



# CONNECTIONS

YC Careers News | March 2026 Edition

## Welcome to our National Careers Week Edition of Connections

### Introduction from Gayle Pogson, Head of Careers, Work Placements and Employability

A very warm welcome to you all – we hope your National Careers Week went well! The sun is shining, the days are stretching just a little longer, and it finally feels like Spring is in the air, a perfect backdrop for celebrating the incredible work you do every day.

This time of year is always a busy one for Careers Leaders. Work experience placements are gathering pace, conversations about next steps are happening in every classroom, and application forms seem to multiply overnight. We know how much energy, compassion, and expertise goes into supporting young people through these important transitions, and we want to take a moment to recognise and appreciate everything you do.

Please remember: we are here to help. Whether it's guidance, resources, a sounding board, or practical support, the Yeovil College team is ready to stand alongside you and your learners through every step of the journey.

Here's to a positive, purposeful, and inspiring future!



## Matrix Standard achieved once again!

For the third consecutive year, Yeovil College has achieved the **Matrix Standard!** This is accredited for delivering high quality information, advice, and guidance to the student and business community. We are thrilled by this recognition and achievement.



## 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 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. Our apprentices, students and employer-led training programmes form an essential part of the talent pipeline that underpins this success.

This news reinforces what we already know: skills, innovation, and opportunity thrive here in Yeovil, with Yeovil College learners at the heart of it; it also strengthens our defence bid and ambition within this area. 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.

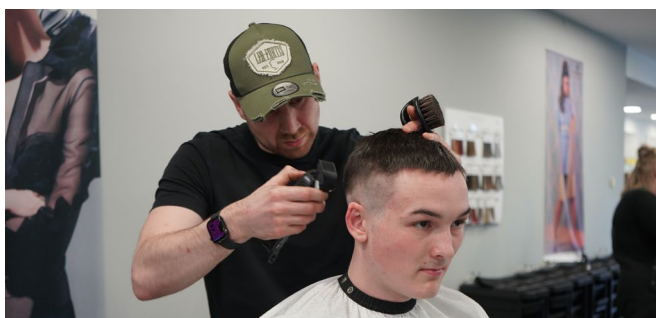


### Creative Industries Offer

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](mailto:SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk).



### Full Time Barbering now available for September 2026

An alternative to the L2 Barbering Apprenticeship, the full time L2 Vocational Course in Barbering is now available for a September 2026 start. Students can find out more [here](#).

### Careers Matchmaker Quiz

We are delighted to reshare our Careers Matchmaker tool, freely available on the homepage of our website. Our quiz can be used with and by young people to identify interests and skills, helping them to understand which career best suits their strengths, interests and goals. Learners can also discover more about careers choices, with live salary, vacancy and qualification information.

Take the quiz - [Click Here!](#)

### Upcoming events

#### **Construction Innovation Centre Open 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](#).

#### **A Level Transition Event – Tuesday 24th March**

Targeted towards students who have already applied, Yeovil College is inviting future A Level students and their parents/guardians to an A Level Transition Event on **Tuesday 24th March, 6.00–7.00pm (doors open from 5.30pm, principal presentation at 6pm)**.

This event is designed to help students get ahead before starting college, understand A Level expectations, and make a confident, informed transition from school. Attendees will hear about academic standards and study habits, the Elevate enrichment programme for high-performing students, A Level structures and planning, progression to competitive universities, degree apprenticeships, and career pathways, and will have the opportunity to meet the A Level teaching and support teams. Students can find out more [here](#).

### 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](mailto:Careers@yeovil.ac.uk) or School Connections Team via [SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk](mailto:SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk)



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