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Term 1 Wrap Up

Last academic year saw more learners than ever taking part in meaningful work experience, and we're proud to say many gained valuable insights and skills that helped shape their future pathways. We're committed to continuing this positive trend throughout the current academic year.

Work experience offers learners the chance to gain hands-on experience in the workplace, build confidence, and develop employability skills. Some learners have progressed into Apprenticeships or employment with their host employers, while others have used their experience to shine in interviews and secure exciting opportunities.

The Careers and Work Placement Team has already been busy this term, meeting with groups, sharing how we can support them, and outlining this year's plans for work experience. As always, we are here to help learners prepare for their next steps, whether that's further education, training, or employment.

We're also here for parents and guardians. If you'd like support in understanding your young person's options or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We have a year of exciting activities planned and look forward to sharing more details with you in future newsletters.

Warm regards

Gayle Pogson

Head of Careers, Work Placements and Employability

Important Information for Drop Off

Please be aware that the access to campus from Ilchester Road is closing from the 1st November 2025. Any and all student drop offs and pick up should be

from the blue zone on the Mudford Road entrance, or the red zone for Foundation students. ANPR will be in operation at this time, with a 20-minute grace period for those dropping off or picking up. This is not enforced by Yeovil College but is by a third party



Measuring Our Careers Provision

We regularly review our careers programme using the Compass Evaluation Tool, which allows us to measure ourselves against the eight Gatsby Benchmarks. These benchmarks form the framework used by Ofsted to assess careers provision, and they ensure that every Yeovil College student has access to impartial advice, employer encounters, and clear progression routes. Find out more about the Gatsby Benchmarks [here](#)

Supporting young people in education

Starting college can be a big challenge for some young people, but Yeovil College is here to help. Your young person can speak to their tutor, lecturers and the student support team about any worries. We have also partnered with Wisdom to provide a Student Assistance Programme, which is 100% online and available for all our learners to access at any time, for any reason. Find out more [here](#)



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Rotational Business Apprenticeship – opportunity for learners

Yeovil College's successful Rotational Business Apprenticeship scheme is now open for applications! The programme works so that every 7 months, apprentices will work in a new department across Yeovil College, such as HR, Finance, IT, Marketing and more. Apprentices will gain experience in:

- Customer service, HR & communications
- Event planning & coordination
- Social media & marketing
- IT systems & spreadsheets
- Office administration, and more!

This is open to School or College/Sixth Form leavers. Applications close on Monday 24th November and learners can apply to a regular Full Time Yeovil College course at the same time. If successful, the Assessment Centre will take place on 2nd December, and apprentices would begin August 2026.

More information can be found [here](#).

Flashback: Freshers Fair

At the start of the academic year, all learners took part in our Freshers' Fair. The event gave learners the chance to meet local businesses, as well as explore volunteering opportunities and enrichment activities. It was a valuable opportunity for learners to begin building connections, discover career pathways, and gain insight into the wide range of opportunities available to them during and after their time at Yeovil College.



Coming Up:

November Open Event
Thursday 20th November 5-7:30pm. This will be another opportunity for learners to explore our offer, however this open event also marks a milestone in Yeovil College's ambitious £60+ million Big Build project, which includes the development of a Sports Centre Construction Centre, a Hydrogen Lab, and a new teaching Centre – as learners will have the opportunity to explore the Sports centre and view and almost complete Construction Centre. All part of a bold vision to fully transform the campus by 2027. Learners can register to attend [here](#).

Deadline for UCAS 2026

For those wanting to start university in 2026, the deadline to submit UCAS applications is Friday 14th November. This then allows time for all applications to be checked, and references to be completed ahead of the Equal Consideration Deadline on Wednesday 14th January at 6pm.

Many learners have already completed a large portion of their application in the workshops held earlier this half term. To make the most of their upcoming





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Personal Statement workshops, they are encouraged to review the three UCAS questions and prepare draft bullet point answers beforehand.

*Webinar For Parents – Wednesday 19th November
6pm – 7pm*

Yeovil College University Centre is hosting 'University Explained'; a webinar dedicated to explaining the Higher Education opportunities available to students once they leave college.

The webinar is designed for parents/carers who are currently supporting their young person as they navigate their next steps and is an opportunity for them to discover more about university and how it all works. Level 3 learners are also welcome to attend the event.

The event will consist of a presentation from Tori Clarke and Kayley Manns, who will explain all there is to know about the world of university level study, including different types of qualifications, the application process, and a brief look at student finance.

There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask any questions they might have and to speak directly to the university centre team.

Staff are available for help at every stage for 1-1s with learners for application guidance, personal statement proofreading, and general higher education support. Learners can either email Kayley Manns or Victoria Masters or visit the Hub on campus.

Sign up [here](#)

Yeovil Digital Hub

Is your young adult interested in a career in tech? Yeovil Digital Hub are running an event on Thursday 27th November that contains everything from AI to

Cyber Security, and for students and those under 25 it's completely free. Join in at the at the Yeovil Innovation Centre for an evening of networking, insight and fun. There will be pizza to kick things off, followed by three engaging talks: a lightning-fast update on cyber-security, a hands-on demonstration of the latest AI tools, and an intriguing session exploring what happens to our digital legacy after we're gone. It's a jargon-free, friendly atmosphere aimed at everyone, whether you work in tech or simply use it every day, and it's a great opportunity.

Use code **'ilovetech'** at checkout for a free ticket.

Sign up [here](#)

High Needs, SEND and EHCP Support Open Event

Thursday 4th December 2025, 5pm to 6.30 - a focused event for young people with Specialist Needs, High Needs, SEND, or an EHCP, designed to help young people explore tailored study options. Learners can register to attend [here](#).

Keep Connected

We are committed to keeping parents and carers up to date with all available opportunities and resources. Make sure you follow our social media for updates as soon as they're released.



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