



Weekly Letter

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. We have had yet another busy week at Yate Academy with our Year 11 students sitting the remainder of their mock exams. The students have been amazing and worked incredibly hard. This has been great preparation for the summer.

Below are a few highlights from our week :

On Wednesday all of our year 7 students participated in workshops to train them in CPR and how to use a Defibrillator machine. This was run by the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (you may have seen their helicopter landing in the school grounds last year) with 3 paramedics who volunteer on their days off to facilitate these sessions. They brought manikin dummies and non live Defibrillators to practice heart massages and rescue breaths. A great life skill practiced and learnt!

Our 6th form students were visited by Eleanor Greatholder who is the Director of Legal and commercial for Buro Happold, a world-class global practice of engineers, designers and advisers. This formed part of their engaging mounds programme. Eleanor gave a fantastic insight into working in that company and the industry sector as a whole. Providing valuable information and possible career aspirations to our students.

On Thursday 50 of our yr8 students were invited to visit Price Waterhouse Coopers offices in Bristol. They had the opportunity to work with several of their recent graduates and to meet one of their directors, Claire Wallin. They were taken on an office tour to meet the staff and then gathered back in the rooftop events area where they participated in 2 workshops, one on increasing diversity within the workplace and one on developing ideas around sustainable travel, both of which they had to present their ideas back to the group. Some fantastic transferable skills were developed by all of the students. The students were a credit to the school and resulted in the Academy being invited back in March 2024, Well done yr 8!





PE:

It was a real pleasure to take the year 7 rugby team to SGS college for a South Gloucestershire Schools Rugby Festival. The boys were absolutely fantastic really working on the tactics and strategies developed in Rugby practice with Yate Rugby. Moving the ball wide to find "the edges". The boys played three games drawing against Castle and Winterbourne and beating Bradley Stoke. Across the 3 games 13 tries were scored with Riley scoring six in total.

Staffing Update:

We have recently appointed 5 internal Associate Assistant Headteachers. Mr Southall, Miss Malpas, Ms Ricketts, Mr Revett and Mr Baker. Congratulations to all and more information about their new roles will follow shortly.

The Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme :

The HAF programme is for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on '**book a space for your child now**' – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families. If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you. Please note, if families have any queries that can't go directly to providers, please direct them to use the HAF@southglos.gov.uk mailbox.

Upcoming Events:

Monday 20th - Tuesday 21st November	Yr 11 Photography Mock Exams
Thursday 30th November - Friday 1st December	Yr 11 Hospitality and Catering Mock Exams
Wednesday 29th November	Engaging Minds Yrs 12/13 NHS Hospital Event
Wednesday 6th December	Academic Review Day - Years 7, 8 and 10.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Eddie Rakshi
Head Teacher