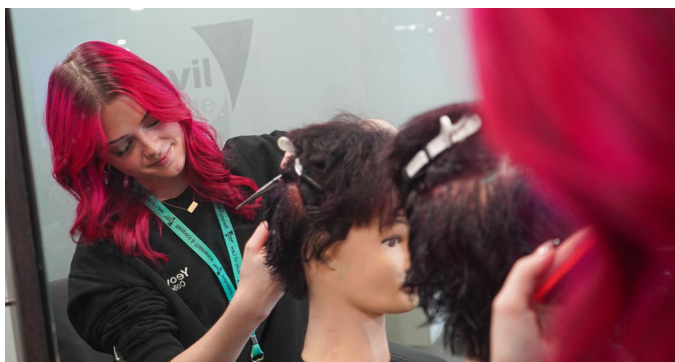




CONNECTIONS

Connecting parents and guardians with careers



Welcome

Welcome to Parents Connections, our termly newsletter designed to keep you up to date with upcoming events, important information, opportunities for your young person, key dates and useful contact details.

Time to Shine – Tuesday 19th May 2026

Is your young person interested in an apprenticeship?

Our Time to Shine event is taking place on Tuesday 19 May 2026. This event follows a speed-interview format, giving Yeovil College learners who are preparing to secure an apprenticeship the opportunity to meet interested employers. Learners will meet a range of employers in a series of short, structured conversations, designed to help employers identify emerging talent effectively. Employers attending will have current apprenticeship vacancies in their business, so if successful, learners may be invited to a second interview with the employer.

The Careers, Employability and Work Placements team will help prepare learners in advance, with CVs, covering letters and guidance sessions.

Learners invited to this event will be those identified by our Student Recruitment Consultants as having

expressed an interest in an apprenticeship where we have live vacancies. If your learner would like to attend this event, they should:

Check the Apprenticeship Vacancies List to check that the type of apprenticeships they're interested in are available: <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/apprenticeships/current-vacancies/>

Contact the Student Recruitment Team to express their interest in attending:

StudentRecruitment@yeovil.ac.uk

Upcoming Tutorial Guest Speakers; Somerset Road Safety

Somerset Road Safety will be providing their Learn2Live workshop, designed to highlight the consequences of a collision. Incorporating a graphic DVD depicting the aftermath of a real crash, ex-emergency service personnel appear in person to describe their roles following a serious collision.

Wellbeing Week – 11th-15th May 2026

This year's theme is 'Take Action'! We'll be celebrating in a multitude of ways, so your young person should keep their eyes out for more information being released shortly.

Creative Showcase – 17th & 18th June 2026, 10-4pm

We are excited to announce our Creative End of Year Showcase at The Sherborne. This is a huge event that will showcase the outstanding work of all our Second Year Level 3, Foundation Diploma, and FdA / BA Top Up in Digital Design & Media Creative Students for 2026!

Families are invited to attend on 17th and 18th June 10-4pm for a public viewing of the exhibition. Please contact **CreativeShowcase@yeovil.ac.uk** for more information.



Last Term's Highlights

Yeovil College Charity Week: A Fantastic Week of Fundraising and Community Spirit

Earlier this term, Yeovil College held its annual Charity Week, and it was a brilliant success, raising a massive £645.36! Students, staff and apprentices took part in a wide range of activities, from hair braiding and fitness challenges to bake sales and pie-the-teacher, all raising money for good causes, including:

- Breast Cancer Now
- School in a Bag
- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
- Royal British Veterans Enterprise

A special shout out to all the Student Union and Student Ambassadors that were involved, particularly: Imy Nathan, Ruby Holliday, Sam Potten and Ethan Sales.

Alongside the fundraising, the College hosted a series of mini volunteering fairs. A variety of local charities attended across the week, giving students the chance to learn about volunteering opportunities and the impact they can have in the community. Charity Week once again highlighted the strong sense of community at Yeovil College and the enthusiasm our students have for helping others.

Tutorial Programme: Brilliant Visitors

Runaway Club Band – The Glastonbury based pop-punk band visited Yeovil College for a high energy performance. They used music as a way to begin conversations about student wellbeing, peer pressure and mental health. Check out more on our social media [here](#).

Loud Speaker – Guest Speaker Matt delivered a series of interactive and fun workshops about Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, misogyny and Fundamental British Values.

YCUC Social Work partnership with UWE

Last term, the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) and Yeovil College formed a strategic partnership to deliver targeted programmes designed to address the region's critical workforce shortages.

BSc (Hons) Social Work is the first course launched through the new partnership, a sector identified at both a national and regional level as having critically low workforce numbers. Delivered at Yeovil College and awarded by UWE Bristol, the programme will commence teaching in September 2026. Learners will

have access to placements throughout the course with local employers, including local authorities and other third sector agencies.

While **BSc (Hons) Social Work** will be the first programme to be delivered through the partnership, both institutions intend this collaboration to extend well beyond a single course. Future provision is expected to span a range of subject areas aligned to regional skills needs, with potential programmes across health, education, business and design, ensuring the partnership remains responsive to employer demand and supports long-term workforce development across the South West.

If your young person is interested in Higher Education whilst studying locally, they can find out more about the Yeovil College University Centre [here](#).

Does your young person volunteer? They can now gain a recognised qualification!

To gain the Introduction to Volunteering Bronze Award, developed by 'Good For Me, Good for FE' and 'The Skills Network', your young person will need to: Log 12 volunteering hours (these can be volunteering, extended work experience or something similar), Complete 10-12 hours of online learning.

The online learning will be provided through The Skills Network and will cover topics such as communication, teamwork and leadership. This accredited qualification will be recognised on your young person's CV and job applications.

Learners can sign up on MyHub: Student Support or contact Amy.Briggs@yeovil.ac.uk

Extra Support for Let's Talk About Online Safety

To support the Let's Talk About Online Safety sessions which took place this term, the Learning Resource Centre has put together a recommended reading list available to students: [Look4](#)

Useful Contacts:

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