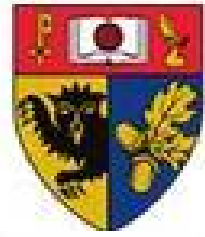


# YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2026



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## A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

As we settle into the term, it has been wonderful to witness the energy brought to our "Jump into January" initiative. This program was designed to brighten the darker winter mornings and encourage student well-being, and it has done exactly that.

A particular highlight this week was the return of a true student favourite: Just Dance! The hall was filled with music and laughter, and it was truly heartening to see students from all year groups - from our youngest newcomers to our most senior pupils - coming together to share in the fun. Seeing that sense of community and school spirit in action is the perfect way to kick off the year.

My thanks go to the staff and students who have made these activities such a success.



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# U13 Girls' Cricket

On Wednesday, our U13 Girls' Cricket team stepped onto the pitch for their first indoor match of the season! Ten students proudly represented Yate Academy in the U13 Gloucestershire Girls Indoor Cricket Cup, facing off against Chipping Sodbury and Winterbourne.

For the majority of the team, this was their first-ever competitive cricket experience. They played with fantastic spirit and skill, securing a brilliant win against Winterbourne and only narrowly missing out in a close-fought game against Chipping Sodbury.

We are incredibly proud of their debut performance and are now looking forward to seeing our U15s in action this coming Monday. Good luck, girls!



Well done to the Year 7 boys, who played their first football fixture last night against Chipping Sodbury. After conceding two long-range free-kick goals in the first half, the boys showed great determination and resilience to battle back and nearly snatch a draw.

The match finished 2-1, with a lovely goal scored by Caelan to keep the contest alive until the final whistle. Man of the Match was awarded to Ridley for a very strong and assertive performance at the back, leading the defence superbly.

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# New Year, New Me!

## Reading Challenge



**Read More, Learn More, Be More**  
**16th January – 6th March 2026**

A massive well done to everyone who has dived into Extra Reading Week! Our students have already earned a staggering 20,000+ SRP points - an incredible achievement that sets a very high bar for the staff to try and match!

The house competition is heating up, and Carpenter House is currently leading the pack. Here is how the leader board looks for Week 1:

### House Total Points

Carpenter 5,807

Park 4,480

Brunel 4,332

Stephenson 3,327

Beckford 2,719

Remember, our goal this term is for everyone to read just 15 extra minutes a week. It's been fantastic to see so many of you smashing that target already. Keep up the brilliant effort - let's see if we can go even higher next week!

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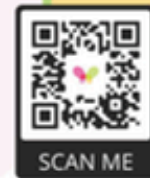
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*How do you evidence the often unique learning journeys made by your students?*

*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:

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## Coming up at Yate Academy

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January | Y11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Exam | Year 9/10 Glos Cricket fixture
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January | Eagle Project Y7/8 Rugby | Intermediate UKMT Challenge Y9&10
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January | SEND in Mainstream event
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February | Athletics finals Year 7 & 8
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February | Y9 FutureQuest - Bristol Campus

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