

# NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2024

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

What a term it has been. As Headteacher there have been many moments of immense pride and I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few. Not least, I was incredibly proud of all the students and staff involved in Matilda. Enormous credit is due to all of them for mounting a production of such high quality, this was a wonderful showcase of the artistic talent that Yate Academy has to offer.

We have also had much sporting success to celebrate. Both of our year 7 girls and year 7 and 8 combined girls football teams were triumphant in the South Gloucestershire County finals. We are incredibly proud of them. Furthermore, it has also been wonderful to see so many of our students regularly taking part in school sports clubs with 50 boys attending football on a Thursday and 30 girls attending our fitness club every week.

As we approach the start of the GCSE exam period, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our Year 11s and 13s that only through hard work and dedication will they achieve their potential. In this vein, I strongly urge them to take advantage of the numerous revision sessions hosted over the Easter holidays.

As the day gets lighter and the sky gets bluer I am delighted to wish you and your families a happy Easter. I look forward to welcoming all of our students and staff back after a well-deserved break.

Best wishes,

Mr E Rakshi



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

**306,984 House Merits handed out since September**



**Four sets of half termly rewards trips taken place**

**351 hours of independent study completed by Yate Academy Sixth Formers**



**204 additional hours of learning for each Year 11 student, equalling to an extra 34 extra school days completed**

**58 tutor reading books completed since September**



**Around 793,000 self-quizzing questions answered by Year 7-10**

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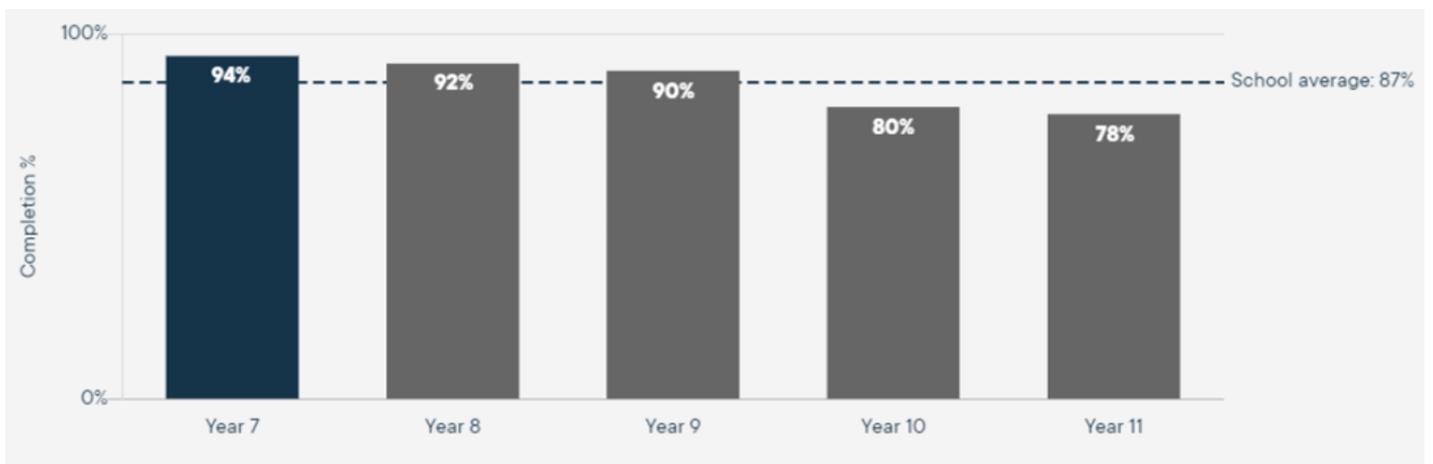
## SPARX at Yate Academy

**13,793 hours spent on SPARX by students since September.**

**4681 hours spent on SPARX by students this term.**

**Overall completion rate of tasks set since September 87%.**

### Completion Rates by Year Group



**118 students have seen improvements in their timetables due to SPARX.**

**Total number of questions answered correctly since September: 791,713**

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System

Students receive positive points for in-class merits and for signatures on the positive side of their character cards. Students are then eligible for rewards based on this:

### Weekly Rewards

Sweets / chocolate for the top 10 positive point winners each week, this is recognised and celebrated weekly in roll call.

Tub of celebrations for the top tutor group each week based on positive points.

Dominos pizza celebration lunch for 10 students in each year group selected at random from the top 50 students in each year group.

### Fortnightly Rewards

The prize draw with 10-15 prizes to win includes £20 gift vouchers and takeaway vouchers – entry to this is based on students having no negative points and 100% attendance in the previous weeks.

### Ongoing Rewards

Half-termly Bronze (200 points) Silver (300 points), and Gold (400 points) achievement badges/certificates issued half-termly based on total positive points. All students with a badge are eligible to collect a treat every Tuesday during break time as an ongoing reward.

### Half Termly Rewards

Gold, Silver and Bronze reward events based on total half-termly positive points and no referrals to Academic Reintegration. This half term these have been as follows:

#### **February 2024**

- o Gold – Bowling Trip – Top 12 students per Year Group.
- o Silver – Pizza Lunch – Next 20 students per Year Group.
- o Bronze – Cinema Experience – Next 50 students per Year Group.

#### **March 2024**

- o Gold – Airhop Trip – Top 12 students per Year Group.
- o Silver – Pizza Lunch – Next 20 students per Year Group.
- o Bronze – Cinema Experience – Next 50 students per Year Group.



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System – February 2024

### Gold Rewards Winners

#### Year 7

Amelia A  
Summer J  
Scarlett H  
Malu CM  
Madeline B  
Luna CM  
Chloe F  
Nancie W  
Riley W  
Amelia A  
Oscar G

#### Year 9

Harry S  
Robert V  
Oliver L-S  
Dylan M  
Timothy H  
Thomas N  
Dinul GM  
Michael T  
Artermis A  
Heitor EV  
Bony W  
Jean B

#### Year 11

Rosie G  
Harriet B  
Zumrut P  
Isabella S  
Hope V  
Kacey E  
Natalie H  
Laura D  
Evelina L  
Lauren C  
Ashleigh B  
Davi EV

#### Year 8

Lucas M  
Orianna C  
Rowan L  
Isabella W  
Charley-Anne W  
Olly F  
Ethan L  
Zoe T  
Tianna C  
Hayley Y  
Lauren L  
Tram B

#### Year 10

Alfie P  
Alwin S  
Lola B  
Ocean-Rose P  
Leah H-R  
Jessica P  
Diogo F  
Ellie J  
Scarlett M  
Finley W  
Isaac N  
Olivia M



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System – February 2024

### Silver Rewards Winners

#### Year 7

Tommy W  
Isabelle D  
Alisia M  
Eleanor W  
Silver S  
Lexi P  
Lauren E  
Tiffany S  
Elvia H  
Corey W

Zachary F  
Rebekah J  
Riley W  
Jackson D  
Leah F  
Jessica P  
Katie M  
Nanthanapat J  
Evie L  
Tobiasz E

#### Year 8

Alyssia M  
Poppy P-W  
Megan L  
Autumn Rose S  
Aimee B  
Isabella H  
Rudi P  
James S  
Harry L  
Livanna L

Amir B  
Annabella B  
Phoebe D  
Isaac Jay O  
Millie S  
Carmen C  
Zachary G  
William F  
Alexander J  
Jessie B

#### Year 9

Tristan A  
Samuel W  
Neave L  
Joshua C  
Ashton B  
Sofia P-W  
Emma V  
Zara Q  
Jack W  
Mia B

Matthew EV  
Douglas S  
Adam A  
Lily C  
Imogen G  
Emma D  
Matthew G  
Mia T  
Ella E  
Sergio R-S

#### Year 10

Lacey V  
Neve Chorley  
Corin P  
Summer W  
Diana CO  
Isabella S-R  
Ellie F  
Amelia T  
Hubert R  
Jack B-E

Connor W  
Liam P  
Ruby R  
Joshua L  
Andrei S  
Jayden S  
Rico M  
Fleur P  
Sean T  
Mitchell J

#### Year 11

Corey W  
Wesley H-G  
Kalel C  
Finley W  
Kieran D  
Freddie G  
Spencer P-J  
Ibrahim D  
Leah T  
Noah S

Ruby M  
Ruby S  
Kyla B  
Samuel J  
Catherine J  
Connor G  
Oliver H  
Jack E  
Joseph H  
Dublin H



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## Yate Academy Rewards System – February 2024

### Bronze Rewards Winners

Year 7		Year 8	
Evie-Leigh T	Alfie G	Caitlin H	Layla M
Ethan J	Riley P-K	Isabel P	Lilia W
Mia S	Charlie W	Leo L-W	Molly D
Yui Ching L	Lily S	Abbie G	Rhys J
Daniel S	Amelia-Lily W	Evelyn C	Charlie S
Freya D	Isabella Z	Sophie P	Alfie C
Poppy C	Oscar C	Benjamin G	Zack H
Jessica O	William S	Christina S	Lewis D
Adam Z	Chanice J	Daniel G	Eva W
Jasmin M	Ayesha F	Isaac L	Maximillian W N
Annalie C	Indie G	Lexie J	Luca B
Sum Yau W	Kieran B	Sienna B	Alexander O
Charli B	Amelia S	Isabelle K	Caden C
Zach C	Colby S	Stella M	Oscar K
Pola C	Sophia D	Amelia M	Kara W



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## Yate Academy Rewards System – February 2024

### Bronze Rewards Winners

#### Year 9

Anastazja D	Kayla M
Jacob M	Kwan Ching W
Pola S	Rhianna J
Oliver M	Rama K
Mckenzie-Leigh J	Holly-Beth W
Callum S	Callum H
Sum Kiu W	Jack H
Summer-Grace G	Phoebe A J
Shannon-Marie D	Nevin P
Revathi T	Sophie P
Isabelle D	Ruby S
Lok S	Kaelan B
Katrina R	Rosa L
Eli C	Daisy S
Ethan H	Joseph R

#### Year 10

Abigail G	Rosie T-S
Maddison W	Max J
Archie E	Emily M
Amelia M	Roberto G
Zara S	Archer S
Erin S	Joseph P
Riley C	Benjamin H
Evan F	Carter M
Mason H	Tristan H
Ryan C	Finley B
Aston P	Oliver I
Mirana E	Rosie R
Alexia K	Kasjana K
Angela H	Ellen B
Benjamin N	Lexie G



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System – March 2024

### Gold Rewards Winners

#### Year 7

Millie A  
Silver S  
Scarlett H  
Nancie W  
Chloe F  
Madeline B  
Riley W  
Summer J  
Luna C-M  
Malu C-M  
Oliver H  
Tiffany S  
Merrin M  
Ronnie F  
Oscar G

#### Year 9

Harry S  
Zara Q  
Michael T  
Bonnie W  
Tim H  
Holly-Beth W  
Lottie G  
Rob V  
Kaelan B  
Dinul G M N  
Tommy N  
Leon D-H  
Sam W  
Heitor E V  
Tristan A

#### Year 8

Lucas M  
Jai H  
Mya H  
Joshua R  
Lewis D  
Livanna L  
Rowan L  
Harry P  
Orianna C  
Amelia M  
Olly F-A  
Rudi P  
James S  
Ryan A  
Charley-Anne W

#### Year 10

Katy L  
Neve C  
Kuba P  
Benjamin H  
Corin P  
Dane C R  
Harley C  
Ocean-Rose P  
Russell C  
Alexia K  
Izzie S-R  
Riley C  
Olivia M  
Edith M



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System – March 2024

### Silver Rewards Winners

#### Year 7

Ella W  
Naomi H  
Amelia A  
Oscar C  
Izzy Z  
Leonidas B  
Mia S  
Katie M  
Ashlyn C  
Zuzanna P

Will S  
Tommy W  
Zachary F  
Charlie W  
Riley N  
Harumi J  
Jasmin M  
Jenson C  
Hope C-G  
Sophia D

#### Year 8

Esme K  
Zack W  
Kara W  
Clara S D  
Phoebe D  
Joshua B  
Cole B  
Harry L  
Rhys J  
Harry M

Toby S  
Bella W  
Alexander J  
Courtney H  
Rae B  
Poppy P  
Joe A  
Isla S  
Stella M  
Hannah W

#### Year 9

Mia T  
Ashton B  
Dylan M  
Artemis A  
Luke F  
Oscar L  
Revathi T  
Oliver S  
Pola S  
Rhianna J

Douglas S  
Fletcher P  
Sergio R-S  
Nevin P  
Caitlyn V  
Emma V  
Finley E  
Adrian M  
Jean B  
Katrina R

#### Year 10

Isaac N  
Rosie T-S  
Lexie J  
Liam P  
Finley W  
Jack B-E  
Benjamin N  
Brooke E  
Lacey V  
Abigail G

Teagan A  
Cameron J  
Connor W  
Ellen B  
Hollie W  
Jacob B  
Leah H-S  
Ellie F  
Carter M  
Harry P

#### Year 11

Corey W  
Harriet B  
Catherine J  
Kacey E  
Leah T  
Reenie J  
Noah S  
Rosie G  
Alisha C  
Harry H

Ruby M  
Lauren C  
Marli M  
Oliver H  
Ruby S  
Hope L  
Tom O  
Maisie H  
Natalie H  
Luke F



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Rewards System – March 2024

### Bronze Rewards Winners

#### Year 7

Colby S	Sienna S
Olivia W	Freya D
Aniah W-G	Laila B
Annalie C	Zachary W
Izzy D	Jackson D
Keira A	Ashton C
Ethan J	Kacper B
Evie L	Lily S
Indie G	Lexi P
Adam	Harry B
Peony L	Winnie M-T
Cooper H	Corey W
Seb K	Tobi E
Alayna W	Amelia S
Riley P	Daniel S

#### Year 8

Isabelle K	Megan L
Alex O	Fruzsina R
Annabella B	Oliver J
Sherri L	Alyssia M
Abbie G	Tram Mai B
Christina S	Aimee B
Oscar K	William F
Ethan L	Layla M
Bella H	Autumn S
Carmen C	Ruby L
Sienna B	Mufaro C
Jessie B	Lilia W
Isaac L	Charlie S
Charlie B	Nik S
Taya F	Peter S



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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...****Yate Academy Rewards System – March 2024****Bronze Rewards Winners****Year 9**

Oliver B	Andrea W
Jacob M	Amber H
Eloise T	Mckenzie-Leigh J
Megan K	Sienna T
Sofia P-W	Adam A
Lily C	Esmee H
Sophie P	Matthew E-V
Jack W	Neave L
Emma D	Phoebe A J
Daisy S	Isabelle I
Kayla M	Rhyley J
Rosa L	Jack H
Ella E	Riley C
Summer-Grace G	Toby H
La'Zaynia P	Anastazja D

**Year 10**

Diana C O	Ryan C
Diogo F	Rhys S
Alwin S	Evie H
Tristan H	Luis H
Jessica P	Mason H
Max J	Amelia Y
Mirana E	Rosie R
Alfie P	Fleur P
Lola B	Lydia C
Ellie J	Evie C-H
Ruby R	Summer W
Kasjana K	Sean T
Harrison E	Vinnie E
Joseph P	Emily M
Jayden S	Erin S

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## New Yate Academy House System Launched

Back in January, we launched our new House Heroes, students and staff were given the opportunity to cast their votes to decide the new names of the Yate Academy houses.

The house system is a traditional feature in many schools in the UK. When a student joins Yate Academy school they are assigned a house that they will belong to throughout their time at the academy.

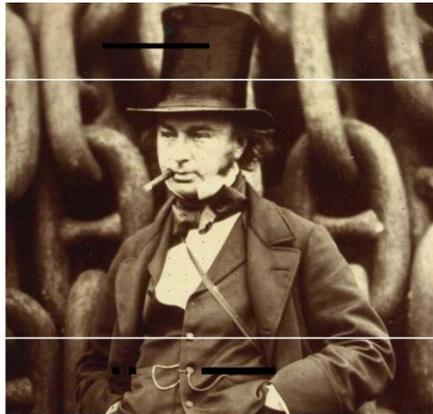
The New System enables:

- *A sense of belonging in all students.*
- *Greater opportunities outside of the classroom.*
- *Participation in a range of competitions.*
- *Support for charities through fundraising*
- *Lots of merits to be rewarded*
- *Rewards Trip opportunities*

THINK OF OTHERS  
BE ARTICULATE  
NEVER GIVE UP  
WORK HARD



STRIVE FOR SUCCESS  
ARE NOT AFRAID TO FAIL  
NEVER GIVE UP  
HARD WORK



AMBITIOUS IN OUR GOALS  
ALWAYS STRIVE FOR BETTER  
COMPASSION FOR OTHERS  
WORK HARD



STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE  
THINK OF OTHERS  
BE CREATIVE  
WORK HARD



PRESERVANCE  
CELEBRATE SUCCESS  
COMMUNITY MINDED  
WORK HARD



**Brunel House:** 7A, 8A, 9A, 10A and 11A led by Mr Baker and Miss Beckett

**Carpenter House:** 7B, 8B, 9B, 10B and 11B led by Mr Southall and Mr Harding-Mbogo

**Park House:** 7C, 8C, 9C, 10C and 11C led by Mr Revett and Mr Pottle

**Beckford House:** 7D, 8D, 9D, 10D and 11D led by Miss Ricketts and Mr Maggs

**Stephenson House:** 7E, 8E, 9E, 10E and 11E led by Miss Malpas and Mrs Brett-Reynolds

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...



# OVERALL HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

**OVER**

**161,601**

**HOUSE POINTS  
ACHIEVED THIS TERM**



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

1ST PLACE

**STEPHENSON  
HOUSE**

34,427 MERITS

2ND PLACE

**CARPENTER  
HOUSE**

33,825 MERITS

3RD PLACE

**PARK HOUSE**

32,761 MERITS

4TH PLACE

**BRUNEL HOUSE**

31,046 MERITS

5TH PLACE

**BECKFORD  
HOUSE**

29,542 MERITS

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Top Students in Brunel House

Forename	Year	Points
Scarlett H	7	523
Madeline B	7	503
Neve C	10	417
Benjamin H	10	411
Joshua R	8	393
Harley C	10	386
Riley C	10	354
Jack B-E	10	348
Edith M	10	343
Izzie S-R	10	338

## Top Students in Carpenter House

Forename	Year	Points
Lucas M	8	530
Arthur J	8	497
Lewis D	8	411
Ocean-Rose P	10	369
Naomi H	7	355
Merrin M	7	348
Tim H	9	345
Harry P	8	344
Rob V	9	342
Oscar G	7	338

## Top Students in Park House

Forename	Year	Points
Oliver W	8	413
Archie E	10	404
Luna C-M	7	398
Malu C-M	7	384
Livanna L	8	380
Ella W	7	379
Bonnie W	9	374
Rowan L	8	372
Russell C	10	364
Oliver H	7	354

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Top Students in Beckford House

Forename	Year	Points
Millie A	7	660
Harry S	9	456
Zara Q	9	415
Dane C R	10	386
Tianna C	8	357
Mateu O	10	312
Ellie F	10	312
Ashton B	9	312
Lydia C	10	289
Dinul G M	9	286

## Top Students in Stephenson House

Forename	Year	Points
Silver S	7	540
Samuel A	8	508
Chloe F	7	482
Nancie W	7	471
Riley W	7	458
Tiffany S	7	452
Mya H	8	446
Summer J	7	446
Katy L	10	404
Michael T	9	402

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

**ATTENDANCE**

1ST PLACE

**STEPHENSON  
HOUSE**

2ND PLACE

**BECKFORD  
HOUSE**

3RD PLACE

**PARK HOUSE**

4TH PLACE

**CARPENTER  
HOUSE**

5TH PLACE

**BRUNEL HOUSE**

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

**QUIZ COMPETITIONS**

1ST PLACE

**BECKFORD  
HOUSE**

2ND PLACE

**BRUNEL HOUSE**

3RD PLACE

**CARPENTER  
HOUSE**

4TH PLACE

**PARK HOUSE**

5TH PLACE

**STEPHENSON  
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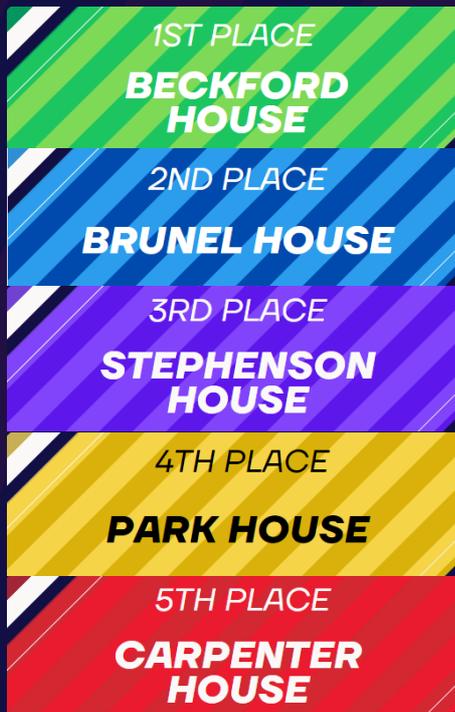
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Year 7 Competition Rankings



## Year 8 Competition Rankings



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Year 9 Competition Rankings



## Year 10 Competition Rankings



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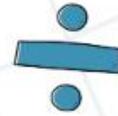
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## OVERALL RANKINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Beckford House – 87%
- : Park House – 87%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brunel House – 83%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stephenson House – 82%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Carpenter House – 81%



## YEAR 7 RANKINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Carpenter House – 97%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brunel House – 94%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Beckford House – 93%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Park House – 89%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Stephenson House – 83%

## YEAR 8 RANKINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Park House – 97%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brunel House – 93%
- : Stephenson House – 93%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Beckford House – 90%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Carpenter House – 81%

## YEAR 9 RANKINGS

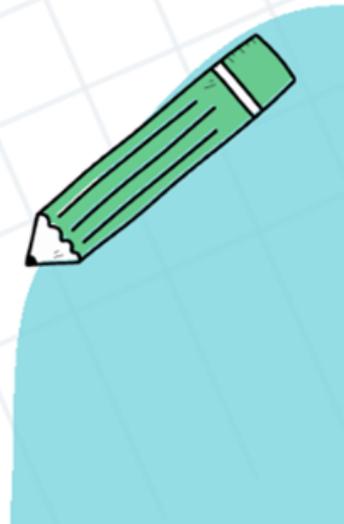
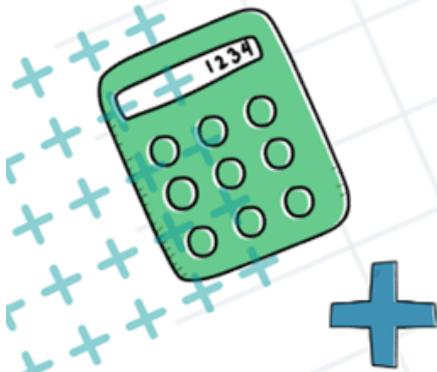
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Beckford House – 93%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Park House – 90%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Carpenter House – 87%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stephenson House – 84%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Brunel House – 83%

## YEAR 10 RANKINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Park House – 86%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beckford House – 83%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Stephenson House – 77%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Brunel House – 70%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Carpenter House – 68%

## YEAR 11 RANKINGS

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Brunel House – 75%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beckford House – 73%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Park House – 72%
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stephenson House – 71%
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Carpenter House – 70%



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Launch of Duke of Edinburgh Award

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 turnout 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!



## Team Yate Academy Ten Tors

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 C, Harrison E, Archie K and Olivia M 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 B-E, Matthew G, McKenzie-Leigh J, Phoebe J, Jacob M, Adrian M, Finley W, Tim H and Jean B.

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



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## Ten Tors – Dartmoor Expedition

At the end of February, 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 Killigrew and Mrs Hatch have some difficult decisions to make. Special mention to Riley C, 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 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.

## Ten Tors – Okement Hill and East Mill Expeditions

A big well done to all those who took part in the Ten Tors challenge last weekend across Okement Hill and East Mill. Both the 45-mile and 35-mile groups completed it all in good spirits and at an impressive pace. Great resilience was shown by all, as they tackled the typical British weather!



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Ski Trip 2024

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!



## Matilda Jr The Musical

We have had an exciting end to January 2024 with the performances of our school production Matilda. The students who took part were nothing short of outstanding, their hard work and passion really came across in their performances. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers involved who took the time to create such a spectacular event. I hear they are already planning next year's!  
*(more pictures from the production can be found on our website)*



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Year 7 Residential Trip 2024

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 finished off the days exploring the forest by night and enjoying toasted marshmallows around the campfire. This was an amazing opportunity for the students to build on their team working skills, and communication and try out things they may have never done before. Feedback from the centre was extremely positive and all the students were a credit to the school and their families.



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...



## **DHL Year 10 Workshops**

30 of our year 10 students completed a range of DHL work shops this term. The last of the workshops focused on Communication and Networking skills, understanding how to communicate effectively and how to network effectively. They were outstanding in their engagement and quickly identified best practices for the three main types of communication and began to map out their own networks. These skills will be invaluable for helping them search and approach companies for their work experience happening in May 2024.

## **South West Schools Summit 2024**

Thirteen students visited the South West Schools summit and met Dan Norris the Metro Mayor. They participated in collaborative workshops with other schools to develop and deliver more sustainable and green initiatives for transport and education across the city. They were able to interact with a host of companies including a robotic dog brought along by Deloitte and a 30,000 year old dinosaur tooth!



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Year 10 Big Interviews

Year 10 had their 'Big Interviews'. They were interviewed by 23 members of the Rotary Club and local businesses.

The focus was on interview techniques and answering competency questions. The students were exceptional and really demonstrated how they have made progress from the Year 9 interviews by being confident and articulate - really great job year 10. Please read through your feedback sheets and consider how you can become an even better candidate in the future.



With this confidence boost please make sure you approach companies to secure a work experience placement for 8th, 9th 10th May 2024.

## Plea to help student opportunities for Work Experience 2024

We would also like to put a work experience plea out to families if they know of any employers who would be able to offer our year 10 students a placement in May. Please contact Mr Matthews if you are able to support [smatthews@yateacademy.co.uk](mailto:smatthews@yateacademy.co.uk). All work experience forms need to be handed into reception.

# Year 10 Work Experience 2024

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

*This is a great opportunity for you to gain the skills and experiences that you may want to go into as a career.*

**Where will you be completing your work experience?**

**If you have any questions please speak to Mr Southall / Mr Matthews / Mrs Brett-Reynolds**

Useful website: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships>



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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...



## **Performance from Ben Brown**

Ben Brown, a singer-songwriter from London visited all of Year 7 and 8 in the sports hall and performed some of his music and led a discussion on 'online safety' and how to keep a healthy mind.

## **KPMG Visit**

35 of our Year 9s got the opportunity to visit the offices of KPMG in Bristol. Here they met with senior managers and graduate apprentices, learning about the financial service industry and the different pathways into this industry. They were tasked with identifying a solution for improving technology for patients en-route to the hospital. They worked in teams of 5 to prepare a presentation to the KPMG staff and were then quizzed on the aspects of this. They were outstanding and highlighted how this term's focus on 'turn and talk' in lessons has boosted their confidence in public speaking and sharing their ideas. The staff were very impressed and as a result, have offered to come and speak at the school with more of our students in the coming months. Thank you Year 9!



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# VOICE & CHOICE



During this term we have launched our **Voice and Choice** forum. 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 invited pupils 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 of their formal education.



# VOICE & CHOICE

**Voice and Choice**

Name: .....

Tutor: .....

Idea:  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

Collect a slip

Write your name

Write your Tutor Group

Write your idea that you would like to discuss



The Voice and Choice Forums take place on a Friday and as part of the sessions, students will be asked to discuss the following areas:

- *How do they feel school is shaping their future?*
- *What do they like and would they change about school?*
- *What are their future aspirations?*

At Yate Academy we believe this is an important initiative for the school and the wider profession, enabling students to share their thoughts and ideas.

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Examples of Voice and Choice

  
**VOICE & CHOICE**

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



**YOU SAID...**

  
**VOICE & CHOICE**



**WE DID...**

- School Council - Ready to launch next term. (Currently being planned by year 11 girls.)
- A School Library - We will set this up in 6th form 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.
- Uniform supplier to provide a longer skirt - Been in discussions with Monkhouse to provide longer length options.



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# BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

We are looking for donations of books to help expand our school library.

## DONATIONS CAN BE:

- Fiction Novels
- Non -Fiction NOVELS
- Revision Guides
- Academic Subscriptions / Magazines
- Publications

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# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Sports hall Athletics Competition 2024

Back at the start of term, a team of year 7 and 8 students ably led by Miss Woods took part in the annual Sports hall athletics competition achieving great success against our local schools.

**Year 7 Boys Joint First**

**Year 7 Girls First**

**Year 8 Boys First**

**Year 8 Girls Third**

The winning teams will now progress to the West of England Finals. A huge congratulations to all that were involved.

Having won the South Gloucestershire round, Year 7 girls and year 8 boys went to UWE to compete in the West of England Sports hall Athletics finals competing against the best schools from Bristol, Bath, and North Somerset. Some excellent individual performances from students particularly Michael in the Shot Put and Adan in the 4 lap race winning their individual events. Michael has since been selected to represent Avon Schools Athletics at the South West Championships in Paignton.

## Launch of Girls Fitness Club

We had our first set of Girls Fitness Club on Wednesday afternoon after school which has had a great turnout and fantastic engagement to each session. This will continue to run every Wednesday after school from 3:05 – 4:00 pm.

## Launch of 2024 Football Fixtures

We have now started our Football fixtures with year 10s starting the fixtures with a league and cup double header against Downend. After an excellent first 20 minutes, a rather shaky 10-minute period saw the boys go in behind at the break. The boys did well to compose themselves at halftime and claw their way back into the game unfortunately there was just too much to do. The players of the match were Connor W and Brandon B. All fixtures should be out next week for all year groups.

Year 7 and 8 football has continued to see record numbers attending with over 50 boys at this each session.

Next saw a full fixture card against Winterbourne. Year 7 and 10 played in two very close games which could have gone either way, with Winterbourne just coming out on top in the final few minutes of the game. Team of the week went to the year 9 team winning 2-1.

The boys in Years 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!

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# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

## Yate Academy Girls Football

Girls' football fixtures have continued this term with a U14s tournament last week and a U12s this week at Chipping Sodbury. Our students played fantastically in the tournaments with our U14s winning 2 out of 4 matches and our U12s finished undefeated with 5 wins and 1 draw. The U12s made it to the South Gloucestershire Girls finals.

Our U12 Girls team then 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.

Our Y7 and 8 girls are continuing to be successful with their football fixtures. On Tuesday, Miss Woods and Mr Smallwood took 2 teams to play in a tournament against 8 teams from local schools.

Our A team consisting of Taz R (C), Rae B, Livanna L, Millie S, Erin F, Millie A and Amelia S were triumphant and finished the tournament in 1st place! Massive congratulations to them.

Our B team consisting of Ava S (C), Skye E, Inaya P, Indie G, Charli B, Annalie C, Alisia M and Alana R played fantastically and positioned 5th in the tournament.

We are extremely proud of the girls and the excellent effort they are putting in and how brilliantly they are representing Yate Academy.



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# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

Over the last two weeks of term students in Years 7-9 have been taking part in Inter-house netball and football competitions during enrichment. We have taken delivery of House branded bibs, which look fantastic. It has been great to see students competing with such pride for their houses, demonstrating great leadership and resilience during the matches.

At the halfway point of the competitions in year 7, Beckford House is leading the way in netball and Stephenson House and Park House in football.

In Year 8 football Brunel House are leading the way in both A and B competitions, with Beckford House at the top in the netball competition.

In year 9 football Park House are currently sat at the top of the table, netball will begin after Easter. Every student who competes in the competitions will be awarded house points with the winning houses gaining additional house points.



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# CLOTHING COLLECTION

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Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe you want to have a spring clean, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?



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Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together)

Items we accept are.



Items we do not accept are.



Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries  
Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.  
If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world - and all by donating some clothes.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school by **Friday 26th April 2024.**

# SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR SO FAR...

Yate Academy Sixth Form has had an incredibly positive and industrious term, as our students have continued to demonstrate the hard work and dedication necessary to succeed at level 3 / A Level.

## BRISTOL LOCAL ACCESS PROGRAMME

### Access to Bristol Experience

Fifteen of our year 12 cohort have finished their 'Access to Bristol' outreach course from the University of Bristol. They have had an incredible experience and a valuable introduction to university life. Having worked extremely hard to complete the course they have earned themselves a guaranteed contextual offer, should they wish to apply for one of the country's best universities in the future. Huge congratulations to them!

### Sixth Form Rewards Launch

This Term has seen the launch of our bespoke 'Sixth Form Rewards' programme, where students have the opportunity to win gift voucher prizes for demonstrating excellence in lessons, independent study and enrichment. We have already had some very worthy winners!



### University Fair Trip

We are currently planning our annual Year 12 trip to the UCAS University Fair at the ICC in Newport. This will take place next term, on Tuesday April 23rd. Students will have the opportunity to visit hundreds of stalls and interact with ambassadors from top universities and apprenticeship providers. Being the country's largest and most exciting university fair, our students can gain a valuable insight into the destinations and courses available.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3

**Term 4**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Important Dates	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	INSET DAY
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	All students return
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 11 Mock Oral Exams
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 11 Oral Exams
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 10 World of Work Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 11 and Year 13 Exams Start

**The Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme :**

The HAF programme is for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at [www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Please follow these steps:

- Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF) for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on ‘**book a space for your child now**’ – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it’s best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families. If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you. Please note, if families have any queries that can’t go directly to providers, please direct them to use the [HAF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@southglos.gov.uk) mailbox.



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Year 11 Easter half-term

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your support in the lead up to the mock exams and we hope that our Easter half term offer will help calm some nerves and help our students feel that they have some guidance with their revision in the build up to the summer exams which are only 22 school days away.

Below are the sessions that your child has been requested to attend over the half term. If your child has been requested to attend a session it is because the teacher thinks they will benefit from having this extra time in a small focussed group to practise knowledge in preparation for their GCSE exams which begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

<b>Date</b>	<b>AM session (09:00-11:00)</b>	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	<b>PM session (12:00-14:00)</b>	<b>Teacher(s)</b>
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	English Lit/Lang French Speaking	AWI & SGO CBU	English Lit/Lang French Speaking	AWI & SGO CBU
<b>Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	BTEC Music BTEC Health & Social Engineering Construction	HBR GDA RDA JBA	BTEC Health & Social Engineering Construction	GDA RDA JBA
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Geography Paper 1	CRI	Geography Paper 2	CRI
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Comb Science (Higher) Religious Studies	JHM HVA	Comb Science (Foundation) Religious Studies	JHM HVA
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	English Literature BTEC Sport	KLL SRE & JMA	English Language BTEC Sport	KLL SRE & JMA
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Spanish Speaking BTEC Health & Social	FSH IWO	Spanish Speaking BTEC Health & Social	FSH IWO
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Chemistry (Triple) English Literature	SCA AED	Physics (Triple) English Language	SCA AED
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Biology (Higher) Maths (Foundation)	CWA LBR, EMO, HPU	Biology (Foundation) Maths (Higher)	CWA LBR, EMO, HPU

The days are split into two sessions:

AM Session: 09:00 – 11:00 / PM Session: 12:00 – 14:00

Students are required to attend both sessions. There will be a break between 11:00 – 12:00, students must bring in their own food and drink as there are no canteen services available. Students are not required to wear uniform.

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## PARENT/CARER SUPPORT :

**OTR Parent Pack** ([otrbristol.org.uk/parents-and-professionals](http://otrbristol.org.uk/parents-and-professionals)) This can be useful for parents and carers when having conversations with young people around mental health.

**Young Minds** ([youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)) Their website (including a parent section and parent helpline) can be helpful with how to understand better and cope with self-harm and anger, for example.

**CMH Workshops** ([facebook.com/cmhworkshops](https://facebook.com/cmhworkshops)) Short for 'Children's Mental Health', they run workshops and charge a fee to attend.

## School Health Nursing Team : 0300 125 5151

School Nurses work with children, young people, and their parents/carers to maximise their health and well-being. The School Nurse team can give confidential advice and support about :

- Mental health and anxiety management
- Healthy Eating
- Anger , Domestic abuse
- Healthy Relationships
- LGBTQA+
- Drugs, alcohol and smoking
- Dental Health
- Sexual Health
- Sleep
- Physical Health
- Toileting trouble

**Parental Minds** ([parentalminds.org.uk](http://parentalminds.org.uk))

**CAMHS Advice & Guidance:** <https://www.awp.nhs.uk/camhs/camhs-services>

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is an NHS service that helps children and young people under the age of 18 years. They provide assessment and support to children, young people and their families who are experiencing moderate to severe mental health difficulties.

## **CAMHS CRISIS Team: 08009539599**

- Offer crisis support to young people who are :
- Being considered for admission to a mental health inpatient unit
- At risk of immediate and significant self-harm
- In acute psychological or emotional distress that is causing them to not be able to go about their daily activities, such as going to school or looking after themselves.

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## PARENT/CARER SUPPORT :

**Charlie Waller Trust** (charliewaller.org/parent-carer)

**Send and You** (sendandyou.org.uk)

**NSPCC** : [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) / Tel no 0808 800 5000

Website run by the NSPCC (National Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children). There are lots of resources and advice for how to keep your young person safe.

Parents/carers can get advice on how to keep your child safe on line, either on mobile phones, tablets, PC's, Games Consoles, search engines, for example to advice on how to 'turn off' the chat function, to stop your child talking to people they do not know.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Parent/Carers & Professional [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) / Tel no **0808 800 5000**

**Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families** (annafreud.org)

**This May Help** (thismayhelp.me)

**Parenting Mental Health** (facebook.com/groups/parentingmentalhealth)

**Rollercoaster Parent Support Project** (facebook.com/rollercoasterparentsupport)

**South Glos Council Parents and Carers** <https://www.sglospc.org.uk/>

This is a supportive community for parents and carers of children aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). But you do not have to have a diagnosis is needed to be a part of this supportive group.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Many of you will be aware of some 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 and we want to work with the community to ensure that they are safe, well and able to meet their full potential.

## **Year 11 Prom:**

The Year 11 prom will be held on Friday 12th July at Eastwood Park, Falfield. Students can arrive between 6.30-7 pm and the prom will then run from 7 pm- 10.30 pm. More details will follow next term!

## **MCAS Reminder:**

Please can we ask that any outstanding lunch money is paid via the MCAS app before the start of next term.



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