

Ambition, Excellence, Pride



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

The Easter holidays are here and we wanted to celebrate the successes of this term.

The announcement of lockdown in January was not what we were expecting but our school community tackled the challenges with the typical professionalism and positivity. You and your children took on the task of remote learning so brilliantly and embraced this way of working. Attendance at Keyworker School was high and this meant that students for whom this was the best way of working were able to have the right environment for them.

As we then welcomed our students back from March 8th we very quickly returned to the routines and lessons and behaviour have been exceptional. We cannot say enough how proud we are of each and every student in this school and how well they have coped in such unusual circumstances. It has been particularly exciting to see the societies in full swing; British Sign Language, Science Soc, Debating Soc and Law Soc to name a few. We can't wait to see where this takes our young people.

We would also like to extend our thanks to you for the support that you have given us, including your kind letters and emails. We know how fortunate we are to lead this school with its incredible students but this does not happen without the brilliant teams that support them at home.

With our very best wishes,

Izzy Ambrose and Natalie Wilcox

Festival of Care:

On Wednesday 31st March students in Years 10 and 12 took part in the Festival of Care.

This was aimed at students studying Health and Social Care and gave them an insight into careers in this field and involved talks from guest speakers from lots of different aspects of the sector.



Post 16 University and Apprenticeship Offers:

Our amazing Year 13 students have been bombarded with brilliant offers from some exceptional universities and apprenticeships. 81% of students will be going on to university study, with 46% of students receiving offers from Russell Group universities.

A further 10% of students have accepted apprenticeships.

We can't wait to hear about their experiences and invite them back to talk about it!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For many people, personal circumstances have changed significantly over the last year and we want to make sure that you are getting the support that you need.

Click [here](#) to apply online for free school meals.

Click [here](#) to access the Pupil Premium Fund Application form if you need support in purchasing uniform or other essential school

YATESOCS

Ask your children about the Societies they have attended. Can they sign their name using British Sign Language or tell you about starting a debate?

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Dates for the Fridge!

Monday 19th April: Inset Day for all students

Thursday 22nd April: Scholars' Programme Crowdcast

Friday 30th April: Modern Slavery Talk

May – Year 10 Big Interviews – Date TBC

w/c 26th April – Letter to Year 11 and Year 13 Parents regarding Teacher Assessed Grades

Communication:

Communication is so important and we always want to share the best ways to get in touch:

For general contact information: Click [here](#)

For Pastoral Support: Click [here](#)

To contact members of the Leadership Team and for information about their remits: Click [here](#)

Behaviour within the community

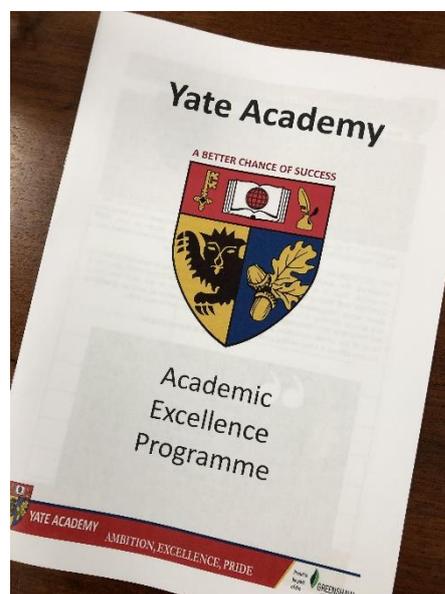
We are proud of every student in this school, particularly when we hear positive messages from members of the public.

This is a reminder that students represent not only us, but also themselves and their families when they leave the site at the end of the day and that remaining respectful and polite is really important.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME:

We are so excited by the launch of the Academic Excellence Programme. A link to the Assembly can be found on the school [website](#), along with the booklet and a link to the [Google Form](#) where students can submit their work.

This opportunity will really set them apart from other students as they progress through school, into Sixth Form and beyond. Whenever students have extras to add to their CV or applications that show interests beyond timetabled lessons, they will always stand out. This really focuses on specific subject areas and will allow students to build their knowledge in the subjects they love.



Time to celebrate:

- 4037 Merits have been given out
- 375,840 Self-quizzing questions have been written and answered
- 2,045,987 questions have been answered on Hegarty Maths
- Top of the Greenshaw Sparx Maths Leaderboard!
- 103 additional hours of learning for each Year 11 student
- 22 Tutor Reading books already finished!