



ONNECTIONS

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Good luck to your Year 11 learners and give yourself a pat on the back!

Everyone at Yeovil College wishes your Year 11 learners well done for their hard work so far and the very best of luck in their GCSE exams. If there are any learners concerned about their application, they can contact our iZone team anytime for support at iZone@yeovil.ac.uk and on **01935 423921**.

We would also like to wish you a huge well done for your dedication and commitment to providing excellent careers guidance to your learners this year, despite the busyness and challenging times in schools. Our Careers, Work Placement and Employability Team are always here to support you – please don't hesitate to get in touch at careers@yeovil.ac.uk.

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.

Yeovil College awarded Defence Technical Excellence status!

Yeovil College is delighted to announce that it has been awarded Defence Technical Excellence College (D-TEC) status by the Department for Education, following a highly competitive national process. This places the College among just five providers across England recognised for their capability to deliver high-quality technical education aligned to the needs of the UK's defence sector.

This recognition reflects the strength of Yeovil College's employer partnerships, curriculum and long-term commitment to technical excellence, and comes alongside significant recent investment including the £60+ million campus transformation and advanced manufacturing facilities. As a D-TEC, Yeovil College will play a key role in supporting defence skills development both locally and nationally.

As a major defence educator, students will benefit from industry-aligned courses co-designed with leading employers, increased access to apprenticeships and placements, and clear progression routes into higher education and careers in defence and advanced manufacturing.



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.

Final Open Event of the Year – 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 23 (A Level only) & Wednesday 24 June (Vocational/T Level)

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 have been emailed to students by mid May – if they have not received an email from iZone about New Students' Day, please ask them to contact iZone@yeovil.ac.uk.

On this day, students will:

- Officially enrol onto their study programme.
- Take their Yeovil College ID photograph
- 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.

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!

Yeovil College recognised as a Qualification Pioneer

We are proud to share that Yeovil College has been recognised as a Qualification Pioneer, placing us among a small number of colleges across England helping to shape and deliver national qualifications reform.

This recognition reflects the expertise of our staff and the work they do every day to support and inspire young people. It also highlights the important role colleges play in turning national reform into real opportunities for students, ensuring qualifications remain relevant, high-quality and clearly understood by employers and universities.

As noted by the Minister for Skills, Jacqui Smith, the insight and leadership of colleges and sixth forms are central to making sure these changes have a meaningful and positive impact.

By contributing at this early stage, Yeovil College is helping to develop clear, credible curriculum pathways that value technical and vocational routes alongside academic options, giving young people the confidence, clarity and progression they need to succeed.



Construction Innovation Centre Official Opening and Construction Trade Expo

A big thank you to all who attended our Construction Opening and Trade Expo! As a leading provider of construction education within the South West, it felt fantastic to bring so many people together to celebrate skills, opportunity, and the future of the industry. We are thrilled to share these excellent facilities with young people and hope to keep raising ambition for students in this industry. If you know any students interested in seeing this building, let us know at SchoolConnections@yeovil.ac.uk



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