

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY, 2026



 **GREENSHAW**
LEARNING TRUST

A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our students, families, and staff as we begin the Spring term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. While we were eager to open our doors on schedule, it was unfortunately necessary to delay our start due to a heating failure. We truly appreciate your patience, flexibility, and kind words of support during those unexpected days; we know how difficult sudden changes to routine can be for families, and we sincerely hope the delay did not cause too much disruption. It is wonderful to see the school filled with energy again, and we look forward to a productive and exciting term ahead.

CLUBS THIS TERM



Monday
Mixed Badminton



Tuesday
Girls' Football



Wednesday
Girls' Indoor Cricket



Thursday
Girls' Fitness
Basketball with Bristol Flyers

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FREE CONFERENCE

FREE CONFERENCE: Leading SEND & Inclusion in a Mainstream Setting

A unique networking and collaborative learning and development opportunity...



How do we place learner need at the heart of curriculum design and how do you articulate & define learner pathways in your setting?

How do you evidence the often unique learning journeys made by your students?

How do you create a culture of Inquiry to respond to the shift in complexity threshold and rapidly changing needs of learners in your setting?

What approaches can best support improved attendance and engagement for learners, particularly those who are neurodiverse?

What do we mean by Preparing for Adulthood from the earliest years?

What does successful transition look like from school to college then college to adult services / employment?

Join us for a day of networking & collaboration guided by expert input and curated talks around key issues.

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY: Yate Academy
Sundridge Park, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4DX

Full day event. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Speakers include:

Sophie Addison (Exec Head - Special School & Alternative Provision Hub Strategic Lead, Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership), **Amelie Thompson** (Assistant Director of Education - SEND & Special Provision, Greenshaw Learning Trust), **Jim Harvey** (Deputy Headteacher, Blaise High School), **Cheryl Gaughan** (Director SEND & Inclusion, JMAT Schools), **Lando DuPlooy** (Headteacher), **Alex Revens** (Asst Headteacher, Belmont School), **Tamsin Grainger** (Senior Deputy Headteacher, Yate Academy), **Sammy Nutt** (Head of Resource Base, Blaise High School)

Topics / Themes include:

- Doing more with less' - Deploying resources for maximum impact
- Additional resource bases - challenges, ideas and opportunities
- Ambition and Aspiration - Outcomes and success for our most vulnerable learners
- Working with families - Harnessing lived experience to improve our provision
- Inclusion across Bristol & South Gloucestershire the wider region and National Landscape

Full day event including keynote sessions and workshops with lunch and refreshments provided. Roundtable discussions, presentations, workshops, and case studies. Unique opportunity to network with leaders of Inclusion and SEND in mainstream settings and MATs across the country.

For full details and to book:

www.evidenceforlearning.net/sendinmainstream

Coming up at Yate Academy

- Monday 12th January | Year 11 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 14th January | Year 9 Graduation Launch parent meeting - 5.30pm
- Thursday 15th January | Year 7 UWE Campus Visit
- Monday 12th - Friday 23rd January | Y13 Mocks
- Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th January | Y11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam

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