning and skills development.



Our dental provision recently received a new Ajax AJ12 Dental Chair from Dolphin Dental. Students are already busy practicing their skills with the new equipment.



Students explored the cutting-edge Anatomage Table. Nathan Thomas shared that the session, which included the history and backstory of the technology, greatly enhanced his understanding of different body systems.



CLASSROOM
PROFILE

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

NHS
England

NHS
Health Education England

The Open University

DIGITAL DENTISTRY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Dental Practitioner
Private Dentist
Hospital Dental Care
Community Dental Care
Oral Health Practitioner
Dental Technicians
Associate Dentist
Field Dental Nurse
Dental Receptionist



DENTAL NURSES

National average

£21,740

£16,300

Starter

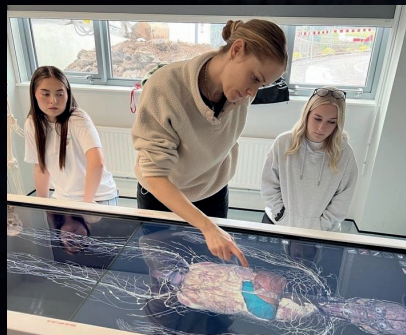
Which is the same as **£418 a week**

£28,260

Experienced



The majority of those employed in this role will hold a A or AS Level, T Level or Level 3 NVQ.



CAREERS IN DIGITAL DENTISTRY

61,755
60,877
60,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

3.8%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Dental Hygienist:

Dental Hygienists offer advice, information and treatments to prevent and treat tooth decay and gum disease.

Dental Nurse:

Dental Nurses help dentists to treat their patients and do reception work and other tasks in the practice.

Dental Technician:

Dental Technicians design, make and repair the dental appliances used for improving patients' appearance, speech or ability to eat.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Knowledge of medicine and dentistry
- Customer service skills
- Physical skills like movement, coordination and dexterity
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Attention to detail
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to work well with your hands
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Designing, making and modifying custom made dental devices
- Repairing custom made dental devices
- Using hand-tools and precision equipment
- Shaping materials like gold, porcelain and plastic
- 3D printing and CAD design
- Dental technicians often specialise in orthodontic, crown and bridge work or prosthetics.
- Creating plastic or metal devices, like braces to straighten teeth
- Making items like crowns or bridges to cement in place
- Producing plastic dentures or implants
- Promoting oral health and well-being of individuals, groups and communities
- Carrying out a range of oral health procedures
- Delivering oral health advice and carrying out treatments in accordance with treatment plans.

FACT FILE

- Yeovil College is at the forefront of Digital Dentistry in the UK, with a vision and ambition to become creators and innovators in this field.
- The College collaborates with outstanding partners and expert lecturers who are actively practicing in the digital dentistry industry, ensuring that students acquire skills and knowledge from the best professionals in the sector.
- Significant investments have been made into two bespoke laboratories, totalling over £200,000.
- Yeovil College is a member of the Institute of Technology (IoT) for Digital Dentistry and partners with The Open University to deliver a new Foundation Degree in Dental Technology.
- There are strong progression routes within the Digital Dental provision, including the new Foundation Degree in Dental Technology.

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TECHNOLOGY

GETTING STARTED IN DIGITAL DENTISTRY

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Digital Dental qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Soft Skills Certificate
Digital Dental Bootcamps

LEVEL 3

Laboratory Technician (Digital Dental)
Digital Dental Bootcamps

LEVEL 4+

Oral Health Practitioner (Level 4)
Dental Technician (Level 5)
Foundation Degree in Dental Technology (Level 5)
Degree Apprenticeships
Degree-Level study



Digital Dentistry; the beginning.

"Some years ago, I had a chance meeting with the CEO & Principal of Yeovil College, Mark Bolton, who came to visit my lab in Exeter as he was interested in developing careers in digital technology. This would form one of the College's priority areas and become the leading educator within the area of digital dentistry in the south."

We are delighted that we have some of the finest practitioners within the industry working with us.

David Smith
Digital Dental Lecturer at Yeovil College.

IS DIGITAL DENTISTRY AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **62,854** people employed nationally within Digital Dentistry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 3.8%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).

EXCITING NEWS!

Yeovil College University Centre Announces Foundation Degree in Dental Technology.

Delivered in partnership with The Open University and designed with the input of employers and other stakeholders to meet the needs of the industry, our brand-new Foundation Degree in Dental Technology is taught by registered Dental Technicians and well qualified tutors. Lecturers for the course have a wide range of relevant experience and are dedicated to ensuring student success through effective curriculum delivery and high-quality pastoral support.



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MOVING FORWARD

Upon completing their initial study programme at Yeovil College, students have the opportunity to continue their education up to Level 6 and beyond, potentially progressing to university for specialised study. Most individuals employed in this field hold a BA/BSc degree with honours or a degree apprenticeship.

Once qualified, various career paths are available within the dental practice. Other options include joining the armed forces as a dentist, pursuing a consultancy role, or finding opportunities in the private sector.

Alternatively, they might consider a career in teaching, contributing to the education sector by training the next generation of dentists and healthcare professionals. Non-patient-facing roles, such as dental technician positions, typically involve working in a lab environment and require excellent hand skills. These roles increasingly demand digital skills, including CAD and 3D printing.

EDUCATION, EARLY YEARS & COUNSELLING



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

Vocational Pathway

**Foundation Programme in Health,
Social Care & Children & Young
People's Workforce**

L1

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above

T Level Pathway

**T Level Foundation in Education and
Children & Young People's Workforce**

L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3-9 (inc. English & Maths)

T Level Education & Early Years

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9
(inc. English, Maths & Science)

Apprenticeship Pathway

Early Years practitioner (EYP)

L2

Working in Early Years (EYE)

L3

Teaching Assistant

L3

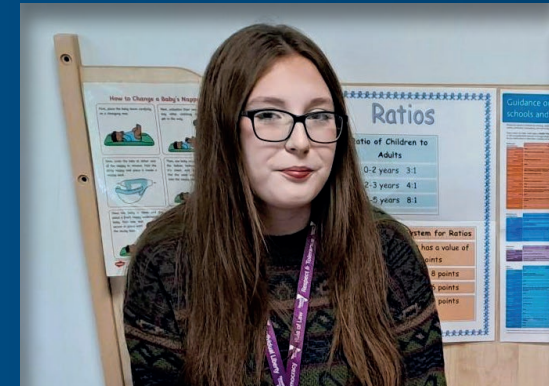


Early Years Educators and Teaching Assistants play an incredibly important role in our community, nurturing and developing children during the early stages of their lives. The teaching environments at Yeovil College reflect those within the industry, featuring some of the best play equipment, technology, and teaching resources available. This provides students with excellent real-world learning environments.

Yeovil College works closely with industry partners from the Education, Early Years, and Counselling sectors. These partnerships help adapt the curriculum content to train a new generation of highly skilled and employable individuals. Through the Institute of Technology (IoT) and significant T Level funding, Yeovil College has invested around £3 million into its Health, Education, and Social Care provision. This commitment positions the College as a market leader; a College of choice within the region.

Yeovil College has built a large, state-of-the-art Health, Education, and Science Centre, which includes a large hospital ward, innovative health training suites, clinical training environments, community settings, and Virtual Reality technology. Additionally, flexible and agile learning environments have been created where students can work, learn, and socialise.

The lecturers at Yeovil College are one of its greatest assets. All are experts from the industry, including skilled former nursery managers and teachers with childcare education experience. Their knowledge and understanding of the sector are exceptional.



"I chose this course as I aspire to become a primary school teacher. It also allows me to progress to university and gives me the opportunity to have a more practical, hands-on learning experience. My experience at Yeovil College has been good, the staff have been supportive, and they all want the best for you."

Caitlin Pollard

Formerly of Preston School Academy
T Level Early Years & Education.

MOTIVATIONAL LEARNING SPACES

Following a £3 million investment, we have created an ultra-modern Health, Education and Science Centre (HESC) from which we will deliver first-class teaching and learning, using UK-leading facilities and technology. This is a centre like no other. Our facilities have revolutionised training and education within the Health, Care and Education sector for the people in Somerset and Dorset.

As a student, you will have access to the very finest kit and technology as part of your daily learning, in environments set to inspire and motivate. You will work and learn within your own childcare setting, where rooms are set to resemble actual Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2 environments.

The spaces are both practical and stimulating, allowing students to develop within their future career settings, and develop specific employability skills to this sector.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



T Level students celebrated Roald Dahl Day, discussing themes from stories such as Matilda, whilst linking the classroom environments described within these books to their wider contextual knowledge.



T Level students created milk bottle elephants, applying learning and understanding across the Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculum, by using play and to improve early development.



T Level Education & Childcare students have been learning about how settling children into school and exploring 'all about me' projects can support both the children and the setting.



Students took their annual festive trip to Longleat to celebrate their achievements and hard work throughout the year.



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PROFILE

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



EDUCATION, EARLY YEARS & COUNSELLING

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher
Nursery Nurse
Play Therapist
Early Years Educator
Teaching Assistant
Forest School Leader
Childminder
Family Support Worker
Au Pair



EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE SERVICES PROPRIETORS

National average

£47,850

£31,100

Starter

Which is the same as **£920 a week**

£66,990

Experienced

The majority of people employed in this role will hold at least a Level 3 qualification, and most will have a degree-level qualification, or equivalent.



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

252,575

249,037

245,500

2024 2025 2026 2027

2.8%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Counselling and Mental Health Therapies

Understanding Children, Young people and Adults developmental needs through a range of therapeutic play, art, music and additional psychological therapies.

Play Therapist:

Play therapists help children to make sense of difficult life experiences, or complex psychological issues through play.

Primary School Teachers:

Primary School Teachers play a crucial role in the educational, social and emotional development of children.

Early Years Teaching:

Specialise in early childhood development and work with children up to the age of five.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Passion for early years education and working with children
- Creative problem-solver
- Attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- Teamwork skills
- Patient and calm in stressful situations
- Organised with your time and workload
- Verbal communication skills
- Basic computer skills.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Careers in Education, Early Years and Counselling encompass a huge variety of jobs, and depending upon your specialism, you might expect to work on:

- Planning and preparing activities, lessons and materials
- Setting out activities before classes and tidying up afterwards
- Speaking to parents and carers about their children's development
- Supervising nursery workers, teaching assistants and volunteer helpers
- Monitoring children's progress and report any issues
- Working with colleagues on curriculum planning
- Designing play activities to meet children's individual needs
- Planning and running play, art and craft activities at the bedside, on the ward or in a hospital play area
- Creating a safe and stimulating environment to promote learning
- Updating parents and carers on children's progress
- Working with parents to support shared understanding of parenting and childhood.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yeovil College is excited to be part of the West of England Institute of Technology (IoT), enhancing its Health, Education, and Science offerings. The College's provision will be transformed as it delivers state-of-the-art teaching, learning, and social spaces.
- The Health, Education and Science Centre at Yeovil College has received around £3 million in investment, making it one of the largest and most innovative training health centres in the South West.
- Yeovil College continues to lead the educational sector in terms of space and facilities, focusing on developing individuals who are ready to progress to both employment and university.
- Learners at Yeovil College undertake comprehensive and relevant work experience as a key part of their study programme. This experience adds significant value to their employability and helps them translate taught sessions into real-world applications.
- Yeovil College collaborates with current Early Years and Early Education Practitioners from across the region, who support curriculum development to ensure it is appropriate and effective.

GETTING STARTED IN

EARLY YEARS, EDUCATION & COUNSELLING

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Education, Early Years & Counselling qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS
Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Workforce
LEVEL 2
T Level Foundation Education & Children & Young People's Workforce Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship
LEVEL 3
T Level Education & Early Years (Early Years Educator & Assisting Teaching Specialisms) Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills
LEVEL 4+
Advanced Practitioner in Schools & Colleges (coming soon) HTQ FdA Childhood Studies, Care & Education BA (Hons) Childhood Studies, Care & Education (Top-up) Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice



ARE EDUCATION, EARLY YEARS & COUNSELLING ATTRACTIVE CAREERS?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **252,575** people employed nationally within the health, education and social care industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 4.3%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



“The facilities and resources are amazing at Yeovil College. My advice to future students would be to visit the Open Events and meet the staff! Everyone is there to support you.”

Kaitlin Munday
Stanchester Academy
T Level Education & Childcare – Merit

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

There are numerous routes of progression within the Education, Early Years & Counselling. To secure a higher-level position, a university-level qualification may be required. Depending on the area of specialisation and career interest, students could pursue a degree or explore progression opportunities at Levels 4 and 5 in the FdA.

At Yeovil College University Centre, both the BA (Hons) Childhood Studies, Care & Education (Top-up) and the FdA Childhood Studies, Care and Education are offered, covering Levels 4 and 5. For students who are keen to enter the workplace, apprenticeships provide an alternative route to enhance and develop core skills. There are many apprenticeship opportunities available within the Early Years Education sector, depending upon preferred career pathways.

ENGINEERING



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

T Level Pathway

T Level Foundation in Engineering L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Engineering & Manufacturing: Design & Development L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

Apprenticeship Pathway

Engineering Technician – Aerospace

Manufacturing Fitter L3

Engineering Technician – Mechatronics

Maintenance Technician L3

Engineering Technician – Product Design L3

Engineering Technician – Technical Support L3

Machining Technician L3

Metal Fabricator L3

Engineering Manufacturing Technician L4

Manufacturing Engineer (Degree) L4

Aerospace Engineer (Degree) L6



Technology is advancing rapidly, and engineers are at the forefront of this progress. They are solving many of today's global challenges, such as making more efficient use of scarce natural resources and developing sustainable energy sources for future generations.

Yeovil College aims to provide a tailored study programme that offers both specialist knowledge and core skills that employers are looking for. The College offers programmes from Level 2 through to university level and degree apprenticeships, with many learners already in work and looking to further their careers or enhance their skills.

As a significant partner within the Institute of Technology (IoT), Yeovil College's Engineering facilities have undergone massive investment, revolutionising teaching and learning. Student learning environments are exceptional, with leading digital technology embedded throughout the curriculum.

This investment has allowed the College to dedicate space reflective of industry standards, apply UK-leading equipment such as the Armfield C30-10 wind tunnel and a suite of 3D printers, and create spaces similar to leading conferencing engineering centres; the College also has its own Lynx helicopter! More recently, the College has led the way in cobotics, robotics.

Additionally, Yeovil College has introduced a newly created hydrogen pod, further enhancing its commitment to cutting-edge technology and sustainable energy solutions. This facility provides students with hands-on experience in one of the most promising fields of renewable energy.

On a practical level, Engineering students at Yeovil College undertake substantial work experience and industry placements, including a minimum of 315 hours (45 days) for those studying T Levels. This allows them to develop relevant knowledge and skills, gain a greater understanding of their chosen industry, receive coaching, and improve employability.



"I first tried welding on a work experience placement and enjoyed it so much that I knew I wanted to continue with it at College. Since I've started, the learning environment at Yeovil College has been really good and I've got amazing teachers and peers. In the future, I aspire to become a welder and travel the world!"

Ethan Wilson

Formerly of King Arthur's School
Level 3 Metal Fabricator Apprentice

CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES

Yeovil College's technology, equipment, and digital facilities are second to none, utilising the very best resources within the Engineering curriculum. Engineering students are predominantly based within the workshops and classrooms in the Leonardo building, as well as the dedicated Centre of Advanced Manufacturing. These incredible teaching environments include a full-size Lynx Helicopter provided by Leonardo Helicopters, a CAD suite, and a suite of 3D printers.

The new technology significantly benefits the teaching and learning spaces. Students will experience a computer-controlled wind tunnel, Cobot and cyber-physical lab, 3D printers, Prusa printers, saturation pressure and throttling calorimeter and software, mechanical engineering tensile testing equipment, and non-destructive testing equipment. The full list of resources is both extensive and impressive, ensuring that no expense has been spared for engineering students.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Leonardo Engineering Apprentices were tasked to create Aircraft Force out of carbon fibre materials, which is a crucial skill they'll need for their futures as budding Engineers!



As part of T Level Engineering Personal Development Fridays, students explored VR, creating interactive and engaging environments.



Leonardo Engineering Apprentices created tea coasters from high-tech carbon fibre, the same material used in aeroplanes and Formula One cars, to hone their skills before moving on to actual parts.



The cutting-edge MX500 CNC Milling Machine from XYZ in Tiverton, worth over £65,000, is now in our Machining Workshop, ready for our budding engineers to use. It's a great asset and investment for our campus.



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EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

LEONARDO

Honeywell

BAE SYSTEMS

THALES

fap

SYCAMORE
PROCESS ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Mechanical Engineer
Composite Engineer
Aerospace Engineer
Electrical Engineer
Production and Process Engineer
Engineering Director
Chemical Engineer
Engineering Technician
Project Management



ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS

National average

£48,850

£31,750

Starter

Which is the same as **£939 a week**

£68,380

Experienced



The majority employed in this role will hold a BA/BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship or sector specific qualification.



ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

109,799

108,899

108,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

+
1.5%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Civil Engineering:

Design and manage construction projects, from bridges and buildings to transport links and sports stadiums.

Aerospace Engineering:

Aerospace Engineering Technicians design, build, test and repair civil and military aircraft.

Aircraft Engineering (Mechatronics):

Build and service aircraft fuselage, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, like wings, engines and landing gear.

CNC Machining:

Computer numerically controlled (CNC) machinists make precision parts for the engineering and manufacturing industries.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Knowledge of engineering, science and technology
- A strong knowledge of Maths
- Design skills and knowledge
- Verbal communication skills
- Analytical thinking skills
- Operations analysis skills
- Physical skills like movement, coordination and dexterity
- Ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Analysing surveys, testing and mapping data using computer modelling software
- Creating blueprints using computer aided design (CAD)
- Programming the CNC machine tool with data taken from technical drawings
- Operating machinery
- Developing component plans using computer aided design (CAD) and computer aided manufacturing (CAM) software
- Investigating and testing solutions to engineering problems
- Building and testing prototypes
- Carrying out scheduled inspection and maintenance checks
- Making sure aircraft meet flight safety regulations
- Working on aircraft and instrument modifications.
- Operating welding equipment.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Engineering department has experienced an unprecedented investment of nearly £1 million to support the next generation of engineering specialists; the facilities are extremely cutting-edge, specialist, and industry-grade or advanced.
- The lecturers are deeply passionate about all aspects of engineering, and the department boasts a brilliant engineering team. Having all worked as engineers, they are well-equipped to help students develop their skills, knowledge, and behaviours, enabling them to succeed in the world of engineering.
- Students are taught through a variety of theoretical and practical activities, including talks from sector experts and industry-related visits that help them apply their knowledge and skills.
- The facilities include a full-size £10+ million Lynx Helicopter based in one of the workshops, Centre of Advanced Manufacturing, and a newly opened Hydrogen Pod.
- The department works extremely closely with expert and specialised engineering companies within the local area to provide them with their next-generation workforce.

GETTING STARTED IN ENGINEERING

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Engineering qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

3D Modelling & Printing
CAD Bootcamp
Kaizen Skills Accelerator (IoT certificated)

LEVEL 2

T Level Transition Programme in Engineering
Lean Manufacturing in Engineering
Certificate in Computer Aided Design
First Extended Certificate in Engineering

LEVEL 3

T Level Engineering & Manufacturing: Maintenance, Installation & Repair
T Level Engineering & Manufacturing: Design & Development
Engineering Technician (Machinist) - Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship
Engineering Technician – Aerospace Manufacturing Fitter Apprenticeship
Engineering Technician – Mechatronics Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship
Metal Fabricator Apprenticeship
Engineering Technician – Product Design Apprenticeship
Engineering Technician – Technical Support Apprenticeship
A Levels - Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Access to Higher Education - Science

LEVEL 4+

Cert HE/ Foundation Degree Aeronautical Engineering
Cert HE/ Foundation Degree Mechanical Engineering
Cert HE/ Foundation Degree Manufacturing Operations
Engineering Manufacturing Technician (Level 4)
Manufacturing Engineer (Degree Apprenticeship Level 6)
Aerospace Engineer (Degree Apprenticeship Level 6)

IS ENGINEERING AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **109,799** people employed nationally within the engineering industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 1.5%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



“The partnership that Yeovil College has with Leonardo has been really beneficial to my learning and is what originally drew me to the college. Overall, I’ve had an easy, great experience.”

Jack Harris
Formerly of Stanchester Academy
Level 3 T Level Engineering & Manufacturing.

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MOVING FORWARD

If an individual has a passion for engineering, they are encouraged to continue their studies after completing their course to further enhance their skill set. For many advanced engineering roles, companies often require candidates to hold a degree. Numerous top universities offer degrees in various engineering disciplines, including Civil and Naval Engineering.

As a very positive alternative, students can choose to continue their studies at Yeovil College University Centre, where they can obtain a Higher National Diploma in Engineering. This qualification provides the opportunity to progress onto a full degree top-up if desired, either through a traditional route or via the degree apprenticeship pathway.

Yeovil is recognised as an engineering hub, with national companies such as Leonardo and Honeywell having their head offices in the area. This presents numerous opportunities for securing apprenticeships within these companies, including those at higher and degree levels, with Yeovil College and Yeovil College University Centre being very much recognised as an essential part of the career and development journey.



Vocational Pathway

Inclusive Futures (PMLD Learning Journey)

PRE-ENTRY

Required: Learners will be considered on an individual basis.

Preparation for Life & Living (Pre-Supported Internship)

E1 E2 E3

Required: We encourage applications from students with learning difficulties, who may not have qualifications, but have a passion and drive to be successful in the future.

Progression Pathways

E3 L1

Required: No set entry requirements but learners will be expected to achieve at Entry 3 or above. A keen interest in self-development and a dedicated approach to work are important.

Supported Internships

ALL LEVELS

Required: You will be expected to be road safe, be an independent traveller and be able to act in a mature way at work. Although you will be supported in the workplace, you will not have 1:1 support, so the ability to work for periods of time independently is vital.



"Throughout his course, Matthew was incredibly determined, and his hard work never went unnoticed. Matthew accrued skills that extremely impressed his placement."

Matthew White
Supported Internship Programme at
Leonardo Helicopters UK

The Foundation Learning Department at Yeovil College is dedicated to supporting learners in developing essential social, academic, and vocational skills within a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment. The department's mission is to create life-changing opportunities by delivering high-quality education and fostering meaningful collaborations that help shape a brighter future.

Whether a learner's goal is to gain greater independence, secure employment, or continue in further education, the Foundation Learning team is committed to helping each individual achieve their personal aspirations.

A variety of tailored programmes are available, each designed to meet specific needs:

Inclusive Futures (PMLD Learning Journey)

This programme supports learners in developing the skills needed to live independently within supported environments and adult community services.

Preparation for Life & Living

Designed for individuals aged 16–24 with moderate to severe learning difficulties, this course focuses on building essential life, employment, and community skills.

Progression Pathways

Serving as a bridge to further education or employment, this flexible programme offers supported experiences ranging from half-day sessions to several full days, depending on individual needs.

Supported Internships

These year-long placements involve rotations with one or more employers, with the goal of transitioning learners into paid employment.

**EXTRAORDINARY
FUTURE**



For a comprehensive overview of each course, prospective students and their families are encouraged to consult the dedicated Foundation Learning Prospectus available through the Yeovil College website or by scanning the QR code.



"I am currently on Progression Pathways to prepare me for my next level of learning. I am improving my English and Maths, preparing for work and have started lessons in Automotive Engineering. I have settled well into college and feel that Progression Pathways will really help me get onto the Automotive Engineering course, full-time next year."

Grace McEntee

Formerly of Buckler's Mead Academy
Progression Pathways (Automotive
Engineering Pathway).

CONSIDERATELY DESIGNED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

At Yeovil College, Foundation Learning students benefit from a diverse range of work and study environments tailored to suit different tasks and activities. These include a fully equipped working kitchen, an apartment-style area, sensory rooms, large social and teaching spaces, and flexible zones that can be adapted for relaxation, practical learning, or structured group work. While students are encouraged to explore the entire campus, the dedicated Bridge Block serves as a central hub specifically designed for Foundation Learning students to relax, study, and engage in learning activities.



STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Inclusive Futures learners celebrated Jeans for Genes week by discussing its importance and making denim butterflies to raise awareness, which they gifted to staff around the College.



Foundation Learning students completed The Jubilee Challenge, which involved a 7.8-mile route on Dartmoor as part of Ten Tors. We are proud of their determination and commitment.



Inclusive Futures learners visited Yeovil Library and used the OPI projective carpet, enhancing their sensory enrichment through games and improving their speaking and listening skills.



We celebrated our Foundation Learning students' success at the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Ceremony, where they received Bronze and Silver awards from David Hamlin of DofE.

Student feedback plays a vital role in shaping the learning experience. At a minimum, feedback is provided at the end of every unit to support continuous improvement and personal development. A variety of teaching strategies are employed to ensure that every student benefits from a rich and engaging educational experience.

Regular tutorials are used to monitor progress, provide tailored support, set achievable goals, and keep students on track to reach their full potential. These sessions also cover essential topics such as personal safety, safeguarding, the Prevent strategy, and other key areas that contribute to positive life outcomes.

Foundation Learning at Yeovil College offers a supportive and empowering starting point for those who need it. The team is committed to treating every student as an individual, providing bespoke support and working closely with the College's SEND team when needed, to ensure each learner achieves the best possible outcome.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is built into many of our Foundation Learning programmes, and learners will be supported to find voluntary or paid employment, depending upon their level. Students on our Supported Internship programmes, for example, may progress to a 20 hour per week work experience placement. However, work experience is not for everyone, and we work hard to offer individualised solutions for all students. Work experience and supported internships are delivered at Yeovil College, Yeovil District Hospital, Leonardo UK, Thales, local employers, community organisations and within the wider community.

HIGHLIGHTS

- At Yeovil College, Foundation Learning students are supported by a highly qualified, creative, and dedicated team of staff. This passionate group of educators works tirelessly to deliver exceptional teaching and to inspire every learner to reach their full potential. Their commitment goes beyond the classroom; they actively engage with students, offering encouragement and guidance every step of the way.
- The Foundation Learning facilities are purpose-built to meet the unique needs of the students, providing a safe and supportive environment for both learning and socialising. While these bespoke spaces are always available, students are also encouraged to explore and make full use of the wider college campus, becoming active participants in college life.
- For those preparing to take their next steps, Yeovil College offers opportunities to attend taster sessions in various vocational areas throughout the academic year. These sessions help students explore future career paths and gain valuable insight into different industries.
- Starting in September 2027, Foundation Learning students will move into a brand-new, purpose-built facility on campus, featuring dedicated access, exclusive amenities, and full integration with College resources.

ENGLISH & MATHS

At Yeovil College, the approach to studying English and Maths is distinctly different from school. These essential subjects are taught through real-life, practical contexts, helping students to understand their relevance and application in everyday situations and future careers. All Foundation Learning students are timetabled for Functional Skills English and Maths at Entry Level. The curriculum is designed to be practical rather than purely academic, meaning students will consistently apply their literacy and numeracy skills across various activities. These skills are not only vital for personal development but are also crucial for long-term success in education and employment.

DISCOVER YEOVIL COLLEGE



The most effective way to begin a young person's transition to Yeovil College is through a visit to the campus. This process is carefully coordinated between parents or guardians, the student's current school, and the College's specialist teams to ensure a smooth and supportive experience.

Yeovil College is committed to helping families feel confident in their decision. To support this, the College offers a range of opportunities for parents and carers to engage with the campus and staff. These include open events, dedicated sessions and events for supporting young people, quiet hours, and a variety of presentations and webinars.



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PROGRESSION & NEXT STEPS

Every student receives regular careers support and guidance, enabling them to make positive career decisions, in a supported and tailored way. Students are supported and developed to progress through to their end goal.



TRANSITION

Moving to College: We work with all incoming students and school partners to plan a smooth transition to college, this involves several visits to college over a sustained period of time to help the young person feel comfortable and confident with their environment, including visits to the Foundation Learning base rooms, curriculum exploration, opportunities to meet the team, library tours and visits to The Food Court. We also visit the young person's school to share information, engage with the class and work with them in their safe environment.

Buddy System: We also operate a 'buddy' system for all new students. This enables future students to connect with current students and form a friendship and bond with people who have been in the exact same position, with all the same questions, worries and perhaps confidence issues. Buddies tend to be Yeovil College students from the same school as the young person allowing immediate recognition and commonality.

Communications: We open up consistent and strong communications with the new student, their parents or guardians, and the school. We work with external and support agencies to ensure we have a full history and awareness of the student before they come to Yeovil College, which means we can implement the right level of personalised support for every learner.

Next-Step Transition: We thoroughly believe in transition and preparation for next steps, which results in early transition planning and visits, such as visits to Hazelhurst Community Farm, leading to better and more supported outcomes for our learners, which offers a day service for people with learning disabilities, autism and PMLD. Some of our students will be accessing Hazelhurst when they finish Yeovil College, and these visits are the start of the transition work for these students.

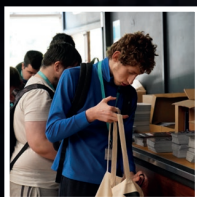
POSITIVE EXPERIENCES



Socialising with new people allows our Foundation Learning students to develop many of their skills. Students have the opportunity to learn and practice different football drills all coached by our Sports Coaching students. This is an important opportunity for our Foundation Learning students to practice their communication and teamwork skills with students from a different study programme.



Numatic International spent time with our Inclusive Futures learners, demonstrating the inner workings of their iconic Henry vacuum cleaner, and allowing them to dismantle and rebuild their test model. This supported many aspects of our students EHCPs, particularly around communication, interaction, respect and engagement with an unfamiliar person.



As part of their volunteering project, students supported the Marketing team to put together Yeovil College goody bags, ready for our Open Events. They have all worked hard as a team to reach their goal, whilst supporting future students of Yeovil College. This is also a great work experience session for students, practicing communication, organisation and planning skills.

LEARNING COMPANIES

FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS FOR LEARNERS WITH SEND.

Yeovil College has established a range of internal Learning Companies designed to support current learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These initiatives aim to develop students' skills, confidence, and independence, equipping them for future employment.

Students enrolled in the Life and Living programme take on real-world roles within Yeovil College's business support teams. This hands-on experience prepares them for the workplace by building both academic and practical skills. Through active participation in a professional environment, students are socially integrated, helping to break down barriers and promote a culture of inclusion and support for individuals with diverse abilities.

As a College community, Yeovil College celebrates each student's unique journey. Progress is recognised through six personalised development milestones, reflecting the institution's commitment to holistic growth and individual achievement.



Independence



Team Work



Confidence



Communication



Time Management



Attendance



"Kurt has been making astounding progress at Prodigal Bikes, he has great enthusiasm for the work set and is working independently and as part of a team. Whilst at Ham Hill, Kurt has been extremely hardworking, listening and following instructions of the rangers, being a team player and always willing to give any task a go."

Kurt Bennett

Preparation for Life Student, undertaking work experience placements at Prodigal Bikes and Ham Hill.

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY & MEDIA MAKEUP



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

Vocational Pathway

Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector **L1**

Required: Maths and English at grade 3 or above. A grade 2 in English or Maths considered, plus Science at grade 2+

Hairdressing **L2**

Required: Maths and English at grade 4 or above. A grade 3 in English or Maths considered, plus Science at grade 3+

Hairdressing **L3**

Required: L2 Hairdressing qualification and grade 4 or above in English and Maths. Science at grade 3+.

Barbering **L2**

Required: Maths and English at grade 4 or above. A grade 3 in English or Maths considered, plus Science at grade 3+

Barbering **L3**

Required: L2 in Barbering and grade 4 or above in English and Maths. Science at grade 3+

Beauty Therapy **L2**

Required: Maths and English grade 4 or above. A Grade 3 in English or Maths considered, plus Science at grade 3+

Beauty Therapy **L3**

Required: L2 Beauty Therapy qualification and Maths and English at grade 4 or above, plus Science at grade 3+

Hair & Media Makeup **L2**

Required: Maths and English at grades 4 or above. A Grade 3 in English or Maths considered, plus Science at grade 3+

Theatrical Special Effects (Hair/Media Makeup) **L3**

Required: Level 2 in Hair & Media Makeup and Maths and English at grade 4 or above, plus Science at grade 3+

Apprenticeship Pathway

Advanced & Creative Beauty **L3**

Barbering Professional **L3**

Hair Professional **L3**



The glamorous world of Hairdressing, Beauty, and Media Makeup offers learners many exciting and life-changing opportunities, from traveling the world to owning their own salon, working in a luxury spa, or even on TV and film sets. Yeovil College has a strong track record of former students following their dreams and establishing their own hair and beauty businesses.

Students train in a professional salon open to the public. The Nexus Hair and Beauty Salon at Yeovil College allows students to work with real clients, applying the skills they learn in class, gaining experience in providing excellent customer service, and dealing with realistic situations.

Learners offer an extensive range of on-trend, modern treatments using quality, professional product ranges such as Dermalogica, Environ, Eve Taylor skincare, Schwarzkopf haircare, and Kryolan Makeup.

The tutors at Yeovil College are highly respected in the hair and beauty sector, all being skilled, trained professionals with extensive industry and trade experience; in fact the teaching team is a major strength of the College.

Industry placement is a key component of all hair and beauty programmes, providing valuable experience in a real working environment. Students are required to complete 35 hours of work experience alongside a Level 1 qualification, 60 hours alongside a Level 2 qualification, and 150 hours (1 day per week) alongside a Level 3 qualification.

Please be aware that a practical skills scan will take place prior to starting your course to determine the appropriate level for you.



"Lilly is an extraordinary student who consistently gives her all in both practical and theory sessions, her infectious bubbly personality brightens the Nexus salon, bringing smiles and laughter to her peers and teachers alike. Lilly shows empathy to her clients and goes above and beyond to ensure all clients are treated with care and attention."

Lilly Daniels

Formerly of The Gryphon School

Level 3 Beauty Therapy student and Shining Stars Award Winner.

STYLISH LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Students at Yeovil College will study in several stylish, commercial Hair & Beauty Salons, using and training with the highest quality industry-standard products to provide the best learning experience possible. The College offers separate and bespoke professional spaces for Media Makeup, Hairdressing and Barbering, and Beauty Therapy, as well as separate training salons, all representative of their corresponding industries. These spaces are modern, vibrant, and inspiring.

The Nexus Salon, led by Yeovil College students, is open to the public and fully operational, providing students with a fantastic opportunity to put theory into practice and hone their skills. Yeovil College also offers additional courses to enhance students' learning experience, such as OPI nail gel application, Sienna X tanning, lash extensions, lash lift, brow lamination, Outback Organics waxing systems, Level 1 Award in Mental Health Awareness, hair extensions, and participation in online training with Lions BarberTalk. These courses are designed to prepare learners for the industry by meeting identified skill needs.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Beauty students enjoyed a visit from the Center Parcs Aqua Sana Team. They explored job opportunities at the Spa and learned new hand and arm massage techniques from industry experts.



The Hairdressing department hosted a Hair Show, showcasing students' innovative styles and mesmerising makeup looks. The show supported their creativity and practical experience, preparing them for the world of work.



Level 3 Beauty learners toured Centre Parcs' spa and received a talk on job opportunities from the Spa Manager. One student even secured a full-time spa therapist job!



We hosted the VTCT Collective Live event at Yeovil College, promoting hairdressing and barbering as successful career paths.



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EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

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HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY & MEDIA MAKEUP

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Hair Professional
Beauty Therapist
Spa Therapist
Beautician
Makeup Artist
Salon Manager
Nail Artist
Cruise Ship Professional



HAIRDRESSING AND BEAUTY SALON MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS

National average

£32,150

£20,900

Starter

Which is the same as **£618 a week**

£45,010

Experienced

>>>>>>>>>> **L3** <<<<<<<<<<<<

The majority of those employed in this role will hold a A or AS Level, T Level or Level 3 NVQ.



HAIR & BEAUTY SALON MANAGERS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

33,626

33,313

33,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

+

1.4%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Aesthetician:

Skincare professionals who work in a cosmetic or salon environment, who assess clients' skin to identify issues and recommend cleaning and maintenance regimes based on the individual's skin type and needs.

Beauty Therapist:

Carrying out a range of different treatments, manicures, pedicures, eye treatments, waxing and facials that are essential to clients' wellbeing.

Hair Professional:

Hair Professionals who carry out a wide range of hairdressing and barbering services such as: hair cutting, basic hair colour, colour correction services, beard shaping, unisex perming and clipper work.

Makeup Artist:

Apply makeup and style hair for people appearing on camera or in front of a live audience.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Customer service skills
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Excellent communication skills
- The ability to work well with others
- To be flexible and open to change
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Active listening skills
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Providing a facial by cleansing, massaging and toning a client's skin
- Creating a makeover by applying and advising on makeup
- Shaping eyebrows through waxing, threading or plucking
- Providing a manicure, pedicure or other nail treatment like extensions and nail art
- Removing unwanted facial and body hair
- Giving electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape
- Non-surgical skin improvement treatments
- Removing makeup and keeping wigs and hairpieces in good condition
- Tinting and colouring eyelashes and eyebrows
- Carrying out thorough client consultations
- Hair cutting specialist services
- Creative hair colouring or colour correction services to become a colour specialist
- Hair Extension or Bridal Hair specialist.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Students at Yeovil College participate in national and international competitions, including World Skills, competing alongside the best emerging talent in the industry, and in recent years have achieved several prestigious awards.
- Students work from fully operational commercial settings, designed to reflect real-world hair and beauty salons.
- They work with industry experts and local employers, taking part in tailored industry days and benefiting from masterclasses as well as visits to commercial salons, spas, and settings.
- The College also collaborates closely with Schwarzkopf Professional; a highly recognised and widely used global hair care brand.
- In addition to their main qualification, students develop a sound knowledge of health and safety, client care, customer service, and communication. They demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and finest styles at an end-of-year Hair, Beauty, and Media Makeup Showcase.

GETTING STARTED IN HAIR, BEAUTY & MEDIA MAKEUP

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Hair, Beauty & Media Makeup qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector
Award in Mental Health Awareness

LEVEL 2

Hairdressing
Barbering
Beauty Therapy
Hair & Media Makeup
Certificate in Barbering
Hair, Professional Barbering & Hairdressing Options Apprenticeship

LEVEL 3

Hairdressing
Barbering
Beauty Therapy
Theatrical, Special Effects Hair and Media Makeup
Advanced & Creative Hair Professional Apprenticeship
Advanced Beauty Therapist Apprenticeship

LEVEL 4+

HNC/D Business
University-level qualifications
Certificate in Laser and intense pulsed laser (IPL) treatments (Level 4)



ARE HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY THERAPY & MEDIA MAKEUP ATTRACTIVE CAREERS?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **33,626** people employed nationally within the hair and beauty industry, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 2.2%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"I chose the Level 2 Hairdressing course because I wanted to try something new, and something fun. Yeovil College is close to home and easy to commute to. So far, I have found the staff at Yeovil College to be very helpful, and the facilities are great!"

Eliana Dias
Formerly of
Stanchester Academy
Level 2 Hairdressing

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

If your passion lies within the Hair, Media Makeup, and Beauty world, you can elevate your skills and turn them into a successful career. A university-level qualification can lead to more senior positions within the industry, providing you with the expertise needed to excel. For those considering starting their own beauty company, a higher-level qualification in Business could be an excellent option to ensure you have the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed.

At Yeovil College University Centre, a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Business is offered. This two-year course can be applied to a range of different industries and professions. Additionally, there are higher apprenticeship opportunities available in the hair and beauty industry, in roles such as a beauty therapist or nail technician. These apprenticeships provide valuable on-the-job experience while allowing you to continue developing your academic knowledge.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & SOCIAL WORK



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

Vocational Pathway

**Foundation Programme in Health,
Social Care & Children & Young
People's Workforce**

L1

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above

Health & Social Care

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9
(inc. English, Maths & Science)

T Level Pathway

T Level Foundation in Health

L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3-9 (inc. English & Maths)

**T Level Health
(Adult Nursing Specialisms)**

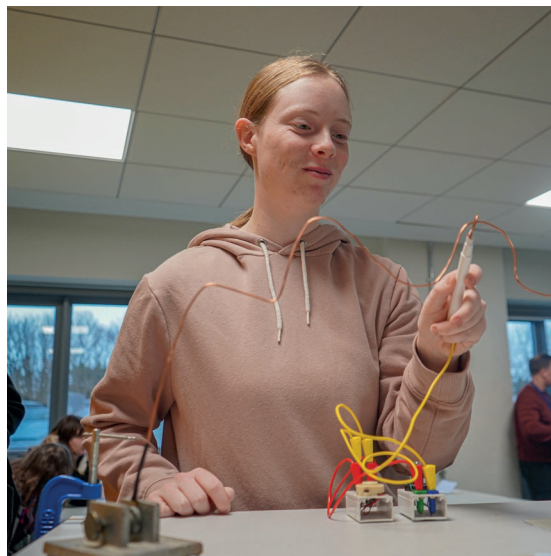
L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9
(inc. English, Maths & Science)

Apprenticeship Pathway

**Adult Care worker / Lead Adult Care
Worker***

L3



*Subject to approval.

Health, Social Care, and Social Work are incredibly important industries, employing individuals who have earned immense respect, especially in recent years. This is an exciting time to consider studying Health, Social Care, and Social Work at Yeovil College. Employment opportunities are vast, and the industry is growing rapidly. Partnerships with key employers, including Yeovil District Hospital, enable the College to equip learners with the skills and experience that employers desire. The industry is eager for new, quality employees and collaborates with Yeovil College to develop a new generation of highly skilled and employable professionals.

Through the Institute of Technology (IoT) and significant T Level funding, Yeovil College has invested around £3 million into its Health, Education, and Social Care provision. This commitment positions the College as a market leader; a College of choice within the region.

Yeovil College has built a large, state-of-the-art Health, Education, and Science Centre, which includes a large hospital ward, innovative health training suites, clinical training environments, community settings, and Virtual Reality technology. Additionally, flexible and agile learning environments have been created where students can work, learn, and socialise.

The lecturers at Yeovil College are one of its greatest assets. All are experts from the industry, including nurses, midwives, paramedics, healthcare, and social work professionals. Their knowledge and understanding of the sector are exceptional. Many of the teaching team continue to practice professionally alongside their teaching commitments at Yeovil College, making the College extremely fortunate to have such a brilliant group of people.



"Kira displays a high standard of dedication to her College work and works hard in class and at home. Her assignments demonstrate the hard work and effort that Kira commits to her studies."

Kira Holt

Formerly of The Gryphon School

Health T Level Foundation Student and
Shining Stars Award Winner.

HANDS-ON

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Following a £3 million investment, Yeovil College has created an ultra-modern Health, Education, and Science Centre (HESC) that delivers first-class teaching and learning using UK-leading facilities and technology. This centre is unparalleled, revolutionising training and education within the Health, Care, and Education sectors for the people of Somerset and Dorset.

Students at Yeovil College have access to the finest equipment and technology as part of their daily learning, in environments designed to inspire, motivate, and duplicate the world of work. Some of the most advanced technology includes life-size mannequins, first aid manikins, baby and infant simulators, fully operational hospital beds, birthing pool, birthing packs, rehabilitation treadmill, surgical trolleys, thermometers, premature baby simulators, Resusci Baby Q CPR, multiple Oculus VR headsets, and a brand new dental chair, amongst others.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



T Level Health Nursing students practiced wound care skills, focusing on gloves, sterilizing, patient communication, positioning, and infection control.



We were thrilled to welcome Tim Farmer, an award-winning author and expert witness, who gave an insightful talk on mental capacity assessment to our Social Work students.



Students recently took part in an engaging dissection workshop led by our industry leading staff, exploring and analysing organs, their functionality and their structure.



To demonstrate infection control and how easily germs can be spread, students used UV germ lotion and placed their hands in the ultraviolet box to highlight how poor hand-washing techniques can spread bacteria quickly.



EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS

**South Somerset
District Council**

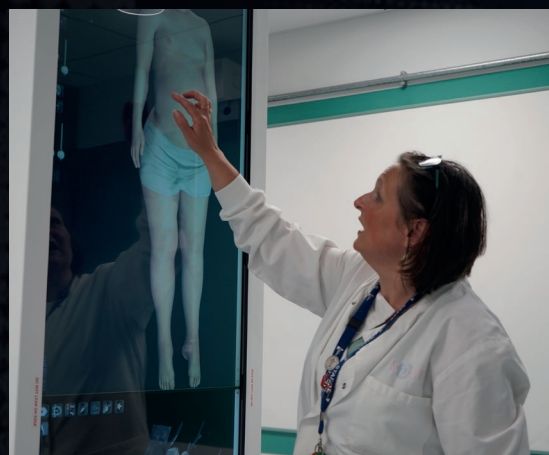
**Dorset
Council**

**Yeovil Hospital
Healthcare**

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & SOCIAL WORK

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nurse
Midwife
Social Worker
Occupational Therapist
Medical Practitioner
Paramedic
Health Service Manager
Mental Health Nurse
Anesthetist



SOCIAL WORKERS

National average

£40,710

£26,460

Starter

Which is the same as **£783 a week**

£57,000

Experienced

The majority of people employed in this role will hold at least a Level 3 qualification, and most will have a degree-level qualification, or equivalent.



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

69,230

67,865

66,500

2024 2025 2026 2027

+4.0%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Social Work:

Help to protect vulnerable children and adults from harm or abuse, and support people to live independently.

Occupational Therapy:

Help people overcome difficulties caused by physical or mental illness, disability, accidents or ageing.

Mental Health Nurse:

Mental Health Nurses work in hospitals and the community, to support people with mental health issues.

Nursing:

Nurses care for people who are sick, injured, need support, require a medical intervention or have physical disabilities within a variety of settings including a hospital, GP surgery, supported living or within the community.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Passion for health and social care
- Ability to motivate and manage staff
- Attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- Teamwork skills
- Patient and calm in stressful situations
- Organised with your time and workload
- Verbal communication skills
- Basic computer skills
- Resilience.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

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For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Creating support plans for clients
- Keeping records and writing reports
- Supporting clients' safety and taking appropriate action to protect them
- Working closely with communities, health professionals and other agencies
- Helping clients to develop and maintain independent living skills
- Holding meetings and assessments with individuals and families to review their situation
- Supporting patients to manage permanent physical disabilities
- Supporting clients, their families and carers and keep notes about progress
- Helping clients with mental illnesses do activities they enjoy and live life to the full.
- Helping people with learning disabilities to live independently.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yeovil College is excited to be part of the West of England Institute of Technology (IoT), enhancing its Health, Education, and Science offerings. The College's provision has been transformed as it delivers state-of-the-art teaching, learning, and social spaces.
- The Health, Education and Science Centre at Yeovil College has received around £3 million in investment, making it one of the largest and most innovative training health centres in the South West.
- Yeovil College continues to lead the educational sector in terms of space and facilities, focusing on developing individuals who are ready to progress to both employment and university.
- Learners at Yeovil College undertake comprehensive and relevant work experience as a key part of their study programme. This experience adds significant value to their employability and helps them translate taught sessions into real-world applications.
- Students have access to resources only offered by Yeovil College, which significantly improves their learning experience and sets them apart from their peers.

GETTING STARTED IN HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE, AND SOCIAL WORK

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

SECTOR SKILLS

Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children Young People's Workforce

LEVEL 2

Foundation Programme in Health and Social Care

Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship

Certificate in Understanding Mental Health and Advocacy in the Workplace

Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems

LEVEL 3

T Level Health (Supporting Adult Nursing)

Diploma in Counselling Skills

Adult Care Worker/Lead Adult Care Worker*

Diploma for Residential Childcare (England)

Level 3 NCFE Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

LEVEL 4+

Diploma in Counselling Practice

BSc (Hons) Social Work

Diploma in Leadership and Management in Residential Childcare (Level 5)



*Subject to approval.

IS HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & SOCIAL WORK AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2027** there are likely to be **126,102** people employed nationally within the health, education and social care industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 1.5%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"Yeovil College has supported me through my career journey and provided me with support when I needed it most. I could not have done this without the encouragement and support of my tutor. I am extremely proud of myself; I feel like I am living the dream."

Kaitlyn Wellman

Formerly of Sir John Colfox Academy
Level 3 Health & Social Care Extended Diploma (A*), progressing to study Paramedic Science at the University of Portsmouth.

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

There are a wide range of exciting and rewarding progression routes within the Health, Social Care, and Social Work sectors. Whether a student is just starting out or looking to advance their career, there are opportunities to suit every ambition and learning style.

For those aiming to secure higher-level positions, a university-level qualification is often essential. Depending on their area of interest, students might consider pursuing a degree in Nursing, Midwifery, or Social Work. At Yeovil College University Centre, a BSc (Hons) in Social Work is available, designed to equip learners with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience needed to make a real difference in people's lives.

For those eager to enter the workforce while continuing to learn, apprenticeships offer an excellent alternative route. These programmes provide hands-on experience in real-world settings while allowing learners to develop their skills and earn a wage.



SCAN HERE
FOR COURSES

Vocational Pathway

Introduction to Hospitality

E3

Required: No set entry requirements but learners will have a keen interest in hospitality. Maths and English will also be taken.

Diploma in Introduction to Professional Cookery

(Includes a Certificate in General Food and Beverage Service Skills)

L1

Required: Maths and English at grades 3 or above. A grade 2 in either English OR Maths will be considered.

Intermediate Professional Cookery

L2

Required: Maths and English at grades 4 or above. A grade 3 in either English OR Maths will be considered.

Advanced Professional Cookery

L3

Required: L2 Professional Cookery and a grade 4 or above in English and Maths

Food & Beverage Service

L2

Required: Maths and English at grades 4 or above. A grade 3 in either English OR Maths will be considered.

Food & Beverage Service Supervision

L3

Required: L2 Food and Beverage and grade 4 or above in English and Maths.

Apprenticeship Pathway

Baker

L2

Production Chef

L2

Commis Chef

L2

Food and Beverage Team Member

L3

Hospitality Supervisor

L2

Chef de Partie

L3



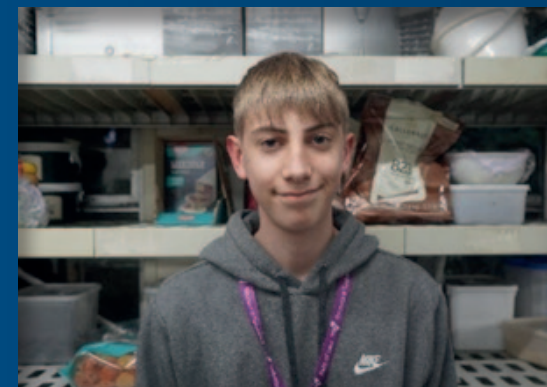
The Hospitality and Catering industry offers a dynamic, people-focused, and creative career path, whether that is developing a meal, a drink, or a memorable experience. A career in this sector is guaranteed to be exciting, flexible, and varied, with plenty of opportunities to take on early responsibility, and build a successful future.

Students at Yeovil College train and serve in a stunning environment, including the award-winning commercial restaurant and training kitchen, Da Vinci, as well as the busy, student-facing restaurant, The Food Court. They have the opportunity to prepare and cater for large banquets, conferences, and themed evenings.

As part of the Yeovil College campus investment plan, the Hospitality and Catering learning spaces, restaurants, and training kitchens will undergo a full transformation and redesign. Although these areas are already highly professional, fresh, and contemporary, the College is excited to expand and improve the provision even further for students and the community.

Students are required to complete work placements, masterclasses, and field trips as part of the programme, providing valuable insights into life in the industry. They will be taught in various settings, completing both practical and theory-based activities. Assessments will be conducted at regular intervals throughout the course, including written and online assessments, as well as observations of practical skills development.

A practical skills scan will take place prior to starting the course to determine the appropriate level for each student. Additionally, Hospitality & Catering students will participate in a Mental Health Awareness qualification.



"I expressed my interest in an apprenticeship and spoke with the apprenticeships team. They supported me with the process of searching for an apprenticeship, and within a few days I had secured a placement. I am now a Commis Chef Apprentice at Westlands Entertainment Venue. I am really enjoying it and am thankful for the support that I received from the College to get me to where I am now."

Fin Stapleton

Formerly of Ansford Academy

Commis Chef Apprenticeship at Westlands Entertainment Venue

HANDS-ON

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Students at Yeovil College will study in fully equipped, industry-standard restaurant-based kitchens, a separate training kitchen, the award-winning Da Vinci Restaurant, and the student-facing commercial restaurant, The Food Court. They work alongside industry professionals to run daily service, offering high-quality food to staff, students, and partners.

The experience of live cooking and providing daily service is crucial to student success, adequately preparing them for careers in the hospitality and catering industry. When studying hospitality and catering at Yeovil College, students operate as they would in a real restaurant, giving them the best possible opportunity to secure their dream careers within the industry.

Additionally, students will undertake several trips and visits to working kitchens and restaurants, as well as participate in an array of masterclasses from industry specialists.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



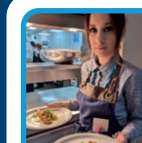
Our annual trip to Bristol's ZaZa Bazaar was a feast for the senses! Students sampled global cuisines, sparking inspiration and enriching their learning journey.



Level 2 and 3 Professional Cookery students cooked up a storm in our DaVinci Restaurant, producing delicious macarons!



Food and Beverage Service students visited Owens Coffee Roastery to understand how the coffee we sell in our Da Vinci Restaurant is produced, roasted and packed.



Hospitality and Catering students delivered a Caribbean lunch for our College community and guests. The menu featured Rum Punch, Prawn Skewers, Jerk Chicken, and Rum and Coconut Cheesecake.



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EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



HOSPITALITY & CATERING

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Chef
Baker
Conference Manager
Catering Assistant
Front-of-House Supervisor
Bar Staff
Hospitality Manager
Head Chef



RESTAURANT AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENT MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS

National average

£30,720

£19,970

Starter

Which is the same as **£591 a week**

£43,000

Experienced

>>>>>>>> **L3** <<<<<<<<<

The majority of those employed in this role will hold a A or AS Level, T Level or Level 3 NVQ.



RESTAURANT MANAGERS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

136,902

135,701

134,500

2024 2025 2026 2027

+

1.4%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Catering Manager:

Run the food service of organisations including restaurants, bars, schools, colleges and outside suppliers.

Chef & Head Chef:

Prepare, cook and present food in hotels, bars and restaurants and oversee restaurants' staff, food and budgets.

Waiter:

Serve food and drinks to customers in restaurants and cafes, take orders and handle payments.

Barista:

Make and serve coffee in cafes, coffee shop chains, restaurants and hotels.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Attention to detail
- A passion for food and beverage
- Work well under pressure
- Leadership skills
- Teamwork skills
- Ability to work well with your hands
- Verbal communication skills
- Active listening skills
- Customer service skills
- Ability to sell products and services.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

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For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Preparing attractive menus to nutritional standards
- Controlling and ordering stock and inspecting it on delivery
- Cooking and presenting food creatively
- Monitoring production to maintain quality and consistent portion sizes
- Working under pressure to make sure food is served on time
- Keeping to hygiene, health and safety and licensing rules
- Planning menus and creating new dishes
- Researching and sourcing new ingredients and catering equipment
- Recruiting and training staff and organising shifts and rotas
- Taking customer orders and payments
- Cleaning and tidying work areas, equipment and coffee machines
- Serving food and drinks
- Dealing with bill payments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Yeovil College boasts a beautiful, modern, fully operational restaurant and kitchen where students support daily lunch service and themed evenings for both internal and external customers.
- The fantastic Da Vinci Restaurant has been awarded the prestigious title of 'Stars of Somerset' in the Food and Drink Category and has achieved a 5-star food hygiene rating.
- Students at Yeovil College undertake regular masterclasses delivered by industry experts to ensure they acquire the most up-to-date and on-trend skills.
- College staff are industry experts, many of whom continue to practice their profession alongside their teaching commitments, ensuring students learn from the finest professionals in the region.
- Students regularly visit various restaurants and settings to gain industry experience, helping them understand their own style and preferred hospitality and catering methods.
- They often cater for and host large five-star banquets and parties, which significantly supports their development and understanding in this area.

GETTING STARTED IN HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

SECTOR SKILLS

Christmas Baking & Chocolate Masterclass
Patisserie & Confectionery
Food Safety in Catering Certificate L2
Barista Skills and Cocktail Making
Introduction to Hospitality E3

LEVEL 1

Diploma in Introduction to Professional Cookery

LEVEL 2

Intermediate Professional Cookery
Award in Food Safety in Catering
Commis Chef Apprenticeship
Hospitality Team Member Apprenticeship with Pathways in: Food Production | Food & Beverage
Food & Beverage
Baker

LEVEL 3

Advanced Professional Cookery
Food & Beverage Service Supervision
Hospitality Supervisor Apprenticeship
Chef de Partie Apprenticeship

LEVEL 4+

Diploma in Hospitality Management (Level 4)
HND Business (linked to business start-up)



IS HOSPITALITY & CATERING AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **136,902** people employed nationally within the hospitality and catering industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 2.2%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"The Commis Chef Apprenticeship is a good course as it is busy. This was my first time experimenting with feathered game, and I really enjoyed it. I work at the Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, which inspires my cooking at College, and College in turn helps me to develop my skills further. The Commis Chef Apprenticeship is a good course as it is busy. This was my first time experimenting with feathered game, and I really enjoyed it. I work at the Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, which inspires my cooking at College, and College in turn helps me to develop my skills further."

Courtney Jones
Formerly of The Gryphon School
Commis Chef Apprenticeship at Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant

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MOVING FORWARD

To progress further within a career in the Hospitality and Catering industry, students could level up their skills and continue their learning at a higher level. Heading to university after finishing a course and studying for a degree qualification in areas such as Hospitality Management or Culinary Arts can be beneficial. A university-level qualification can help excel in the chosen career and ensures the necessary knowledge and skills for success.

An alternative route for levelling up skills is through a higher or degree-level apprenticeship. This is a good option for those who want to gain hands-on experience in the workplace and develop their skills through practical application.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



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FOR COURSES

Vocational Pathway

Sport & UPS Foundation

L1

Required: 5 GCSE at Grade 2 and above
(inc. English & Maths)

Entry to the Uniformed Services

L2

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 3 or above
(inc. English & Maths)

Extended Diploma Entry to the Uniformed Services

L3

Extended Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above
(inc. English & Maths)



Whether the focus is on joining the armed forces in the British Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, or preferring a career in the Police Service, Fire Service, Paramedic, or Prison Service, Yeovil College offers a wide range of courses to choose from. Protective Services is an extremely attractive career; the armed forces employ 180,780 people nationally, and in 2025 the total police-based workforce was 295,000.

Students will develop strong communication and team-working skills, as well as enhancing their physical fitness, which are all vital to leading a successful career in uniformed or public services. They will complete work experience that provides a real insight into life in the Protective Services. Visits to places like Avon and Somerset Police Headquarters and experiences such as what it would be like to be a firefighter will give students the opportunity to interact with serving personnel and understand first-hand what life will be like beyond college.

Previous students who have studied Uniformed Protective Services at Yeovil College have gone on to join the British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, RAF, Police Service, and Prison Service. Students also tend to go onto further education, higher education, degree apprenticeships or university.

Many lecturers within this area have spent time in the Protective Services industry and many continue to practice alongside their College careers. This means that students will be taught by people who know exactly what it takes to excel in the protective services industry and, more importantly, are capable of teaching them how to succeed in their own careers.



"Yeovil College has been great as they offer lots of support and have amazing lecturers that are always willing to help you with anything. The College has prepared me really well for a future in the services with lots of training on fitness and what the role will actually be like, and I have already started my application for the RAF and hope to become a medic."

Sabina Tavener

Formerly of Westfield Academy
Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services



"There are so many units in the course that supported my decision to become a PCSO in the Police Force, including fitness, police powers and intervention and searches."

Chelsea Smalling

Formerly of Buckler's Mead Academy
Former Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services Student, achieving a D*DD.

STUDY & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Students' academic-based sessions and work will take place in a dedicated classroom within the Yeovil Institute of Sport, which opens in September 2025. spaces at Yeovil College, and is the first part of a £60 million investment programme. Here, the Study Programme Manager will use a combination of discussion, theory lessons, and presentations to provide students with the best skills and knowledge, in the most modern and up-to-date facilities within the South.

Practically, students will spend a large proportion of their time within the new sports hall, fitness centre and gym, and outdoor fields and spaces, again all opening in September 2025. In these environments, they will work on teamworking skills, independence, interdependence, fitness, confidence, and discipline.

Yeovil College also regularly welcomes a range of experts from the protective services sector to talk to students and present their experience and knowledge. This provides students with timely and current insights into their future careers. Additionally, the College incorporates several visits to local protective service environments in the curriculum, allowing students to get a real feel for their future careers.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Former-UPS students, who are now in the Police Force, returned to Yeovil College to share insights on life as a Police Officer, covering topics from applications to various roles.



Uniformed Protective Services students participated in a healthy eating challenge with a £5 budget to plan, purchase, and cook a meal, which was then externally judged.



Level 2 Sports Coaching & Uniformed Protective Services students spent a day at Mendip Activity Centre. They took part in activities like raft building, a muddy assault course, and air rifle shooting to test their knowledge & skills.



Students were visited by The Army for an insightful presentation and hands-on practical. They learned about career opportunities, the application process, and participated in an elite skills task, using their teamwork skills.



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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Officer in Armed Forces
 Royal Navy
 Fire Service Officer
 Prison Service Officer
 RAF
 Police Officer
 Paramedic
 Infantry Soldier
 Pilot



OFFICERS IN ARMED FORCES

National average

£59,880

£38,920

Starter

Which is the same as **£1,152 a week**

£83,830

Experienced



The majority of those employed in this role will hold a A or AS Level, T Level or Level 3 NVQ.



ARMY LIEUTENANTS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

34,893
 34,196
 33,500

2024 2025 2026 2027

+
 3.4%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN THE:

Police Force:

Keep law and order, investigate crime and support crime prevention.

Army Officer:

Command, manage and motivate teams of soldiers.

Police Community Support Team:

PCSOs work in a neighbourhood policing team dealing with minor offences and crime prevention.

Royal Marines:

Commandos take part in frontline combat and are sent at short notice to deal with emergency situations.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Leadership skills to manage and motivate others
- Verbal communication skills
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Persistence and determination
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Concentration skills and fast reactions
- Ability to accept criticism
- Work well under pressure
- Teamwork skills
- Knowledge of public safety and security.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Carrying out practice drills and taking part in training
- Responding to emergency call-outs
- Rescuing people and animals from burning buildings and accident sites
- Controlling and putting out fires and dealing with bomb alerts and floods
- Investigating crimes and offences, interviewing suspects and making arrests
- Giving evidence in court
- Controlling traffic and crowds at large public events and gatherings
- Dealing with anti-social behaviour alongside neighbourhood wardens and community action teams
- Leading a team of trained soldiers on operations
- Managing the supply of things like petrol and ammunition
- Managing weapons deployment and tactics and advising on the use of small arms and training snipers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Protective Services Students will take part in a wide range of industry visits, workshops, and mock interviews, as well as develop leadership, teamwork, and interpersonal skills.
- The lecturers at Yeovil College are a key strength. They all have Protective Services backgrounds and are professionals within their own right, with many continuing to practice alongside their College commitments, such as serving as Special Constables.
- Lecturers are experts in their areas, which means they can translate theory into real-life experience and provide students with the right level of confidence, skills, and knowledge to move into a successful career within the protective services industry.
- Yeovil College has a fantastic student alumni who are now performing and developing careers in jobs they love across all disciplines within the protective services industry.
- Field trips and visits are integrated into the study programme to help students gain a solid understanding of their preferred career route within uniformed protective services.

GETTING STARTED IN PROTECTIVE SERVICES

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Protective Services qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Bronze, Silver and/or Gold)
Short courses, including teamwork, self-defense, personal development
Personal interest - Territorial Army, Cadets, Scouts

LEVEL 1

Sport & UPS Foundation

LEVEL 2

Entry to the Uniformed Services

LEVEL 3

Uniformed Protective Services (Diploma or Extended Diploma)

LEVEL 4+

University-level qualifications and degree apprenticeships



ARE THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES ATTRACTIVE CAREERS?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **34,893** people employed nationally within the Protective Services industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 3.4%**.



"When I started, I was unsure what I wanted to do with my future, but the course educated me on the many different options that were available to me, and as a result, I decided to join the Police as a PCSO and then as a PC. I enjoy the constant challenges in my role and the fact that every shift will be different. It has taught me a lot about how to manage complex situations, protect vulnerable people and how to deal with offenders."

Harrison Haynes
Formerly of The Gryphon School
Level 3 Uniformed Public Services.

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



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MOVING FORWARD

Once students have completed their Uniformed Protective Services qualification at Yeovil College, there are multiple routes they could follow to further their knowledge and advance their careers. Apprenticeships form a significant part of the protective services industry. Organisations such as the Army and Royal Navy offer higher and degree-level apprenticeship opportunities. This pathway is an excellent way to build skills whilst earning and gaining valuable workplace experience. Apprenticeships provide hands-on training and the chance to learn directly from experienced professionals in the field.

Alternatively, students could choose to develop their skills through a university-level qualification. Pursuing higher education in areas related to protective services can deepen their theoretical understanding and open up advanced career opportunities. University programmes often offer specialised courses that align with specific career goals within the protective services sector.

Yeovil College supports students in exploring these pathways and provides guidance to help them make informed decisions about their future careers. The College's strong connections with industry professionals and organisations ensure that students receive up-to-date information and opportunities to engage with potential employers.

SCIENCE



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FOR COURSES



Academic Pathway

A Level Biology

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)
GCSE Biology or Combined Science at grade 6
or above is essential

A Level Chemistry

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)
GCSE Chemistry or Combined Science at grade 6
or above is essential

A Level Physics

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)
GCSE Physics or Combined Science at grade 6
or above is essential

A Level Environmental Science

L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)
GCSE Geography at grade 4 is desirable but not essential



Science is the key to understanding how the world works. It's about asking questions, exploring ideas, discovering new phenomena, and pushing the boundaries of what we know. At Yeovil College, students are encouraged to challenge the norm and think critically about the world around them.

The career possibilities within the scientific field are vast and exciting. Whether a student is drawn to chemistry, biology, physics, environmental science, or a combination of these, mastering scientific principles opens the door to a wide range of fulfilling and impactful careers—from research and healthcare to engineering and environmental conservation.

For those with an analytical mind, strong problem-solving abilities, curiosity, and creativity, science offers a powerful and rewarding path. Yeovil College's A Level science curriculum is designed to provide a deep and broad foundation, equipping learners with the knowledge and skills needed to progress confidently into higher education and beyond.

In addition to traditional sciences, Yeovil College is proud to be at the forefront of innovation in Digital Dentistry. As a leading partner in the West of England Institute of Technology (IoT), the College is addressing the dental technician skills shortage in the South West through cutting-edge training and facilities. In collaboration with the General Dental Council and Health Education England (HEE), Yeovil College has developed a state-of-the-art Digital Dental Technician Centre—a pioneering initiative that is transforming the future of dental education.

To learn more about this exciting development, students and parents are encouraged to explore the Digital Dental section of the School Leavers Guide.



"My experience at Yeovil College has been one to remember, and I am so proud of my results. I am excited to progress to Bournemouth University to study Forensics and embark on the journey towards my dream career."

Megan Harrison (Second left)

Formerly of Westfield Academy

Studied A Levels in Chemistry, Biology, Psychology

STATE-OF-THE-ART LABORATORIES & LEARNING

All Health, Education, and Science teaching at Yeovil College takes place in the dedicated Health, Education and Science Centre, a cutting-edge facility opened in 2022 following a £3+ million investment through T Levels and the West of England Institute of Technology (WEIoT).

This modern centre features multiple state-of-the-art science laboratories, each equipped with the latest industry-standard technology, including advanced analytical instruments, digital data capture systems, and interactive smart boards. These labs are complemented by flexible study and social spaces, all meticulously designed to simulate real-world scientific and healthcare environments. The immersive setup not only enhances hands-on learning but also prepares students for the demands of modern scientific and clinical workplaces.

As part of their programme, students complete meaningful work experience, applying their learning in real-world settings with support from experienced mentors who offer guidance and feedback to build confidence and skills.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Practical work, assessments and experiments are a major part of any scientist's education. In Physics, the students experimented with electromagnetic induction to design and build motors.



Biology students received their certificates from the British Biology Olympiad. Two students won silver (top 15% of nearly 15,000 entrants) and two won bronze (top 30%)!



Students were involved in some fantastic forensic science research. After they analysed the crime scene, they identified unknown white powders using flame tests and chemical tests.



Our A Level Biology students started the term by measuring the clearance zone of antibiotics on E. coli 12.



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Wessex Water
YTL GROUP
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Yeovil Hospital
Healthcare

SCIENCE

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Biological Scientist
 Biochemist
 Laboratory Technician
 Science Technician
 Natural and Social Science Professional
 Chemical Scientist
 Physical Scientist
 Social and Humanities Scientist
 Dentist and Digital Dentistry



BIOCHEMISTS AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENTISTS

National average

£44,800

£29,120

Starter

Which is the same as **£862 a week**

£61,550

Experienced



The majority employed in this role will hold a BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship or sector specific qualification.



BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

112,031

111,015

110,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

+

1.5%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Biomedical Scientists:

Screen patient samples and help doctors and healthcare professionals to diagnose and treat disease.

Chemists:

Study chemicals and materials and how they behave under different conditions.

Forensic Scientists:

Prepare traces of physical evidence for use in courts of law.

Microbiologists:

Study micro-organisms like bacteria, viruses, fungi and algae.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Analytical thinking skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- Verbal communication skills
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Concentration skills
- Ability to use your initiative
- Knowledge of engineering, science and technology.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Screening and testing for infectious diseases
- Analysing blood for disease and monitoring organ function
- Supporting the blood transfusion and transplant service through blood grouping and matching
- Screening for blood abnormalities and diseases
- Inventing and developing new medicines and products
- Analysing forensic evidence
- Teaching, lecturing and carrying out academic research
- Designing and conducting laboratory experiments
- Writing reports and presenting your findings
- Investigating how microorganisms produce antibodies, vaccines, hormones and other biotechnology products
- Monitoring the quality and safety of manufactured food and medical products
- Using microorganisms to control pollution and dispose of waste safely.

HIGHLIGHTS

Students at Yeovil College can expect to learn in ultra-modern, state-of-the-art laboratories equipped with the latest technology. Teaching takes place within the Health, Education and Science Centre (HESC), a purpose-built facility that opened in 2022. Designed to the highest specifications, HESC features UK-leading resources and cutting-edge equipment, creating an exceptional learning environment.

A science qualification from Yeovil College offers broad career prospects, enabling progression into a wide range of sectors. It also provides a strong foundation for those aiming to pursue university studies or apprenticeships.

Student feedback consistently highlights the superior quality of the College's teaching spaces, study equipment, and technological tools, all of which contribute to a dynamic and engaging learning experience.

A key strength of the science programme is its delivery by industry professionals. All science lecturers at Yeovil College are subject specialists, and the curriculum is enriched with bespoke masterclasses led by practicing experts from the local community. This ensures that students receive the most current and relevant education possible.

Science A Levels are highly regarded as facilitating subjects by The Russell Group, who represent the top 24 leading UK universities.

GETTING STARTED IN SCIENCE

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Science qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

LEVEL 3

A Level Biology
A Level Chemistry
A Level Physics
A Level Environmental Science
Dentistry
Digital Dentistry

LEVEL 4+

University-level study
Dentistry: Oral Health Practitioner (Level 4)
Dentistry: Dental Technician (Level 5)
Degree Apprenticeships



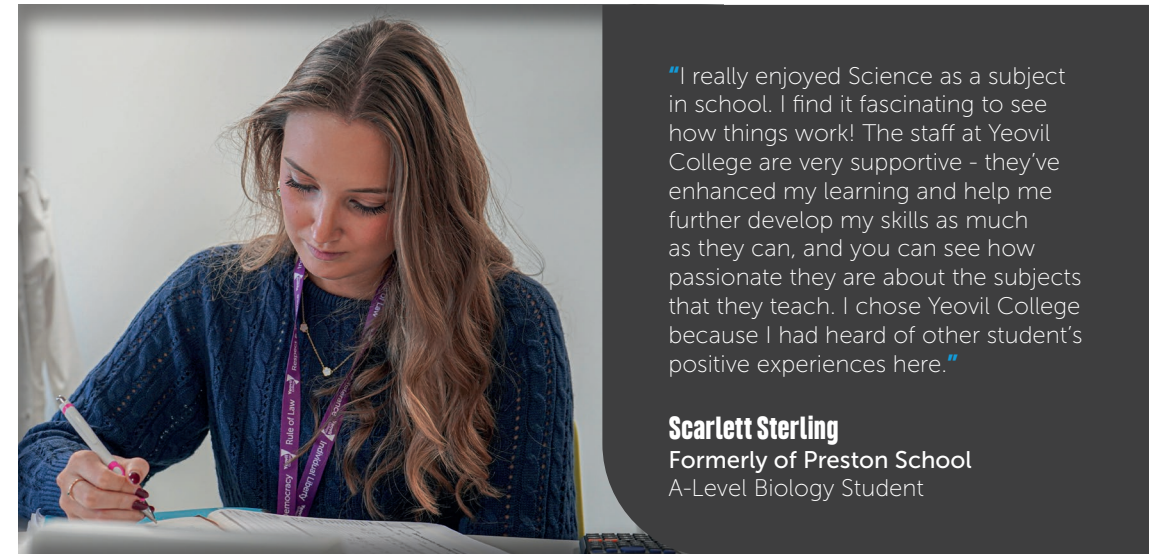
A Level Biology and Environmental Science completed transects across the dunes, looking at the number and type of plant species present, whilst measuring a range of abiotic factors such as soil temperature, pH and air humidity during a trip to the sand dunes at Knoll Beach in Studland.

IS SCIENCE AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **112,031** people employed nationally within the science industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 1.5%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"I really enjoyed Science as a subject in school. I find it fascinating to see how things work! The staff at Yeovil College are very supportive - they've enhanced my learning and help me further develop my skills as much as they can, and you can see how passionate they are about the subjects that they teach. I chose Yeovil College because I had heard of other student's positive experiences here."

Scarlett Sterling
Formerly of Preston School
A-Level Biology Student

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MOVING FORWARD

Upon completing their studies at Yeovil College, students have a wide range of progression opportunities available. For many, university is the natural next step, opening doors to a variety of subject areas such as biomedical science, biological science, biochemistry, forensic science, microbiology, and dentistry. Some former students have pursued pathways in criminology and law, while others have chosen to focus on health-related disciplines.

Alternatively, students may opt for a higher or degree apprenticeship, which offers a more hands-on, practical route into the workplace. This path is ideal for those seeking early career experience in fields such as dentistry, dental technology, laboratory science, research, or pharmacy. Starting in junior roles, students can build expertise and qualifications that lead to a wide array of career options—ranging from establishing a private practice or working in medical research, to joining the protective services as a medical specialist or taking on non-customer-facing roles in scientific industries.



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Vocational Pathway

Sport & UPS L1

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above

Sport & UPS Foundation L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

Sport & Outdoor Education L2

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

Sport Coaching & Development L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

Sport & Exercise Science L3

Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

Sport Coaching (CIMSPA Accredited) L3

Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above
(inc. English OR Maths at grade 4) OR L3 Extended Diploma
(5 x GCSE @ grade 4 and above)

Academic Pathway

A-Level Physical Education (PE) L3

Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

Apprenticeship Pathway

Sports Coach (School & Community Pathways) L4



When students combine their studies with their interest and passion for sport, great things happen! Whether their aim is to develop their knowledge of sport, exercise, and coaching, or nurture their talent as elite athletes, Yeovil College helps them stand out from the crowd.

Yeovil College has recently launched the innovative Yeovil Institute of Sport (YIS), a groundbreaking initiative that elevates sports education and athletic training to new heights in the region. The Yeovil Institute of Sport represents a significant advancement in sports science, football, coaching, and athletic development. With substantial investment, including a purpose build Sports and Protective Services Centre, opened in September 2025, the institute is set to become a leading destination for aspiring sports professionals, including footballers; the Institute of Sport is a beacon of excellence.

As Yeovil College introduces this new era of sporting excellence, it is committed not only to providing the highest quality of education, teaching, and learning but also to raising the standard of sport and football aspiration through the Institute. The College takes control of every element of the programme and reaches out to the best coaches through partnerships, masterclasses, and bespoke professional tasters from across the South West; second best is not an option for us.

Previous students have completed work experience at professional sports teams, local primary and secondary schools, Yeovil District Hospital, sports coaching companies, physiotherapists, chiropractors, psychologists, nutritionists, fitness centres, and PE teaching. Former students who have studied Sport & Exercise Science at Yeovil College have gone on to secure careers as footballers, physiotherapists, PE teachers, sports psychologists, cardiac physiologists, strength and conditioning specialists, and performance analysts at elite sports clubs.

Yeovil College embeds additional qualifications within core study programmes, ensuring that students leave with a brilliant CV, including Leadership Skills Foundation and Higher Sports Leadership Award. No one does it like we do!



"I've always played football, and this is a fantastic football course to go onto! Yeovil College is easy to travel to and has good facilities, which I enjoy using. I'm interested in higher level refereeing as this is what I enjoy most, and this course will help me achieve this."

Theo Davey
Formerly of Ansford Academy
Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development.

BRAND NEW PURPOSE-BUILT SPORTS CENTRE

Sports students have the privilege of studying in the top-of-the-range Yeovil Institute of Sports Centre, which opened in October 2025. This state-of-the-art facility provides an exceptional environment for sports education and training, which includes a newly created, gym, sports hall, changing facilities and teaching spaces; the facility must be viewed to be fully appreciated. In addition to the new sports centre, students will also utilise the sports pitches, campus fields, and local athletics track as practical outdoor learning spaces.

Regular trips and visits to coaching venues, primary schools, and professional training arenas are integral to the programme, offering students valuable insights into real working environments and supporting the application of their learning.

Substantial work experience is a key component of the study programme, allowing students to embed their learning into practical experience. Each student is paired with an experienced mentor who provides real-time feedback and support, helping them to develop exemplary sports, coaching, and fitness skills and knowledge.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Students had an incredible week on the Italy Ski Trip! From beginners to experienced skiers, everyone enjoyed exploring the mountains and mastering the sport. A truly unforgettable experience.



The girl's Football Team won the ECFA South West Women's Regional League B and the Somerset Schools U19 Cup!



Yeovil College Sports is now an official partner of CIMSPA FE Partner! This partnership enhances our commitment to top-notch education and opportunities in sport and physical activity.



Sport students trained incredibly hard and completed tough workouts in the AoC College Fitness Games Finals, performing brilliantly to bring three top ten finishes back to Yeovil College.



CLASSROOM
PROFILE

EMPLOYER COLLABORATIONS



SPORT

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Sports Coach
Match Official
Professional Footballer
Personal Trainer
Leisure and Sports Manager
PE Teacher
Professional Athlete
Performance Analyst



LEISURE AND SPORTS MANAGERS

National average

£33,130

£21,540

Starter

Which is the same as **£637 a week**

£46,390

Experienced



The majority employed in this role will hold a BA/BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship or sector specific qualification.



SPORTS COACHES EMPLOYED NATIONALLY

61,306
60,653
60,000

2024 2025 2026 2027

+
1.4%

IN THE FUTURE, YOU COULD WORK IN:

Personal Training:

Work with clients to improve their health and fitness.

Leisure Centre Management:

Look after the day-to-day running of sports and leisure centres.

Physical Education (PE) Teaching:

Work in schools and colleges, teaching sport and fitness to young people.

Sports Physiotherapy:

Diagnose and treat sports injuries.

WHAT KIND OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE ARE NEEDED?

- Physical fitness and endurance
- Persistence and determination
- Ability to provide feedback
- Patience and the ability to remain calm
- Ambition and a desire to succeed
- Ability to monitor and reflect on your own performance
- Physical skills like movement, coordination, dexterity and grace
- Customer service skills.

DETERMINE THE IDEAL STUDY LEVEL

Yeovil College provides diverse study programmes to meet various goals, including university progression, obtaining a job, apprenticeship employment, and improving English and Maths GCSE grades. There's a suitable starting point for every student.

For details on levels, entry requirements, and starting positions, see page 26 of this prospectus.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT TO DO?

Depending on their area of specialisation, Yeovil College students' daily responsibilities may involve the following activities:

- Setting short-term and long-term goals and planning programmes to reach them
- Educating, motivating and coaching clients to help them follow their programmes safely and effectively
- Giving advice on health, nutrition and lifestyle changes
- Helping clients with their workouts
- Checking and recording clients' progress, using methods like measuring heart rate and levels of body fat
- Arranging leisure activity timetables
- Organising and promoting special events
- Recruiting, scheduling and managing staff
- Controlling budgets
- Taking responsibility for health and safety
- Visiting organisations, like local authorities, to promote your centre
- Assessing people's fitness and creating personal exercise programmes.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sports students at Yeovil College study within their brand-new sports centre (opened October 2025). No expense has been spared in delivering the very best in sporting facilities that the south of the UK has ever seen. The state-of-the-art centre is designed to provide an exceptional environment for students to excel in their sports education and training.

Yeovil College is proud to announce the launch of the innovative Yeovil Institute of Sport (YIS), a groundbreaking initiative that will elevate sports education and athletic training to new heights in the region, and importantly bring sporting success back to Yeovil.

The Yeovil Institute of Sport represents a significant advancement in sports science, football, coaching, and athletic development. With substantial investment in facilities, equipment, and expert staff, the institute is set to become a leading destination for aspiring sports professionals, including footballers.

Work experience is a critical component of the study programmes at YIS. Students will have the opportunity to complete work experience at professional sporting clubs, physiotherapists, psychologists, the NHS, and many more. This hands-on experience is invaluable for gaining practical skills and insights into various careers within the sports industry.

GETTING STARTED IN SPORT

No matter the starting point, Yeovil College offers Sport qualifications that suits each student and will help them confidently progress within the industry.

SECTOR SKILLS

Foundation

LEVEL 1

Sport & UPS

Sport & UPS Foundation

LEVEL 2

Sport & Outdoor Education

LEVEL 3

Sport Coaching & Development

Sport & Exercise Science

Sport Coaching (CIMSPA Accredited)

A-Level Physical Education (PE)

LEVEL 4+

Sports Coach (School & Community Pathways)



*At the time of printing, the Yeovil Institute of Sport was not fully complete and therefore not fully displayed within the prospectus.

IS SPORT AN ATTRACTIVE CAREER?

Evaluate the national employment statistics and earning potential to determine if it appears to be a promising career option.

By **2027** there are likely to be **61,306** people employed nationally within the Leisure and Sports management industry, and the sector is predicted to see an overall **increase of 1.4%**.

(2024 – 2027 Pathways figures).



"I chose to study this course because I have loved all aspects of sport for as long as I can remember. After a knee injury, I became fascinated by my physiotherapist's work and decided that I wanted to become a physiotherapist myself. My tutor has been incredibly supportive and I could not have achieved this without his support. The practical sessions have been really helpful in consolidating my knowledge, and now I am excited to move on to study Sports Science at the University of Exeter."

Leo Govier
Formerly of Holyrood Academy
Studied Sport & Exercise Science (D*D*D).

MATCH YOUR SKILLS



Visit the Match Your Skills section on the homepage of the Yeovil College website – www.yeovil.ac.uk – to find out which career suits you best. You'll learn about potential annual salaries, job roles, required skills, and progression opportunities linked to each career option. The website also provides real-time information on current job vacancies and sector growth within the sector. Additionally, you can take a profile quiz to identify careers that match your strengths and aspirations. For more details, visit Match Your Skills or scan the QR code.

MOVING FORWARD

A qualification in Sport from Yeovil College opens many different pathways for progression. If students are passionate about the industry, they can continue their studies and begin a university-level qualification. Many of the top universities offer degrees relevant to the sporting world, including Sport Science and Sport Therapy. These degrees provide in-depth knowledge and skills that are essential for various careers in the sports industry.

For those who prefer not to commit to a full three-year degree, many universities and colleges offer a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Sport that can be completed in two years. An HND provides a solid foundation in sports studies and can be a stepping stone to further education or direct entry into the workforce.

Alternatively, there are numerous opportunities to start an apprenticeship within the industry, including coaching and fitness roles. An apprenticeship is a great blend of learning while also getting hands-on experience. It allows students to earn while they learn and gain practical skills that are highly valued by employers. Yeovil College supports students in exploring these pathways and provides guidance to help them make informed decisions about their future careers. The College's strong connections with industry professionals and organisations ensure that students receive up-to-date information and opportunities to engage with potential employers.



T LEVELS

EXTRAORDINARY FUTURE

DISCOVER T LEVELS

T Levels are the cutting-edge qualifications everyone is talking about. Developed by the government, T Levels offer world-class technical education and provide a new pathway after GCSEs. If you have a clear career goal and enjoy a mix of technical and practical, hands-on training, T Levels could be the perfect choice for you.

At Yeovil College, T Levels are fully integrated into our curriculum and are highly sought after by students, employers, and universities. These qualifications combine academic theory with practical application and substantial work placements, making a significant impact on the education system. With strong backing from both the education and business sectors, T Levels are here to stay. Designed by employers, they equip you with the skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career, ensuring you are highly employable.

Explore the opportunities T Levels offer at Yeovil College and take the first step towards a successful future.

KEY FACTS ABOUT T LEVELS

T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels. Achieving the highest grade in a T Level is equivalent to three A*s at A Levels, translating to 168 UCAS points. This makes T Levels highly credible and respected in the industry.

The two-year T Level qualification blends classroom learning with work placements. You will spend approximately 20% of your time on a substantial work placement (around 45 days) and the remaining 80% engaged in high-quality classroom training.

Employers have actively supported T Levels by investing time in developing the curriculum content. This ensures that students gain the skills and qualifications needed for a successful career, giving them confidence in their future prospects.

Upon passing the T Level, students receive a nationally recognised certificate showing overall grade at a pass, merit, distinction, or distinction*.

80 20

T Levels are 80% classroom-based learning with 20% industry placement (opposite to an apprenticeship).

DRIVING INNOVATION THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE

To deliver top-quality T Levels, we have invested significantly in our campus, introducing innovative technology, a new digital infrastructure, and creating exciting learning environments across the curriculum. This investment ensures students are truly employment-ready with strong resources, technologies, and teaching spaces. Perhaps our greatest achievement is the additional £60 million, once-in-a-generation 'Big Build' Project, which will bring career-enhancing developments exclusively to Yeovil College.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SCIENCE CENTRE:

Our £3 million Health, Education, and Science Centre features four specialist science labs, hospital wards, a community health skills suite, therapy room, dental nursing training lab, and simulation spaces for nursing and primary education. VR and advanced digital capability are also part of our teaching toolkit.

THE CONSTRUCTION CENTRE:

Opened in early 2024, our state-of-the-art Construction Centre provides real working environments for Carpentry, Joinery, Brick, Multi-skills, and Gas Testing students.

CONSTRUCTION INNOVATION CENTRE:

The Centre will address the skills gap in the industry by adding 1,700m² of specialist and technical training space. New facilities will include traditional trades and advanced Green Construction and Retrofit Technologies, helping to reduce the sector's environmental impact.

ENGINEERING CENTRE OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING:

With over £1 million invested, our Engineering department includes a full-size Lynx Helicopter, a Centre of Advanced Manufacturing, and advanced technology like a computer-controlled wind-tunnel, 3D printers, and mechanical engineering testing equipment.

DIGITAL & COMPUTING:

Our new Institute of Technology (IoT) Digital Labs and HTQ smart room offer high-spec facilities and innovative learning environments, including a hardware lab, high-end computing suites, and an IoT Digital Innovation Centre.

AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTRE:

Opened in 2024, this centre features electrical equipment and diagnostic systems, ramps, ADAS, four-wheel alignment, and tools for electric vehicle and hydrogen qualifications.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES STUDIOS:

Located in the Leonardo Building, our Creative Industries curriculum includes 25 creative spaces and studios for Textiles, Ceramics, and Media, with £180,000 invested to provide real-world studios and highly resourced spaces.

These investments ensure that T Level students at Yeovil College receive the best possible education and training for their future careers.

T-LEVEL ROUTES AVAILABLE AT YEOVIL COLLEGE:

↑ Automotive Engineering	↑ Construction	↑ Engineering
↑ Business	↑ Creative Industries	↑ Health
↑ Computing & Digital	↑ Education & Early Years	

ARE T LEVELS THE RIGHT FIT?

T Levels are ideal for students with a clear career goal who enjoy technical training in a cutting-edge, state-of-the-art environment. They are perfect for those who want to combine high-quality classroom learning with substantial industry placements.

For students who didn't achieve the grades needed to study a full T Level, there is a tailored Level 2 Foundation Programme, which is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge to progress to the full Level 3 T Level.

EVERY T LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMME AT YEOVIL COLLEGE INCLUDES:

- A Technical Qualification (the main classroom-based element)
- An industry placement of at least 315 hours (45 days)
- A license to practice for a specific occupation, where required
- Enrichment and tutorial time.

T LEVEL WORK PLACEMENT

A substantial, mandatory work placement is a key driver of success for the T Level programmes, giving students a competitive edge within for their career. All students complete a minimum of 315 hours (around 45 days) of meaningful work experience. This helps confirm their career pathway, contextualize new skills and knowledge, and develop the attitudes and behaviours required in their specific sector.

Many students secure permanent jobs as a result of successful placements. For example, Education & Early Years T Level students undertake a substantial work placement of 750 hours as a key part of their qualification.



"The T Level has benefitted me by equipping me with a good balance of theory knowledge in the field through my work experience placement at SFM Technology. I feel well prepared for when I leave Yeovil College and know what to expect in the world of work."

Ben Wilson
T Level Engineering & Manufacturing.

OUR T-LEVELS OFFER

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

T Level Maintenance Engineering Technologies L3
Required: GCSE English and Maths at grade 5 or above

BUSINESS

T Level Foundation in Business Management & Administration L2
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Business Management & Administration L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

COMPUTING & DIGITAL

T Level Foundation in IT L2
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level in Digital (Software Programming) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

CONSTRUCTION

T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing Engineering) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

T Level Craft & Design (Textile & Fashion Maker) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

T Level Media Broadcast & Production L3
Required: 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 (inc. English & Maths)

T Level Craft & Design (Ceramic Design) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (inc. English and Maths)

EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

T Level Foundation in Education & Children Young People's Workforce L2
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Education & Early Years L3
Required: 5 GCSEs grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)

ENGINEERING

T Level Foundation in Engineering L2
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Engineering & Manufacturing - Design & Development L3
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

HEALTH

T Level Foundation in Health L2
Required: 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

T Level Health (Adult Nursing Specialisms) L3
Required: 5 GCSEs grade 5-9 (inc. English & Maths)



T Level Engineering & Manufacturing (Design & Development) students studied how the Striling Engine operates before recreating it. T Level student Oliver Howell, formerly of Stanchester Academy, shared how the project benefitted his learning:

"I'm really enjoying testing my skills and learning new aspects of Engineering. It's been interesting to see what new skills from the project I can take into future work too."

T LEVELS FACTS



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TO T LEVELS!

T LEVEL FACTS

We've compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions and answers about T Levels to help clear up any misconceptions.

GENERAL

1. WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are two-year, career-focused qualifications designed to give students a head start in the workplace. They are equivalent to three A Levels and combine classroom learning with an industry placement.

2. HOW LONG DOES A T LEVEL TAKE?

A T Level takes two years of full-time study to complete.

3. WHAT SUBJECTS CAN I STUDY?

Yeovil College has a brilliant range of T Level subjects across Construction, Computing & Digital, Education & Childcare, Engineering, Business, Automotive Engineering, Creative Industries, and Health.

4. WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR A T LEVEL?

You can apply from the summer term of Year 10 onwards.

5. HOW DO T LEVELS DIFFER FROM APPRENTICESHIPS?

T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies at Yeovil College.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

6. WHAT IS A T LEVEL INDUSTRY PLACEMENT?

An industry placement is a key component of T Levels, lasting around 45 days.

7. HOW DOES THE INDUSTRY PLACEMENT WORK?

The placement allows students to apply their classroom learning in a real-world setting, gaining practical experience and skills.

PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

8. CAN I GO TO UNIVERSITY AFTER A T LEVEL?

Yes, T Levels are designed to provide the skills and knowledge needed for both employment and university.

T Level Distinction* is worth the same as 3A Levels at A* and are recognised by universities.

9. ARE T LEVELS BE RECOGNISED BY EMPLOYERS?

T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers to ensure they meet industry standards and are recognised by businesses.

**A T Level is equivalent to three
A Levels, with the highest-grade
matching three A*s and earning 168
UCAS points.**



**T Levels provide diverse progression
options, with many students
advancing to higher apprenticeships
or university.**





APPRENTICESHIPS

EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIP

UNLOCK AN APPRENTICESHIP

An apprenticeship offers a genuine job opportunity, providing hands-on experience, a salary, and the chance to train while you work. You'll be treated like any other employee, with a contract of employment and holiday entitlement, ensuring you're fully integrated into the workplace.

BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

- **Earn while developing knowledge and skills:**
Apprentices gain valuable experience and a salary simultaneously.
- **Learn job-specific and transferable skills:**
Apprentices acquire expertise that is applicable in various roles.
- **Gain nationally recognised qualifications:**
Apprentices earn credentials respected across the country.
- **Advance in their chosen career:**
Apprentices take steps forward in their professional journey.
- **Progress to higher-level apprenticeships:**
Apprentices can continue their education and training at more advanced levels.
- **Increase future earning potential:**
Apprentices boost their chances of higher earnings in the future.
- **No qualification fees:**
Apprentices enjoy the benefit of training without the burden of tuition costs.
- **Receive guidance from experienced mentors and managers:**
Apprentices learn from seasoned professionals.
- **Work in a professional and highly-skilled environment:**
Apprentices gain experience in settings that value expertise and professionalism.



TRAINING & EDUCATION WITHIN AN APPRENTICESHIP?

- **Hands-on work experience:**
Gain practical training in all aspects of the job.
- **Off-the-job training:**
Participate in training sessions during your normal working week.
- **Learning at Yeovil College:**
Attend masterclasses, day release, or block release sessions at Yeovil College.
- **Directed study and learning:**
Engage in structured study and learning activities.
- **Workplace assessments and reviews:**
Receive evaluations and feedback from Yeovil College Assessors.
- **Functional Skills in English & Maths:**
Improve essential skills in English and Maths, where required.
- **Work in a professional and highly-skilled environment:**
Apprentices gain experience in settings that value expertise and professionalism.

NEXT STEPS TO BECOMING AN APPRENTICE

- Visit our website to search employer vacancies, we work with over 400 businesses in the region.
- Find and apply for apprenticeship vacancies online at www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.
- Search online for apprenticeship job vacancies.
- Contact employers directly with a CV and covering letter.
- Book a 1:1 appointment with one of the Yeovil College Student Recruitment Consultants for tailored advice and support.
- Contact via email at studentrecruitment@yeovil.ac.uk.

SEVEN STEPS TO APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESS



1. APPLY ONLINE:

Fill out an application – www.yeovil.ac.uk.

2. SUPPORT:

- Talk to a Yeovil College Student Recruitment Consultant.
- Receive help with CVs, applications, and finding apprenticeships.
- Apply on the 'find an apprenticeship' website or contact employers.
- If you already have an employer, let us know so we can contact them.

3. INTERVIEW:

- Interview with the employer.
- Complete a Skills Scan with Yeovil College.

4. START APPRENTICESHIP:

- Begin employment and enrol as a college apprentice.
- First day of learning.

5. DURING APPRENTICESHIP:

- Workplace training and assessments.
- Off-the-job training log.
- Build an online portfolio and complete assignments.
- Attend college as required.
- Complete any required functional skills/GCSEs.

6. COMPLETE APPRENTICESHIP:

Complete the apprenticeship and End-Point Assessment (EPA).

7. PROGRESSION:

Secure an offer of full-time employment, progress to the next apprenticeship level, or take on a new role.



APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

NAME	LEVELS	EQUIVALENT LEVEL
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade 9-4
Advanced	3	2 x A Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/ International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 & 7	Foundation Degree and above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or Master's Degree

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY EMPLOYER?

Different employers may offer different benefits and conditions, but as a minimum all apprentices will receive:

- On and off-the-job training in all aspects of the job and support with your apprenticeship training.
- A contract of employment.
- Paid annual leave entitlement (at least the statutory minimum level).
- The statutory minimum length of rest breaks.
- Statutory sick pay.
- Maternity, paternity and adoption pay and leave.
- The National Minimum Wage for apprentices (as a minimum).

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR AN APPRENTICE?



Apprenticeship wages vary depending on the circumstances, including the apprentice's age, where they are in their programme and the employer they work for.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

86% of employers said that apprentices helped them develop skills relevant to the organisation.

HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK WILL I WORK AS AN APPRENTICE?

You will usually work between 30 and 40 hours per week as an apprentice. If you are under 18, you can only legally work a maximum of eight hours per day or 40 hours per week. Around six hours of 'off-the-job' training will be built into your normal working week.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM YEOVIL COLLEGE THROUGHOUT MY APPRENTICESHIP?

- An individual learning plan.
- A dedicated assessor who will support you throughout your apprenticeship.
- Regular progress reviews.
- Off-the-job-training in College or in the workplace.
- Masterclasses.
- Delivery and support with Functional Skills and/or GCSE.
- A training plan, signed by the College, employer and apprentice which outlines the training you will receive and the commitment to programme from all parties.
- Full College benefits, learning resources, digital and technological assets and teaching expertise offered at Yeovil College.
- Regular careers support, advice and guidance sessions, as a group and on a one-to-one basis.
- Exceptional guidance and support during exam and end-point-assessment periods.

APPRENTICESHIP FAQs

1. WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a structured training program that combines paid work experience with classroom instruction and mentorship. It allows individuals to gain hands-on skills and earn a nationally recognized credential

2. HOW LONG DO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS LAST?

The duration of an apprenticeship program can vary depending on the industry, occupation, and specific program. They typically range from one to six years[2].

3. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships offer several benefits, including earning a salary while learning, gaining valuable work experience, receiving mentorship, and obtaining a portable credential that is recognized nationwide[1].

4. ARE THERE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRIES?



Yes, apprenticeships are available in over 1,000 occupations, including high-growth industries like healthcare, cybersecurity, information technology, and energy[2].

5. WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Eligibility requirements can vary by program, but generally, applicants must be at least 16 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some programs may have additional requirements[3].

6. HOW DO I FIND AND APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

You can find apprenticeship opportunities by searching online job boards, visiting www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship, or contacting local employers directly. Additionally, many educational institutions and training providers offer resources to help you find and apply for apprenticeships[1].

7. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN APPRENTICESHIP AND AN INTERNSHIP?



While both apprenticeships and internships provide work experience, apprenticeships are typically longer, more structured, and include formal training and mentorship. Apprenticeships also lead to a recognized credential, whereas internships may not[2].

8. HOW MUCH DOES AN APPRENTICE EARN?

The Treasury announced an 18% increase to the minimum hourly wage for apprentices, which will rise from £6.40 to £7.55 starting in April 2025, which is great news for new apprentices. After one year, any apprentices who are 19 or over move onto the national minimum wage, which was recently increased to £10 per hour. Apprenticeship salaries are reviewed annually by Government.



OUR APPRENTICESHIP OFFER



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AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) L3

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Accounting - Assistant Accountant L3
Administration L3
HR Support L3
Team Leader/Supervisor L3
Information Manager L4
Operations/Departmental Manager L5

CONSTRUCTION

Bricklayer L2
Property Maintenance Operative L2
Furniture Maker L2
Carpentry & Joinery (Site & Architectural) L2
Craft Carpentry & Joinery (Site) L3
Electrician (Domestic) L3
Electrician (Installation & Maintenance) L3
Fire Emergency & Security Systems Technician L3
Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Lean Manufacturing Operative L2
Improvement Technician L3
Improvement Practitioner L4
Creative Digital Design Professional L6

DENTISTRY & DIGITAL DENTISTRY

Dental Nursing L3 (Health & Social Care Curriculum)
Laboratory Technician (Digital Dental) L3
Oral Health Practitioner L4
Dental Technician L5 (Also offered as a Dental Foundation Degree)

EARLY YEARS

Early Years Practitioner L2
Teaching Assistant L3
Working in Early Years L3

ENGINEERING

Engineering Technician – Aerospace
Manufacturing Fitter L3
Engineering Technician – Mechatronics
Maintenance Technician L3
Engineering Technician – Product Design L3
Engineering Technician – Technical Support L3
Machining Technician L3
Metal Fabricator L3
Engineering Manufacturing Technician L4
Manufacturing Engineer (Degree) L4
Aerospace Engineer (Degree) L6

HAIR

Barbering Professional L2
Hairdressing Professional L2
Advanced & Creative Hair Professional L3

HEALTH, & SOCIAL CARE

Adult Care Worker / Lead Adult Care Worker (subject to approval) L3

HOSPITALITY

Baker L2
Food & Beverage Team Member L2
Production Chef L2
Commis Chef L2
Chef de Partie L3
Hospitality Supervisor L3



IT & COMPUTING

Information Communications Technician L3
Data Analyst L4
Network Engineer L4
Software Developer L4
Digital Technology Solutions Professional Degree Apprenticeship L6

SPORT

Sports Coach (School & Community Pathways) L4

TEACHER TRAINING

Learning & Skills Teacher L5



SAFEGUARDING & KEEPING APPRENTICES SAFE

At Yeovil College, we take our responsibility to ensure the safety of our students very seriously, and this also extends to our students who have chosen to undertake an apprenticeship programme. We are committed to working together to create a fantastic learning experience, and to ensure the highest levels of apprentice safety and wellbeing.

Yeovil College has a clear commitment to safeguarding, which is overseen by a dedicated safeguarding lead, who promotes and implements the Safeguarding Policy. Your employer also has a duty to comply with all current and future UK legislation and statutory responsibilities, including an apprentice's welfare in the workplace and to also seek appropriate advice when they feel an apprentice may be at risk in their personal lives.

YEOVIL COLLEGE WILL:

- Ensure that employers are aware of their safeguarding obligations, through guidance, training and regular communication.
- Ensure apprentices have an awareness of safeguarding and understand how to access College support services.
- Provide safeguarding training for all College employees.
- Maintain open channels of communication with each employer.
- Provide careers advice and guidance.

TAKE IT FURTHER



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WELCOME TO YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

At Yeovil College University Centre, we take pride in offering a variety of practical and academic qualifications right in the heart of Yeovil, designed to support our student's next career steps. Our University Centre provides a genuine alternative and different option to traditional universities, allowing students to pursue university-level qualifications in a personalised setting, in the heart of South Somerset.

WHY CHOOSE US?

Tailored Qualifications: Our courses are developed in collaboration with local employers to meet industry needs and are designed to fit into the busy lives of real people, within our local area.

Flexible Learning: We offer a range of qualifications from Higher National Certificates (HNC) at Level 4 to full Bachelor's Degrees at Level 6, available for both full-time and part-time study. This flexibility helps our students to balance their studies with other life commitments.

Continuous Growth: The Yeovil College University Centre is always evolving, with new qualifications being introduced each year, appropriately aligned to our labour market.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AT YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

After completing formal qualifications at Yeovil College, our students have the opportunity to further their studies at our onsite University Centre.

This is what our students expect when pursuing a degree-level qualification with us:

Earn a University-Level Qualification:

Options include HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, Honours Degree, or Degree Apprenticeship.

Practical and Vocational Focus:

Our qualifications are designed to be practical and aligned with the local labour market.

Employer Connections:

Benefit from our strong links with local and regional employers.

Personalised Support:

Enjoy smaller class sizes for more personalised tutor support.

Expert Lecturers:

Industry experts drive the learning, who bring real-world experience to the classroom experience.

Flexible Learning Paths:

Flexible qualifications with various starting and exit routes to suit life and work needs.

OUR UNIVERSITY-LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Business
- Childhood Studies, Care, and Education
- Social Work
- Computing
- Digital Design & Media
- Dental Technology
- Engineering
- Education & Training.

Join us to advance your education and career in a supportive and flexible learning environment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CHOOSING A QUALIFICATION?

When selecting a qualification, students should consider both the subject area and the type of qualification that works best for them, as well as the level of commitment required and the end goal.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Each qualification has specific entry requirements, which can be found on our website.

HOW IS UNIVERSITY-LEVEL STUDY FUNDED?

Student Finance offers tuition fee loans (to cover the cost of the course) and maintenance loans (to help with living expenses) are available to support your university-level studies.

HOW TO APPLY?

For full-time courses, apply through the UCAS website – www.ucas.com

For part-time courses, complete one of our part-time application forms.

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

Visit the Yeovil College University Centre section of our website for additional information – www.ycuc.ac.uk

COURSE INDEX

DISCOVER YOUR OPTIONS

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- A Level Art & Design
- A Level Biology
- A Level Business
- A Level Chemistry
- A Level Economics
- A Level English Language
- A Level English Literature
- A Level Environmental Science
- A Level Geography
- A Level History
- A Level Law
- A Level Maths
- A Level Photography
- A Level Physical Education (PE)
- A Level Physics
- A Level Politics
- A Level Psychology
- A Level Sociology
- A Level Spanish
- Diploma in Criminology Level 3

VOCATIONAL (54 - 145)

Automotive Engineering

- Automotive Maintenance and Repair Diploma
- T Level Maintenance Engineering Technologies

Business

- T Level Foundation in Business Management & Administration
- T Level Business Management & Administration

Computing & Digital

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing
- T Level Foundation in IT
- T Level in Digital (Software Programming)

Construction

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Electrical Installation
- Plumbing
- T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrotechnical Engineering)

- T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction (Plumbing Engineering)

Creative Industries

- Art, Design & Media
- Art & Design
- Creative Media Production & Technology
- Creative Digital Media Practice
- Graphic Design & Photography
- Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- T Level – Craft & Design (Textile & Fashion Maker)
- T Level Media Broadcast & Production
- T Level Craft & Design (Ceramic Design)

Dentistry & Digital Dentistry

- Dental Technician Apprentice (Also offered as a Dental Foundation Degree)
- Oral Health Practitioner Apprentice
- Laboratory Technician Apprentice (Digital Dental)
- Dental Nursing L3 (Health & Social Care curriculum)

Education, Early Years & Counselling

- Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Workforce
- T Level Foundation in Education and Children & Young People's Workforce
- T Level Education & Early Years

Engineering

- T Level Foundation in Engineering
- T Level Engineering & Manufacturing: Design & Development

Foundation Learning

- Inclusive Futures
- Preparation for Life and Living
- Progression Pathways
- Supported Internships

Hairdressing, Beauty & Media Makeup

- Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector
- Hairdressing
- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Hair & Media Makeup
- Theatrical Special Effects Hair & Media Makeup

Health, Social Care & Social Work

- Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children & Young People's Workforce
- Health & Social Care
- T Level Foundation in Health
- T Level Health (Adult Nursing Specialisms)

Hospitality & Catering

- Introduction to Hospitality
- Diploma in Introduction to Professional Cookery
- Intermediate Professional Cookery
- Advanced Professional Cookery
- Food & Beverage Service
- Food & Beverage Service Supervision

Protective Services

- Sport & UPS Foundation
- Entry to the Uniformed Services
- Extended Diploma Entry to the Uniformed Services

Science

- A Level Biology
- A Level Chemistry
- A Level Physics
- A Level Environmental Science

Sport

- Sport & UPS
- Sport & UPS Foundation
- Sport & Outdoor Education
- Sport Coaching & Development
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sport Coaching (CIMSPA Accredited)

T LEVELS (146 - 153)

- Automotive Engineering
- Business
- Construction
- Creative Industries
- Digital & Computing
- Education & Early Years
- Engineering
- Health
- Social Care & Social Work

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Automotive Engineering

- Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) L3

Business & Professional Services

- Accounting - Assistant Accountant L3
- Administration L3
- HR Support L3
- Team Leader/Supervisor L3
- Information Manager L4
- Operations/Departmental Manager L5

Construction

- Bricklayer L2
- Property Maintenance Operative L2
- Furniture Maker L2
- Carpentry & Joinery (Site & Architectural) L2
- Craft Carpentry & Joinery (Site) L3
- Electrician (Domestic) L3
- Electrician (Installation & Maintenance) L3
- Fire Emergency & Security Systems Technician L3

- Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3
- Fire Emergency & Security Systems Technician L3
- Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician L3

Creative Industries

- Lean Manufacturing Operative L2
- Improvement Technician L3
- Improvement Practitioner L4
- Creative Digital Design Professional L6

Dentistry & Digital Dentistry

- Dental Nursing L3 (Health & Social Care Curriculum)
- Laboratory Technician (Digital Dental) L3
- Oral Health Practitioner L4
- Dental Technician L5 (Also offered as a Dental Foundation Degree)

Early Years

- Early Years Practitioner L2
- Early Years Educator L3
- Teaching Assistant L3

Engineering

- Composites Technician L3
- Engineering Technician – Aerospace
- Manufacturing Fitter L3
- Engineering and Manufacturing Support
- Technician L3
- Mechatronics Maintenance Technician L3
- Metal Fabricator L3
- Machining Technician L3
- Electro-Mechanical Engineer L6
- Manufacturing Engineer L6

- Product Design & Development Technician L3
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician L4
- Aerospace Engineer L6

Hair

- Barbering Professional L2
- Hairdressing Professional L2
- Advanced & Creative Hair Professional L3

Health, & Social Care

- Dental Nurse (GDC) L3
- Oral Health Practitioner L4

Hospitality

- Baker L2
- Food & Beverage Team Member L2
- Production Chef L2
- Commis Chef L2
- Chef de Partie L3
- Hospitality Supervisor L3

IT & Computing

- Information Communications Technician L3
- Data Analyst L4
- Network Engineer L4
- Software Developer L4
- Digital Technology Solutions Professional Degree
- Apprenticeship L6

Sport

- Dental Nurse (GDC) L3

Teacher Training

- Learning & Skills Teacher L5

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ENGLISH AND MATHS OPTIONS AT YEOVIL COLLEGE

Yeovil College recognises that strong English and Maths skills are essential for success in any career. These foundational skills open doors to further education, employment opportunities, and career progression.

For students aged 16–18 who have not yet achieved a grade 4 (formerly grade C) in GCSE English or Maths, these subjects form a core part of their study programme.

QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED:

- GCSE English and Maths
- Functional Skills (English and Maths)
- Kick-Start English and Maths
- Intensive Block Weeks
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Flexible resit options, including a November GCSE resit, are also available for learners who are close to passing.



"I have amazing teachers who are passionate about what they do. Studying at this college has given me the kick that I needed to keep working on what I love."

Rosemary Ihenetu
GCSE English (5) and Maths (5).

HOW TO APPLY



DO YOUR RESEARCH

Think about your dream career, but also consider your favourite subjects, what you're good at and what holds your interest.



ATTEND AN OPEN EVENT

Our Open Events will help you to understand whether we are the best fit for one another, and once you have spoken to our team, viewed our campus and shared in our ethos, you will better understand your next-steps.



SELECT A PATHWAY

Consider how you learn best and whether you perform better in exams or prefer hands-on, practical subjects. This will help you to select A Levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships or Vocational subjects.



COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM

Visit our website and apply online for your chosen study programme - www.yeovil.ac.uk



ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

You will have a telephone interview with our enrolment team to determine the right study programme and level of study.



ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Once we make a formal offer via email, your only action is to hit the confirm button, which secures your place at Yeovil College.



NEW STUDENTS' DAY

This is the first opportunity you will have to meet all of your tutors and new classmates.



GCSE RESULTS CHECK

Let us know your GCSE results, and we'll also give you a call. Don't worry if your results are different from what you expected—there's always flexibility in course placements at this stage.



ATTEND INTRODUCTION AND START COLLEGE

You will receive a date and time for your introduction session, where you'll finalise paperwork and get ready for a strong start at College. This session typically takes place a day or two before the start of term.

OPEN EVENTS



VISIT YEOVIL

Explore our courses, meet expert staff, and experience our top-class facilities. Whether you're considering A Levels, T Levels, Vocational Qualifications, Foundation Programmes or Apprenticeships, we're here to help you make the right choice for your future.

WHAT HAPPENS AT AN OPEN EVENT?

- Explore our full course offer
- Chat with expert lecturers
- Meet our senior team
- Tour the campus
- Try hands-on activities
- Get advice on support, finance & travel
- Receive tailored careers guidance
- Apply on the day.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

DO YOUR HOMEWORK:

Check out our website and shortlist your favourite study programmes.

BRING QUESTIONS:

Make a note of anything you want to ask.

SHARE THE EXPERIENCE:

A friend, parent, or classmate can help you feel confident and ask the right questions.



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SPECIALIST OPEN EVENTS

- 11 FEB | APPRENTICESHIP & CAREERS FAIR
- 4 DEC | HIGH NEEDS & SEND FOCUSED OPEN EVENT
- 5 MAR | SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE
- 26 MAR | A LEVEL TRANSITION EVENT
- 9 JULY | ADULT LEARNING OPEN EVENT



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