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# Yeovil College University Centre is the Best in the Country Following Recent Inspection

Yeovil College University Centre is celebrating being the best in the whole of the south of England following the recent Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Higher Education Review.

No college has achieved a better result, with only one other college matching Yeovil College University Centre's tremendous achievement. The reviewers passed the centre on every single element of the provision and highlighted elements of good practice, such as the relevance of the curriculum delivery and the extensive support for professional development of teaching staff.

The report also highlights the far-reaching opportunities for students to develop their employability skills thanks to the strong and productive links with local and regional employers.

Students want to know that they will receive a good education but also that they will be able to get a job once they finish and the QAA found that Yeovil College University Centre "has embedded student employability into its provisions. There is a clear evidence of student progression into employment as a result of initiatives implemented by the College and the strong relationships that the College has with local and regional employers."

Yeovil College Director of Higher Education, Paul Bailey, said "We are all delighted that the QAA reviewers have been so positive about all elements of the provision here at the Yeovil College University Centre, and we're proud that we can now be recognised as the best provider of university level education in the region.

This recognition is great news for people in Yeovil, Somerset and beyond who always had an ambition to study for a degree but thought they would have to travel – they don't! We can offer degrees locally, and you can be sure you're getting the best."

Yeovil College Principal, John Evans, said, "With A Level results out next week, we hope this fantastic recognition will help our local learners who might be undecided about their next step to make up their mind and choose to continue their study locally – we're really demonstrating now that there is excellence on your doorstep."

This successful review means that Yeovil College University Centre can display the QAA Quality Mark, indicating to all UK and international learners that the University Centre meets all national requirements for standards and quality.

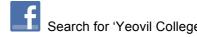
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