

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

It has been an exceptional week at school, and I am incredibly proud of the dedication shown by our students across several major events. A huge well done goes to all of our Year 10s who participated in The Big Interviews; your professionalism and poise when meeting with guest employers were truly exemplary.

That spirit of excellence continued during last night's Showcase, which was a magnificent celebration of our school community. From the vibrant musical performances to the stunning displays of artwork, it was a joy to see our students' diverse talents take center stage.

I also want to extend a massive congratulations to Year 11 for finishing their mock exams. Your resilience and hard work during this intensive period have been impressive, and you should be proud of your efforts.

Finally, Episode 7 of The Yate Insight Series is now live, focusing on 2 of our 8 Classroom Core Routines. You can watch the latest update here: **[The Yate Insight Series]**



This weeks winner goes to the Creed Family

Max and Josh who have both been in 100% and punctual with Max earning his golden ticket for leadership! Both boys are so resilient and we're really proud of them.

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

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Big Interviews

On Wednesday, our Year 10 students reached a significant milestone during our Professional Interview Day. Welcoming representatives from the Rotary Club and businesses including Atkins' London office, every student completed a 20-minute competency-based interview. Our guests were profoundly impressed, noting that our Year 10s are already performing at a Year 12 level compared to many other schools. One interviewer remarked:

"The academy routines are clearly triumphing and shaping the lives of these young people—just exceptional!"

We are incredibly proud of the aspiration and maturity shown. For those looking ahead, our Sixth Form provides a warm, ambitious environment where we continue to nurture these professional skills, ensuring every student is ready to lead in the world of work.

Next Steps: Students should use their interview reflections to help secure their Work Experience placements (18th–22nd May). Well done, Year 10—you were a credit to the academy!



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Student Success

Esmee Holder & Imogen Grimstead South West Champions!

I am absolutely delighted to share the phenomenal achievements of two of our students, Esmee Holder and Imogen Grimstead, who delivered masterclass performances at the South West Prelims Championships over the weekend.

Both Esmee and Imogen secured Gold Medals in their respective categories—IDP 1 Women's Pairs and Grade 5 Women's Trio—achieving the highest scores of the entire competition. As a result, they have earned the prestigious honor of representing the South West at the National NDP Finals this May.

As Headteacher, I am immensely proud of the character these young women display. Their success is no accident; it is the result of exceptional skill, focus, and a grueling training schedule of at least 15 hours each week at the Yate International Gymnastics Centre. To balance such elite-level dedication with their school life is a true testament to their discipline.

On behalf of the entire school community, I want to congratulate them on their golden season so far and wish them the very best of luck for the English Championships in April and the Nationals in May.



**Esmee and Imogen,
you are a huge credit
to our school.
We are all behind you!**



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Friends of Yate Academy

Easter Extravaganza

Buy a Friends bar, find a golden ticket to win a prize

2nd April 2026

£2.50 per Chocolate Bar

“Free from” bars will be available for anyone with allergies. All profits from every bar sold goes to the Friends of Yate Academy to support the school and our children



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Coming up at Yate Academy

- 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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