



# ONNECTIONS

**YC Careers News | November edition**

Welcome back to Connections, our monthly newsletter where we share careers-based information, useful updates and event news. As we enter a new half-term, it's a great moment to reflect on a busy and productive start to the academic year, with students settling into their courses and a few making successful transitions between programmes.

We were delighted to welcome the largest ever recorded number of visitors to a Yeovil College open event in October, attracting the greatest volume of applications - it was an incredible evening. A huge thank you to you our Careers colleagues for signposting learners to the event and helping them explore their next steps!



## **Rotational Business Apprenticeship – Applications close 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Yeovil College's successful Rotational Business Apprenticeship scheme is now open for applications! The programme works so that every 7 months, apprentices will work in a new department across

Yeovil College, such as HR, Finance, IT, Marketing and more. Apprentices will gain experience in:

- Customer service, HR & communications
- Event planning & coordination
- Social media & marketing
- IT systems & spreadsheets
- Office administration, and more!

This is open to School or College/Sixth Form leavers. Applications close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November and learners can apply to a regular Yeovil College at the same time. If successful, the Assessment Centre will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and apprentices would begin August 2026

## **Apprenticeship Team Offer**

Alongside our general school offer, the Apprenticeship team at Yeovil College would like to extend an offer to visit schools this year.

The team visit local businesses and Yeovil Town Centre to provide information on apprenticeships as well as attend assessment days for companies such as Leonardo and Honeywell.

During National Apprenticeship Week in February 2025, the team were very popular with students when visiting schools. National Apprenticeship Week 2026 is in February, but by spring, bigger companies such as Leonardo will have already closed their application window.

If you are interested in having the team visit your school, whether for an assembly, workshop or simply an information stand at breaktime/lunchtime in the library, then please contact:

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## Support from Governors - Meet Your Yeovil College Governors

At Yeovil College, our commitment to education goes beyond our campus. Many members of our Senior Management Team proudly serve as governors at local primary and secondary schools—strengthening partnerships, supporting staff, and helping students transition smoothly from school to college.

### Who's Your Governor?

- **Buckler's Mead Academy** – Donna Short, Vice Principal and Hilary Yuille, Head of Pedagogy
- **Westfield Academy** – Adrian Ponter, Assistant Principal
- **Preston School Academy** – Rob Stuckey, Assistant Principal
- **Stanchester Academy** – Clare Hammond-Sayer, Director of People & Compliance, with Sophia Dickson, SENDCO, and George Round, CAM for Engineering

- **North Cadbury Primary School** (Preston Primary Academy Trust) – Scott Austin, Assistant Principal.

We're proud to play an active role in shaping education across Somerset and beyond. Together, we're building stronger connections and brighter futures.



## Shaping the Future of Engineering Excellence!

We proudly reaffirm our steadfast commitment to developing the next generation of engineering professionals—across Defence, Aerospace, Manufacturing, Automotive Engineering, and the rapidly evolving Clean Energy sector.

On Friday 24th October, we were thrilled to formally open the Yeovil College **H2 Lab** – a UK First!

This state-of-the-art facility is designed to elevate training and professional development, equipping both current staff and new trainees with the advanced skills and competencies demanded by the green energy revolution.

With a focus on hydrogen technologies, the H2 Lab will empower learners with cutting-edge industry insights and future-ready expertise - driving innovation and sustainability in one of the world's most critical sectors.



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## Events

### November Open Event: Thursday 20th November 5-7:30pm

If learners missed out on attending our October Open Event or would like a second visit, then this is the perfect opportunity. This open event also marks a milestone in Yeovil College's ambitious £60+ million Big Build project, which includes the development of a Sports Centre Construction Centre, a Hydrogen Lab, and a new teaching Centre. Students will have the opportunity to explore the Sports centre and view an almost complete Construction Centre - all part of a bold vision to fully transform the campus by 2027. Students can register [here](#) to attend.

### 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. Learners and their families will be able to:

- Meet our experienced SEND team
- Discuss Exam Access Arrangements
- Explore our Foundation Learning department
- Connect with key support teams (including SEND, Student Support, iZone, and Careers)

- Ask questions about the EHCP application process and how we can help guide you through it.

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](#).

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

Learners who have applied for a Sports course or Uniformed Protective Services should join us on Tuesday 9th December, 6pm - 7:30pm at our Applicant Evening to meet their future tutors and for a tour of our brand-new Yeovil Institute of Sport Centre – part of the £60+ million development at Yeovil College and the first of the three fabulous new builds to open.

Learners should arrive promptly, as the formal presentation will begin at the scheduled start time, students can register [here](#) or drop by on the evening.

## Helpful Links

Careers Page:

<https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/careers-hub/>

Course Information:

<https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/our-courses/>

## Social Media

Make sure to follow our social media channels to see your previous students! We always try to include where students have come from to showcase their journey.

- Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/yeovilcollege/>

- Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/yeovilcollege/>

- TikTok

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