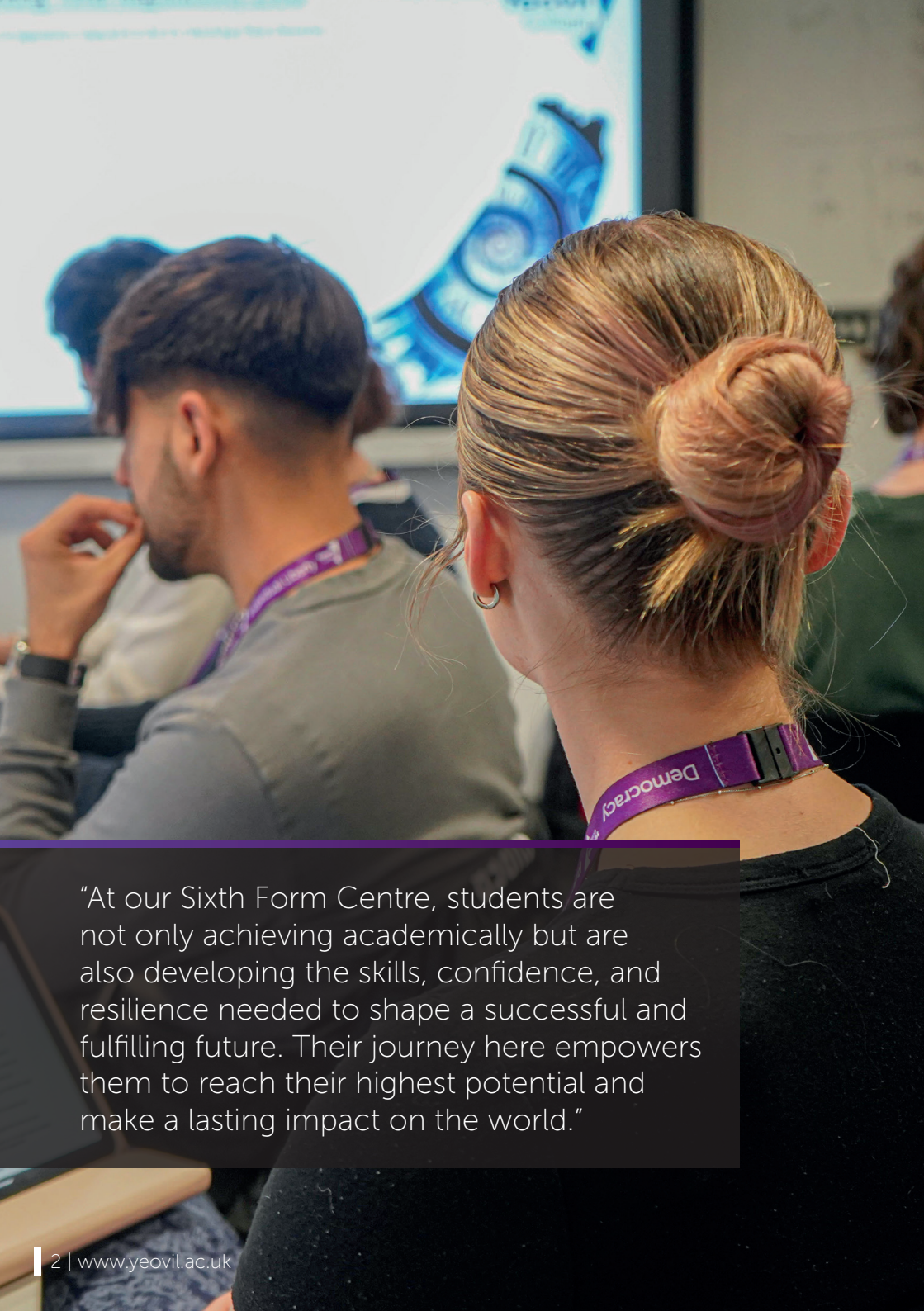


THE
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A LEVELS

AT YEOVIL COLLEGE



"At our Sixth Form Centre, students are not only achieving academically but are also developing the skills, confidence, and resilience needed to shape a successful and fulfilling future. Their journey here empowers them to reach their highest potential and make a lasting impact on the world."

WELCOME

TO A LEVELS AT YEOVIL COLLEGE

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Yeovil College's Sixth Form Centre, an institution renowned for its long-standing tradition of academic excellence. Our A Level Centre is unwavering in its commitment to providing each learner with the requisite support to meet and surpass their challenging targets. Through a steadfast focus on personalised guidance and a nurturing environment, we empower our students to realise their full potential and secure a promising future.

Our dedication to excellence ensures that every learner is meticulously prepared for their subsequent endeavours, whether that be higher education or entering the workforce. At Yeovil College's Sixth Form Centre, students not only achieve remarkable academic success but also cultivate the skills and confidence essential for lifelong achievement.

We eagerly anticipate supporting you on your educational journey and aiding you in the attainment of your aspirations.



MARK BOLTON
PRINCIPAL & CEO
YEOVIL COLLEGE

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM US?



Elevate Programme:

A unique initiative aimed at providing personalised support and enrichment opportunities to help students excel academically and personally.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):

This research-based project allows students to delve deeply into a topic of their choice, developing valuable research, analytical, and project management skills.

Ambassador & Mentorship Programme:

Designed to support students by pairing them with mentors who provide guidance and support throughout their academic journey, helping students adjust to their new environment, develop leadership skills, and build a network of support.

Study Visits & Residential Trips:

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational trips, both locally and internationally, to enhance their learning and cultural understanding.

Specialised Subject Offerings:

In addition to traditional subjects, students can explore new areas such as Environmental Science, Psychology, Law, Criminology, Sociology, Photography, and Politics.

Market-led Offerings:

Based on feedback, we are continuously enhancing our A Level course selection. Recently, we've expanded our offerings to include A Level PE and A Level Spanish.

"All of my lecturers were amazing and so committed to supporting every student to succeed."

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU?



Make the most of your time at Yeovil College:

Seize every opportunity that comes your way, go above and beyond to ensure that you get yourself ahead for your future.

Excel in your studies and revision efforts:

Attendance is key! For every hour you attend in a lesson, we would expect this to be matched in revision in your own time.

Be a positive and proactive member of our student community:

Get involved in our wide range of enrichment opportunities and be a voice to make change.

Preparation is key:

Come prepared for every lesson with the right equipment and a positive attitude. You control your outcomes, put in the effort and you will be rewarded.

Work diligently and persistently:

We have high expectations for our A Level learners, but don't hesitate to seek support when needed. We are here for you.

Set an example for other students and future students:

You are an inspiration to those who follow you, don't take that lightly. Your role is to be the best you can be.

Stay focused on your goals and strive to be an independent learner:

Focus on your goals and your ambitions, this is your time to shine. Don't follow the crowd, it's time to stand out.

"Yeovil College has opened up the door to my future career and I could not be more grateful."

THE A LEVEL PATHWAY AT YEOVIL COLLEGE

YEAR 1

SPRING TERM

First Progress Report

Parents' Evening

Apprenticeship & Careers Fair

UCAS Exhibition Trip

Work Experience Placement

Higher Education Workshop

Next Steps and Careers Workshop

AUTUMN TERM

Introduction Day

Baseline Assessments

Futures' Fest and Freshers' Fair

Meet the Tutor Evening

Elevate Programme Launch

Ambassador & Mentorship Programme Launch

Student Union and Student Governor Recruitment Process

Visit to Somerset Careers Fair

SUMMER TERM

Completion of Year 1

Student Progression Days

Trips & Visits

End-of-Year Tutorials

End-of-Year Exams

Summer Work & Revision

YEAR 2

AUTUMN TERM

Settling in
Summer Project Hand In
Baseline Assessment
Futures' Fest and
Freshers Fair

SUMMER TERM

Supervised Study
Exams
A Level Farewell Lunch
Revision Expectations

SPRING TERM

Mock Exams
Progress Report
Parents' Evening
Apprenticeship &
Careers Fair
Targeted Revision Lessons
EPQ Presentation Afternoon
Subject Specific Revision
Workshops

A TYPICAL YEOVIL COLLEGE WEEK

Every A Level student is provided with a comprehensive study programme designed to add value, maximise opportunities, enhance personal knowledge, and develop strong study skills. This programme ensures that students leave Yeovil College not only with academic success but also with personal achievements. To succeed, A Level students need to be organized with their time and studies and dedicated to excelling in their subjects.

Here are the key components of the A Level Study Programme:

Three A Level Subjects:

Students will complete between 4.5-6 hours of lessons per subject each week.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):

All A Level students have the opportunity to undertake a research-based extended project of their own choosing, which helps develop their overall UCAS points, skills, and deeper knowledge.

Cross College Assemblies & Group Tutorials:

A bespoke and relevant tutorial programme designed to keep learners safe, resilient, and able to flourish.

YC Edge & Enrichment:

Students have dedicated time within their timetables to participate in sports and enrichment activities.

Work Experience:

A Level students have the opportunity to complete work experience as part of their programme.



SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Our students' timetables are academically robust, yet flexible enough to encourage personal growth and development.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am – 10.30am	A Level Geography	A Level Economics	A Level Business	Independent Study	A Level Business
10.30am – 10.45am	Learning Break				
10.45am – 12.15pm	A Level Economics	A Level Geography	A Level Economics	A Level Business	Independent Study
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Learning Break				
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Academic Tutorial	Personal Development Tutorial	Edge & Enrichment	Independent Study	A Level Geography
2.15pm – 2.30pm	Learning Break				
2.30pm – 4.00pm	Independent Study	A Level Business	Edge & Enrichment	A Level Geography	A Level Economics

"I can honestly say this has been the best two years of my life. I chose Yeovil College for the facilities, particularly the new science labs and I have not been disappointed."

ENRICHMENT

Students enjoy dedicated time for enrichment activities that boost confidence, build networks, and develop skills. Our dynamic programme evolves with student interests, ensuring everyone finds something inspiring and valuable.

Why Enrichment?

- Connect with other students
- Boost your confidence and resilience
- Learn new skills
- Enhance your health and well-being
- Build networks
- Get ready for future progression.

Academic

1

Offering activities:

UCAS Conventions, Debating, Volunteering, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Sport

2

Offering activities:

Football, Rugby, Netball, Badminton, Strength and Conditioning, Fitness, Gym Work, Team Sports.

Cultural

3

Offering activities:

Book Club, Digital, Creative Writing, Film, Music, Literacy Group.

Challenge

4

Offering activities:

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors Challenge, World Skills, National and Regional Competitions.

Ambassador

5

Offering activities:

Student Voice, Corporation, Student Union, Social Action, Fundraising, Volunteering.

ELEVATE

Elevate is our Academic Excellence Programme in place to support high achievers with high aspirations. It is an additional enrichment offering in place to stretch and challenge learners, particularly those looking to progress onto Oxbridge and Russell Group University destinations.

What does the programme include?

- University Visits
- University Speakers from Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities
- Enhanced UCAS Support
- Employer Visits and Masterclasses
- University Interview Preparation Classes
- Information on Additional Volunteering and External Summer School Programmes
- Membership to our Debating Society and Yeovil Institute of Sport
- Event Ambassador status to support college and previous school events.



"I have loved life at Yeovil College and have met many friends, who will be friends for life. I have enjoyed the benefit of the new Health, Education and Science Centre, which has made a positive impact on my teaching and learning."

Ashley Maclauchlan

A Levels in Biology (A*), Chemistry (A*), Maths (A*) and EPQ (A).

Formerly of Westfield Academy, progressing to study Medicine at Oxford University.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

All A Level students have the opportunity to undertake a research-based Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as part of their full A Level study programme. Highly recommended for students with university aspirations, the EPQ has been greatly valued by former students.

The EPQ is designed to help students develop a broad understanding of research skills, along with strong analytical reflection and project management experience. These skills are essential for university progression and are highly relevant to both work and life.

Benefits for Future Careers

Enhanced Research Skills:

Develop the ability to conduct thorough and effective research, a skill highly valued in many professional fields.

Analytical Thinking:

Gain experience in analysing data and reflecting on findings, crucial for problem-solving in any career.

Project Management:

Learn to manage projects from start to finish, a key competency in the workplace.

University Preparedness:

Stand out in university applications with a demonstrated ability to undertake independent research.

Transferable Skills:

Acquire skills that are not only vital for academic success but also highly sought after by employers in various industries.

By completing the EPQ, students are better prepared for both higher education and their future careers, making them more competitive and capable in the job market.

"I love the environment at Yeovil College, teachers are here to support you, and you make great friends."

SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY

We have a full team of people dedicated to providing responsive and flexible support to you. Our number one priority is to ensure every student at Yeovil College has the best chance of success in their future goals. We support students in a number of ways and are committed to providing inclusive education in a safe, welcoming and positive environment.

Student Support

Students can self-refer to our Student Support team should they require some additional support during their time at College. The team can support with 1:1 and small group sessions focused on sharing techniques and strategies to ensure students can access learning effectively. They are also able to signpost learners and families to external agencies, where appropriate, and can help to facilitate these initial conversations. Our Student Support team incorporates Pastoral Support Practitioners, the Safeguarding Team, Campus Support Responders, our Chaplain and our PSHE Tutor. No matter what the situation, our team are here to support without hesitation.

Student Community

Embedding the opinions, beliefs and innovations of our students into the Yeovil College campus is critical to our long-term success, which is why we provide students with significant opportunities to contribute to the operations of our college. Students can contribute to our Student Voice group, apply to become a Student Ambassador, be voted in to the Yeovil College Student Union or act on behalf of the student body and contribute to our corporate strategy as a Student Governor.



"I absolutely could not have done this without the support of my amazing teachers. I have had the best experience I could have asked for at Yeovil College and it has hugely shaped who I am now as a person. I'm hoping to get into teaching and these past few years have really supported this idea for me."

Belle Miller

A Levels in Sociology (A*), Criminology (A) and English Literature (B).

Formerly of Wadham School, progressing to complete a Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship.

CAREERS SUPPORT

The Careers Hub at Yeovil College is renowned for its success and the positive impact it has on students and their outcomes. We are proud to be 100% compliant with the Gatsby Benchmarks and have recently received the prestigious Matrix Accreditation. We are dedicated to providing strong and independent careers information, advice, and guidance throughout every learner's college journey.

Our Careers Hub will support you in the following ways:

- One-to-one meetings with a dedicated careers professional.
- Information on further study options through tutorials, lessons and events.
- Support with CV development, application forms, personal statements and interview preparation.
- Employability skills sessions to support learners with their onward journey.
- Access to our GroFar Careers platform and the Springpod Ignite Hub.
- Careers-focused Futures Festival available for every student.



"I enjoyed the social life at Yeovil College and being able to work alongside my peers in many different projects was very rewarding. I'd like to thank the teaching staff here at the College, they really put me on the right track with my studies. They were always really supportive and have helped me to achieve the grades to progress on to university."

Leon Churchill

A Levels in English Literature (A), English Language (B) and Psychology (B).

Formerly of Preston School, progressing to study English Literature at Cardiff University.

WORK EXPERIENCE



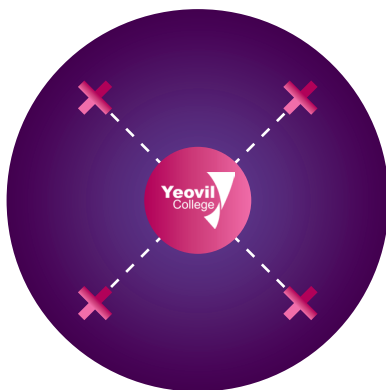
Our A Level learners complete a mandatory work experience placement for one week in the Spring Term of Year 1.



Learners will secure their own work experience placement and will be supported by a dedicated member of the work placement team.



Previous learners have visited local companies such as Battens Solicitors, Carymoor Environmental Trust, The Newt in Somerset and Leonardo UK.



Many have also travelled out of area to places including Bath, Bridport, Glastonbury and London.

PROGRESSION

Upon completing their A levels, students have a multitude of pathways to elevate their skills and knowledge. One prominent option is university, where they can explore a wide range of subjects. It is essential for students to thoroughly research which higher-level qualifications align with their career aspirations. For those who prefer to stay closer to home, local university centres, such as Yeovil College University Centre, offer excellent opportunities.

Alternatively, students might consider higher or degree-level apprenticeships. These programmes provide invaluable hands-on experience in the workplace, allowing students to develop practical skills while earning a professional qualification in their chosen field, such as the Chartered Institute of Management or the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. This blend of academic learning and real-world application can significantly enhance their career prospects.

To support their next steps and prepare for the future, A Level students will receive a range of valuable resources and opportunities, including:

- » UCAS support
- » Employer visits and masterclasses
- » Mock university interviews
- » Access to a professional mentoring programme
- » Careers Fairs
- » Guest university speakers.
- » University Conference

These initiatives are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their future endeavours.



OPTIONS POST-A LEVELS

A Levels are highly regarded by both employers and higher education institutions. After completing their A Levels, most students pursue a future of higher education or career opportunities in various ways:

- Progressing to university or higher education to study for a degree, a professional qualification, or equivalent.
- Starting an advanced, higher, or degree apprenticeship.
- Applying for employment with training.
- Taking a gap year to travel, work, or volunteer.
- Joining Yeovil College University Centre.

These pathways provide students with numerous options to advance their education and career prospects.



"I really enjoyed Science as a subject in school. I find it fascinating to see how things work! The staff at Yeovil College are very supportive - they've tried to enhance my learning and help me further develop my skills as much as they can, and you can see how passionate they are about the subjects that they teach. I chose Yeovil College because I had heard of other student's positive experiences here, and it is convenient for me as I live close by."

Scarlett Sterling

Formerly of Preston School, studying A Levels in Biology, Chemistry & Psychology at Yeovil College.

HOW TO PREPARE

Ahead of joining in September, there are plenty of activities you can complete to get ahead in your studies and prepare to become an A Level learner at Yeovil College.

Key Focus Areas

Focus on Your GCSEs:

Work diligently to secure your grades and your place in the Yeovil College A Level programme.

Plan for the Future:

Explore your options after A Levels, whether it's university, an apprenticeship, full-time employment, or a gap year. Find your motivation to work hard from the start.

Gather Necessary Equipment:

Purchase all required items, including stationery, a suitable digital device such as a laptop or tablet, a suitable bag, notebooks, relevant course books, and a water bottle.

Engage in Reading & Research:

Read books of your choice, especially those related to your chosen subjects. Watch documentaries, TED talks, and listen to podcasts.

Connect with Future Classmates:

Network with your peers. Be sure to collect names and contact details during New Students' Day, taking place in June.



Anya Briggs

"My piece of advice for future A Level learners would be to keep on top of your workload, plan it out and manage it and it will keep you motivated!"

A Levels in Chemistry (A), Criminology (A) and Psychology (A).

Formerly of Wadham School, progressing to study Cardiac Physiology at the University of Southampton.



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