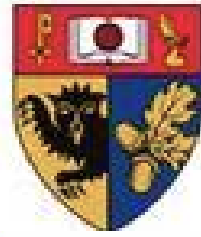


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FRIDAY 15TH MAY, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

As we settle into the summer term, the school is officially in the full swing of the exam season. It is a period of intense focus and hard work, and I want to express how immensely proud I am of all our students sitting their exams; their resilience and dedication during this high-pressure time are truly commendable. Beyond the exam hall, we hosted a fantastic World of Work Day, which saw our students engaging with various industries and feeling inspired to become the next generation of professionals—you can find more details on this session further down in this newsletter. I also want to extend a huge congratulations to our incredible Ten Tors team. Completing such an illustrious challenge is a testament to their teamwork and sheer determination, and they have represented the school brilliantly.

Finally, this week's video highlights the launch of our new "Who's Who" page on the school website. We hope this resource will make it easier for families to identify key staff members and further improve the vital communication between home and school.

[\[See Video Here\]](#)



**100% overall
attendance**

Well done to the students with 100% attendance who were rewarded with some Yate Academy merchandise this week.



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Ten Tors Challenge

Huge congratulations to the 17 students who successfully conquered the Ten Tors Challenge on Dartmoor last weekend. Braving either the 35 or 45-mile routes entirely unsupported, our teams demonstrated incredible grit and self-sufficiency to reach all ten checkpoints and claim their finisher's medals.

This achievement was the culmination of months of grueling preparation—from fitness training at Blaise Castle to navigating the Welsh wilderness. Throughout it all, these students perfectly embodied our school values of leadership, resilience, and citizenship.

A special thank you goes to the families whose support made this possible. I am sure you are all looking forward to a well-earned break from 6:00 AM Saturday drop-offs and the endless demand for blister plasters!

Looking Ahead to 2027 Our focus now shifts to next year's challenge. We encourage students currently in Years 8, 9, 11, and 12 to keep an eye out for registration details in the coming months.



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World of Work Day

Today Year 10 participated in an immersive World of Work Day to prepare for their upcoming work experience. The day featured a dynamic carousel of interactive workshops and industry presentations:

- **Grassroots Team Building:** Students mirrored real-world workplace dynamics by tackling physical and mental challenges with peers outside their usual friendship groups.
- **Avon & Somerset Cyber Crime Unit:** An online challenge highlighted the critical importance of cybersecurity—a booming employment sector in the South West.
- **Great Western Air Ambulance:** All students and staff received CPR refresher training, ensuring they are prepared to assist in any first-aid scenario during their placements.
- **UWE Bristol:** Guest speakers discussed university life and the various pathways into Higher Education.
- **The RAF:** Provided valuable insights into aviation careers and the importance of developing transferable skills.

The entire year group was fantastic, demonstrating our STEP values and proving what a tremendous cohort they are.

Good luck to all Year 10 students on your placements next week! We can't wait to hear your stories and experiences when we return after half term.



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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

YA Update

Final Expedition: Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist during the expedition weekend. If you can help, please contact Mr Staddon at ostaddon@yateacademy.co.uk.

Kit & Equipment

Tents: Provided by the school.

Additional Kit: We are currently auditing equipment following the Ten Tors challenge; a follow-up email regarding further kit availability will be sent by the end of this week.

Full Details: A letter was sent to parents this week with comprehensive expedition information. Please review this carefully.

DofE Club (Fortnightly)

Starting Thursday 14th May, we will hold a fortnightly (Week 1) catch-up club. This is a vital opportunity for Bronze, Silver, and Gold participants to upload evidence and complete outstanding tasks. Chromebooks will be provided, and attendance is highly encouraged.



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Bristol Rovers Community Trust are excited to bring back our Football Fun Days this MAY!

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May

Location: Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bonnington Walk, Bristol, BS7 9XF

Ages: Boys and girls aged 5-13 (School Years 1-8)

Price: £15 per day, or £40 for all three sessions

Only £15 per day. Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-13 (School Years 1-8) OR a special discounted price of £40 to sign-up for all 3 sessions that will take place over May!

Join us for three action-packed days of football, fun, and friendship! Players will develop new skills, take part in exciting games, and enjoy a brilliant day in a supportive and friendly environment.



What to bring:

Packed lunch and plenty of drinks
Suitable clothing for outdoor weather
(rain jacket and spare clothes)
Appropriate footwear for 3G astro pitches
(football trainers, astros, or small moulded studs)
Shin pads
Sun cream (if needed)

[Book your spot now](#)

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Celebrating Success



**This weeks winner goes to
Smyrna D Y10 & 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

Yate Academy Safeguarding contact

We believe that all young people have a right to develop and mature safely, without fear of abuse or bullying. If you have any concerns, please contact our safeguarding lead.

Our designated Safeguard Lead is Felicity Simpson - fsimpson@yateacademy.co.uk

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Coming up at Yate Academy

- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May | Y10 Work Experience
- Tuesday 19th May | Silver Reward
- Wednesday 20th May | Y13 Review 6, South Glos Athletics Years 7,8 & 9
- Thursday 21st May | Y12 Parents Evening - Higher Education talk, Gold Reward
- Friday 22nd May | Bronze Reward

- Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | May Half-term Holiday

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