

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 2025



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

It is genuinely wonderful to be back in the swing of things; the buzz of activity and learning across the school grounds has been truly invigorating. And just like that, the official countdown to Christmas is well and truly on! What a fantastic first week we've had celebrating our YA Activities Advent Calendar! The energy around school has been absolutely amazing, and it's been brilliant to see so many students (and staff!) getting involved in the festive spirit. We've kicked off another fun-filled week with Bingo in the auditorium, and staff dressed inflatable costumes. Below are some images of the YA Advent Activities. The remainder of this term promises to be filled with even more cheer and community spirit!



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Last Weeks SPARX figures

Week Set		Maths	Science	Reader	Sparx Average	Position
1/12/2025						
Brunel		96%	90%	96%	94%	4
Carpenter		99%	93%	93%	95%	2
Park		93%	92%	94%	93%	5
Beckford		97%	92%	98%	96%	1
Stephenson		97%	92%	95%	95%	3



Life-Saving Training for Year 7 Students

On Thursday, our entire cohort of Year 7 students had an invaluable day with the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC), joined by dedicated paramedics and volunteers. Each student was expertly guided through the crucial basics of life-saving CPR, the correct use of defibrillators, and the critical procedures for contacting the emergency services. These are skills we sincerely hope our students never have to employ, but should the need arise, they have now gained invaluable, hands-on training in providing critical life support while waiting for professional help.

As always, the students were absolutely brilliant with our guests, displaying the core values that we strive for within the Academy - resilience, citizenship, and leadership. A huge well done to all the Year 7s for their focus and participation - that was truly great work!



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GLT WINTER CONCERT

Spectacular performances from Blaise High School, Barnwood Park, Five Acres High School, Gloucester Academy, Henley Bank High School, Holmleigh Park High School, Scott Medical and Healthcare College, Stoke Damerel Community College, and Yate Academy.

15th December, 2025
18.00-19.30

Clifton College Chapel,
Bristol



JOIN OUR ANNUAL FOOD BANK DONATION

Christ the Rock, Yate

WE ARE SUPPORTING CHRIST THE ROCK, STATION ROAD, YATE

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 @21

SPREAD THE LOVE!

FINAL DONATION DAY
15th December 2025

DONATE NOW

WASHING POWDER (SMALL BOXES)
WASHING UP LIQUID
LONG LIFE UHT MILK
FRUIT JUICE
COOKING SAUCES
SAVOURY CRACKERS
RICE PUDDINGS
SWEET TREATS
CANNED FOOD
BOXED MEALS
DRIED FRUIT




Yummy Year 10 Christmas Chocolates



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 17th December – Academic Review Day

The following year groups are invited to participate in the review sessions:

- Year 10 9:00 – 10:30
- Year 7 10:45 – 12:15
- Year 8 13:00 – 14:30

Please note: the school is closed to all other year groups on this day and no lessons will be taking place. Individual Sixth Form students may have been invited in for catch up sessions.

Friday 19th December – Dress Down Day & Last Day of Term

A letter has been sent to all families with further information regarding the Dress Down Day. Please read this before next Friday.

School will close at 12:15pm



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 - 12:15pm finish, Dress-down day, Bronze Reward
- 22nd December - 2nd January | Christmas Holiday's
- 5th January | INSET Day

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