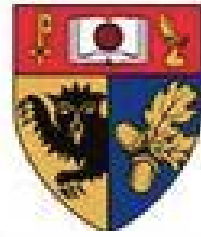


YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY 28TH SEPT, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I hope you all had a fantastic and restful weekend.

Last week got off to a brilliant start with an excited buzz across the school as the film company came in to capture some lovely shots of our vibrant community. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Year 11 Sixth Form Information Evening. I hope the session was both informative and inspiring as our students begin making those important decisions about their future pathways.

Looking ahead, we are super excited to host our Open Evening for all prospective students and parents this Thursday. If you are completely new to our school, or already part of the Yate Academy community and looking to enroll your next child, please do come along to meet our incredible staff, explore our facilities, and experience what makes our school community so special. We look forward to seeing you there!



Last Friday, we continued our lively **House Competitions** with a fantastic paper airplane throwing contest. We had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to watch the students get creative as they designed and delivered their planes with so much enthusiasm and school spirit.

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STUDENT SHOUT OUTS!

Congratulations to Harry M!

A huge congratulations to Harry, who has been selected to represent Gloucestershire Schools Football Under-16s this season.

Harry earned his place following a highly competitive and challenging trial process and will now have the opportunity to represent the county against other teams from across the South West and nationally.

A fantastic achievement and a great reward for Harry's hard work, commitment and performances. We wish him every success for the season ahead!

Dance Success for Maddie B!

A huge congratulations to Maddie B, who represented England at the Global Dance Open in San Sebastián, Spain, during the summer holidays.

This is a fantastic achievement and a brilliant recognition of Maddie's talent, dedication and hard work. Representing your country on an international stage is something to be incredibly proud of.

Well done, Maddie!

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Building Character at Yate Academy

At Yate Academy, we believe that education is about much more than academic success. Our Character Curriculum helps students develop the skills, confidence and values they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

Throughout their journey, students are guided by our three core values: Leadership, Citizenship and Resilience. Each year brings exciting new challenges, giving students opportunities to explore who they are, understand the world around them and prepare for their future.

For our Year 7 & 8 students, there are 20 character-building steps to complete in their Student Values Booklet across this term. Each term, students will take on 10 new challenges, exploring themes such as identity, culture, careers and wellbeing, while also developing their understanding of British Values and important issues affecting our community and the wider world.

Every completed step is an achievement! Students who successfully complete each challenge will receive rewards, and as they progress through the programme, they can earn our highly valued Yate Academy badges—something our students wear with real pride.

We're excited to see our Year 7 & 8 students embrace the challenges, discover more about themselves and others, and build the character that will help them make a positive difference in the future! Please check their Student Values Booklet at home and support them to complete all of their challenges!



Complete the challenges below to develop your character and become the best you can be.		Completed	Staff Signature	Date
★ 1.	Complete the 'All About Me' fact-file in your Character booklet.	☐	_____	_____
★ 2.	Name the Yate Academy Core Values and explain what they mean to a member of staff.	☐	_____	_____
★ 3.	Name the Yate Academy Core Routines and why they are used in your lessons.	☐	_____	_____
4.	Take part in an extra-curricular club.	☐	_____	_____
5.	100% completion of Sparx Maths.	☐	_____	_____
6.	100% completion of Sparx Reader.	☐	_____	_____
7.	100% completion of Sparx Science.	☐	_____	_____
8.	Complete all signatures on your Character Card.	☐	_____	_____
★ 9.	Use your STEPS and explain to a member of staff what they are.	☐	_____	_____
10.	Receive a staff shout out in morning Greeting.	☐	_____	_____

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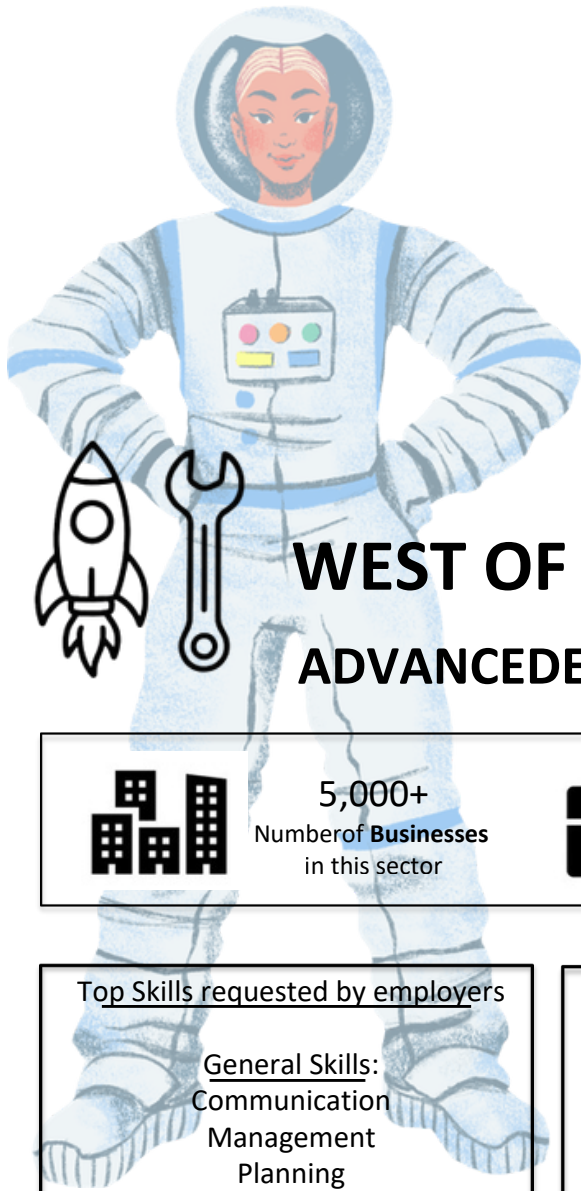
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CAREERS SECTION

WEST OF ENGLAND



ADVANCED ENGINEERING AND AEROSPACE SECTOR



5,000+
Number of **Businesses**
in this sector



37,000+
Number of employee
jobs in this sector



£38,700
Average annual **salary**
in this sector

Top Skills requested by employers

General Skills:

Communication
Management
Planning
Problem Solving
Customer Service

Specialist Skills:

Project Management
Mechanical Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Continuous Improvement Process
Machinery

Entry Level

Engineering Apprentice
Vehicle Technician
Repair Technician

Intermediate Level

Automotive Mechanic
Electrician
Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Advance Level

Civil Engineer
Computer Systems Architect
Aerospace Engineer

Top Job Titles

1. Project Managers
2. Vehicle Technicians
3. Electricians
4. Gas Engineers
5. Electrical Engineers
6. Systems Engineers

Did you know that there are a range of **'green jobs'** which help to support the environment in this sector?

Examples: Flood Risk Engineer, Hydrogeologist, Sustainability Principal Research Engineer, Alternative Fuel Researcher, Aircraft Recycling Specialist, Carbon Composites Engineer, Data Analyst.

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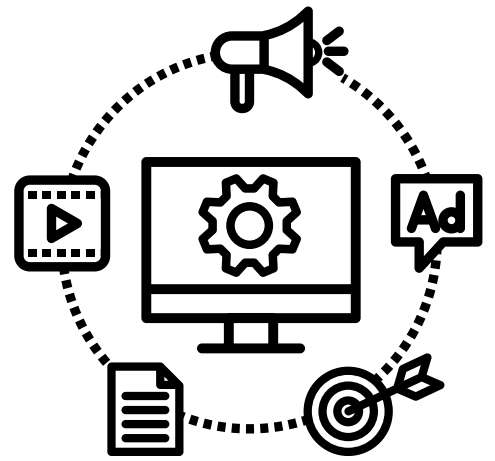
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CAREERS SPOTLIGHT

Creative & Digital Opportunities



The UK's Creative & Digital sector contributes over £100B annually, with average salaries around £41,600/year. It offers fast-growing, future-proof career paths for young people—and a 3-year university degree is no longer the only route.

Sector at a Glance

- In-Demand Roles: Software & Systems Engineers, Project Managers, Digital Marketers, Data Engineers.
- Green Tech Roles: Sustainable Marketing Managers, Renewable Software Developers (optimizing code to reduce energy use).
- Key Skills: Problem-solving, teamwork, Python/JavaScript, Cloud (AWS/Azure), and Data Analytics.

Flexible Pathways

- Entry / Apprenticeship: Junior Developer, IT/Marketing Apprentice (earn while learning)
- Mid-Level: Software Developer, Project Manager (specialization & campaigns)
- Advanced: IT/Creative Director, Data Scientist (strategy & leadership)

3 Ways to Support Your Child

- Promote Portfolios: Real-world projects (code, designs, media) carry huge weight with employers.
- Consider Degree Apprenticeships: Students gain a tuition-free degree alongside a full salary.
- Build Core Skills: Encourage clubs, sports, or volunteering to foster problem-solving and communication.

Next Steps: Students can book a session with our School Careers Advisor to discuss options and apprenticeship routes.



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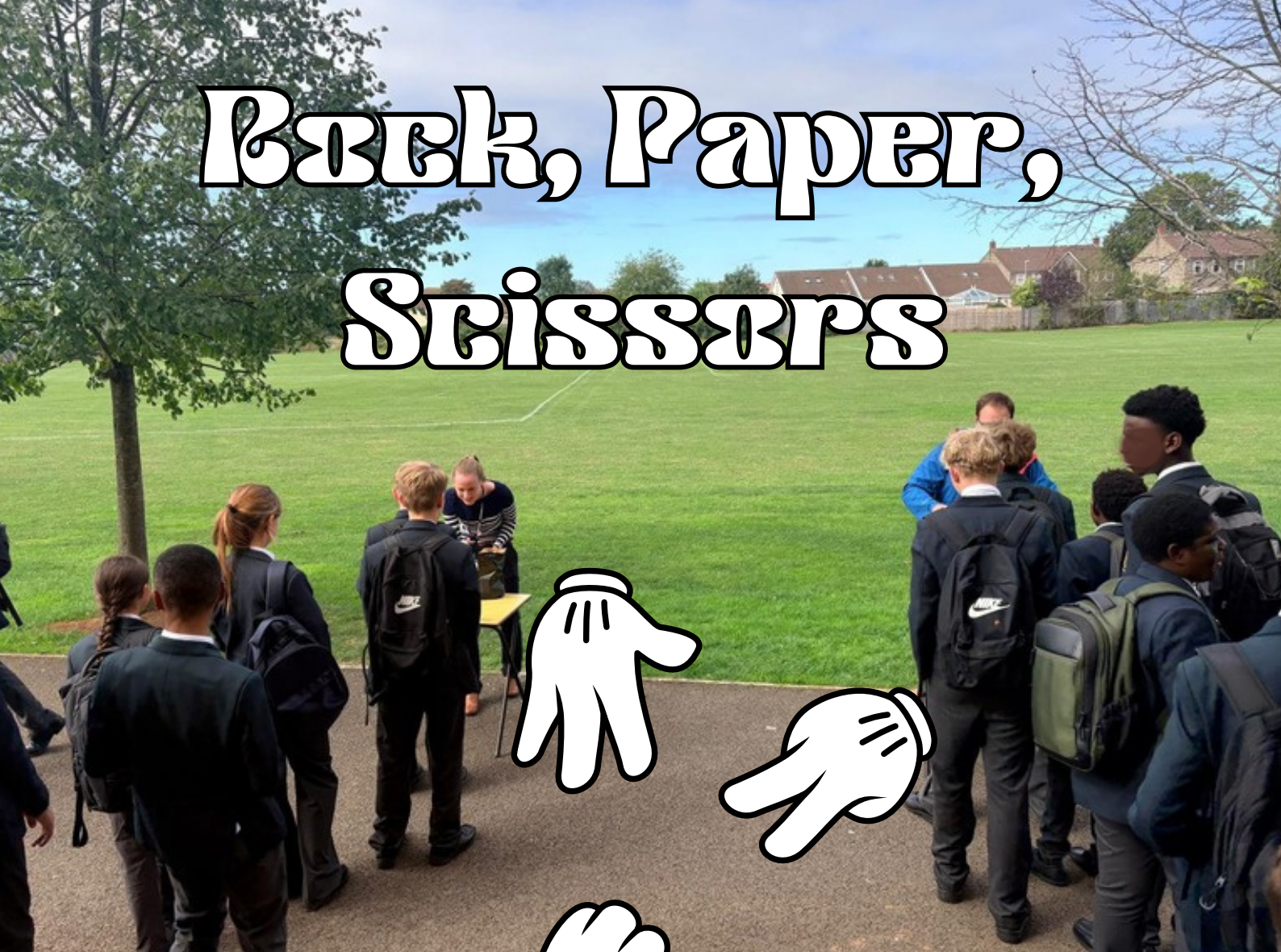
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Rock, Paper, Scissors



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Flu Vaccinations

Scan the QR code above to give consent for the Autumn/ Winter 2026 school Flu programme.

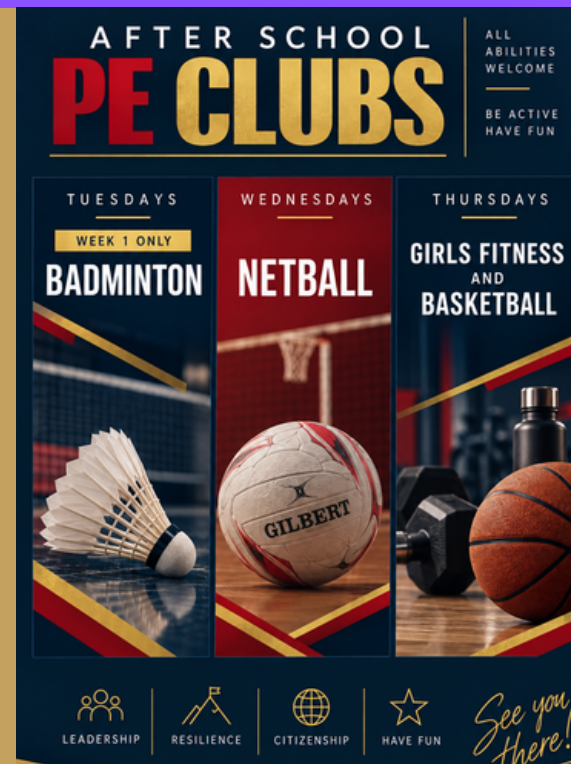
For children in Reception – Year 11 in
September 2026

Any questions Please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515

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 1st October | Y6 Open Evening 5:45-7:30pm
- Monday 5th October - Thursday 8th October | Y6 Open Mornings
- Wednesday 7th October | Y11 Geography Field Trip
- Monday 12th October | School Photos Years 9, 11 and 13
- Tuesday 13th October & Wednesday 14th October | Y6 Open Mornings
- Thursday 15th October | Year 7 Transition Parent Forum
- Thursday 22nd October | 6th Form Taster Day and Open Evening

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