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NEW STUDENTS' DAY 2023

Yeovil
College



Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to your New Students' Day 2023! We have designed this day so that you, as a future new student of Yeovil College, can get a more in-depth feel about college life and begin to get excited about your new educational journey.

Top tips for moving up to college

Two of our brilliant business students have shared their top tips for the move from school to college:

- Develop a daily routine to help keep you organised.
- Get prepared at the start of the year and ensure you have all the equipment you need.
- Study in a way that works for you.
- Don't be afraid to speak to new people, make friends with new people and be open; everyone is in the same position as you.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!
- Get involved in the enrichment programmes and say yes to new opportunities.
- Study with your friends and work together to help one another.
- Prioritise your work and make sure you get it done before deadlines.
- Don't forget why you're here and use your end goal (your 'why') as motivation.



FIVE WAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

- 1 Student Voice:** Student Voice is a meeting where student reps and college management work together to discuss and resolve any issues learners are facing. This is your opportunity to tell us what's going well and what you feel could be improved!
- 2 Yeovil College Student Union:** Every learner is a member of the Student Union - unless you choose to opt out. Learners choose whether to have an active role in the YCSU. The YCSU fundraise, organise events and help decide what changes would benefit the college.
- 3 Student Ambassadors:** Student Ambassadors represent the college, help at events and pro-actively support the college. Being an ambassador enables learners to develop their communication skills, improve organisational skills and act as a role model for other learners. It also looks fantastic on your CV or UCAS application.
- 4 Peer Mentors:** In your second year, you can apply to become a peer mentor and support new students. Peer Mentors will contact their Mentees frequently, just to check on their wellbeing and if they have any questions.
- 5 Student Governor:** Work with the senior team and the Yeovil College Corporation to proactively represent your friends, peers and fellow students to redesign, reshape and influence corporate strategy at the very highest and most influential level.



Importance of your lanyard whilst on campus

Spot checks are regularly carried out to ensure students are visibly always wearing their ID badges and lanyard when on campus. All Yeovil College staff are encouraged to challenge anyone not visibly wearing their ID badge/lanyard on campus, and these measures are in place for your safety and the safety of our campus.

If you lose your ID badge, or you have forgotten it at home, you will need to buy a replacement, which can later be refunded.

Expectations of you as a Yeovil College student - Yeovil College Code of Conduct



Here at Yeovil College, we are passionate about supporting our learners to be well-rounded individuals that care for their family, peers, environment, and the community around them.

Our Code of Conduct is a clear set of rules and guidance about the expected standards of each and every student and member of staff, which must be displayed whilst on college campus. Our code of conduct focuses on Good Quality Education, A Sense of Belonging, Access to an Enhanced Curriculum and Being Safe and Feeling Safe.



Values

All Yeovil College learners are expected to endorse the Fundamental British Values. This makes for an inclusive and kind environment for all which is at the heart of the Yeovil College culture.

FREDIE

FREDIE stands for Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement, and is at the heart of Yeovil College's truly inclusive culture.

- F** **Fairness** - Being reasonable, right and just.
- R** **Respect** - Having due regard for feelings, wishes and rights of others.
- E** **Equality** - Where every person has equal rights, and every person has a fair chance.
- D** **Diversity** - Diverse means different. We are all different, so diversity includes us all. The concept of diversity encompasses understanding, acceptance and respect.
- I** **Inclusion** - Where every person feels respected, valued and that they fit in with the organisational (College) culture.
- E** **Engagement** - Two-way commitment and communication between an organisation and its employees – the whole college community.

Careers Hub

Have you taken part in clubs and activities outside of school hours? Do you want to carry on at college? Or maybe you would like to try something new and start a new hobby?

We encourage our students to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities, such as sport, societies, social action, skill development and fundraising. We also offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award up to gold standard.

Taking part in enrichment activities alongside your course is fun, helps you make life-long friends and improves your confidence, mental and physical health and well-being.

You will also develop a whole range of personal skills, such as team working, organisation, time management and leadership, which are attractive to both future employers and universities - enrichment will help you stand out from the crowd when you apply for work or higher education.

Too early to think about your future?

An added benefit of joining Yeovil College is that we also have a University Centre. This means we're able to offer you the opportunity to study for a university-level qualification, right here in the heart of Yeovil. Being slightly smaller than a traditional university means that our learners benefit from smaller class sizes, face-to-face teaching and a more personalised way of learning. We offer university-level qualifications in many of our subject areas, from Business to Engineering, most of which are taught over 1 or 2 days a week. We've seen lots of our Yeovil College learners progress through the University Centre and go on to secure their dream jobs. It's never too early to start thinking about your next steps and aiming high!

Find out more at www.yeovil.ac.uk.

