

Ambition, Excellence, Pride



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

As we approach half term, we wanted to write to you to talk about some of the things that have happened so far and to share some highlights.

Since returning to school in September, we have seen our students settle back into working hard so smoothly and they make us proud every day in the work they produce. It's been such a strange time but our students, as always, rise to the challenge and want to do their very best.

We are looking forward to being able to offer more extra-curricular opportunities after half term with the launch of societies and clubs. This is a very special part of the Yate Academy offer and having those "Character Education" experiences remain extremely important to us.

Equally important is the way that students behave in the community. It's fantastic when we receive emails praising students outside school and it's a message that we are keen to reinforce. Behaving respectfully and with kindness is what we expect every day both in and out of school.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday 2nd November.

With our very best wishes,

Izzy Ambrose and Natalie Wilcox



THEPOETRYSOCIETY

We are delighted to announce that Year 8 student, Hope Vaughan, has been selected by judges Maura Dooley and Keith Jarrett as one of the 85 commended poets in the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2020. Hope was selected from over 6,000 entrants and over 15,000 poems this year from across the world, an amazing and impressive achievement.

We are thrilled with Hope's achievement and can't wait to share her winning poem!

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Marli Millett, on becoming a member of the U14 Gloucestershire County Football Squad. We are so proud!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For many people, personal circumstances have changed significantly over the last 7 months and we want to make sure that you are getting the support that you need.

Click [here](#) to apply online for free school meals.

Click [here](#) to access the Pupil Premium Fund Application form if you need support in purchasing uniform or other essential school

YATESOCS

After half term we will be launching a range of Clubs and Societies to expand our extra-curricular offer. Mr Matthews is keen get as many students involved as possible. Whether it's LitSoc with Miss Edwards or STEM club with the Science team, we are hoping to have something that sparks an interest in everyone from Year 7 to Year 13.

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Dates for the Fridge!

W/c 2nd November: Post 16
Subject Phones Calls

Tuesday 3rd November: Year
11 Information Evening

Tuesday 3rd November: Years
7-10 Assessment Checklists
given to students

Monday 16th November: All
assessments begin (Years 7-
11)

Thursday 17th December: End
of Term

Friday 18th December:
Academic Review Day for
Years 7&9 (Covid permitting)

Communication:

There have been some changes in staffing this year and it's important that you know the best ways to communicate with us.

For general contact information: Click [here](#)

For Pastoral Support: Click [here](#)

To contact members of the Leadership Team and for information about their remits: Click [here](#)

Bikes on site:

We love that so many of our students ride to school and get lots of fresh air. In order to make sure that everyone stays safe, we are asking students to dismount when they are on site.

This is especially important when leaving the site into the lane at the end of the day so that students go onto the cycle path safely.

Thank you for your understanding

Online Curriculum and self-isolating students

We would like to say well done to all our students who have had to self-isolate over the last week or so. We are really impressed with how quickly they have logged onto our online curriculum and continued their studies from home.

Over the summer holiday our teachers have developed a full online curriculum for any students who need to self-isolate. The lessons are similar to what we used during lockdown but where possible they complement and follow the curriculum which is being taught in school. This way if your child does need to self-isolate, they are not missing our core curriculum. Our teachers spent their summer break preparing these resources so I am sure you will join us in thanking them for all their hard work. You can find all our online curriculum on the [website](#).

Time to celebrate:

- 2868 Merits have been given out
- 210,540 Self-quizzing questions have been written and answered
- 1,027,039 questions have been answered on Hegarty Maths
- 73,440 minutes have been spent on Sparx Maths
- 88 additional hours of learning for each Year 11 student
- 17 Tutor Reading books already finished!

Congratulations!

Yasmin Davis (Year 8) was selected for Team England for the Dance World Cup 2020. She was supposed to go to Rome in June to represent her country but, sadly, that couldn't happen.

The good news is they've honoured Yasmin her place to represent Team England still in 2021.

Congratulations Yasmin – can't wait to hear all about it!

DANCE WORLD CUP

Ballet Nova