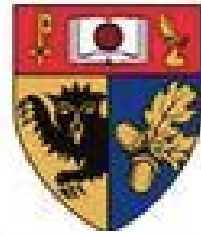


YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing May half-term break.

We have officially entered the final term of the academic year, and it promises to be an incredibly busy and exciting one. Over the next few weeks, our school calendar is packed with milestone events, including open evenings, transition days, graduations, and, of course, the Prom. It is always a joy to celebrate our students' hard work and achievements during this term, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 10 families at our Information Evening on Wednesday. Thank you for coming along as we officially welcomed our students into their journey toward Year 11. The partnership between home and school is vital, and seeing such a fantastic turnout fills me with confidence for the year ahead.

We also want to wish the absolute best of luck to all the students heading out this weekend to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. It requires a great deal of resilience, teamwork, and determination. Stay safe, work together, and enjoy the experience—we can't wait to hear how you get on!

Finally, this week's episode of the Yate Insight Series is now live. In this video, we cover two more of our essential core routines: Quality Audience and Individual Learning. These routines are crucial in helping our students maintain focus and respect in their learning environments. Watch closely and see if you can spot the switch in our student and teacher roles. [Video link]

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this final stretch of the year. Let's make it a brilliant summer term!

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Photo's from our Half Term Outreach



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Student Leadership Opportunities for 2026-27

This week, in House assemblies' students have been learning about the exciting Student Leadership opportunities available for the 2026-27 academic year.

The Yate Academy Student Leadership Programme is designed to develop confidence, responsibility, teamwork and communication skills, while giving students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to school life. The programme aims to empower student voice, foster leadership skills and encourage students to play an active role in shaping our school community.

The leadership structure includes Heads of House, Deputy Heads of House, Assistant Heads of House and House Representatives, creating a wide range of opportunities for students to get involved and develop their leadership potential.

Student leaders play an important role within the Academy. Responsibilities include supporting Year 6 Transition Day, assisting at Open Evening, helping with House events and assemblies, supporting Academic Review Days, working alongside staff on duties, and representing the views of their peers.

Successful student leaders are expected to lead by example through excellent attendance, positive behaviour, commitment to learning and active participation in the wider life of the Academy. Above all, they demonstrate our core values of Leadership, Resilience and Citizenship in everything they do.

Students interested in applying are invited to complete an application form and obtain a staff reference before attending an interview with their Head of Year.

We look forward to receiving applications from the next generation of Yate Academy leaders and seeing how they can help shape the future of our school community.

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PE After School Clubs at YA

Days	Club	Year group(s)	Staff
Mondays	Tennis	All	SMO
Tuesdays	Athletics	All	IWO/CSM
Tuesdays	Boys Cricket	All	SMO
Wednesdays	Girls Cricket	All	IWO/CSM
Thursdays	Basketball with Bristol Flyers	All	Bristol Flyers
Thursdays	Girls Rounders	All	IWO

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this summer for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and activities to choose from generally between Wednesday 22 July and Friday 28 August 2026, although some providers may offer different dates. Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 16 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF – please also share the QR code attached.

INSET Days

Please note, we have two INSET Days coming up, during which the school will be closed to students while our staff undertake professional development.

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

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Sports Awards Evening

30th June 2026

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Yate Academy Sports Awards Evening 2025–26 which will be held on the 30th June, a special event celebrating the outstanding achievements, commitment, and success of our students in sport throughout the year.

The evening will provide an opportunity for students, families, and staff to come together and recognise the incredible dedication shown by our young people both in PE lessons and through extra-curricular sport. From representing the Academy in fixtures and competitions to demonstrating leadership, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship, our students continue to make us extremely proud.

This year has seen fantastic participation across a wide range of sports, with students competing successfully in local and regional competitions, leading activities through the School Games Programme, and showing tremendous commitment to after-school clubs. The Sports Awards Evening will celebrate not only sporting excellence, but also the character and values that make sport such an important part of life at Yate Academy.

A range of awards will be presented during the evening, including:

Team of the Year
Most Improved Performer
Sportsmanship Award
Leadership in Sport Award
Outstanding Effort Award
Player of the Year Awards
Colours Awards and Recognition of Participation

Students who have been nominated for awards, along with students who have represented the Academy in sports teams this year, will receive invitations to attend with their families.

We are incredibly proud of the positive sporting culture that continues to grow at Yate Academy. The Sports Awards Evening promises to be a fantastic celebration of student achievement, commitment and success, and we look forward to sharing this memorable evening with our school community.

Further details regarding the event will be shared with invited families shortly.

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COME ONE, COME ALL
★ TO THE ★

GREATEST QUIZ NIGHT!

★ A NIGHT
OF FUN,
FACTS &
FABULOUS
PRIZES! ★

★ RAISING
FUNDS FOR
TABLE TENNIS
TABLES IN
PLAYGROUND ★

THIS IS THE GREATEST QUIZ!

★ DATE ★ TUESDAY 7th JULY	★ TIME ★ 7PM START	★ VENUE ★ YATE ACADEMY SCHOOL
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Hosted by Friends of Yate Academy

★ **TICKETS £5 PER PERSON** ★
INCLUDES DRINK ON ARRIVAL
SNACKS & BAR AVAILABLE



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Celebrating Success



**This weeks winner goes to
Amber J in Year 9 & 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

- Thursday 11th June | Year 12 Higher Information Evening, 5-6pm
- Friday 12th June | Y12 UCAS Fair Trip, BRONZE DofE Final- Year 9
- Thursday 18th June | Y9 Graduation Evening 17:30 - 19:00
- Friday 19th June | Y13 Celebration
- Monday 22nd June | Paris Trip Meeting 17:30-18:00
- Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June | INSET Days

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