



## Weekly Letter

**Friday 23rd February 2024**

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. We have had a busy start to Term 4. It was great to see so many families attend our year 9 options evening on Wednesday evening.

Our Year 7 students have also enjoyed an action packed few days away in the Forest of Dean. They have conquered activities such as high ropes, den building, rock climbing and the leap of faith! Then they have finished off the days exploring the forest by night and enjoying toasted marshmallows around the campfire.



### PE Updates:

This week boys in year 9 & 10 have had great success on the Football field, with year 10s beating Brimsham Green 2-1 thanks to a brace of goals from Connor W. Year 9 also played out an exciting game against Brimsham Green scoring in the first and last minute of the game. The game finished four apiece, with Kyron B scoring all four goals. However, this year all fixtures in the league must have a winning team, so a penalty shootout was required which we won 2-1 with successful spot kicks from Kyron B and Jacob B. Year 9 remain unbeaten in the league! Next week we play against Downend.

Following Voice and Choice with Mr Rakshi and Mrs Brett Reynolds we have responded to requests from students for a Girl's Fitness class, which starts this week on Wednesday.

A reminder of clubs after school next week. Remember that all clubs are free to students and run until just after 4pm.

**Tuesday:** Year 7 & 8 Rugby with Yate Rugby Club and Girls Netball

**Wednesday:** Girls Fitness Club in the Fitness Suite

**Thursday:** Boys Football, Year 8-10 Basketball with Bristol Flyers



## **Year 11 Mock exams:**

Year 11 students start their last set of mock exams on Monday 26th February. They will be completing their English Literature paper 1 in the morning and Maths Paper 1 in the afternoon. All year 11 students have worked exceptionally hard towards these mocks and we are exceptionally proud of them, Good luck!

## **Keeping Safe in the Community :**

Many of you will be aware of a number of tragic deaths related to knife crime that have occurred in the Bristol area in the last few months. Our community has a responsibility to do everything that we can to reduce the chances and incidences of violence. At Yate Academy we believe that our approach to education supports this, and that the more that we can do to raise the aspirations of children; to develop a sense in our children that they can reach the very top will reduce the chances of them making unsafe decisions in the community.

We will continue to develop our character education programme to ensure that we do everything we can, as a school, to educate our children on safety.

We ask that, as parents, you work with us on this, and with this in mind ask that all of our parents do the following:

- Send your children to school every day.
- Are even more vigilant of where your children are when not at school.
- Take an active interest in who their friends are, who they are associating with and whether or not they have friends from other schools who you are not aware of.
- Communicate regularly with us regarding any concerns; we always want to help.
- Remain vigilant about your child's online activity; are you aware of everything that they are accessing online?
- Remain vigilant of what your children are wearing outside of school, paying particular attention to balaclavas or other face coverings.
- Where your child may be out in the evening, please ensure there is a clear and safe plan for how they return home.
- If you have any concerns about your child, or any child, please contact us immediately.

Our children are fantastic children and we want to work with the community to ensure that they are safe, and well and able to meet their full potential.

## **MCAS Reminder:**

Please can we ask that any outstanding lunch money is paid via the MCAS app.



**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Monday 26th February</b>	Year 11 Mocks begin Year 7 Camp - Trip 3
<b>Thursday 29th February</b>	Year 7 Girls School County Football Finals
<b>Friday 1st March</b>	Y10 - What Career Event
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	Y10 - Transferable Skills Workshop

With very best wishes

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