

## YEOVIL COLLEGE IS GIVEN APPROVAL TO BUILD ANOTHER NEW CONSTRUCTION CENTRE

Yeovil College is further growing its construction skills capacity – and meeting the local skills need again - with approval given for another new Construction Centre.

Yeovil College, which opened a brand new industry-standard 1000m<sup>2</sup> Construction Skills Centre last summer, will commission another purpose-built facility to help meet the large demand for construction skills created by the new Hinckley C project. It will open this calendar year.

The facility will further enhance the excellent Construction training facilities at the College and allow it to expand its provision to deliver high level vocational, industry-relevant skills including site carpentry and forming which are high priority skill shortage areas for the massive Hinckley C project.

The development of the new centre has been financially supported by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership funding, with a grant of over £600k towards the build cost and support from Screwfix, a valued industry partner who is working with Yeovil College on a number of different projects.

Yeovil College Principal, John Evans said *“I feel very excited about this latest stage in our construction provision. The changes that have happened in the two years I’ve been at Yeovil College are quite staggering. We are able to provide learners and staff facilities to reach higher standards for the future, and show them how to reach their goals and aspirations, and meeting the needs of industry at the same time. The atmosphere around the Construction Centre since it launched has been buzzing, and I think with this new addition that will only get better. And of course, with the additional space and facilities given to our Hospitality area, we’re in a great position to build on the experience we already had and give learners even greater opportunities in several curriculum areas.”*

Andrew Livingston, Screwfix CEO, said, *“As a business committed to supporting the trade, and a large employer in Yeovil, Screwfix is very pleased to be working alongside Yeovil College. We’re working on some great initiatives with the College to highlight apprenticeships and what a career within the trade industry could offer. We are looking forward to developing our partnership over the next few months and supporting the College through such an exciting time of growth.”*

