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Dear Families,

Voice & Choice: Weekly Student Forum

We are writing to you about a new and exciting addition to our Character provision that will serve to further enhance our school community. As a school our primary responsibility is to ensure that our pupils are provided with a happy and safe environment that allows them to learn, achieve and flourish. Central to our culture and ethos is both our continued desire to improve our level of service and our firm belief in listening to and responding to the needs of the child by providing them with a mechanism to help change things.

Therefore, we are pleased and excited to be introducing Yate Academy's **Voice & Choice Sessions**. This forum gives students the platform to meet with Senior Leaders and share information about their perspectives on learning, teaching and schooling. Here at Yate Academy, we would like our students to have a say and actively shape their education. This student forum will allow any pupil the opportunity to share their ideas, interests and concerns with their peers and teachers. It also allows each individual student to learn skills, such as communication, listening and confidence through this extension to their formal education.

How Can Students Get involved?

Any students that are interested in taking part in Voice & Choice, please collect a slip from reception. Complete the slip with a name, form and the idea to be discussed. Please then submit the slip in the ballot box which will be at reception.

Each week Mr Rakshi and myself will meet with a selection of students to hear their opinions, ideas with the intention of developing the school community further.

All ideas will be shared with the Senior Leadership Team weekly and formal responses to the points raised will be provided to the governors and the wider school community on a regular basis to illustrate the changes made as a result. Please follow us on Facebook/Instagram and read our weekly and termly newsletter for further updates.

This is an important initiative for the school and we would like you to encourage your son or daughter to share their views and take part in these weekly events.

Best wishes

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