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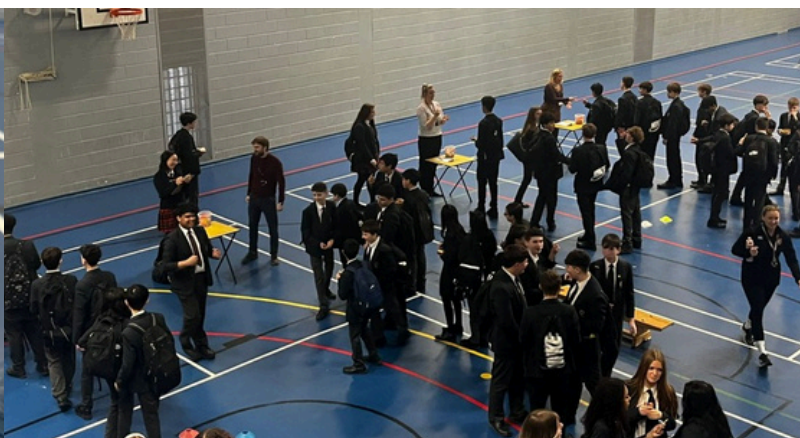
A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

As we march further into the month, there is a truly fantastic "buzz" echoing through our corridors - March Madness has officially taken over. The highlight of the week has been our Rock Paper Scissors Championship. The students showed no mercy, and successfully cleared us out of our sweet supplies! Seeing the laughter and camaraderie between students and teachers has been a joy. You can see some of the March Madness moments in the gallery below.

While we've been having plenty of fun, we remain committed to celebrating the hard work and dedication our students show every day. I am pleased to announce that Episode 6 of The Yate Insight Series is now live. In this latest video, we take a deep dive into our Merit and Golden Ticket reward system. If you've ever wondered how we track achievements or what it takes for a student to land one of those Golden Tickets, this episode explains the "why" and "how" behind our culture of recognition.

I'd like to finish by saying how proud we are of our year 11 students who have just finished their second week of mock exams. They have been nothing short of exceptional. Only two more days of mocks to go year 11!

[[Watch Episode 6 Here](#)]



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Celebrating Success

To celebrate the success of our students and recognise their continued hard work, we are thrilled to announce a weekly prize raffle. We know that student achievement is a family effort. To say thank you for your continued support and encouragement, families now have the chance to **win a £25 Deliveroo voucher every week.**

This weeks winner goes to Elliott W in Y7 and his family.

To be automatically entered into the draw, students must meet two criteria each week:

100% Attendance: Being in school every day ready to learn.

Top 50 for Golden Tickets: Being among the top 50 students for positive behavior and achievements that week

Winners will be contacted every Friday afternoon.

Entries reset at the start of each week, giving everyone a new chance to win!

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Miss Ricketts cricketts@yateacademy.co.uk

Thank you for being part of our students' success stories.



The music department is excited to invite you to our **Spring Showcase concert at 6:30pm on Thursday 19th March, in the school auditorium.** An evening that promises to be filled with music, celebration and the incredible talent of our students. Our performers have been working hard over the past few weeks, showing real dedication, teamwork and enthusiasm in rehearsals. The concert will showcase a wide range of musical styles and ensembles, giving students the opportunity to shine both individually and as part of a group. It is always one of the highlights of our school calendar and a wonderful way to celebrate the season together as a community. **Tickets will be available for cash on the door or through MCAS (£2 for adults, £1 for children).** We hope you will join us and enjoy the work of some of our brilliant musicians!

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Sporting news

First Yate Academy Sixth Form Football team

Our Sixth Formers have recently shown fantastic initiative by forming their very own Yate Academy Sixth Form Football Team. Driven by a desire to represent the school in external fixtures, the students took the lead in organizing the squad and stepped onto the pitch for their inaugural match last week.

While the final scoreline wasn't quite what they had hoped for, the performance on the field told a much more impressive story. The team played with incredible heart, showcasing high-level technical skill and a level of teamwork and resilience that made the entire school proud.

Man of the Moment

A special "Player Shout-Out" goes to Brandon B, who provided the highlight of the match with a sensational goal scored directly from a corner! It was a moment of pure quality that set a high bar for the season ahead.

We look forward to seeing this team grow as they continue their journey in the coming weeks.



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Creative Writing Workshop

We are thrilled to celebrate the exceptional talent of our Year 8 and 9 students who secured a place in an exclusive Creative Writing Workshop with acclaimed author Sophie Cleverly.

Sophie, the brilliant mind behind the Scarlett and Ivy series, visited us on Thursday (Period 4) to work with these budding novelists. This opportunity was earned through the students' incredible "100-word sagas"—short stories that required immense precision, imagination, and originality to master.

A huge congratulations to the following students for their literary success:

9b1 - Kieran Bradnick, Olivia Watts
9b2 - Mary Williams, Amelia Wedmore
9b3 - Riley Pitman, Oluwatoni Adams
9a1 - Kady Broad, Egkechan Choosein
9a2 - Elsie Prendergrast, Rhys Bishop

8b1 - Holly Cadogan, Sophie Tso
8b2 - Isabele Rugine, Fraya Hopes
8b3 - Millie Winkworth, Billy Champion
8a1 - Abhi Nalabolu, Willow Hickman
8a2 - Holly Blackwell, Jasper Johnston



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Yate Academy Reading Challenge Champions!

This term's Reading Challenge has been a huge success, with students across the school showing fantastic enthusiasm for books and reading. It has been brilliant to see so many students taking part and challenging themselves to read more.

Every student who participated has earned House Points, and certificates will be awarded on Monday to recognise their achievement.

Reading Awards

Students achieved the following awards through their dedication to reading:

Bronze Award – 120 House Points

Silver Award – 180 House Points

Gold Award – 240 House Points

Platinum Award – 300 House Points

Year Group Champions

A special congratulations to our Year Group Winners, who have each received Waterstones book vouchers in recognition of their fantastic reading achievements.

Year 7

Mariam K – Stephenson House

Adora L – Park House

Amelie F – Park House

Year 8

Aarush B – Stephenson House

Alexander M – Park House

Rafael R S – Beckford House

Year 9

Alayna W – Brunel House

Riley B – Carpenter House

Leo J – Brunel House

Well done to everyone who took part. Your passion for reading has been inspiring – keep turning those pages!

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Young Carers' Action Day

We are incredibly proud of the group of students who represented Yate Academy at the recent Young Carers' Action Day. It was a day dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contribution young carers make to their families and communities, and our students truly rose to the occasion.



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Parents and Carers - Helping our Children Stay Safe

24th March @ 6-8pm

As we approach the Easter break and our children are off school and college, it's natural for parents and carers to have concerns about who their children are spending time with and what they may be exposed to online.

Join our FREE workshop to learn more about topics such as the influence of social media, the signs and stages of exploitation, and how we can prevent young people being affected by knife crime as parents, carers and as a community.

This 2 hour workshop is hosted by The Ben Kinsella Trust and covers the following topics:

Understanding knife crime from the perspective of young people

The signs and stages of child exploitation

Gangs and gang-life

Exploring the link between trauma and exploitation

Consider online harms, social media, slang and gang-related music

Understanding how 'issues' with peers can escalate and how young people can manage them

Having meaningful conversations about difficult topics

Helping our children stay safe; the SAFE 'T's approach

Further support and resources

[\[Get your tickets here\]](#)

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Coming up at Yate Academy

- Thursday 19th March | Student Wellbeing Parent Forum 3:30-6:30pm, YA Spring Showcase Concert
- Wednesday 25th March | Year 12 History Trip to UoB
- Thursday 26th March | Year 13 Parents Evening
- Friday 27th March | Claire Young MP visit for yr 10 & 12
- Monday 30th March | Y11 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 31st March | Silver Reward
- Wednesday 1st April | Gold Reward
- Thursday 2nd April | Bronze Reward, Non-uniform day, Early finish
- Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April | Easter Holidays
- Monday 20th April | INSET Day

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