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What's coming up?

The Yeovil College Charity Week

This will take place Monday 2nd – Friday 6th February and this year's chosen charity is Breast Cancer Now. The whole college will be getting involved in a multitude of activities and events to raise as much as possible, and we are thrilled to encourage our students to get involved!

Current events include:

- Charity and Volunteering Fair.
- Pie a lecturer/friend - part of our charity week TikTok challenge which we'd love our students to repost!
- Sponsored Gamethon.
- How many sweets in a jar?
- Cake Sale.
- Darts Event.
- Sport Activities.

National Apprenticeship Week: Monday 9th – Friday 13th February

National Apprenticeship Week is BACK on Monday 9th – Friday 13th February, and in 2026, we are focusing on the theme 'Skills For Life'. Our Student Recruitment Officers, Vicki and Gabs will be providing multiple sessions throughout the week to ensure learners are well informed about apprenticeship opportunities. They'll also provide an information stand at lunchtimes, and bespoke workshops on how to find an apprenticeship and the best way to apply.

A highlight of the week includes our Apprenticeship Skills Fair, where our employer and university partners

attending will be hosting a private hour for all Yeovil College and our university centre students on Wednesday 11th February 4-5pm!

This is a perfect event for learners to meet over 50 employers and universities, ask questions, grow their professional network and explore live apprenticeship and job vacancies. Register to attend the event [here](#).

Cultural Awareness Week: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February

Confirmed so far is Loud Speaker delivering educational and inspirational sessions on EDI and British Values. More events will be added as details are confirmed!

National Careers Week: Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March

Following these exciting weeks is National Careers Week, held on Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March. This week is all about future careers, with students enjoying a variety of activities, including employer talks, masterclasses, workshops, CV and interview skills sessions, and guidance on apprenticeships and higher education.

Encourage your young person to take advantage of these opportunities and start conversations about their future. For more information or support, please contact our Careers Team at careers@yeovil.ac.uk or visit us on campus.

Remember: At Yeovil College, careers support is not just for one week - it's part of what we do every day! We regularly host guest speakers, provide careers advice, and have an apprenticeship and careers stand available on campus. Students are welcomed and encouraged to talk to us at any time!

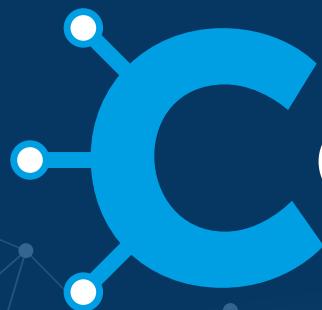


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Student Ambassador & Student Union Action

Last term, our incredible team of Student Ambassadors and Student Union Officers, led by Imy Nathan, the Student Union President, established fantastic new additions to Yeovil College, and we're excited to see what they do next for the college community. So far, they have written their own newsletter, designed for fellow students, which you can take a look at here:

[**My YC Edge - The Newsletter for Students, by Students.**](#)

They are getting stuck into the Yeovil College Charity Week and encouraging others to do the same, and have supported the introduction of a new and creative range of enrichment opportunities.

Enrichment Opportunities

We're proud to offer a wide range of enrichment activities designed to support your child's personal growth, wellbeing, and future aspirations. Whether they're looking to make new friends, explore interests,

or build valuable skills for life and work, there's something for everyone.

New Clubs & Groups

- **First Aid Club:** Meets every other Wednesday from 12:30–1:15pm, started 14th January. A great opportunity to learn life-saving skills. All welcome.
- **Riders Club:** For students who ride or are interested in motorcycles and mopeds. Meets the first Wednesday of each month, 4–5pm, starting February.
- **The Link:** A small, supportive group helping students adjust to college life and build friendships. Time and location to be confirmed.
- **Stage and Screen (Virtual):** A Teams-based group for students passionate about film, theatre, YouTube, and TV series. A space to share and connect over media.
- **Music Group (Virtual):** An online group for music lovers - whether they enjoy listening, discussing, or playing. Regular meetups planned.
- **Bookworms Event:** "Unlucky Lovers": A themed gathering on February 13th at Da Vinci's café, 12:15pm. Includes hot drinks and sweet treats (£2.50 per student).
- **Culture Connect:** Celebrating diversity and inclusion. Meets the last Friday of each month from 12:15–1:15pm, starting January.

Students can sign up for any of these enrichment groups and clubs, and more, through the college's [**Enrichment 2025–26 portal.**](#)

Tutorials

Our tutorial programme tackles the key issues affecting young people today, including the more challenging topics linked to safeguarding and Keeping Children Safe in Education. These sessions help students build the knowledge, confidence, and skills they need to

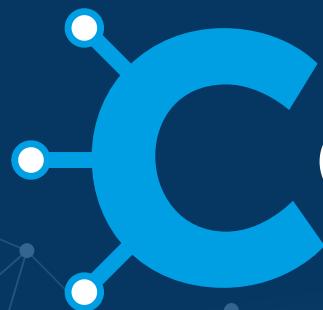


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make positive choices in college and beyond, whilst strengthening their wellbeing and sense of belonging. In the coming weeks, students will be exploring **expectations, Prevent and county lines, healthy relationships, and grooming awareness**. We recognise that some of these subjects can be sensitive, so a strong **student support system** is in place to ensure every learner feels safe and supported.

The Runaway Club: Performances & PSHE Sessions

On Thursday 22nd January, 9am–4pm in the Main Hall, we welcome The Runaway Club, a pop rock band delivering Five live performances and PSHE sessions throughout the day.



Exciting opportunity with the Yeovil College University Centre – new BSc (Hons) Social Work degree available!

Yeovil College University Centre is launching a new BSc (Hons) Social Work in partnership with the University of the West of England, starting September 2026.

This full-time course offers in-person teaching, 170 days of professional placement, and is delivered by experienced, registered social workers. It provides a pathway to professional registration and equips students with the knowledge and skills for a meaningful career in social work.

If your child - or someone you know - is interested in studying locally for a career in social work, please share

this opportunity. More details and applications at www.ycuc.ac.uk.

Big Build Update – the story so far and Yeovil College's future!

A new era for Sport at Yeovil College! Last term, we celebrated and marked an exciting milestone as staff and students stepped inside the brand-new Yeovil College Institute of Sport for the very first time. This state-of-the-art facility sets a new benchmark for Sport and Uniformed Protective Services education, providing modern, inspiring spaces designed to support every learner's development and ambition.

The Institute of Sport is the first of three major campus transformations funded through over £60+ million of investment, and it signals the start of an exciting new chapter for our college community.

Construction Innovation Centre: Next on the agenda is the formal opening of a really significant building developed to support the growth agenda within the South West – our new Construction Innovation Centre – which becomes the second centre within our flagship Construction provision. This state-of-the-art facility is the second key milestone within our build programme, designed to deliver the very best in education, training, and skills development for the South West.

From February half term, students will step into a space that mirrors real-world industry standards, featuring:

- Cutting-edge equipment
- Unrivalled facilities
- Immersive learning environments.

With this second Construction Centre, we're setting a new benchmark for hands-on learning and deep educational experiences.



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