



Academic Enrichment at Yate Academy Sixth Form 2025

The Academic Enrichment offer at Yate Academy Sixth Form gives our students access to academic courses beyond the curriculum. Students can choose from a selection of courses that will allow them to strengthen and develop their creative, personal, leadership and critical thinking skills.

Each course comes with the opportunity to gain a valuable qualification upon completion, one which will set them apart from crowd and highlight to universities & employers, the students' willingness to push themselves further than the norm.



Extended Project Qualification



The EPQ is a research based project that you complete independently, on a topic of your own choosing.

The aim of the project should be to find out something new, either through primary research or the linking together of secondary research.

In the EPQ, students will:

- Choose an area of interest
- Develop a research title and set out aims of the project before getting formal approval from their supervisor
- Plan, research and carry out the project
- Develop academic skills such as resourcing, critical analysis of documentary evidence and referencing.
- Deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience
- Provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.



Sports Leaders Qualification



The SLQ is a nationally recognised level 2 qualification in community sports leadership

It combines practical and theory assessments based on sports leadership and is designed to improve your personal skills such as problem solving, communication, self evaluation and confidence.

In the SLQ, students will:

- Plan physical activity sessions
- Lead physical activity sessions to students
- Evaluate lessons delivered
- Plan and lead a sports event
- Complete theory and practical assessments with support from your tutor



Arts Award



The Arts Award develops young people's artistic abilities alongside their research and communication skills. This level involves them in the arts as creators and audience members, and encourages them to take their first steps towards leadership by sharing their learning with others.

This qualification develops art form knowledge and creativity alongside reflective practice, problem-solving skills and confidence. Young people complete a portfolio as their Arts Award journey progresses, explaining what they've seen, done and learned along the way.

In the Arts Award, students will:

- Explore the arts as a participant
- Experience one or more arts events
- Research into an artist, craftsperson or arts practitioner
- Develop creativity and artistic skills



Duke of Edinburgh Gold



A life-changing experience. An opportunity to have fun with friends. A chance to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement, respected by employers. The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate life.

Hundreds of thousands of young people take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award each year – and you could be one of them. We help young people build lifelong belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions and discover talents they never knew they had.

The DofE is about you and your friends sharing amazing experiences together, having fun, and just maybe changing your futures along the way. Doing your Award helps to turn the things you love, and the things you've always wanted to try, into powerful lifelong skills that can help you get a job, change your community, and take on anything life throws your way. And yes, there's going to be a bit of camping involved.

Taking part in a DofE journey will give you skills, confidence, and something to talk about when you apply for college, university or a job. Beyond your academic achievements, universities want to see evidence of "soft skills" that you have developed through extra-curricular activities, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. Your DofE Award is a fantastic way to demonstrate and evidence these skills in practice.

You'll also make a difference to other people's lives and your community, become fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime. Our participants also tell us that doing their DofE supports their self-belief and resilience, can boost their mental health and wellbeing, and can help them face and overcome personal challenges.

In the Duke of Edinburgh Gold, students will:

- Undertake community volunteering
- Physical activity
- Skills development
- Expedition away from home
- Teamwork Residential away from home



TEFL

The **TEFL**org

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) can take you all over the world. Live like a local in countries such as Spain and Japan, where TEFL teachers are in high demand.

Or teach English from home and set your own working hours. You could even combine both travel abroad and working online and become a digital nomad!

Boost your career prospects and become a teacher who inspires students across the globe, teach online as a side hustle in the evenings to earn some extra cash, volunteer with refugees and people in need: the opportunities with TEFL are vast.

And getting started is easier than you might think. All you need is TEFL certification from the world's most accredited TEFL course provider.

You don't need any previous experience or qualifications to start training as a TEFL teacher. All you need is fluency in English and the enthusiasm to learn and we'll guide you through the rest!

Students can become a certified TEFL teacher with the 120-hour Premier Online TEFL course. 100% self-paced online study. Dedicated tutor support. Internationally recognised. This course has an associated cost of approximately £185.

In the TEFL Course, students will:

- Study flexibly online
- Undertake the self –paced interactive learning experience
- Access support from a dedicated personal tutor
- Gain an internationally recognised and accredited qualification



Engaging Minds at Yate Academy Sixth Form 2025

The Engaging Minds Programme at Yate Academy Sixth Form aims to inspire our young people to think about the exciting careers and industries available to them.

Each session centres around a different guest speaker coming into the Academy, from a range of industry job roles. They speak to our Sixth Form students about their industry, their work, and their experiences. Each will bring a different set of knowledge and experience to share with the young people. In the past we have had doctors, accountants, lawyers, charity workers, engineers and physiotherapists to name just a few. They always talk about their journey through education and the decisions they made growing up that lead them to new and exciting opportunities, and what they learned on the way.

The programme broadens horizons and encourages students to explore further, with this unique exposure to such insightful and interesting leaders.



Volunteering at Yate Academy Sixth Form 2025

For one afternoon per fortnight, Sixth Form Students are required to take part in a volunteering role within the community.

This could involve charity work, unpaid time spent on a community project, supporting sessions at a primary school, library or care home.

This valuable service will not only enrich the lives of others, and give back to the community, but will also help engender a sense of accomplishment and pride in our students. Additionally, they will undoubtedly develop new skills and competencies that they can use to their advantage in the future and strengthen their applications for UCAS, apprenticeships, employment and beyond.