

YATE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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MONDAY 19TH OCT, 2026



A message from our Headteacher, Mr Eddie Rakshi

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Reflecting on last week, it was truly wonderful to see our school community so vibrant and engaged. We hosted our final open mornings of the season, giving prospective families the opportunity to step inside, tour our facilities, and see our school in action. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with visitors praising the calm, focused, and welcoming atmosphere across all year groups.

Collaboration with our families remains central to everything we do, which made Thursday's Parent Forum a standout success. We were joined by many of our Year 7 parents, who shared insightful, constructive ideas on how we can continue to enhance the school experience for our newest year group. I want to thank everyone who attended - your input is invaluable, and our leadership team has already begun reviewing these ideas to put actionable plans in place.

Looking ahead, this week promises to be equally dynamic. On Thursday, we are hosting our 6th Form Open Evening and Taster Day. Since launching last September, our 6th Form has truly hit the ground running, offering students high-quality academic pathways alongside fantastic enrichment opportunities. Whether you are already considering your post-16 options or simply curious about our growth, we warmly invite you to come and see our impressive 6th Form community for yourself.

Finally, as we approach the end of a busy and productive half term, Friday will mark our final day before the break. To recognise and reward the fantastic ethos of our students, those who have earned the highest number of house points this term will be treated to an exclusive cinema experience. It is a fantastic way to celebrate their hard work, commitment, and positive behavior.

Please note that the half-term holiday officially begins on Monday, 26th October. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our staff, students, and parents for making this half term so successful. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break ahead!

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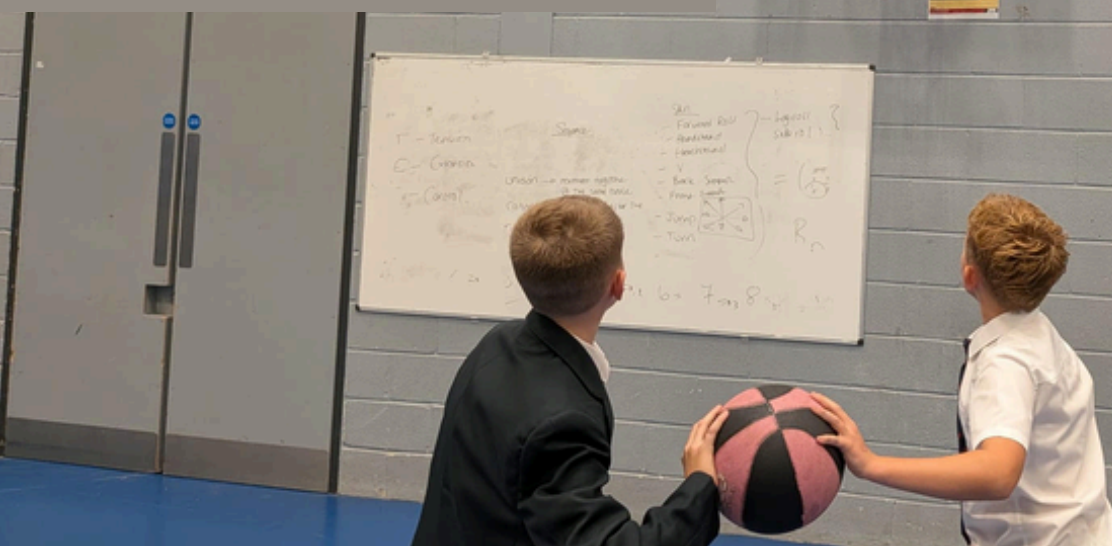
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DON'T DROP THE EGG

House Competition



The "Don't Drop the Egg" competition brought plenty of high-stakes excitement! Students put their focus and balance to the test as they tackled the course without dropping their ball.



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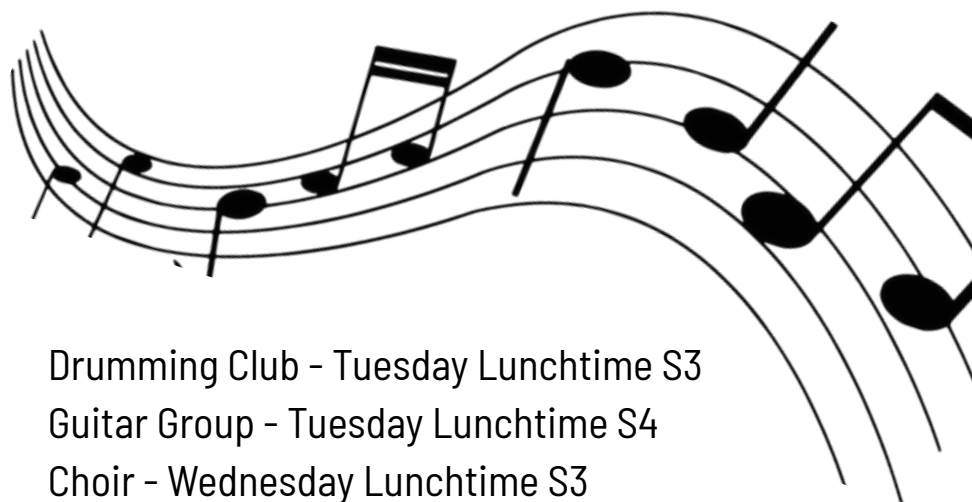


Student Shout Out

Well done Poppy! - for competing in Grade 3 Acro Gymnastics at the Honiton Invitational 2026, she delivered a standout performance - securing an impressive 2nd place out of 39 partnerships while representing King Edmund Acro Club!

Honiton Gymnastics Club
Invitational 2026

MUSIC CLUBS



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

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Bristol Old Vic Theatre's 260th Anniversary Celebrations



Key Stage 3 students were treated to an inspiring performance from the Bristol Old Vic as part of the theatre's 260th anniversary celebrations. Written by Muneera Pilgrim and Sam Parker and directed by Lisa Gegan, the play explored friendship and belonging during a visit to the British Museum.

Over 450 students watched in awe before putting their own questions to the cast and crew in a lively Q&A about the performance and creative careers. To top off the day, 30 choir enrichment students took part in an interactive drama workshop exploring the play's key themes. For many, this was their very first taste of live professional theatre - a truly memorable experience!



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Glow in the Dark



Cricket Camp

Girls' Holiday Camp

**FREE
ENTRY**

Interested in playing cricket with other girls in your local area?

Excited to engage in Glow in the Dark Cricket, an exciting form of indoor softball cricket?

Join us this October Half Term for a week of Girls' Glow in the Dark Cricket Days!



SCAN HERE



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Get involved in what matters to you



Marketplace

Information stands,
meet local organisations
and council teams



Open forum

Raise any issues which
affect your community



Community talks

Hear key updates,
share your views

Thursday 22 October **6:30pm–8:30pm**

Chipping Sodbury Town Hall

southglos.gov.uk/your-voice



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Yate Academy

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



COME AND SEE FOR
YOURSELF

**NO
BOOKING
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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

- Thursday 22nd October | 6th Form Taster Day and Open Evening
- Friday 23rd October | Cinema experience
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October | Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2nd November | INSET Day
- Tuesday 3rd November | Flu Vaccination Y7-11

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