



CONNECTIONS

YC Careers News | January 2026 Edition

Welcome to CONNECTIONS 2026

Welcome back to CONNECTIONS 2026, our careers-based monthly newsletter. Your support in 2025 was highly valued, and we look forward to another year of challenging learners to reach their full potential by sharing important information and incredible opportunities.



New to the YC Edge for 2026 – Careers!

Careers is the latest addition to the YC Edge offer. Whilst careers education has always been a core part of the curriculum at Yeovil College, its inclusion within YC Edge reflects our clear focus on developing a work-ready workforce.

By strengthening our careers provision, we are ensuring that students gain a real advantage over their peers. A strong careers vision sits at the heart of YC Edge, supporting young people to make informed choices, develop employability skills, and progress confidently into employment, apprenticeships, or higher education.

Alongside Careers, YC Enrichment is structured across five further core strands:

Strand 1: Challenge

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors, competitions, expeditions, and innovative activities such as VR.

Strand 2: Cultural

Promoting creativity, inclusion, and awareness through clubs such as music, film, literacy, BSL, current affairs, and LGBTQI+ groups.

Strand 3: Sport

Offering a wide range of team and individual sports to support fitness, teamwork, and wellbeing.

Strand 4: Academic

Focused on progression through university visits, UCAS support, debating, EPQ, masterclasses, competitions, and confidence-building activities.

Stand 5: Ambassador

Developing leadership and civic responsibility through student voice, social action, fundraising, and volunteering.

Strand 6: Careers

A work-ready, skilled and resilient workforce.

Yeovil College Offer

The Hair, Beauty, Media Makeup, and Hospitality Department at Yeovil College is delighted to offer local schools an engaging session for their learners on the school site. This can include:

- **Industry Insight & Career Opportunities:** An informative talk about careers within these sectors and the courses available at Yeovil College.
- **Interactive Practical Activities** (if time allows): Learners can experience hands-on activities such as plaiting and hair-up techniques on training heads, hand and arm massage, or creating special effects makeup (e.g. bruising).

The department's aim is to showcase the fantastic courses available at Yeovil College while supporting school students in understanding the importance of achieving strong GCSE results to access these opportunities. The department would love the chance to inspire school students and help them explore exciting career pathways.

Please contact SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk if this is something your school would be interested in arranging.



Performance Football development Days - February Half-Term 2026

Yeovil College's Institute of Sport is running Performance Football Development Days for Year 11 students progressing to college in September 2026. These sessions are ideal for students aiming to pursue football alongside academic study.

Female Trials: Tue 17 Feb 2026, 10.00–12.30

Male Trials: Wed 18 Feb 2026, 10.00–12.30

Why recommend this to students:

- High-level coaching, including former Premiership players
- Access to the UK's newest college sports facilities
- A pathway for students interested in football, sport, coaching, or performance development

Location: Mudford Rec, Yeovil Recreation Centre, BA21 4AW. Email to attend: Roy.O'Brien@yeovil.ac.uk | Lewis.Winter@yeovil.ac.uk

Upcoming events

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

Ideal for those who still aren't sure about their post 16 provider, those that have chosen and would like to reconfirm, and Year 10 students who are planning ahead! Those interested can secure their place [here](#).

For the first time ever, this event will be held in our brand-new Institute of Sport Centre! To help attendees understand, we have created a handy video which explains where attendees should head first to sign in, and where subjects will be across campus. Please find this video [here](#).

Apprenticeship & Skills Fair – Wednesday 11 February 2026 5-7.30pm

We're excited to announce that the annual Apprenticeship & Skills Fair is back – and bigger than ever! This year, we're thrilled to welcome several university partners alongside over 40 businesses and organisations, making it the ultimate event for anyone exploring their next steps. Students should join for the chance to:

Meet Employers: Network with top businesses across the region and unlock exciting career prospects.

Explore Opportunities: Discover current roles, apprenticeships, and future pathways tailored to their ambitions.

Apprenticeship Insights: Learn about available vacancies and application timelines.

Expert Careers Advice: Get personalised guidance to shape their next steps.

University Connections: Understand higher education options and how they boost careers.

Students can find out more and register to join [here](#).

Construction Innovation Centre Discovery Evening - 18th March 2026 6–7.30pm (Presentation: 6pm sharp)

We're building the future at Yeovil College! Students and school staff can join us on Wednesday 18th March 2026, 6pm – 7.30pm for the official opening of our Construction Innovation Centre. Attendees will be among 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. Whether school staff or student, those interested in attending can find out more and register their place here: [Construction Discovery Open Evening - Yeovil College Yeovil College](#)

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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