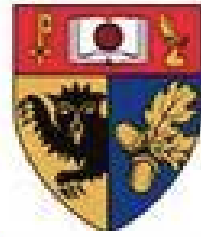


YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY 5TH OCT, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

A real highlight for me last week was seeing so many members of the Yate community turn up for our Open Evening on Thursday. It was brilliant to meet so many of you, share our vision, and have such fantastic conversations about our students and school.

If you were unable to make it - or if you would like to experience our vibrant learning environment during a typical school day - you are warmly invited to visit us during one of our Open Mornings this week to witness the school in action.

Additionally, we are delighted to welcome Claire Young to our school today to speak with our students about lowering the voting age, giving our rising generation a voice on key civic issues.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.



Friday lunchtime marked our latest "Stop the Clock" challenge. Congratulations to our winners, Joey M. (Year 7) and Ebenezer (Year 9) - a fantastic achievement!

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To all parents at Yate Academy

23 September 2026



Dear families,

ELECTION OF PARENT Community Governance Committee (CGC) Members

There are 2 vacancies for parent CGC Members on the Yate Academy Community Governance Committee from 01 September 2026, and we would welcome applications to take on the role.

The role of the CGC Member is both rewarding to the individual and invaluable to the school. You would need to be supportive of the values of the school and the Trust and be able to give time and effort to the role, but no specific qualifications or experience are required, and support and training is provided.

CGC Members have to abide by certain rules regarding the role and their conduct, and are expected to attend and take an active part in CGC meetings – normally 3 times a year, in the early evening - and take on particular additional tasks in relation to the work of the Community Governance Committee.

For more information about the role and the rules on eligibility to be a school governor, please read the recruitment pack on our website at – www.greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk > Join us > Trustees and Community Governance Committee Members

If you would like to make an application to become a school governor, please complete the application form [here](#) by Friday 09 October 2026.

If you have any questions please contact me at YAT CGC Clerk
yat-cgcclerk@greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Victoria Hatcher
Clerk to the Community Governance Committee
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Well done!

Student Shout Out

Jack's DofE gold award expedition
in the Peak District.

Jack was an absolute asset to the team over the weekend. Joining the rest of the Holmleigh Park students, he stepped up immediately as the main navigator, quietly taking the lead and demonstrating natural leadership skills. While the long distances and heavy kit proved challenging for many, Jack's extensive experience with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Ten Tors, and his recent Nijmegen march with the Cadets shone through. He took the physical demands in his stride and proved to be a real credit to the team.



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DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

Free help and support
to get online

southglos.gov.uk/getdigital



Dear families,

We want to make it easier for residents to access and use online services, regardless of people's backgrounds and circumstances. Some evidence shows that households with children are more likely to struggle to do the things they need to do online. We are keen to understand this in more detail, so that we can work towards reducing the barriers that families may face.

We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey by Friday 16th October, so that we can hear from you about your experiences. Your answers will remain anonymous, and you have the option enter a prize draw for a chance to win one of five £10 shopping vouchers. If you have any concerns or wish to complete the survey another way, please contact South Gloucestershire Council by either calling 01454 868009 or by emailing consultation@southglos.gov.uk.

What does digital inclusion look like in households with children? – Fill in form

Thank you,
South Gloucestershire Council Customer Services Team

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Yate Academy is going to the Championships

A massive well done to Nina, who traveled all the way down to Devon to represent the school in the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) competition! Nina delivered a brilliant performance to secure 4th place, earning herself a well-deserved spot to ride for the school at the prestigious Grass Roots Championships Festival at Hickstead. Fantastic effort, Nina!



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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.

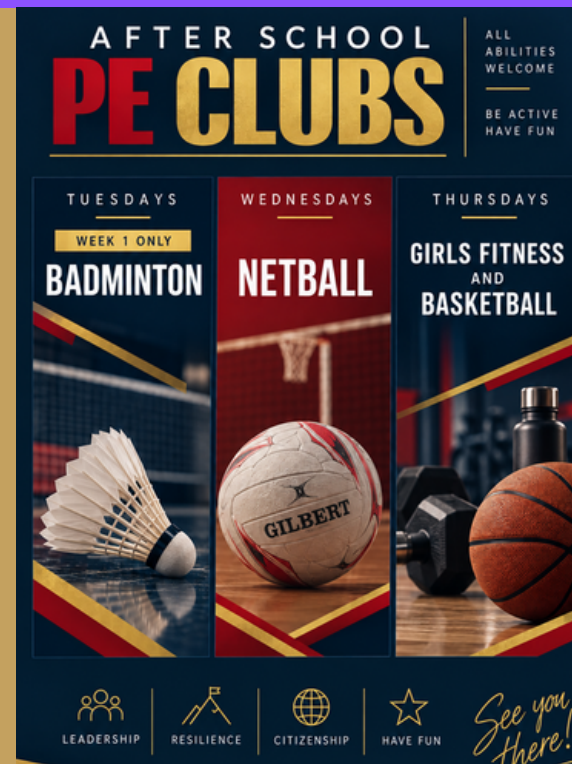
For children in Reception – Year 11 in
September 2026

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 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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