

Yate Academy Student Leadership 2025-26

Student Leadership Structure 2025–26

- **Heads of House (x2) – Year 13**
Senior leaders representing the student body across the school, supporting whole-school initiatives and leading the House system.
- **Deputy Heads of House (x10) – Year 12**
Support the Heads of House in their duties and begin developing leadership experience to step into senior roles.
- **Assistant Heads of House (x15) – 3 per House**
Provide leadership within their Houses, helping to organise events, mentor younger students, support the Senior Leadership Team before school, break time and at lunch time and support House-related activities.
- **House Representatives (x20)**
Represent student voice within their respective Houses, contribute ideas, support initiatives, support the Senior Leadership Team before school, break time and at lunch time and promote engagement among peers.

Aims of the Student Leadership Programme

At the heart of our Student Leadership Programme at Yate Academy is the belief that all young people have the potential to lead and make a meaningful impact on their school community. Developing leadership across the Academy is essential, as students thrive when given the opportunity to take initiative and influence positive change. Participation in leadership activities not only enriches their learning experience but also equips them with the confidence, skills, and qualities needed for success beyond the classroom.

1. **Empower Student Voice and Partnership**
To empower students to work collaboratively with staff and peers towards shared goals, and to serve as the collective voice of the student body in school decision-making.
2. **Foster Positive Impact on the School Community**
To make a positive and lasting impact on the school environment through student-led initiatives that enhance learning, teaching, well-being, and inclusivity.
3. **Develop Leadership and Soft Skills**
To provide meaningful opportunities for students to build essential leadership and soft skills—such as communication, teamwork, and character development—through

inspiring and challenging projects.

4. Encourage Creativity and Contribution

To enable creativity to flourish by valuing the diverse ideas, experiences, and sense of fun students bring to the school community.

5. Promote Personal and Academic Growth

To support students in achieving academic excellence, boosting motivation, resilience, and confidence, regardless of ability.

6. Prepare for Future Success

To equip students with the skills, experiences, and mindset needed to thrive in higher education, employment, and life beyond school.

7. Support Community Engagement

To encourage students to be active participants not only in school but also in their local and global communities.

8. Promote Responsibility and Role Modelling

To help students lead by example, manage themselves positively, and inspire their peers by "walking the talk."

9. Ensure a Safe and Inclusive Environment

To contribute to a school culture where every student feels safe, welcomed, and ready to engage fully in school life.

Student Leader Expectations – Yate Academy

As a Student Leader, you play a vital role in shaping the culture and values of Yate Academy.

You are expected to:

- Enjoy engaging with and supporting students across all year groups.
- Build strong, respectful relationships with both staff and fellow students.
- Work effectively as part of a team.
- Be committed to making a lasting impact and contributing to decision-making within the school community.

- Demonstrate excellent time management and the ability to balance your leadership responsibilities with academic commitments.
- Above all, be **polite, mature, respectful, responsible, and consistently kind**.

Leading by Example

Student Leaders are **role models** to the entire school and must set a positive example at all times. This means upholding the **highest standards**, including:

- Wearing full and correct **school uniform**, including leadership badge with pride.
- Adhering to all **school rules and expectations**.
- Showing consistent **effort** in lessons and **leadership duties**.
- Maintaining excellent **attendance and punctuality**.
- Demonstrating a positive **attitude**, respectful **manners**, and a strong **motivation to succeed**.

Student Leader Events – Expectations

As part of your role, Student Leaders are expected to actively participate in key school events, including:

- **Attendance at Academic Review Day**
Support staff and students during this important academic milestone.
- **Support Year 6 Transition Day**
Help welcome and guide new students as they prepare to join Yate Academy.
- **Act as Senior Guides for Open Evening**
Represent the school proudly by guiding prospective students and parents during Open Evening.
- **Complete One Lunchtime Duty Every Two Weeks**
Assist with supervision and support positive behaviour during lunch breaks.
- **Support SLT During Morning Duties**
Welcome students to school alongside the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to set a positive tone for the day.
- **Front of House at School Productions**
Greet guests, assist with seating, and represent the school during performances and

events.

- **Assist with House Assemblies and 'Spin to Win' Presentation Ceremonies**
Play an active role in celebrating achievements and supporting House events.
 - **Support House events**
Help in the planning and running of House events during the academic year
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 - **Attendance at Student Leadership Meetings**
Ensure attendance to student leadership meetings as and when required.
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Rewards for Student Leadership Team Members

In recognition of your commitment and contribution, Student Leaders will have access to:

- **Fortnightly Leadership Breakfasts**
Held every two weeks from **8:45am – 9:05am**, providing a chance to celebrate success and build team spirit.
- **Gold Reward Trip Guarantee**
Each term, **10 leaders** will be guaranteed a place on a Gold Reward Trip as a thank you for outstanding leadership and service.
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- **Additional Merits and House Points**
Awarded for support and leadership shown during the school year.

Application Process – Student Leader Programme

The Student Leader Programme will be launched during House Assemblies in the week beginning **2nd June**.

To apply, students must:

- Complete an **application form**
- Obtain a **verbal reference** from a member of staff
- Participate in an **interview** with their Head of Year during the week of **9th June**

