



## **OLYMPIC-STYLE TORCH FOR NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK TO VISIT YEOVIL COLLEGE**

Yeovil College will be taking part in a national Apprenticeship initiative – Pass The Torch – to encourage employers to pledge to take on apprentices and help learners and businesses to thrive. Launched in January by Prime Minister, David Cameron, the torch continues on its symbolic journey with a visit to Yeovil College at their Apprenticeship Recruitment Event on Tuesday 15th March, 5-7pm.

The torch is symbolic of the passing on of knowledge, from one individual to another, and from one generation to the new one of young people and adult learners embarking on an Apprenticeship. At Yeovil College's event, there will also be opportunity for employers to pass on knowledge to each other.

The Prime Minister has pledged to have 3 million new apprentices by 2020, and the torch visiting Yeovil College is testament to the commitment the College has made in their Apprenticeship offer, giving young people and adult learners the chance to earn while they learn, and in turn, offering employers the skills they need for their workforce.

Yeovil College's Director of Employer Engagement, Mark Bolton, said, *"Having the torch visit Yeovil College at our recruitment event during National Apprenticeship Week is a great chance for employers and their existing apprentices to step into the spotlight and demonstrate the scope of where an Apprenticeship could take you. We're offering real opportunities for real work experience, and the College is right behind the Pass The Torch initiative to see learners and employers thrive."*

The torch was made by apprentices and will journey across southern England in the run-up to, and during, National Apprenticeship Week.

National Apprenticeship Week is an annual event and this year runs from 14 to 18 March. The focus this year is how apprenticeships can help individuals and businesses achieve their ambition of 'rising to the top'.