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# YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## A message from our Acting Headteacher, Ms. Tamsin Grainger

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful, restful half-term break! It was lovely to see our students return this week looking refreshed, happy, and ready to dive back into learning. While the children were enjoying their time off, our staff spent the first day of term engaged in a highly productive Inset Day. The focus of our training was ensuring consistency across all classrooms by reinforcing and embedding our high standards for teaching, learning, and student behaviour. It was an incredibly valuable day spent collaborating and refining our practice, and we are excited to apply this focused training to make the second half of this term as successful and enriching as possible for every student.



## Celebrating our students' achievements

The end of last term was an absolute celebration of excellence as we recognised our students' phenomenal efforts and achievements across the board with our Gold, Silver, and Bronze rewards! Our Gold recipients, who truly went above and beyond, earned an exhilarating trip to Ninja Warrior, testing their agility and strength in an unforgettable adventure! The dedication of our Silver students was celebrated with a well-deserved treat—a fantastic pizza lunch where they could relax and share their success. Finally, our Bronze award winners enjoyed a brilliant afternoon, kicking back for a special cinema experience right here at school! It was wonderful to acknowledge the hard work, positive attitude, and consistent effort shown by so many of our students, and we can't wait to see what they achieve this term!

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# End of Term 1 SPARX figures

Week Set		Maths	Science	Reader	Sparx Average	Position
20/10/2025						
Brunel		95%	90%	92%	92%	4
Carpenter		94%	95%	93%	94%	3
Park		94%	95%	95%	95%	1
Beckford		95%	91%	98%	95%	1
Stephenson		93%	88%	94%	92%	5



## PAPER AIRPLANE CHALLENGE ✈️

Fun, competition, and teamwork were again on full display last Friday as sixty students joined members of the Student Leadership Team and staff for our latest Fun Friday Plus event – the Paper Airplane Challenge!

Students were given time to design, test, and launch their creations, with a wide variety of flying results. Some soared impressively across the hall, while others took a more unpredictable flight path – a few even managed to go backwards!

A special congratulations goes to Mr Matthews, Mr Lucas, Mrs Watson, and Mr Garrett, whose planes travelled the greatest distance among the staff competitors. A huge thank you also to our Student Leadership Team for their excellent organisation, officiating the event and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

Every student who took part earned 20 House Points, with our top performers earning even more:

- 🥉 3rd place – 60 points
- 🥈 2nd place – 80 points
- 🥇 1st place – 120 points

### 🌟 Top Performers by Year Group

#### Year 7

- 🥇 Romeo R
- 🥈 Laila J
- 🥉 Kara B

#### Year 8

- 🥇 Ousmaine S
- 🥈 Ethan W
- 🥉 Muhammad K

#### Year 9

- 🥇 Madelene B
- 🥈 Amelia A
- 🥉 Riley W

#### Year 10/11

- 🥇 Douglas S

It was a fantastic afternoon filled with creativity, laughter, and friendly competition. Well done to everyone who took part – and we're already looking forward to seeing what the next Fun Friday Plus Keepie Uppie Competition brings!

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# In Our Community

## St Nix Youth Centre

A safe space to attend and hang out with friends or make new ones, with Pool, Football, Basketball, Activities and free food every session. Opportunities for volunteering and Accreditation

### Juniors

Ages 11-13 (Years 7&8)  
Every Tuesday 7-9pm

### Seniors

Ages 13-19 (Yrs 9+)  
Every Friday 7-9pm  
Sexual Health Drop In  
and C-Card available

### FREE

St Nix Youth Centre,  
Chargrove, Abbotswood,  
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COOKING SAUCES  
SAVOURY CRACKERS  
RICE PUDDINGS  
SWEET TREATS  
CANNED FOOD  
BOXED MEALS  
DRIED FRUIT

We are hosting a donation service to provide essential meals for families in our community. With your generosity, we can ensure that no one goes hungry this Christmas. Together, we can make a real impact! All donations to be handed into reception or Mrs Davies in G21

 FINAL DONATION DAY  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## Coming up at Yate Academy

- 11<sup>th</sup> November | Bridgewater College Cyber Day Trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November | Year 11 Photography Mock Exam
- 13<sup>th</sup> November | Year 13 Parents Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> November | GLT Rugby Festival for Years 7, 8 & 9
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November | Year 11 Mock Exams
- 19<sup>th</sup> November | Year 9 KPMG Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> November | EFL Cup Football, Year 7 & 8
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> November | Art Mock Exams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December | 6<sup>th</sup> Form London Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> December | Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening
- 5<sup>th</sup> December | INSET DAY

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