

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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 **GREENSHAW**
LEARNING TRUST

A message from our Acting Headteacher, Ms. Tamsin Grainger

As we approach the end of another productive week at Yate Academy, I want to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students across Years 7–13. Their enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to learning continue to shine through in lessons, extracurricular activities, and around the school each day. December is set to be a busy and exciting month. Students are preparing for upcoming assessments and mock exams in January, highlighting just how much progress has been made since September. Alongside this, our Advent calendar of daily events launches next week—there are brilliant prizes and opportunities on offer, so you've got to be in it to win it! Make sure you're in school every day to take part. Finally, I am delighted to welcome Mr Rakshi and Mrs Statham back on Monday as we continue working together to give every student the very best chance of success.

Triple Triumph at Yate Rugby Tournament!

Last Tuesday, our Year 7, 8, and 9 rugby teams delivered outstanding performances at the Yate Rugby Club tournament, facing tough opposition from local schools. Year 9s Champions! The Year 9 team won their age group, defeating Brimsham 27–7 (with Seb and Harrison dominating the attack) and securing a tight 5–0 victory over Chipping Sodbury through a massive defensive effort led by Zac, Coby, and Sonnie. A huge thank you to Success and Dawud for stepping up to complete the squad.

Year 8s Fight Back After a challenging 0–20 loss to Brimsham (where Daniel showed exceptional tackling), the Year 8s bounced back to defeat Chipping Sodbury 25–15. Jenson, Muhamad, and Stanley combined for an unforgettable, high-quality try.

Year 7s Champions! The Year 7s were also victorious, winning their tournament! They beat Brimsham 15–5, with Elliott scoring a hat-trick, and followed up with a 15–10 win against Chipping Sodbury. Barney was Man of the Match in the second game, with notable defense from Noah and superb leadership from Archie throughout the day.

A massive well done to all players who represented the school so brilliantly. The commitment and sportsmanship on display truly made Rugby the ultimate winner!



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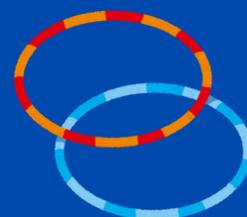
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Last Weeks SPARX figures

| Week Set | | Maths | Science | Reader | Sparx Average | Position |
|------------|---|-------|---------|--------|------------------|----------|
| 17/11/2025 | | | | | | |
| Brunel |  | 92% | 90% | 97% | 93% | 4 |
| Carpenter |  | 99% | 94% | 94% | 96% | 1 |
| Park |  | 95% | 91% | 98% | 95% | 3 |
| Beckford |  | 92% | 89% | 95% | 92% | 5 |
| Stephenson |  | 97% | 94% | 96% | 96% | 1 |



Hula Hoop Challenge



This was hands down our busiest Fun Friday Plus event yet! Once again, Year 10 rose brilliantly to the occasion, turning up in force with the highest number of competitors. Their enthusiasm has earned them a strong boost of House Points as we continue the race to be crowned champion House – and secure that all-important end-of-term reward trip to the ice rink!

This week's challenge proved trickier than most; coordination was key, and let's just say... it wasn't the staff's finest hour!

Star of the Week

A huge congratulations to Esme (Year 7) who outlasted everyone with an impressive time of 5 minutes and 34 seconds – a truly outstanding performance!

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

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

🌟 Top Performers by Year Group

Year 7

-  Esme S–
-  Rueben C
-  Maisie J

Year 8

-  Sophie T
-  Tayyib U
-  Ashton H

Year 9

-  Amelia A
-  Tiffany S
-  Silver S

Year 10/11

-  Amir B
-  Harry M
-  Jai H

🎾 Next Up: The Tennis Keepie Challenge!

Get those racquets ready – it's time to test your control, stamina, and keepie-uppie skills. Who will rise to the top next week?

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⚽ A Day of Excellence at the EFL Cup ⚽

On Friday, November 21st, eighteen of our talented Year 7 and 8 female students proudly represented Yate Academy in the EFL Cup. It was a fantastic day of football where our students showcased exceptional qualities both on and off the pitch. They demonstrated outstanding citizenship by supporting not only their teammates but also other schools competing in the tournament.

The squad showed incredible resilience when faced with challenging games, particularly when two crucial matches went to nail-biting penalty shootouts. Their emerging leadership was evident as they took responsibility for their own positions and substitutions throughout the day. We narrowly missed out on a place in the final after a lengthy final penalty shootout, ultimately securing a highly respectable 4th place overall. We are extremely proud of this brilliant result and eagerly anticipate the upcoming football fixtures across all year groups!

🏃 South Glos Cross Country Finals: Team Success! 🏃

Following last week's outstanding individual results, we are thrilled to share the final team standings from the South Gloucestershire Cross Country Finals!

Sixteen schools competed in the event, and our students ran with incredible heart and determination, achieving fantastic placements across all age groups:

Year 7 Girls: 🏆 1st Place! (South Glos Champions!)

Year 7 Boys: 6th Place

Year 8/9 Girls: 4th Place

Year 8/9 Boys: 4th Place

Well done to every runner who represented the school with such effort and spirit!



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Local Events



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:

wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



Cygnets Autism Support Courses start January 2026



- ✓ Free for parents or carers in South Gloucestershire
- ✓ whose children are aged 5-18
- ✓ and have a formal autism diagnosis from a professional

- Develop your understanding of autism.
 - Look at practical solutions to support your child
 - Meet other parents in a similar position.
 - In a supportive atmosphere.
- 7 week course at either:
Baileys Court Activity Centre starts 16 Jan 10am OR
Online course starts 14 January 7pm.
Book now on EEQU - <https://eequ.org/cygnetautismsupportforparents>

For more information visit

www.turtlecyp.co.uk/welcome-to-turtle-cyp/cygnets



Funded by South Gloucestershire Council



Holiday Activities and Food programme

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this winter for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Monday 22 December 2025 and Friday 2 January 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 4 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

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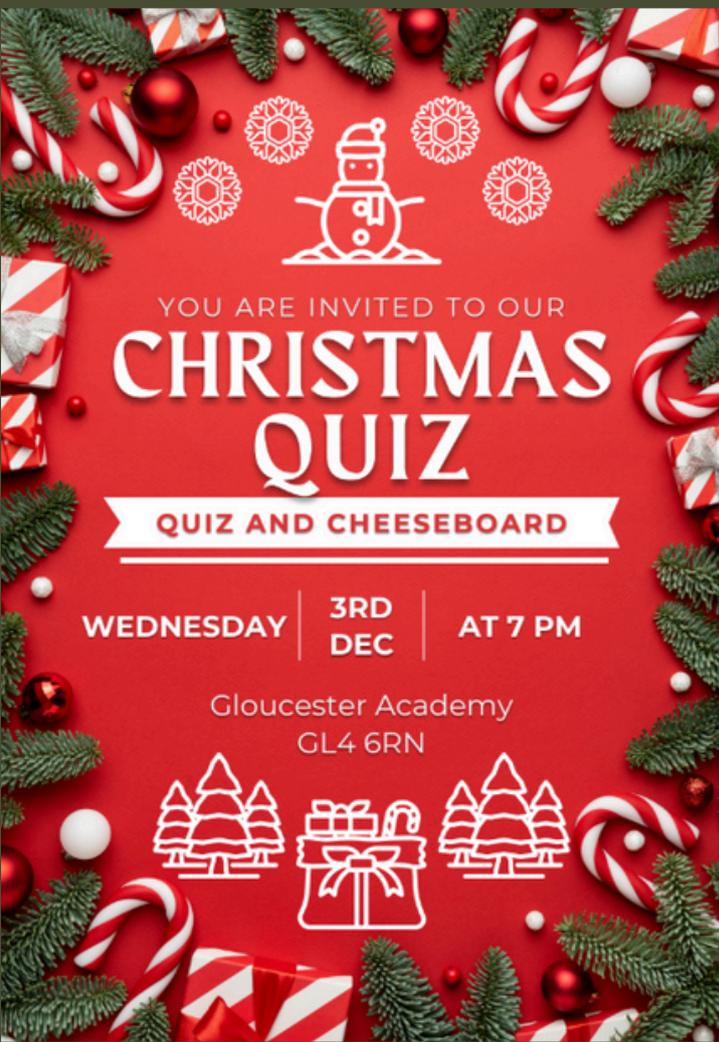
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Feeling Festive?



WEDNESDAY | 3RD DEC | AT 7 PM

Gloucester Academy
GL4 6RN

The quiz has been running for a number of years now and is a great way to start the festive season. Enjoy a fun night with great prizes and raffles. All funds raised will directly support the 2027 Morocco trip!

Tickets: £10 (Adults) / £5 (Under 18s)

Sign up [here](#)



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCAL INDEPENDENT TRADERS BRING A DELIGHT OF GIFTS AND CRAFTS, CHRISTMAS FOOD AND MUCH MORE....



DELICIOUS FOOD
FROM FALCON
STEAKHOUSE



INSPIRATION CERAMICS
BABY/TODDLER FESTIVE HANDPRINTS
1PM - 3.30PM
PAINTING SESSIONS IN THE EVENING
MESSAGE 07412238324 FOR MORE
INFORMATION & TO BOOK

MULLED-WINE & MINCE PIES, HOT
CHOCOLATE & CAKES

KICK-START CHRISTMAS BY COMING ALONG
WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND CHRISTMAS LISTS!

FREE ENTRY

5.30-8.30PM FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
HAWKESBURY UPTON VILLAGE HALL, GL9 1AU

IN AID OF HAWKESBURY UPTON PLAY PARK



Coming up at Yate Academy

- 1st - 2nd December | Art Mock Exams
- 3rd December | 6th Form London Trip
- 4th December | Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening

5th December | INSET DAY

Please note that Yate Academy will be closed to all students.

This day is designated for essential staff professional development and training.

All students are expected back in school on Monday, 8th December 2025, at the usual time.

Please ensure you have made necessary alternative arrangements for the care of your child on this day.

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