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National Careers Week 2026

National Careers Week was held on 2nd – 6th March in 2026 and we spotlighted what truly drives successful futures: Careers Confidence. We also welcomed employers such as Milstead Langdon, Into Film, and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Our Careers, Work Placement and Employability team can help you too! Find more information [here](#).

Check out our National Careers Week content on the Yeovil College TikTok account [here](#).

New Medium Lift Helicopter Contract to Leonardo – Impact on Yeovil College

We are proud to celebrate the landmark announcement that the UK Government has officially awarded the New Medium Lift Helicopter (MLH) contract to Leonardo in Yeovil. As a long standing and trusted partner of Leonardo, Yeovil College plays a critical role in developing the next generation of engineers, technicians and specialists who support this world-class capability.

What this really means for Yeovil College:

- A secure future for highly skilled engineering careers in the region.
- Strengthens our defence bid and long-term vision.

- Continued investment in local education, apprenticeships, training, and skills development.
- Strengthened pathways for young people entering advanced engineering and manufacturing.
- A further strengthened partnership and enables us to continue aligning training, skills development, and apprenticeships directly to industry needs.
- The provision of a stable, thriving, growing sector for Yeovil College students, apprentices, and degree-apprentices to build their careers in.

This is a proud moment for Yeovil and an inspiring moment for every current and future Yeovil College learner who dreams big, engineers solutions, and builds the future.



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Are you joining Yeovil College for a construction course in September?

Explore your new facilities on Wednesday 18th March 2026, 6pm-7.30pm for the official opening of our Construction Innovation Centre.

You will be amongst the first to explore this state-of-the-art facility, designed to support the next generation of construction professionals. The evening will showcase cutting-edge learning spaces, innovative technologies, and the opportunities the Centre will bring to students, employers, and the wider community.

This is an opportunity to tour the new building, meet the team, and celebrate a major milestone in Yeovil College's continued investment in industry-leading facilities.

Register your place [here](#).



Are you a future A Level student? Join Our Transition Event!

Future A Level students and their parents/guardians are invited to Yeovil College's A Level Transition Event on Thursday 26th March, 6.00-7.00pm (doors open at 5.30pm). The event is designed to help you hit the ground running before starting college. You'll find out what to expect from A Levels, learn how to succeed, and make the move from school to college with confidence.

You'll get the chance to:

Learn about A Level study expectations and effective study habits

- Explore the Elevate enrichment programme for high-achieving students.
- Understand A Level structures, planning, and options.
- Hear about pathways to top universities, degree apprenticeships, and careers.
- Meet your A Level teachers and support teams.



Meet Gayle Pogson

What is your role?

As the Head of Careers, Work Placements and Employability at Yeovil College, I lead a dedicated team that supports learners in preparing for their future careers. We guide students through work experience opportunities, career planning, CV writing, interview preparation, and university applications, as well as organising career-related events. Our team also works closely with Year 11 students transitioning into college, ensuring they choose the right course to match their aspirations. My role is incredibly rewarding, allowing me to collaborate with a wide range of employers and education professionals while helping students build the skills and confidence they need for success.

What do you like about Yeovil College?

Yeovil College has a fantastic sense of community, where everyone shares the same goal—supporting learners to achieve their ambitions. There's a real team spirit, and no matter the challenge, there's always someone willing to help. It's a supportive and inspiring environment that makes a real difference to both staff and students.

What could you not live without? My family, my dog, pizza, crisps and my runs (I need them after all the pizza and crisps I've eaten!).