



Weekly Letter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. This week we launched our new House Heroes, students and staff have now cast their votes for the naming of the new houses, the winning houses will be announced next week! We have also had our first Student forum meeting. Students had the opportunity to share their ideas on how to make Yate Academy an even better place to be. We look forward to working together and holding these sessions weekly. I will update you next week on what will be happening as a result of the forum.

A huge well done to all our Yr 13s and some EAL students who have completed their mock and BTEC exams this week. Their attitude and behaviour towards these has been outstanding.

Last Sunday our incredible Ten Tors students took to the stunning Brecon Beacons in their first training expedition. After completing the 35 mile challenge last year, Riley Clark, Harrison Evans, Archie Kelly and Olivia Moxham are returning to complete the 45 mile challenge and are competing for a prized spot in the 45 mile GLT team. Looking to follow in their footsteps are the following year 9 and 10 students who performed incredibly well in the fresh conditions and will be competing for a place in the 35 mile Yate Academy team: Jack Bennett-Emerson, Matthew Gill, McKenzie-Leigh Jeffries, Phoebe Jones, Jacob Marasigan, Adrian Michna, Finley Williams, Tim Hackett and Jean Britton.

A special mention to Harriet Blackett and Troy Lowden who also travelled with the squad to support in training our year 9 students.

Finally these events can never go ahead without the incredible support from our families and a huge thank you to Charlie Blackett for driving an additional minibus so that more students could benefit from this experience.

A further training session will be arranged for students who were unable to attend due to being on the ski trip, Mr Killigrew will send out more details next week.





Our students skiing over in Italy have had an amazing week, staff have been blown away by the progress made, with many now tackling the longer and more challenging slopes. They even got the opportunity to have a go at night-time tubing. Brilliant fun and a wonderful experience has been had by all!



Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 23rd January	YR 10 Interview and skills workshop 3 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 31st January Thursday 1st February	Matilda Performances

With very best wishes

Eddie Rakshi
Head Teacher

Yate Academy
presents

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Tickets now on sale at:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/yate-academy

Wednesday 31st January &
Thursday 1st February 2024

Adult Ticket: £6
Concession Ticket: £5