YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I am absolutely thrilled to be back in the school setting after what has been a truly wonderful period of paternity leave. Stepping back into the buzz of our school corridors, hearing the laughter in the playground, and seeing the engaged faces in the classrooms has been a heart warming reminder of the incredible community we have here. Thank you so much for the warm welcome and for making my return so smooth. While my time away allowed me to focus on my family, I genuinely missed the unique energy, dedication, and spirit that defines Yate Academy. I look forward to reconnecting with all of our pupils, staff, and parents, and to continuing our work together to make this year an outstanding success.

Little Interviews

On Thursday, all Year 9 students were interviewed by representatives from local businesses and the Rotary Club in our auditorium.

Each interview was 20 minutes long and provided an opportunity for students to discuss their achievements and potential career avenues for the future. This practice will be built upon in Year 10 with a focus on competency-based questions. Every student who took part shone and came out beaming from their feedback—really well done Year 9—you're hired!

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Last Weeks SPARX figures

Week Set 24/11/2025	Maths	Science	Reader	Sparx Average	Position
Brunel	96%	88%	93%	92%	5
Carpenter	98%	94%	96%	96%	1
Park	93%	93%	96%	94%	3
Beckford	94%	90%	98%	94%	4
Stephenson	96%	93%	95%	95%	2

Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 3rd December, four teams across Years 7 and 8 proudly represented Yate Academy in the annual Sportshall Athletics competition. We were also supported by Sports Leaders from Years 8–10, whose efforts were crucial to ensuring the smooth running of the event. Our athletes demonstrated our core values brilliantly, working together as a team to secure some fantastic results. Out of the 34 track events that took place, the teams from Yate Academy managed to place 1st or 2nd in an astonishing 31 of them! We are thrilled to announce that all four teams finished in 1st place overall and will now progress to the next stage: the County Finals. We are looking forward to training with the teams in preparation for this big event.

The event would not have run as smoothly or successfully without the incredible support from our fantastic leaders. They gave up their evening to support our teams through the events, record results for all schools, and efficiently set up and pack away the equipment.

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South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings

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

Coming up at Yate Academy

- 15th December | GLT Christmas Concert
- 16th December | Silver and Gold Rewards and Year 12 History Trip to St Mary's Church
- 17th December | Academic Review Day
- 18th December | Post Mock Evening
- 19th December | Last day of term
- 22nd December - 2nd January | Christmas Holiday's
- 5th January | INSET Day

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