



## **Yeovil College Media learners tasked to contribute towards the Digital Archive Project**

Level 3 Media Production at Yeovil College learners have been tasked to research the name and appearances of each footballer at Yeovil Town FC since 1895 in the Hendford to Huish Park book 1895-2005, collating the information into a spreadsheet as part of the Digital Archive Project.

Each learner will work 65 hours over the course of a year.

Jake Morgan, 17, formerly of Sturminster Newton High School, said, "I'm looking forward to learning about the Yeovil Town history."

Oliver Watkins-Ross, 17, formerly of Bucklers Mead Academy, said, "It was fun being part of the Digital Archive Project".

Yeovil Town Football Club in conjunction with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust has received a grant of £32,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its proposed Digital Historical Archive Project.

John Evans, Principal of Yeovil College, said "I'm really excited about this project, and grateful for the Lottery grant and other grant aid that will enable it to happen. It's really important to preserve all this history for future generations".

"We hope Yeovil College's involvement in this huge project will benefit residents and show them what a special place Yeovil is, not only where the town has come from but where it's going, too".

"Earlier in the year the South Somerset Heritage Trust received the club's first deposit of photographs and documents. These are being catalogued and are available to view at the Somerset Heritage Centre. They include ledgers and minute books from the 1970s and 1980s and photographs from throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century".

The project will seek to provide a full and definitive history of Yeovil Town FC from its inception in the late 1895, in a format that will be in keeping with modern digital practices with access available, free of charge, to members of the local community, and in fact any followers of the club worldwide.

Adrian Hopper, former Head of Media for fifteen years at Yeovil Town Football Club, said, "We are absolutely delighted that HLF and our other local partners have made this project turn from a dream to reality".

"Yeovil Town Football Club play a huge part in the local Community and it seems only right that a football club with such rich heritage has an Archive such as we are planning to create".

"But it's not going to be a five-minute job and we anticipate at least two years before the site is up to its maximum operating content and to that end we would invite any supporter to contact us if they could be of help or if they have any items for inclusion on the site".

"After two years of volunteers at the club will continue to update the site as history continues to be made by The Gloves".

The learners were previously tasked to edit game, team and player signing images for reserved, cup and pre-session matches.



**Photograph shows**

L-R - Oliver Card, Will Sloan, Chloe Medhurst, Jake Morgan and Oliver Watkins-Ross