



# ONNECTIONS

YC Careers News | December Edition

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome to our December edition of CONNECTIONS 2025. It's been a fantastic start to the 2025/26 academic year, and we would like to thank all our schools and careers community. By working together to share information and opportunities with our young people, we are making a difference, and it wouldn't be possible without you – so thank you. Please find a careers-based update from YC below. Happy holidays!



## Supporting Yeovil College Student in the Youth Parliament Elections

Schools across Somerset have the opportunity to support Rosemary Ihenetu, an A Level student at Yeovil College studying Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, who is standing in the Member of Youth Parliament elections.

Rosemary's campaign, "Empowering Minds: Prioritizing Mental Health for All," is driven by her passion for ensuring young people have access to mental health support, tackling isolation, and breaking down stigma through peer-led initiatives.

Her dedication reflects the values of Yeovil College and the wider community. By voting for Rosemary, students and staff can help amplify youth voices and strengthen the message that change begins with all of us! Students can vote [here](#).



## Yeovil College Awarded Over £2 Million to Boost Engineering & Defence Skills

Yeovil College has secured £2,075,800 from the Office for Students (OfS) to transform its engineering facilities. This investment will create cutting-edge spaces and embed specialist technology to deliver advanced skills in manufacturing, clean energy, and defence engineering.

The redevelopment will include state-of-the-art equipment for additive manufacturing, digital supply chains, and sustainable engineering, ensuring students gain practical expertise aligned with regional and national priorities.

This project is a key part of Yeovil College's Big Build programme, complementing other major campus developments such as the Institute of Sport, and reinforces our commitment to future-ready skills and innovation.

## Yeovil College Named Leadership Skills Foundation Centre of Excellence

We're proud to share some exciting news: a prestigious honour awarded to only the top 1–2% of institutions across the UK.

This recognition celebrates our commitment to developing confident, capable young leaders. At Yeovil College, leadership isn't just a buzzword - it's woven into the very fabric of our student experience. From classroom projects to community initiatives, we empower students to take charge, support others, and grow into the leaders of tomorrow. For future students and their families, this award is more than a badge - it's a promise. It means:

- Leadership opportunities are built into their learning journey
- Learners will be supported to grow personally and professionally
- Learners will join a community that believes in their potential.

Our leadership programmes have already made a measurable impact - students who previously struggled with attendance at school have found new motivation through leadership roles, citing the responsibility and sense of purpose as key reasons for staying engaged with college life.

### Application Data

Did you know....students who apply for their next steps before Christmas are 30% more likely to achieve their GCSE target grades?

Yeovil College and the School Connections Team are committed to sharing Year 11 application data with schools on a fortnightly basis so careers colleagues can stay up to date. Please reach out to [SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk](mailto:SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk) with any questions, and if you or any students are looking for extra support, then our iZone Team and Careers Team are here to help:

[iZone@yeovil.ac.uk](mailto:iZone@yeovil.ac.uk)

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### November Open Event Success

We're thrilled to share that a huge number of students attended our November Open Event, in fact more than double the numbers that we saw at this time last year, with many making an application on the night. It was brilliant to see so many preparing for their next steps before Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone who signposted Year 11 learners to the event!

## Upcoming events

### High Needs Open Event: Thursday 4th December 5-6:30pm

This tailored Open Event is designed for young people with specialist needs, high needs, SEND, or an EHCP. It's an opportunity to explore the dedicated support available at Yeovil College.

Due to the personalised nature of this event, we are unable to accommodate drop-ins. Booking is essential. Learners interested can register their place with this [link](#).

### GAME ON: Sports & UPS Applicant Evening. Tuesday 9th December 6-7:30pm

Designed for students who have applied, or are interested in applying, for one of our Sport or UPS courses, our applicant evening is dedicated to exploring our brand-new Yeovil Institute of Sport at Yeovil College. This exciting event offers students the chance to:

- Meet future lecturers, coaches and industry experts.
- Explore their chosen course in more detail and see where they'll be learning.
- Take a guided tour of our impressive new UK-leading facilities.
- Ask questions and feel confident about starting their journey with us.

Students should book one ticket per party, under the applicant's name, via our [website](#).

### Save The Date – Post Christmas Events

#### January Open Event: Wednesday 14th January 5-7:30pm

Whether this is a first visit to Yeovil College, Year 11 students reconfirming their pre-Christmas application or Year 10 students planning ahead, our January Open Event is welcome to all! If students would like to attend, the link to register is [here](#)

#### Apprenticeship & Skills Fair: Wednesday 11th February 5-7:30pm

With over 40 local and regional employers from a wide range of industries, this is perfect for anyone considering an apprenticeship! There will be opportunities to explore live apprenticeship and job vacancies available through our employer partners, and apply on the night! Students can register to attend [here](#).



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