



CONNECTIONS

YC Careers News | April 2026 Edition



Welcome to April's edition of Connections, our monthly newsletter which focuses on careers and upcoming events.

Supporting Year 11 Students Over the Summer

As we move into the summer term, many Year 11 students are beginning to think more seriously about their next steps. For some, this transition can feel exciting, but also a little daunting. It's completely normal for young people to feel unsure, overwhelmed, or to rethink their plans as the end of school approaches.

Support Available Over the Summer

To help ensure every student feels confident and informed when making decisions, we're offering continued careers support for Year 11s throughout the summer period. This includes:

- **1:1 Careers Meetings:** For any student who remains unsure about their pathway or has recently changed their mind, we can arrange an individual careers guidance session.
- **Advice on Next Steps:** Whether they're considering further education, apprenticeships, work-based learning, or alternative pathways, we can help them explore the full range of options.
- **Help Navigating the Transition:** Moving to college, sixth form, or training can feel like a big step. We're here to break down the process, answer questions, and offer reassurance.

A Reminder for Students

Changing their mind is completely okay. Many young people refine their plans over the summer as they learn more about themselves and their interests. What's important is that they feel supported and aware of all the opportunities available to them.

Transition Support for vulnerable and disadvantaged students

Our Student Support Services Team are dedicated to providing transition support to vulnerable and disadvantaged Year 11 students who are aiming to attend Yeovil College in September but need some extra support before starting college. This could be through a 1-1 tour, multiple meetings with curriculum and Pastoral Support Practitioners or anything in between. If you have identified a student who would benefit from this support, please contact the Student Support Services Team at StudentSupportServicesTeam@yeovil.ac.uk.

Every school should also have transitions meetings booked with Amy Briggs to discuss these students. Please contact Amy Briggs at amy.briggs@yeovil.ac.uk to organise this.

Creative Industries Offer

The Creative Industries Department at Yeovil College are thrilled to offer small group workshops to schools in these areas:

- Digital Dentistry (max 8 learners) - also great for those interested in science
- Art & Design (max 16 learners)
- Creative Digital Media (max 16 learners)
- Graphic Design (max 16 learners)
- Textiles & Fashion (max 16 learners)
- Photography (max 16 learners).

Aimed at Year 9-11 students, the department are looking to host these taster sessions on a Monday or Friday, morning or afternoon, as an ongoing offer. Designed to give students an opportunity to see what's beyond their GCSE choices if they've picked a creative subject, these sessions will also allow students to try new specialised equipment. The Digital Dentistry workshop is also ideal for those interested in science as well as creative as it has strong elements of both. If you are interested in organising a taster session in one of these areas, please contact SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk.

Creative Showcase Exhibition

Yeovil College's Creative Showcase is back on Wednesday 17th June. Hosted at The Sherborne, this event showcases the outstanding work from second year Level 3, Foundation Diploma, and FdA/BA Top Up in Digital Design & Media Creative Students. From 1:00-4:00pm, our Creative Team are holding a community outreach slot. If there are any schools, students or teachers interested in seeing this work or learning more about the creative courses available, then this is an opportunity to speak to lecturers and current students. If you are interested in finding out more information, please reach out to SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk



On this day, students will:

- Become familiar with their future learning environments, including classrooms, workshops, study zones, social spaces, and food outlets.
- Meet their Study Programme Manager
- Take part in introductory activities linked to their course
- Discover the latest campus improvements and career-focused innovations
- Officially enrol onto their study programme

IMPORTANT: If there are any school proms on these dates, please share with students that it is okay to miss parts of New Students' Day if they have appointments – students just need to make Yeovil College staff aware and attend as much of the day as possible!



Upcoming events

May Open Event – Thursday 21st May 5-7pm

This is the final open event of this academic year! Whether students have already applied or are still considering their options, this is an opportunity to secure their place. We also hugely welcome Year 10 students who are looking to get ahead and start exploring their options. Students can find out more and register to attend here: <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/events/open-event-4/>

New Students' Day – Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th June

Our New Students' Day is the official introduction to life at Yeovil College. For Year 11 students who have applied to join Yeovil College in September 2026, this is their opportunity to experience college life before it begins. Details about this event will be emailed to students from our iZone team after Easter.

Reach Out

We are always here to support you. Please get in touch with either our Careers, Employability and Work Experience Team via Careers@yeovil.ac.uk or School Connections Team via SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk

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