

YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE GRADUATION 2025

WELCOME



Today, we celebrate a defining moment, the culmination of years of dedication and perseverance. You are stood at the beginning of a new chapter, having completed your academic journey, and you are now ready to enter a world rich with opportunity.

Remember that success is not defined by titles, but by integrity and compassion. Whether you choose to build, teach, heal, create, or lead, your contributions will shape the future.

To the families, friends, and supporters who have stood by our graduates throughout their journey - your encouragement and belief has been very important. Today, we also celebrate the invaluable support systems that have helped our graduates reach this moment.

As you head into this exciting next chapter, stay curious, be brave when things feel uncertain, and keep striving to be your best. The world needs your voice, your vision, and your commitment to making a difference. Go forward with pride in all you have achieved, and with hope for all that lies ahead.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025.



MARK BOLTON

CEO & PRINCIPAL

YEOVIL COLLEGE & YEOVIL COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

To give our learners the best possible start, we team up with a range of respected institutions to offer a broad mix of academic opportunities. These partnerships mean we can provide industry-recognised qualifications that not only prepare students for successful careers but also inspire them to make a real difference in their communities.

Today's Graduation Ceremony is a celebration of all the hard work, determination, and late-night studying. Each graduate here today is a shining example of what happens when ambition meets opportunity, and we couldn't be prouder.



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Academic Procession:

Please remain seated as the procession enters the auditorium

David Recardo, Mace Bearer
Tony Lock, The Mayor of Yeovil
Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal, Yeovil College
Andrea McGowan, University of Gloucestershire
Jon Atkins, Open University
Senior Management Team, Yeovil College
Local and Regional Councillors
Yeovil College University Centre Honorary Dignitaries

Master of Ceremonies:

Sian Pering, Head of Higher Education and Adult Learning
Interim Head of English and Maths

Formal Ceremony:

Welcome by Mark Bolton, CEO & Principal, Yeovil College
Honorary Fellowship, awarded to Julie Young
Honorary Fellowship, awarded to Mark Porter
Presentation of the University of Gloucestershire Awards
Presentation of the Yeovil College University Centre Awards

Outstanding Achievement Awards:

*The Award for Business Excellence - Honouring the memory of Harry Livingstone
Computing Outstanding Achievement Award*
*The Award for Engineering Excellence – Honouring the memory of Wayne Minter
Education Outstanding Achievement Award*
Creative Industries Outstanding Achievement Award
Outstanding Childcare Professional Award
Excellence within Beauty and Aesthetics Award
Excellence within Counselling Award

Graduand Speaker, Brooke Stephens, Yeovil College University Centre
Vote of Thanks by David Woan, Champion for Apprenticeships & Employer Engagement, and
Member of Curriculum, Quality & Assurance Committee

Retiring Procession: (Audience, please remain seated).

HONOURARY FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

This year marks a special milestone as we proudly award two Honorary Fellowships, recognising the outstanding contributions of Dr Julie Young and Mark Porter. Last year we awarded Clive Higgins, CEO of Leonardo, with an honorary fellowship and this year's dual recognition is a rare occasion. Both Julie and Mark have demonstrated exceptional dedication in their respective fields, and we are delighted to honour their achievements with these fellowships.



Dr Julie Young

Julie's early life was shaped by education and music, inspired by her father Rex Trevett, a respected teacher and musician. She was among the first women accepted onto the Jazz Degree course at Leeds College of Music. After graduating, Julie became a professional musician, and she still plays occasionally when time allows.

Julie holds a PhD in Education and began her teaching career at Weymouth College, where she became Head of Performing Arts and developed a Jazz Diploma and Music Foundation Degree.

Her leadership journey continued as she took on the position as Vice Principal. Julie later became Director of the South Somerset 14–19 Partnership, a role she continues to enjoy. She also serves as Senior Advisor for Careers & Pathways at Somerset Council, driven by her belief that all young people can thrive with the right support and opportunities.

Recently, Julie co-led the 'Imagine the Possibilities' Supported Internship programme, which has helped over 100 young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities move toward permanent employment across Somerset.



Mark Porter, ACIB

Mark has been a key figure in Yeovil's business community for many years, most recently serving as Managing Director of Jones Building Group until his retirement in March 2024.

He began his career at Lloyds Bank in 1984, rising to senior roles including Head of the National Clubs and Charities sector. In 2009, he joined D R Jones Yeovil Limited as Operations Director and became MD in 2012, leading its growth into a multi-faceted building group.

Mark earned his Associateship Banking Degree in 1991 and has been deeply involved in community work, including Yeovil Round Table, Yeovil 41 Club, and fundraising for Yeovil Hospice. He has also served as Trustee and Chairman of the Yeovil Day Centre and Community Meals service since 1986.

A strong advocate for apprenticeships, Mark has worked with Yeovil College to support local talent. Since retiring, he continues to represent Jones Building Group and is an active member of the Place Leadership Group.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

2025 GRADUANDS



UNIVERSITY OF
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

BA (Hons) Childhood Studies, Care & Education

Katie Ackerman
Daisy Brown
Charlie Dawe
Izzy Kirk
Jess Mallon
Chloe Pritchard
Sharon Sangiovanni
Sophie Slade
Brooke Stephens
Leanne Webber
Deborah Weston

FdA Childhood Studies, Care & Education

Rachael Alexander
Samantha Buck
Jade Bunkum
Lucy Cox
Madi Findlay
Hannah Francis
Ethan Holmes-Good
Minnie Jones
Libby Key
Florence Parker
Sophia Pound
Jess St Barbe Baker
Caroline Steer
Yasmin Stevenson
Becky Wiles
Sian Williams-Yeagers

BSc (Hons) Social Work

Kalehsha Barron
Georgina Beale
Samantha Hatton
Megan Hayter
Claire Leech
Charlotte McGee
Amy Owen
Marta Szwajkowska
Chloe Venus

BSc Computing

Dion D Mello
Pedro Ferreira
Sam French

BA (Hons) Digital Design and Media

Dylan Baker
Hugo Goncalves
Angelika Koziak
Zacharie Martinez
George Peters
Izzy Pulford
Nikita Shute
Charity Smith
Em Stryker

FdA Digital Design and Media

Ralph Bird
Fred Gill
Kenneth Hassall
Kira Joseph
Abida Khan
Libby Marsh
Callum McDermott
Hannah Quigley
Drew Shakespeare
Freya Williams
Honey Wood



Explosive Learning Solutions

Information Manager L4 Apprenticeship

Elise Gosney
Leah Nakanwagi
Paul Watson-Peters



Association of Accounting Technicians

AAT Accounting Professional Diploma Level 4

Rafael Almeida Norte
Paul Gartell
Farzana Nasrin
Paula Newton
Poppy Obern
Karina Svindere

Professional Accountant Taxation Technician L4 Apprenticeship

Aiden Carpenter
Millie Chappell
Agata Ciemniowska
Aron Doble
Chloe Lawrence
Liam Parry
Raef Stroud
Cali Rian Young



Pearson

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HND Business

Damian Cochrane
Katherine Cranstone
Scot Irons
Thomas Jennings
Ashley Lipinski
Jacob Stonier
Jasmine Sweet

HND Computing

Lily Foster-Grellis
Joe Fry
Jack Woodhouse

HNC Computing

Shane Boyd
Reef Cowlin
Matthew Grinter
Dale Hayman
George Lewis
James Sommerville
Charlie Trew

HND Aeronautical Engineering

Emrehan Arici
Pawan Aryal
Daniel Bowsher
Sophie De Caen
Andrew Frost
Ali Imran
Timothy Paynter
Reuben Renton
Kaine Watts

HNC Aeronautical Engineering

Sam Ponter
Sarah Tassell
Freya Woollett

HND Engineering

Matthew Dixon
Thomas Evans
Nathaniel German
Harley Kingham
Cameron Thomson

HND Mechanical Engineering

Bradley Hale

HNC Mechanical Engineering

James Buckle
Reece Lambert
Evan Lovell
Ellis McCullagh
Lawrence Winterbottom

HNC Manufacturing Operations

Robert Atyeo
George Bishop
Dave Dibben
Thomas Hargreave
Ryan Mountford
Boyd Robertson
Edward Weekes



Diploma in Residential Childcare Level 5

Lucy McCormack

Oral Health Practitioner Apprenticeship Level 4

Tilly Ashfield
Michaela Carter
Charlie Collins
Alice Fry
Jay Jay Khotchaphong



Aim Qualification

AIM Diploma in Counselling Practice Level 4

Karen Blatch
Gary Brook
Leanne Bush
Pippa Chalk
Leona Eals
Noemi Garcia Garcia
Stuart Handy
Caroline Hellis
Laura Horsley
Eve Houston
Susanne Hudson
Carly Jeans
Helen Lewis
Angie Lyles
Becka Lyles
Victoria Martin
Birute Mickeviciute
Emma Raven
Lisa Sorrentino
Tarana Wafi
Amy Willmington
Shirley Wren
Allison Wright



Chartered Management Institute

CMI Diploma in Management and Leadership Level 5

Jonathan Andrews
Warren Aplin
Craig Capel
Giles Lock
Lewis Morgan
Caroline Packer
Abi Pinfield-Wells
Shannon Reeves
James Southwood
Tiffany Wiltshire

CMI Operations Departmental Manager Level 5 Apprenticeship

Linzi Mapstone



VTCT Skills

Certificate in Laser & Intense Pulsed Laser (IPL) Treatments Level 4

Lilly Daniels
Sarah Hitch
Alice Stroud
Anna Wills
Alisha Young



APPROVED
CENTRE

Diploma in Education and Training Level 5

Ben Chapman
Victoria Cook
James Crawford-Clark
Paul Cuff
Charli Davies
Edward Davis
Colin Elliott
Maricar Gaspar
Benjamin Holden
Chris Horsley
Leanne Hughes
Sam McKeachan
Drew Nicholson
Paula Paton
Sally Tawfik
Willow White

Certificate in Education and Training Level 4

Katy Gordon
Richard Seaford
Melanie Victors

Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice Level 4

Julie Harris
Karen Paxton

Internal Quality Assurance Level 4 Award

Katy Gordon
Victoria Lamb
Alex Magalhaes
Sarah Pearson

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