NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

As we approach Christmas I would like to start by thanking you all for your support over the last term. Support in sending your children to school looking so immaculately dressed, support in impressing upon them the importance of hard work and dedication. Children really can achieve anything if they work in partnership with the school and go that extra mile.

I would also like to congratulate our new staff and students who have settled in so well. They have been a wonderful addition to the Yate Academy family.

Although I've enjoyed writing to you each week, I wanted to put together a termly newsletter to celebrate the many successes of our school community. There were many highlights this term and I don't want to spoil the rest of this newsletter by announcing these here. All that remains to be said on my part is merry Christmas and a happy New Year when it arrives.

Best wishes.

Mr E Rakshi



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all the staff of Yate Academy, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the new year.









Excellence **Ambition** Pride

155,752 in class merits handed out since September





Over 92,000 positive character card signatures collected.

9112 minutes have been spent on Sparx Maths





110 additional hours of learning for each Year 11 student, equalling to an extra 18.5 extra school days completed

26 tutor reading books completed since September





Around 427,000 self-quizzing questions answered by Year 7-10

189 hours of independent study completed by Yate Academy Sixth Formers





Two sets of half termly rewards trips taken place

Yate Academy Rewards System

Students receive positive points for in-class merits and for signatures on the positive side of their character card. Students are then eligible for rewards based upon this:

Weekly Rewards

Sweets / chocolate for top 10 positive point winners each week, this is recognised and celebrated weekly in roll call.

Tub of celebrations for the top tutor group each week based on positive points.

Dominos pizza celebration lunch for 10 students in each year group selected at random from the top 50 students in each year group.

Fortnightly Rewards

Prize draw with 10-15 prizes to win include £20 gift vouchers and takeaway vouchers – entry to this is based on students having no negative points and 100% attendance in the previous two weeks.

Ongoing Rewards

Half termly Bronze (200 points) Silver (300 points), Gold (400 points) achievement badges/certificates issued half termly based on total positive points. All students with a badge are eligible to collect a treat every Tuesday break time as an ongoing reward.

Half Termly Rewards

Gold, Silver and Bronze reward events based on based on total half termly positive points and no AR's. This half term these have been as follows:

- o Gold Ice Skating Trip Top 50 student
- o Silver Pizza Lunch 100 students
- o Bronze Cinema Experience 250 students

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Yate Academy Rewards System

Gold Rewards Winners

Year 7
Amelia A
Eleanor W
Ashlyn C
Oscar C
Madeline B
Luna C M
Amelia A
Scarlett H
Evie-Leigh T
Nancie W
Summer J
Riley W

Year 9
Adrian M
Adam A
Neave L
Artemis A
Rama K
Robert V
Heitor E V
Harry S
Dylan M
Holly-Beth W
Imogen G
Michael T

Year 11
Wesley H-G
Catherine J
Laura D
Natalie H
Katie E
Charlie R
Rosie G
Zumrut P
Emma W
Samuel J
Oliver G
Finley W

Year 8
Arthur J
Isabella W
Tianna C
Phoebe D
Carmen C
Kara W
Lewis D
Mya H
James S
Alexander J
Clara S D
Caden C

Year 10
Harley C
Benjamin H
Leah H-R
Ocean-Rose P
Shannon M
Benjamin N
Isaac N
Maddison W
Katy L
Mirana E
Jakub P
Fleur P



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

Yate Academy Rewards System

Silver Rewards Winners

Year /		Year 8		
William S	Riley W	Evie-Mai W	Tram Anh Mai I	
Corey W	Yui C L	Tsoi Yi L	Alyssia M	
Zach C	Tommy W	Rhys J	Abbie G	
Freya D	Ronnie F	Sian R	Hayley Y	
Tobiasz E	Jasmin M	Emily W	Millie S	
Isla P	Sebastian K	Leah H	Leo L-W	
Alisia M	Lauren E	Isabella H	Zoe T	
Malu C M	Tiffany S	Charley-Anne W	Christina S	
Zachary F	Silver S	Livanna L	Charlie S	
Leah F	Indie G	Orianna C	Lucas A	

Year 9 Year 10

Matthew G	Jean B	Isabella S-R	Lacey V
Kasper H	Douglas S	Brooke E	Olivia M
Chloe D	Ella E	Diogo F	Lola B
Ruby S	Samuel W	Ellie J	Alwin S
La'Zaynia P	Timothy H	Andrei S	Hubert R
James D	Holly P	Roberto G	Archer S
Lucas P	Nevin P	Carter M	Ruby R
Joshua C	Esmee H	Amelia M	Corin P
Kaelan B	Mckenzie-Leigh J	Russell C	Hollie W
Phoebe A J	Luke F	Jacob B	Evie H

Year 11

Harriet B	Ruby M
Hope V	Kalel C
Ashleigh B	Joseph
Evelina L	Spencer P-J
Isabella	Harry H
Kacey E	Callum B-P
Leah T	Hope W
Lauren C	Ellie-May W
Ibrahim D	Madison F
Charlie G	Tia-Mai P



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Yate Academy Rewards System

Bronze Rewards Winners

Year 7	Year 8
Katie M	Esme K
Jackson D	Harry M
Isabella Z	Isaac L
Maisie L	James L
Daniel S	Ethan L
Katie M	Lucas M
Hope C-G	Poppy P-W
Ayesha F	Armir B
Ewan H	Oscar K
Lexi P	Autumn Rose S
Keira A	Rae B
Riley B	Megan L
Aniah W-G	Zachary G
Ethan J	Isaac Jay O
Chloe F	Luca B
Amelia-Lily W	William F
Jessica O	Aimee B
Annalie C	Isla C
Michal B	Rowan L
Adam Z	Isla L
Рорру С	Harry P
Charli B	Lauren L
Alfie G	Pola P
Riley P-K	Maximillian W N
Mia T	Daniel G
Kady B	Ruby L
Ava S	Caitlin H
Colby S	Isla S
Evie L	Amy B
Sophia D	Rudi P

Year 9		
Lily W	Oliver L-S	
Oliver M	Hei Lok L	
Eloise T	Reno P	
Robert-Junior S	Isabelle S	
Lucas G	Megan K	
Leia W	Rhyley J	
Ethan H	Ashton B	
Keira B	Dinul G M	
Mia S	Daisy S	
Sofia P-W	Liberty H	
Victoria O	Maisie B	
Winston H	Joseph R	
Archie C	Alexander B	
Riley C	Phoebe J	
Jacob M	Bella H	



Yate Academy Rewards System

Bronze Rewards Winners

Year 10		Year 11		
Neve C	Summer W	Noah S	Oliver H	
Amelia T	Ellie F	Freddie G	Hei Yu L	
Abigail G	Scarlett M	Kyla B	Luke F	
Erin S	Arseny K	Chun Lok L	Oakley L	
Riley C	Oliver I	Jack E	Corey W	
Rosie R	Aston P	Marli M	Kieran D	
Ryan C	Rosie T-S	Imogen H	Kiki G	
Diana C O	William C	Laila G	Ryan M	
Jessica P	Mason H	Derani G M	Alfie L	
Joshua L	Jack B-E	Maya-Louise F	Mia S	
Daniel S	Hannah R	Yasmin D	Grace M	
Finley W	Liam C	Froilan S L	Summer B	
Jayden S	Vinnie E	Benjamin P	Owen M	
Liam P	Ellen B	Thomas O	Sophie C	
Dane C R	Evan F	Ruby S	Connor G	



Year 7 CPR Training

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!



Year 8 Students visit Waterhouse Coopers

50 of our yr8 students were invited to visit Pricewaterhousecoopers' 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!

Dual Linguists Pen Pal Letters

Our Year 9 Dual Linguists have been busy writing letters to their Spanish pen pals at Institut Ribera del Sió, Agramunt. They have been doing this as part of the Dual Linguist programme during Period 6 and are eagerly awaiting the responses from their pen pals. This is a great opportunity for our students to practise their conversational Spanish skills and learn about students their age in a Spanish school.



Duke of Edinburgh 2023/24

Well done to some of our Year 10 and 11 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition! Great teamwork and resilience shown by all.

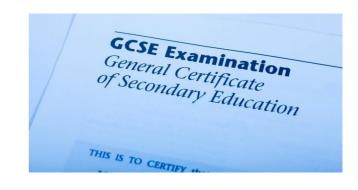


Royal Navy - Ready, Steady Cook

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students had a great experience when the Navy came to visit and complete the Ready, Steady, Cook Challenge. Students gained the skills and knowledge on preparing and cooking fish cakes, chips and apple tarts. The visitors we extremely impressed by the students knowledge and skills.

Year 11 November Mocks

Well done to all of our Year 11s on completing their first set of GCSE mock exams.





Yate Heritage Centre Art Exhibition

The Visual Arts Department put on an exhibition of their Year 11's artwork at Yate Heritage Centre, this was an amazing way to showcase the amazing outcomes.

Year 9 Little Interviews 2023

On Thursday our year 9 took part in the 1st taste of being interviewed by taking part in the 'Little Interviews'. 26 volunteers from local Rotary groups and Atkins, carried out 138, 20 minute interviews throughout the day in the auditorium. Students had previously filled out an information sheet which the interviewers worked with to ask them a series of questions. Students made their way to the waiting room, and were briefed on how to approach and introduce themselves. Once seated the volunteers asked a series of questions to draw out the best from each applicant and provided written feedback to each student.



Whilst the students were nervous in the waiting room they were all elated at their achievements and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Some feedback from the volunteers included:

- Students were grounded, respected and focused.
- Impressive set of young students.
- What a great programme interviewing students through year 9, 10 and year 12.
- Great day fantastic opportunity I would love to come back and speak to your students about graduate apprenticeships.

Well done Year 9s!



Yate Academy Awarded Kitemark

Well done to the Design Technology and Computer Science Department, in particular to Mr Cahill for the hard work and efforts in successfully achieving the Cyber First Bronze Award in Cybersecurity Kitemark for Yate

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Cyber Crimes Team Visit for Year 9 Students

Our Year 9 had a visit by the South West Cyber Crimes team, they did a presentation to all our students across five lessons about their use of the Internet and the Legislation related to it. Students took part in engaging discussions and really impressed our visitors!





Sri Lanka Fundraising starting strong

Well done to all the Sri Lanka trip students on your fundraising efforts. So far they have organised and ran a bake sale at school, a quiz at Gloucester Academy and sold refreshments at the Carol Concert on Wednesday. Thank you to all families who have supported our fundraising efforts so far!

GLT Carol Concert 2023

On Monday 4th December we travelled to Cirencester for the annual GLT Carol Service. Our students from year 7 & 8 sang beautifully and really made the YA team proud.





<u>Hospitality and Catering Remembrance</u> <u>Tributes</u>

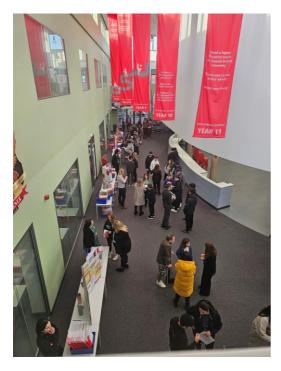
Our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have been developing and implementing their bread making and decorating skills creating some Remembrance focaccias.



Food Bank Donations 2024

Thank you to anyone that was able to donate towards this years food bank donation from Yate Academy, this donation will go a long way in supporting our local community this time of year.





<u>Yate Academy's Christmas Carol Concert</u> 2023

Wednesday 13th December saw the annual Yate Academy Christmas Carol Concert take place in St Mary's Church in Yate. What an amazing showcase of the talents of some of our students here at Yate Academy. The night consisted of choir performances, readings, solo instrumentals and solo singing. An amazing night to get into the festive spirit.



Year 7, 8, and 10 Academic Review Day

Wednesday 6th of December saw our first academic review day of the year. Where Year 7, 8, and 10 students were able to showcase the amazing work they have completed so far this academic year. Thank you to all the parent ad carers that were able to come and be part of this day.

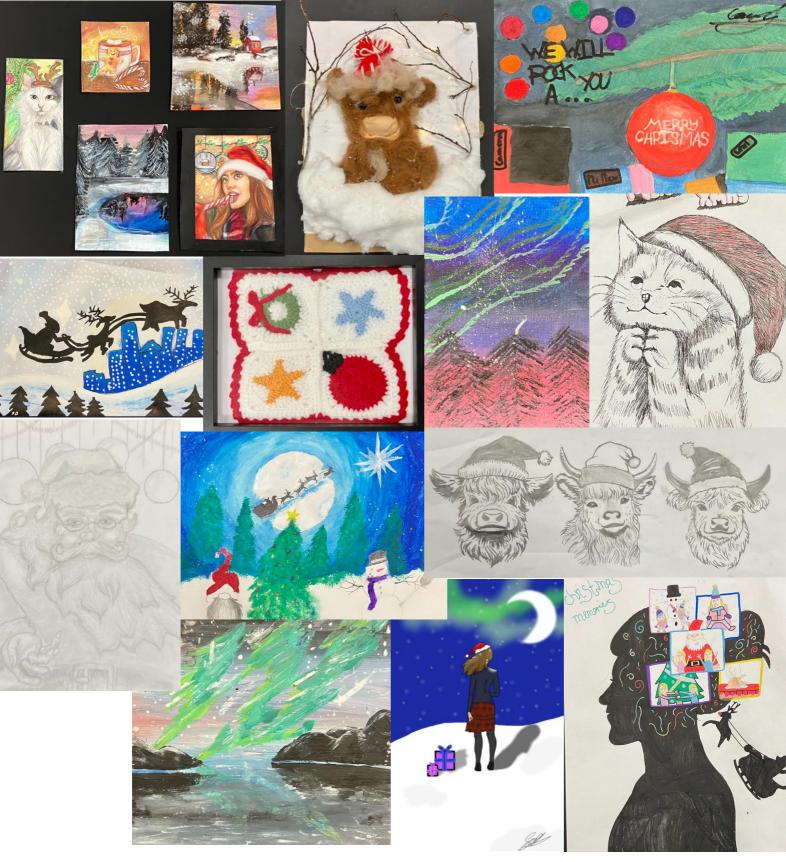


Year 11 Parents' Evening 2023 - The Climb to Success

Thursday 14th December saw the first of our Year 11 parents' evenings, allowing teachers, students, parents and carers discuss successes, progress, and next steps ready for the new year. Thank you for everyone that attended this evening.

GLT ART COMPETITION ENTRIES

Here are just some of entries into this terms Greenshaw Learning Trust's Art Completion. There were a huge amount of exceptional entries into this competition, with students showcasing their brilliant talents and skills.



GLT ART COMPETITION 2023

Yate Academy Student Wins Trust wide Competition



Well done to Kassie K in Year 10 who won with the above entry winning herself £50 and the Yate Academy Student Council £250.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

Well done to all the students who have represented the Academy this term in Rugby, Football, Netball, X Country and Athletics.

This term we became Yate Rugby clubs first schools partner, as part of the partnership Yate have provided coaches to support the Academy rugby programme, running training for year 7 and 8 boys, these sessions averaged 35 year 7 and 8 boys per session. As part of the agreement all students from Yate Academy can join and play for the club for free, staff at the Academy will also be invited to attend CPD sessions delivered by Bristol Bears coaches. The quality of the rugby has been outstanding and has been reflected in the performances of the boys in fixtures and tournaments. Year 7 has been the most successful, only losing one game all season. It has been great to see a number of boys joining Chipping Sodbury and Yate Rugby clubs and others joining the Bristol Bears programme.

37 students in years 7-10 have represented the Academy in X Country matches at Downend and Bradley Stoke and the X Country Championships at Pomphrey Hill. Notable performances came from Ava S finishing 8th in the Championship Race and Charlie W finishing first in every single race both gaining selection for the South Gloucestershire team to compete at the Avon Schools X Country Championships in January, where they will compete against the best runners from Bristol, Bath and North Somerset.

Netball club on Tuesdays has been fantastic this term with 45+ students regularly attending. Students have had excellent results in their fixtures against some of our local schools and it has been great to see so many girls representing Yate Academy. Netball club will be continuing after Christmas with friendly games being organised. It has been great to see the development of our students in this club.

We have had an impressive start to our girls football club and fixtures. On Friday 17th November we took 16 Y7/8 girls to the EFL Girls Cup Road to Wembley Tournament hosted by Bristol Rovers FC. The girls played fantastically on the day, both teams were successful in getting through to the quarter finals. One of the teams made it through to the finals and became runners up, it was a very close game with the girls narrowly missing out on 1st place when the game ended in penalties.

Y7 and 8 Girls had a football tournament on Thursday 7th December playing against 4 local schools. The Y7 team won 2 games and drew 1 and the Y8 team won 3 games and drew 1. They all played fantastically despite the cold and rain. We are looking forward to more football fixtures after Christmas.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

It is great to see so many students wearing their new PE Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum colours that were handed out on Academic review day to students who have represented the Academy in fixtures this term. Handing out our first awards to year 10 boys rugby players and Girls Netball players.

Platinum Award Rugby

Finn B

Russell C

Mitchell J

Mateu O

Marley R

Finn W

Platinum Award Netball

Riley C Olivia M Izzie S

It has been great to add new students to our Wall of Achievement celebrating the success of students playing elite level sport, this celebrates students competing at elite level with professional sports clubs, competing at county, regional, national and international level. Added this term Charlie W and Leo B Football, Ronnie F, Cricket. Rosie R added the British title to her numerous world titles in Irish Dancing. .

In term 3 we look forward to lots more clubs and fixtures, girls football and netball fixtures will continue and boys league football fixtures will start.

Have a great Christmas and New Year The PE Team

SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

Cotswold Edge Sixth Form

We pride ourselves on being the hardest working students in the country and our sixth formers have lived up to the reputation. Attending 189 hours of lessons, spending 189 hours enhancing their knowledge through independent study, whilst also developing their cultural capital during enrichment. Year 12 have excelled in their first term and we are excited to see them progress throughout the year. Whilst, Year 13 has continued to exceed expectations.



Destinations

Year 13 have all applied to UCAS and it has been wonderful to see their hard work being rewarded. Students have offers from Russell group Universities, such as York, Edinburgh and Bristol, but also high calibre courses that quite often prove difficult to gain access. Many of our Health & Social Care students have had University interviews for nursing and midwifery and many are holding several offers. We look forward to next term to see what happens next, especially with regard to apprenticeships and our Oxbridge candidates. Well done Year 13, you are smashing it!



The Sixth Form took part in a "Culture, Life Skills and Christmas Shopping" trip to London last week. Students had the opportunity to explore the rich culture and vibrancy of our capital's Museum District, before heading off into Central London. They independently caught underground trains, navigated the city streets and took in some sights. Particular highlights included the Christmas illuminations of Piccadilly Circus, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Carnaby Street & Harrods. The students acquitted themselves brilliantly, stepped outside of their comfort zone and challenged themselves to do something new & different. A huge success!



SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...



It was also great to see some old faces back from last year's Y11s & 13s when they came to collect their exam certificates from the summer exams. It was lovely to hear about their onward journey since leaving the Academy.

Engaging Minds Lecture Series

The engaging minds programme consists of an annual lecture series covering a wide range of cultural, political, sporting, business, current affairs and global issues taking place on a wednesday afternoon in the auditorium. The programme is designed to enable students to broaden their experience and understanding of various aspects of the workplace and contemporary culture. The talks are there to pique students' interest in a range of topics and to inspire them to pursue the issues further through independent learning or tutor group discussion. This term we have already attracted a wealth of speakers from...

A local Physiotherapist, Amy Caswell spoke to our sixth formers. This hour-long session gave the students an insight into working within the field of physiotherapy, from A&E trauma to working with high profile sports teams such as Bristol County Cricket team. They were shown where they could study both locally and further afield as well as being provided with a summary of grades that would be required.



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.

Fern Jameson, a senior paediatric nurse from Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. She spoke brilliantly about her career journey, the challenges and rewards of working in such a valuable, varied but high-stakes environment. Our students got the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about career options in the NHS and healthcare industry.

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Friday 9th February 2024

Important Dates	Event
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3rd January	Start of Term - All students return
Thursday 4 th January	Year 10 Oxbridge Event
Monday 8 th January – Friday 19 th January	Year 13 BTEC Exams / Mocks
Thursday 11 th January	Duke of Edinburgh Launch
Saturday 13 th January – Friday 19 th January	Ski Trip
Monday 15 th January	DHL Employability Skills Workshop
Monday 15th January - Friday 26th January	Year 7 - 10 Assessment Window 1
Friday 19 th January	Year 12/13 Winter Ball
Wednesday 24 th January	DHL CV & Interview Skills Workshop
Tuesday 30 th January	DHL Comms and networking
Wednesday 31 st January – Thursday 1 st February	Matilda Show
Wednesday 6 th February	DHL Logistics challenge

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3

Yate Academy presents



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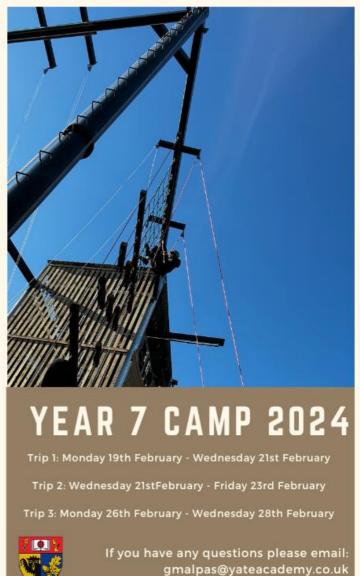
January 31st and February 1st 2024

Ticket sales will be released in the New Year For any information please contact: bpowell@yateacademy.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3







ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 do directly to providers, please direct them to use the HAF@southglos.gov.uk mailbox.

The Tutor Reading Programme aims to promote an enjoyment of reading and allows students to access a range of literature, irrespective of reading age. Student reading comprehension is supported by the teacher's reading fluency i.e. following patterns of stress and intonation and direct vocabulary teaching. TTRP supports students in their reading, introduces students to new ideas, vocabulary and worlds, and in turn works towards improving GCSE attainment across the curriculum.

Just under 700 books have been read since the tutor reading programme began.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Languagenut helps students to develop and practise exam skills and includes:

- 8,000 comprehensive exam-style questions aligned to the UK exam boards
- an extensive vocabulary bank of more than 2,500 words in French and Spanish
- · verb conjugation exercises across a wide range of verbs and tenses
- a phonics section where students can practise their pronunciation across a range of engaging activities
- over 50 unlockable achievements

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- Go to: https://www.languagenut.com/resources/#/LoginScreen
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