

YEOVIL COLLEGE ROUND-UP

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Hello and welcome to the first monthly round up of the year! Throughout the year I will be sending you monthly updates full of important Yeovil College information; including Institute of Technology (IOT) and campus development updates, event dates and information as well as application information and plans for the future.

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have taken time to recover from the craziness that was the last term. Although the next few months will be anything but plain sailing, I hope that we can all continue to support each other and work together to make the next year as seamless as possible for all your students; our strong partnership will help us.

I have now got a work phone that I am contactable on as I will be continuing to work from home for the time being. The number for this phone is 07572235868 and you can reach me on here or email. We have also moved across to Microsoft Teams and Office 365 so please feel free to contact me this way too.

Thanks, Amy.

COHORT NUMBERS

Last week I sent out an email requesting your cohort numbers so that we can order enough prospectuses for your school. If you haven't received this email, please get in touch and I can forward this on to you.

Back to school

We hope that your first week back to school has gone smoothly for both staff and students. After speaking to so many of you this week it is clear to see how much time and effort has gone into the smooth transition back into school.

We hope it remains this way for you and students!

We have been sharing lots of resources with our students to ensure that they are coping with the return to education after a significant amount of time at home. These resources have come from Kooth, who are a digital mental health and wellbeing company for young people. They are absolutely fantastic and if you haven't heard of them before make sure you check out their website – www.kooth.com.

They have asked us to share with our local schools a resource booklet on back to school support. It is jam-packed with tips and advice for young people on returning to school. Check it out here: <https://www.yeovil.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Kooth-Back-to-School.pdf>.

A reason to celebrate...

Despite the uncertainty surrounding A Level and BTEC Results this year we are proud to share with you that we have achieved a 100% pass rate for another consecutive year. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and how they have coped with such difficult and challenging circumstances. Here are just a few of our brilliant students and their next destination;

- Sophie Hipgrave, formerly of Preston School, off to Liverpool University to study Veterinary Science.
- Jack Gillman, formerly of Wadham School, is going to study Mechanical Engineering at Exeter University.
- Hattie Smith, formerly of Gillingham School, off to study a Masters in Chiropractic at the University of South Wales.
- Luke Hancock, formerly of Westfield Academy, heading to Exeter University to study Economics.



Make sure you're following our Social Media channels where we celebrate all of our student success on a weekly basis!

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ENROLMENT DATA

I will be sending out the lists of your students who have joined us here at Yeovil College at the end of September. The reasoning behind this is that our enrolment period runs up until the 21st September and the data cannot be produced until the enrolment period has closed.

This email will contain a password protected document. If you are not the person who needs to receive this data, please can you contact me with the email address of the person who is best placed to receive the information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

We will be hosting our first Open House Information Event of the year on a brand new and exciting virtual platform! Students will be able to register for the event and access it on the night through a mobile, tablet or desktop. There is the opportunity to chat live to our lecturers in dedicated and interactive chatrooms and also to pick up a virtual goody bag including our brand new prospectus for 2021/2022.

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

We will be running another Information Event on our virtual platform to give students a second opportunity to gain any information they need and chat to the experts.

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

We will be supporting the Careers Fair that usually takes place at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, in their brand new virtual format! We will have our normal huge presence through a range of stands and talks from our senior team.

TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY

Our next Information Evening and hopefully by this point we will be able to host a physical event – fingers crossed!

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Our annual Apprenticeship Job Fair where we match our fantastic local employer partners with keen future apprentices!

What is available to your students this year?

It is clear that this year's Year 11 students will not have the same schooling experience as previous year groups have. Not only have they missed a chunk of crucial learning and preparation for exams. They have also missed out on Experience Days and taster sessions with us and other local providers, and it is likely that the chance to physically attend an event at a college or have us join you in schools is not an option just yet. I have been in conversation with several of our local schools to discuss how we can overcome this and still be present in supporting your students and giving them the information they need to make an informed decision about their next steps. These are the standard activities we would normally present to you at this time of year turned into a virtual experience for your staff and students:

- Virtual Assembly delivered by one of our senior team introducing Year 11 students to Yeovil College. This can be delivered to students through Microsoft Teams.
- T Level CPD for staff in schools to support understanding of this brand new qualification. Delivered by our Director of Curriculum, Matt Hann through Microsoft Teams.
- A deep dive into the Yeovil College Offer during a personal development or PSHE lesson. These can be delivered as pre-recorded videos or as a live session with different members of staff.

Please get in touch with me urgently to book in dates for these activities, in particular the initial assembly, as September is flying by!

If there is another activity that is better suited to your school or a specific group of students that you would like us to run – please let me know. We are open to ideas and are happy to support you in any way we can.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!