

Yeovil College

What are we?

Yeovil College is a key provider of education and training in South Somerset and North and West Dorset. As a tertiary college for the whole community we currently support over 5000 full and part-time students every year, offering a wide range of programmes from milestone through to level 3 and beyond, including Apprenticeships and Higher Education Programmes.

All programmes are designed to develop students' skills in development of skills for independent living, further study and/or employment. Learning Support is offered right across our College provision to meet students' individual needs.

Look on our website to see our prospectuses and full course offers and range of opportunities for students.

Ofsted report

From Inspection dated 20 April 2012 – Overall effectiveness of provision in Good with outstanding features in Safeguarding.

The College is committed to partnership working and was reported as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted inspectors in this respect in 2012. Key partners include:

- **Yeovil Federation (of primary and secondary schools and the college)**
- **Universities - Bournemouth, UWE, Gloucestershire and Swansea Met through the University Centre and the Yeovil Vision**
- **South Somerset Strategic Partnership**
- **Wessex Federation of Colleges**
- **West Dorset Rural Federation of Schools and Colleges**

Yeovil College is also part of the South Somerset 14-19 Partnership and North Dorset Partnership. We also work closely with Yeovil District Hospital, Sherborne Learning Centre, Long Sutton Learning Centre, alternative and specialist provision and providers, local employers and community organisations.

Individual and Specialist support

Yeovil College is proud of the care and support it is able to offer students. Staff across the college ensure that all students are supported to succeed on their programme and enjoy their learning experience.

Academic and emotional/social support is provided at all levels for students across the whole college who have been identified as having a specific learning difficulty or disability both in class and on a 1-2-1 basis outside the classroom. This includes support for students

with learning difficulties who require support throughout the day including support with learning, personal care, support at break times and support with accessing transport etc.

The quality of support offered has a high reputation both internally and externally and is often the reason why parents of students with support needs choose the college. Success rates for students receiving support remain high and have increased year on year. There are numerous case studies which can show testament to the way in which support has helped students to succeed and progress to another course, onto university or into employment and examples will be provided. Support is delivered to students across the whole college, including at the University Centre. At all times the aim is to progress students towards the level of independence and confidence required to take the next step in their lives.

Go to www.ucy.ac.uk or www.yeovil.ac.uk for more details.

Who do I talk to about transition and support?

The College offers an individual, detailed and bespoke approach to transition which provides young people with the opportunity to fully explore what Yeovil College can offer them. This is done through visits with the young person in their current educational establishment, advice and guidance, opportunities to meet the teaching teams, tours and informal visits to the College to build confidence, detailed assessment of need, taster sessions and individual programmes. We can also offer short courses and opportunities to improve your skills to enable successful progression onto further study, employment and/or training.

We understand how important transition is and want to make this next step in education a positive and successful one for all. Please get in touch.

The Transitions Team:

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What do our learners say?

Maisy Gale

"I have received great education and from the lecturers support, they have helped me to improve my confidence in the work I have achieved"

Hannah James

"My best memory of Yeovil College is the way that all the relevant staff helped and treated me the same as everybody else on the course "

John Every

"My time at Yeovil College provided me with the knowledge and confidence to undertake the new experience of University. I would like to thank the lecturers who taught me during my two years at Yeovil College and in general to everyone there who made my experience so enjoyable."

Patryk Jadzinski

The whole year was a terrific learning experience as well as a life experience where I met many people who supported me through the process. Yeovil College has once again helped me to success and contribute towards achieving my goals,. In the future, many years into my career, I will always remember the college and the dedicated team working there.

Shan Warn-Sanders

I was diagnosed with Aspergers a number of years ago and don't always find it easy to cope in social situations. I have had so much support from the College and the friendly, encouraging staff have given me the confidence to study an IT qualification. Yeovil College can support everyone! It's well set up for accessibility and support for individual needs, including individual exam arrangements, 1-1 Tutors and in class support and much more.

Sam Burke

When I came to the College I was amazed at the support on offer. I met with staff and we decided on a plan of support at the very beginning. I have learnt new ways of studying, without the pressure of exams, the tutors are lovely, approachable, always helpful and have a great sense of humour. My advice would be, if you are struggling, never be afraid to ask for support. Don't give up on your dreams.

Outcome for learners

Progression	Number	All Faculties
Internal progression at FE level	62	416
Progression to FE other institutions		19
Internal progression at HE level	-	30
Progression to HE at other institutions	-	125
Progressions to Apprenticeships	-	38
Progression to employment with training	2	
Progression to employment without training	3	281
Unknown	1	118
Other		22
Unemployed		64

	12/13 Results (%)	11/12 National Benchmark
16-18 Level 1 Long	537	
Starts	93.1	88.8
Retention	90	92.9
Achievement	83.8	82.4
Success Rate		
16-18 Level 2 Long	1222	
Starts	87.3	88.5
Retention	92.1	91.2
Achievement	80.4	80.6
Success Rate		
16-18 Level 3 Long	1587	
Starts	88.3	90.6
Retention	88.6	85.8
Achievement	78.3	78.0
Success Rate		

The learning that takes place within work placements/internships and throughout the students chosen course is recorded in a variety of ways including mobile phone app, work placement diaries, photographic/video evidence and accredited unit portfolios.

The learning is reviewed regularly and feedback is provided to learners and parents through parent's evenings, progress reports, reviews and/or specialist Person Centred Planning reviews.

What else?

Individual Study Programmes are available for learners with additional needs through an individualised timetable that includes sessions across the college in specific areas of interest or skill. Students have an opportunity to develop their practical and academic skills through detailed programmes of study that are fully supported and bespoke in nature.

Additionally, the college offers a programme of supported internships in partnership with Yeovil District Hospital where students are placed in such departments as medical records, equipment library, equipment sterilisation, the Hospital Academy, cafeteria and pharmacy as part of Project Search.

Students with additional needs enjoy our new and purpose-built independent living centre. Students develop and practice skills associated with independent living such as cooking, cleaning and maintaining a home. The Independent Living Skills Centre programmes are designed to suit the individual student's needs according to whether they will progress onto fully supported living, supported housing and/or independent life.

Students on full time programmes, who have not gained a GCSE at A – C grade can study accredited functional skills English and maths qualifications or GCSE according to assessed need/ability.

At Yeovil College, we encourage students to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities, such as sport, societies and volunteering.

Yeovil College is keen to develop skills in preparation for work and have a focus on employability skills in all programmes of study and are dedicated to providing opportunities for work experience either in College itself and/or in our local employment community.

See our website www.yeovil.ac.uk or more details on our enrichment programme and opportunities for all students to have the very best student experience.