



Weekly Letter

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. I understand this week has been disrupted and I would like to thank you for sending your children to school ready to learn. The week has finished excellently with all students working incredibly hard. I would like to assure you that we will continue to work hard supporting individual students and families to meet the expectations set out in our uniform policy. Furthermore, I am excited to announce I will be hosting Yate Academy's first student forum next Friday. This will involve a weekly opportunity for different groups of students to discuss with me all of the things they love about the school as well as the things they would like to be better.

This week we have successfully launched our DoFE programme. A record breaking number of year 9 & 10 students signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Awards. It was fantastic to see such a big turn out of 70 parents and students who packed out the discovery centre on Thursday evening in what is the start of an epic journey for each student!

We also had many students participating in clubs this week. On Tuesday we had twenty year 7 girls participating in Netball club with Miss Woods. Despite the sub zero temperatures yesterday we had 60 year 7 and 8 boys and girls attending Football club with Mr Smallwood and Mr Revett. We have also launched our new Basketball club in partnership with Bristol Flyers, we are delighted that following the success of this week's session with year 10, we are now able to invite year 9 students. A link to sign up will be sent out over the weekend. Any year 10 students who have not yet signed up can still do so.

Our performers are eagerly finalising rehearsals for the upcoming Matilda the musical. Performances will be on Wednesday 31st January and Thursday 1st February 2024. Ticket information will be released on Monday 15th January.

Good luck to all students and staff going to the ski trip in Italy over the next week. This trip will be leaving on Saturday, seeing students and staff taking to the slopes in Italy. We will post regular updates on social media to keep you in the loop with the fun being had on the slopes.





Key Updates:

We have been made aware of students walking through Woodlands Primary School playground after school. Please can we ask that students do not enter Woodlands grounds unless they are meeting family members.

Children's Wellbeing:

Please see below info for new dates of online groups starting this term, run by the Children's Wellbeing Practitioners:

OTR - Mental Health Service for 11 -18

New Group Dates for Mind Aid and Shameless

Bristol and South Glos, online (4-5.30pm):

- Shameless, starting Thurs 18th Jan

sign up here: <https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/shameless/>

- Mind Aid for ages 15-18, starting Weds 31st Jan:

<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mind-aid-2/>

- Mind Aid for ages 11-14, starting Monday 19th Feb:

https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mind-aid-2

For further information please contact OTR Bristol -Email: schools@otrbristol.org.uk

Upcoming Events:

Monday 15th January	Y7-Y10 Assessments Start
Friday 19th January	Yate Academy student forum
Wednesday 31st January Thursday 1st February	Matilda Performances

With very best wishes

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TEN TORS

Team Yate Academy
Ten Tors - Brecon Beacons Expedition
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Ambition

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ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Ticket information and sales to be Announced Monday 15th January at 10am