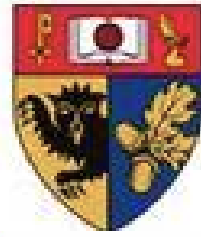


YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY 12TH OCT, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I hope you all had a fantastic and restful weekend!

Last week was truly amazing. It was a real privilege to open our doors every morning and welcome in so many prospective students and families to see our school in action. That warm welcome continues into this week with further visits tomorrow and Wednesday – we sincerely hope everyone who has visited us so far thoroughly enjoyed their time here!

Looking ahead to Thursday, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our newest families to Yate Academy for our Year 7 Transition Parent Forum. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear how your child has been settling in, share their progress, and listen to any suggestions you might have.

Below, you'll find a few highlights and photos from recent events, including Claire Young's visit last Monday, our Year 11 Geography field trip from last Wednesday, our latest Student Shout-Outs, and even more fantastic photos from our ongoing House Competitions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



**Claire
Young**
YOUR MP

We were delighted to welcome Claire Young to Yate Academy today to speak about lowering the legal voting age. Our Sixth Form and Year 10 students attended an insightful presentation and engaged in a lively, thoughtful discussion on the potential benefits of this change.

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Student Shout out



Well done to Ryan for winning a bronze medal for Home Nations Wheelchair Basketball

PENALTY SHOOTOUT

Tensions ran high as our students stepped up for an intense penalty shootout!



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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

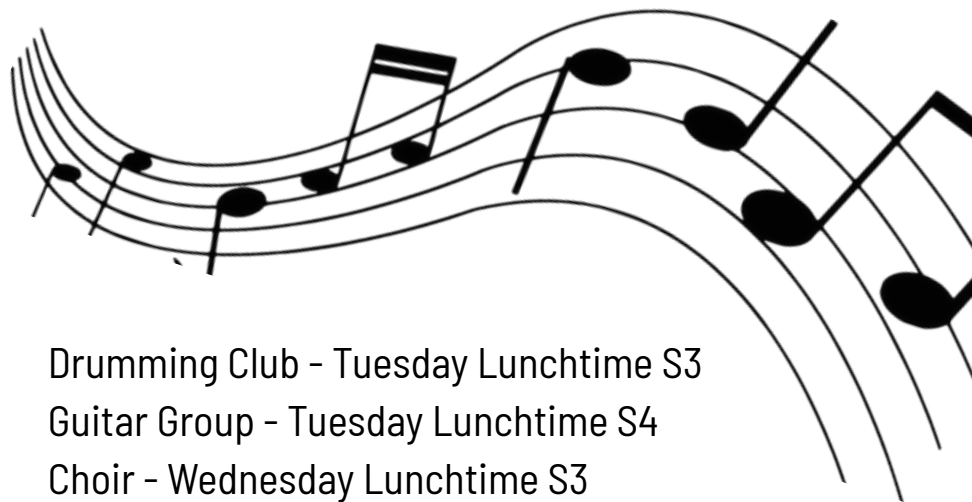
Our Personal Development Day is an opportunity to bring our school community together in a different way. By competing as members of our five houses — Brunel, Beckford, Carpenter, Park and Stephenson — students will have the chance to strengthen their sense of community and belonging, while developing the skills, qualities and core values that sit at the heart of our school.

The day is designed to be more than simply a competition. It is about giving every student a sense of identity, purpose and pride in being part of something bigger than themselves. Working together across year-groups, supporting one another and representing their house will help students build positive relationships and create a stronger sense of collective belonging.



Ultimately, the purpose of the day is to create shared experiences that students and staff can look back on with pride. We want students to feel that they belong, they matter, and they have a valuable role to play in our community.

MUSIC CLUBS



Drumming Club - Tuesday Lunchtime S3
Guitar Group - Tuesday Lunchtime S4
Choir - Wednesday Lunchtime S3

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SPARX READER UPDATE: INCREDIBLE MILESTONES & READING CHAMPIONS!

What a fantastic start to the term! Our students have immersed themselves in their books and achieved incredible reading milestones on Sparx Reader.

In just the first month, our readers have logged a mind-blowing 939 hours of reading and completed over 300 books! A huge congratulations to everyone who has contributed to this total—your dedication is truly paying off.

Top Readers: Going Above & Beyond

While so many of our students are working hard, a special shout-out goes to our Top 5 Readers in each year group. These students have far exceeded the weekly target of 300 Sparx Reader Points (1,200 per month) through extra reading and outstanding commitment:



YEAR 7 LEADERBOARD

Zak – 6,470 SRP
Eliane – 5,829 SRP
Osatiemwenoghe – 5,439 SRP
Holly – 5,162 SRP
Heidi – 4,843 SRP

YEAR 8 LEADERBOARD

Amelie – 2,633 SRP
Daisy A – 2,514 SRP
Kara – 2,153 SRP
Tilly – 2,014 SRP
Enara – 1,954 SRP

YEAR 9 LEADERBOARD

Daniel – 4,339 SRP
Sophie – 3,882 SRP
Bea – 3,614 SRP
Morgan – 3,611 SRP
Kobe – 2,234 SRP



Want to Join the Leaderboard?

You can earn extra House Points by completing your Sparx Reader homework early or reading beyond your weekly target! Reading consistently boosts your confidence and vocabulary across all subjects, while being one of the easiest ways to rack up House Points for your team. Challenge yourself this week to see if you can make the next leaderboard!

Key Reminders & Support

There is a weekly Deadline: Sparx Reader homework is due every Tuesday. Make sure to get your reading completed on time! Need Help or a Quiet Space? Homework Club runs every lunchtime. Whether you need support, access to a device, or a quiet spot to get ahead on your reading, drop in and score those extra House Points!

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
17:30-19:30



12 REASONS TO JOIN OUR SIXTH FORM

1. We open doors
2. Outstanding teaching
3. Pastoral support
4. Excellent results
5. Links to New College Oxford
6. Links to industry
7. Driving lessons discount
8. Membership to National Students Union
9. Specialised support for medical pathways
10. Membership to online learning platforms
11. £50 towards professional dress
12. A Sixth Form personal chromebook



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HALF TERM HOLIDAY & INSET DAY

The school will be closed for the October Half Term Holiday from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October, followed by an INSET Day on Monday 2nd November.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on Tuesday 3rd November!
Enjoy the break!



Bug Hotel making workshop

For young people in Year 6 and Year 7

Make a bug hotel for the Armadillo living roof!

A free workshop where you can learn a new skill, get creative and make a difference to the natural world.

Please register using the QR code below to sign up.

Please note that places are limited. You will receive an email confirming your young person's place if they have been successful.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, unfortunately your young person has not been allocated a place.



**28th October 2026
10:00am-12:30pm
Armadillo Youth Cafe and Venue**

[Sign up here](#)



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Flu Vaccinations

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

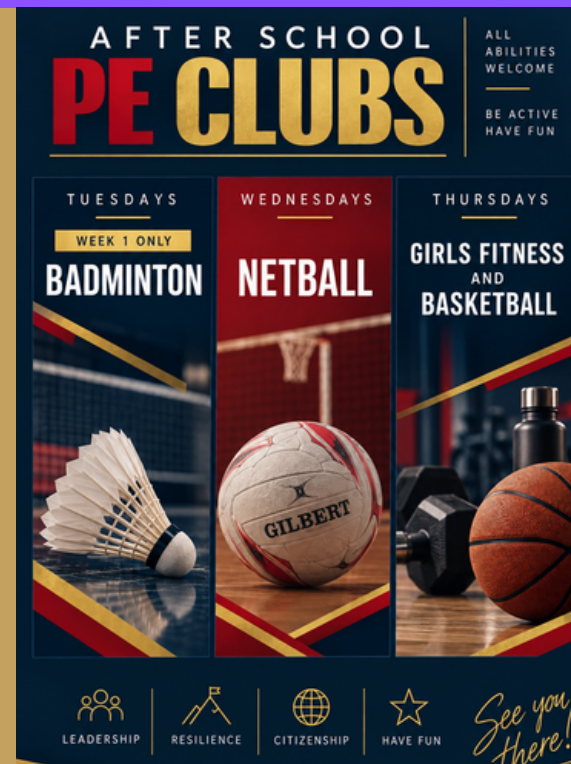
For children in Reception – Year 11 in
September 2026

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

- 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
- Tuesday 20th October | Silver Reward
- Wednesday 21st October | Gold Reward
- Thursday 22nd October | Bronze Reward, 6th Form Taster Day and Open Evening
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October | Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2nd November | INSET Day

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