

# YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

What a fantastic term this has been! Without a doubt, my highlight has been having so many opportunities to showcase our school. I am incredibly proud of everything we achieve here at Yate Academy, and I always welcome the chance to show that off to our school families and the wider community.

Last night marked the final event of our showcase series as we opened our doors for our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our Year 11 students and their families, as well as students visiting from surrounding schools. We certainly hope you came away impressed by everything our Sixth Form has to offer!

Today, we are celebrating excellence in a very fun way: the top 50 students from each year group are currently enjoying a cinema experience in our auditorium. A huge congratulations to those who earned the most house points this term – we hope you thoroughly enjoy your well-deserved reward! Below is an image of Hocus Pocus playing for our Year 7 and 8 students. Later in this newsletter, you will be able to read more about how these points were earned, particularly during our fantastic Personal Development Day on Thursday 15th October.



Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful, relaxing half-term break. Please rest up and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming all our students back refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 3rd November.

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# LET THE HOUSE GAMES BEGIN!

What a fantastic start to the year for our inaugural Term 1 House Competition! Our students brought energy, enthusiasm and plenty of competitive spirit to a brilliant series of challenges designed to test their teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills.

The competition kicked off with a mysterious “Who Dunit?” challenge, where students put their detective skills to the test to crack the case! Teams then went head-to-head in a range of exciting activities in the sports hall, before putting their knowledge to the ultimate test in The Big House Quiz. There was plenty of laughter, friendly rivalry and some impressive brainpower on display!

Throughout every activity, our students represented their houses amazingly well. They demonstrated outstanding leadership, citizenship and resilience, supporting one another, rising to challenges and showing what it truly means to be part of a team. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes and sportsmanship shown by everyone involved.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Brunel House, who were crowned our overall champions! Their reward? A well-deserved free early lunch on Friday 15th October – a tasty way to celebrate their victory!

Thank you to all our students and staff who helped make this first competition such a success. The bar has been set high, and we can't wait to see what the next house competition brings. Let the friendly rivalry continue!



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# Year 6

## TASTER DAYS

We recently hosted Year 6 pupils from local primary schools for a taster day at Yate Academy. Food Tech was an absolute favorite among the students—check out some of their delicious creations below!



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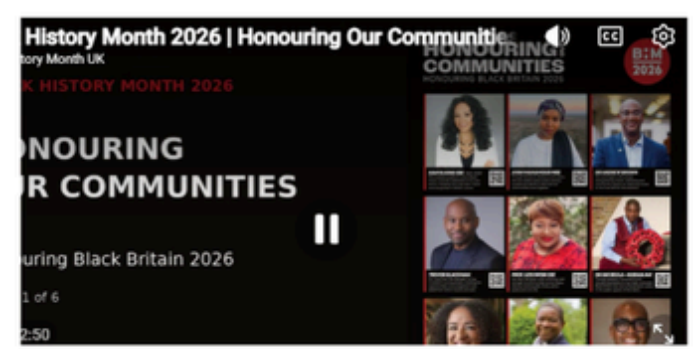
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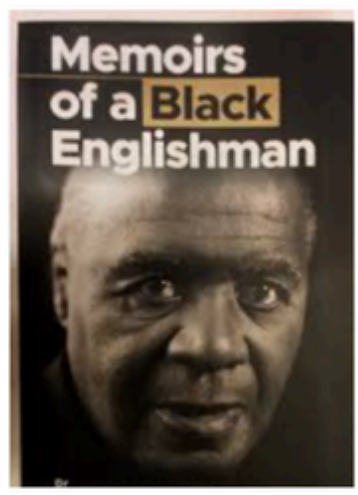
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# Black History Month 2026 - Honouring Our Communities



We have named two of our houses Stephenson and Beckford after the pioneering work they did for Bristol and its wider community and the UK



Paul Stephenson  
OBE



Carmen Beckford  
MBE

This month, we have been proudly celebrating Black History Month across the school! Our students took part in a series of inspiring and informative assemblies dedicated to deepening their understanding of Black history, heritage, and culture.

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# Who's Who?

Ever wonder who to contact at Yate Academy, or need a quick reminder of your child's tutor's name? Head over to the 'Who's Who' page on our website for a full list of our staff members:

[\[Yate Academy Who's who\]](#)

## PARENTS EVENINGS THIS TERM

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Year 7

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 8



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# Drama

# Club

Y7 & Y8

starting 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Every Thursday after-school
- Fun warm up games
- Script writing
- Chance to perform
- A new theme each week



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# CAREERS SECTION

## Advanced Manufacturing

**21,980**   
Jobs in the West of England

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### Average salary for roles per year

£15,000-£26,500

£30,000-£42,000

£60,000-£75,000

#### Q Entry Level Jobs X

- Aerospace Production Operative Apprentice
- Trainee Manufacturing Data Technician
- Workshop Assistant
- Production Team Member

#### Q Intermediate Level Jobs X

- Manufacturing Technician
- Quality Inspector
- Specialist Machinist
- Production Team Leader

#### Q Advanced Level Jobs X

- Supplier Quality Manager
- Maintenance Manager
- Global Senior Buyer
- Engineering Team Lead

## SKILLS AND JOBS:



#### Q Employability Skills: X

- Problem solving
- Digital
- Design
- Attention to detail
- Project management
- Leadership and management

#### Q Specialist Skills: X

- Ability to use, repair, and maintain machines and tools
- Thinking and reasoning
- Health and Safety awareness

Some subjects to focus on alongside English and Maths:

Chemistry

Physics

Product Design



skills  
**CONNECT**

**WEST**  
OF ENGLAND

MAYORAL  
COMBINED  
AUTHORITY

### Industries in the sector:



Aerospace  
Manufacturing



Advanced  
Materials and  
Composites



Electric  
Aviation



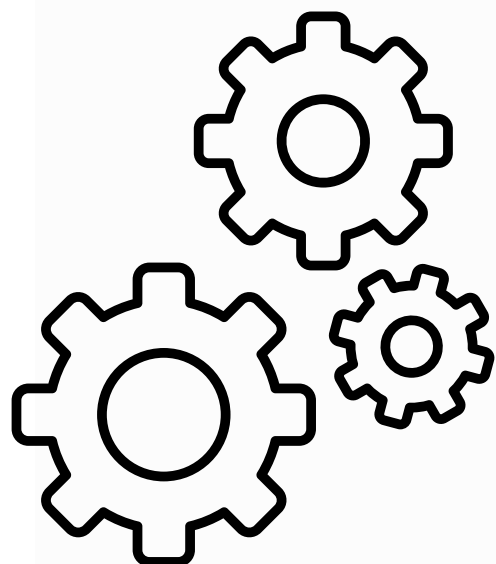
Robotics and  
Automation



Precision  
Engineering



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Research and  
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Gloucestershire  
Cricket  
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For SEND  
Students

# TABLE CRICKET CLUB

Get active, have fun and play cricket!



Thursdays  
(Week 1)  
Lunchtimes



Mondays  
(Week 2)  
Lunchtimes



Dance Studio  
13.10 – 13.40

All abilities welcome!



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# WORKS4YOUTH

## DROP INS



OCTOBER HALF TERM

**26**

MON



12-2PM @ YATE  
LIBRARY

**27**

TUE



12-2PM @ BRADLEY  
STOKE LIBRARY

**28**

WED



12-2PM @ KINGSWOOD  
LIBRARY

**29**

THU



12-2PM @ THORNBURY  
LIBRARY

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FRI



12-2PM @ EMERSONS  
GREEN LIBRARY



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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 Year 7 to Year 11

Any questions Please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto: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](mailto:fsimpson@yateacademy.co.uk)



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## Coming up at Yate Academy

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October | Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November | INSET Day
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November | Flu Vaccination Y7-11
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November | Oxford University Visit
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November | Viva! Cooking Demo
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November | South Glos Schools X Country Champs, Col John Peak Army Presentation, Remembrance Assembly

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