



Weekly Letter

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. All of our year 7s are now back from Camp, All three trips were a great experience and the students had lots of fun trying out new activities. A huge thankyou to the staff that made these trips possible!

Last weekend, our students from year 9 and 10 showed great resilience by braving the elements on the first Ten Tors training expedition in Dartmoor National Park. Despite the horrendous weather conditions, this group of individuals demonstrated skill, determination, dedication and kindness whilst navigating across this terrain. We were accompanied by Harriet B and Adela N (year 11), who led the way and were great role models, in particular for our year 9 students.

7 of our students are currently competing to be part of the lucrative GLT 45 mile team and they performed exceptionally. Both Mr Kiligrew and Mrs Hatch have some difficult decisions to make. Special mention to Riley Clark, who led the way and has been described as an exceptional leader who demonstrated confidence and first rate navigation skills.

Year 9 also excelled and were able to shine through in their 35 mile event. Mr Killigrew was blown away by their compassion, navigation and teamwork. Shout out to Finley Williams for demonstrating the Yate character traits, leading the way, excellence in navigation but also kindness and compassion to make the whole team feel included.

There are some difficult decisions to be made. We would like to thank both Mr Killigrew and Mr Weston for accompanying our teams. We wish the team the best of luck for the next expedition in March.





Voice and Choice Updates:

VOICE & CHOICE

- School Council
- A School Library
- More areas to eat and socialise at lunch
- Uniform supplier to provide a longer skirt

YOU SAID...



- School Council - Ready to launch next term. (Currently being planned by year 11 girls.)
- A School Library - We will set this up in 6th from after half-term. (This will start as a year 11 & sixth form space.)
- More areas to eat and socialise at lunch - We will open another classroom and organise board games for students to socialise.

WE DID...

VOICE & CHOICE

- Merits - Fairer approach to handing out merits
- Clubs - More opportunities for students to take part in activities after school

YOU SAID...



- Merits - Teachers are handing out over 65,576 merits out per fortnight.
- Clubs - More clubs being launched each week - Diversity is a design club launching next week with Mrs BR. This will be specifically for Year 8 and 9.

WE DID...



PE Updates:

We had our first Girls fitness club on Wednesday which had a great turn out and fantastic engagement. This will continue to run on a Wednesday after school.

Netball club is continuing on a Tuesday and Girls and Boys football club on Thursday after school.

This week our U12 Girls team represented Yate Academy in the Gloucestershire Girls FA finals. The girls played brilliantly and managed to finish the day coming 2nd in their group. We are very proud of them and the progress they are making.

MCAS Reminder:

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

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 7th March	Y10 - Transferable Skills Workshop Y8 - Visit to PWC in Bristol
Tuesday 12th March	UCAS Exhibition UWE
Wednesday 13th March	Year 10 - Big Interviews
Tuesday 19th March	Sixth Form Open Day
Tuesday 26th March	Sixth Form Open Day

With very best wishes

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SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

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- A Place where you are known
- 100% students achieve their chosen destination
- Unique Pathway
- Enrichment Programme
- 1-2-1 UCAS / Apprenticeship Support
- A designated Tutor
- Average Grade of Distinction - Vocational
- A-B 60%
- Scholars Pathway

Tuesday 19th March
1pm-3pm

Tuesday 26th March
9am-11am

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