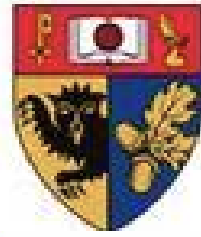


YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

As we reach the end of an incredibly busy and productive half term, I want to take a moment to look back on what has been a truly fantastic final week at school. It has been a week filled with celebration, hard work, and immense pride.

Our rewards celebrations this week have been a wonderful way to recognise the dedication and excellent behaviour of our students across all year groups. On Tuesday, our Silver award winners enjoyed a well-deserved Domino's pizza party, where the atmosphere was fantastic and it was great to see so many students enjoying a slice of success. On Thursday, our Gold award winners had a trip out at Airhop, representing the school brilliantly and bouncing their way through a highly energetic celebration. Finally, we wrapped up the week today by treating our Bronze award winners to a special in-school cinema experience, which was the perfect, relaxing end to the term.

To our students who are currently sitting their exams: we could not be prouder of you. Your focus, resilience, and maturity during this challenging period have been exemplary. You have worked incredibly hard, and you have truly earned a break. Please use this half term holiday to take a well-deserved rest. We look forward to seeing you back after the break refreshed, energised, and ready to strive for the best possible results.

I am also pleased to share the next episode of our Yate Academy Insight Series. This week, Ms. Grainger and members of our student body focus on another one of our core school routines, explaining the importance and practical use of our 'Ready to Read' initiative. You can watch the latest video by clicking the link here: [Video Link].

Thank you all for your continued support. I wish you all a happy and restful half term break.

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Celebrating our Students Success

A huge congratulations to Esmee Holder and Imogen Grimstead for their incredible achievements at the NDP National Acrobatic Gymnastics Finals in Stoke-on-Trent last weekend. Representing the South West, Imogen won Gold in the Grade 5 Women's Group (making her a National Champion!), while Esmee took home Silver in the IDP1 Women's Pairs—ranking 2nd in Great Britain!

Showing phenomenal stamina, Esmee then competed in the SOAR Street Dance Championships the very next day, placing 1st in Solos, 1st in Duos, and 2nd in Crew. What makes this even more remarkable is that both girls have been balancing a demanding 15-hour-a-week training schedule alongside sitting their GCSEs.

We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication.

Good luck as you head back into the exam room!



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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
Jessica P Y9 & 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 25th - Friday 29th May | May Half-term Holiday
- Monday 1st June - Friday 19th June | Public exams continued
- Wednesday 3rd June | Year 10 Information Evening
- Friday 5th June | Silver DofE Practice
- Thursday 11th June | Year 12 Higher Information Evening, 5-6pm

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