



THE YARDLEIAN



JULY 2025 EDITION

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the final edition of the Yardleian for this academic year. I have been so impressed with how our students have approached their studies, particularly our Year 11 students who have made the most of the opportunities available to them by our excellent teachers and support staff. We are sad to see them leave Yardleys and I know they have had a memorable leavers assembly and Prom! I am excited for them as they start their new chapter. We wish them well as they embark on the next phase of their lives, either in further education, employment or training. As Year 11 leave, it was a delight to see our new cohort arrive for Induction Day and take part in so many activities. We look forward to seeing them join in September.

We say goodbye to valued colleagues who will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. We say farewell and thanks to the following staff: Dr Bakewell (Science), Mr Burt (Assistant Head of Year/PE), Mr Johnson (Head of Drama) and Mr Khan (maternity cover in Maths). We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their contribution to Yardleys School. We will be welcoming Mr Mjanja who will be joining us in September as teacher of PE.

My sincere thanks to our amazing teaching and support staff body, and our Trustees, who work tirelessly to ensure our students achieve the best academic and whole child education. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for your ongoing support and loyalty to our school. We really do value the excellent partnership we have with you as we continue to work together to ensure our students reach their potential.

There are a number of notices that are included in this edition that I urge you to read. They include - uniform reminders, Year 7-10 summer progress reports information, Year 11 results day and key dates for the next academic year (2025-26).

This has been a special final term with so many highlights and events that truly showcase the school, staff and students at their best. I do hope you enjoy reading about them.

I hope you all have a relaxing summer break.

MR. G BASRA
HEADTEACHER



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A GREAT NIGHT FOR YARDLEYS BRIGHTEST AND BEST!

On Tuesday 8th July, Yardleys hosted its annual Celebration Evening, where students were recognised for their excellence and effort across subjects.

In addition, special awards were presented, including the Mark Prever Cup for Resilience, the Robert Johnson Cup for Sport, and our new honour –The Azaan Award for Positivity–recognising students who have truly excelled.

With some fantastic musical performances throughout, it was a wonderful celebration of our year and student achievements



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS



This September, we look forward to welcoming a new cohort of Year 7 students to Yardleys. As part of their transition, they joined us for an induction day where they had the chance to meet their form tutors, explore the school, and take part in fun, team-building activities.

The day helped ease nerves and build excitement for September, with students getting a taste of life at secondary school and beginning to form new friendships.

We're excited to see them return after the summer, ready to start their journey with us.



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INSPIRING FUTURE ENGINEERS, INNOVATORS, AND PROBLEM-SOLVERS

Year 7 had an exciting day with the RAF exploring STEM through collaborative activities using Minecraft to address real-world issues like climate change and natural disasters. They learned about the RAF's support for communities in crisis and the importance of engineering, maths, and teamwork. A big thank you to the RAF for inspiring students and emphasising STEM's vital role. Let's continue to encourage young people to remain curious and ambitious in their STEM journey in problem solving



UK MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's UK Maths Challenge! Their hard work and problem-solving skills were impressive, with several earning Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards in this nationally recognized competition.

We are very proud of everyone's efforts and anticipate greater success ahead. Well done to all participants.



FUTURE LEADERS AT KPMG

A big shoutout to our ten incredible girls who attended the KPMG Future Leaders Programme in Birmingham. They explored professional services, developed leadership skills, and networked with inspiring role models.

We are proud of the confidence they demonstrated, their curiosity, and ambition, showcasing that they are the leaders of tomorrow.





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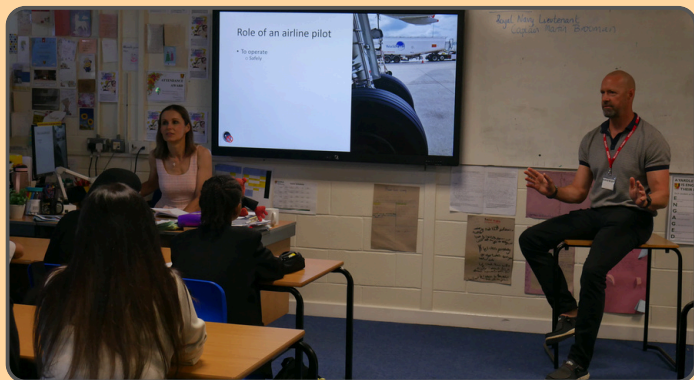
YEAR 10 EXPLORE LIFE BEYOND YARDLEYS

Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed an inspiring taster day at Joseph Chamberlain College. They took part in a range of subject sessions, met staff and students, and gained a real insight into college life. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore post-16 options and begin thinking about their next steps.

Congratulations to our students for positively representing Yardleys. Their experience expanded academic horizons and enriched their understanding of diverse career paths. Engaging workshops sparked new interests, and Joseph Chamberlain College staff provided warm guidance regarding the transition to college.

A VISIT FROM CAPTAIN BROOMAN

As part of the Enrichment programme, Captain M. Brooman, a former Royal Navy submariner and rescue helicopter pilot, visited Yardleys. Twenty-eight students from Years 7-10 were captivated by listening to his journey and engaged with many insightful questions. Special recognition goes to Ali and Ayaan for their enthusiasm, with Ali taking home a model aircraft as a keepsake.



DRAYTON MANOR!

As a reward for their positive attitude and effort, a group of students had an exciting day at Drayton Manor Theme Park, representing Yardleys wonderfully.

We hope you enjoyed your day!





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YEAR 11 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Well done to our Year 11 Fine Art and Photography pupils who recently exhibited their work at Birmingham School of Art, Margaret Street. It was fantastic to see so many students and their families come together to celebrate two years of creativity, dedication and hard work at Yardleys. This year also marked the first time photography work was included in the exhibition – and it was a great success!



SUSHI MASTERCLASS FOR EAL STARS

Our amazing EAL students were treated to a Sushi Masterclass as a reward for their hard work, progress, and dedication this term.

They embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, learning new skills while building confidence and teamwork along the way.



A FOND FAREWELL

This year's leavers' assembly, led by Mr. Buckley, celebrated the Year 11 students with laughter and reflection on their journey at Yardleys.

The festivities continued at prom, where students dressed elegantly and enjoyed a night of dancing, honoring their hard work. We are proud of their achievements and wish them the best!





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SUMMER SHOWCASE

Our Music and Drama Summer Showcase was a fantastic celebration of talent, creativity, and confidence from students across all year groups.

From powerful monologues to stunning musical performances, the evening was filled with unforgettable moments that truly showcased the hard work and passion of our students.

A huge well done to all involved – both on stage and behind the scenes – and thank you to the families and staff who came to support. What a brilliant way to end the year!



DOUBLE RECOGNITION FOR ATTENDANCE!

We're proud to share that Yardleys has been recognised not once, but twice in this year's FFT National Attendance Awards!

These national awards celebrate the dedication of schools in promoting excellent attendance – and we stood out in both the autumn and spring terms of 2024/25.

This is a testament to the hard work of our staff, the commitment of our pupils, and the continued support of parents and carers.





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SPORTS DAY

SPORTS DAY SUCCESS

Our annual Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. Students from all year groups took part in a range of events – from sprints and relays to javelin and long jump – giving it their all and cheering each other on throughout the day.



GOLD AGAIN!

We're thrilled to announce that Yardleys School has been awarded Gold status for the third year in a row!

This fantastic achievement reflects the continued hard work, high standards, and unwavering commitment of our entire school community.



SEND AWARDS

During Sports Day, we celebrated our outstanding SEND students with certificates for their enthusiasm and participation. They demonstrated determination and team spirit, showcasing their confidence and achievements alongside the entire school.





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UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT EXPECTATIONS

At Yardleys School we pride ourselves on high standards and are always mindful that we are representing our local community at all times. As such, we would like to remind students and parents/guardians of our expectations regarding school uniform. In order to help you ensure that you are purchasing the correct uniform for your son/daughter, we have also produced a detailed illustration of what is and what is not acceptable uniform at Yardleys School.

- Black school blazer with Yardleys School badge. Blazer sleeves should not be rolled up or folded over.
- Plain black skirt or trousers (not black jeans, skin-tight trousers, hipsters etc.).
 - Please note that skirts should be of an appropriate length (not significantly above the knee or below the ankle) and should not be skin tight. If a skirt is worn, trousers/leggings should not be worn underneath. Belts should be plain black with no logo on the buckle.
- Plain white blouse or shirt. T-Shirts of any description are not acceptable.
- Clip on Yardleys School tie.
 - The clip must be attached; ties with clips removed must be replaced.
- Plain knit black v-neck pullover with Yardleys School badge, this is optional.
 - Cardigans or alternative pullovers are not permitted.
- Plain black leather shoes - not boots, high heels, canvas shoes or trainers
 - Plain black trainers are not allowed).
- Headscarves should be the official Yardleys School headscarf.
- School bags should be the official Yardleys School school bag.
- Jewellery should be minimal and plain. The only piercings permitted are studs/sleepers.
- Fashion belts/brightly coloured belts are not permitted.
- Socks should be plain black, grey or white.
- Hairstyles must not be extreme.
- Minimal makeup is allowed, students who are found to be wearing excessive makeup and false eyelashes will be asked to remove them.
- Coats/jackets, baseball caps and hooded tops/training tops should not be worn inside the building.





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KEY DATES

Monday 1st September 2025 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 - **School open to YEAR 7 STUDENTS ONLY**

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - School open to **ALL STUDENTS**

Thursday 18th September 2025 - Year 6 Open Evening (5pm-7pm)

Thursday 30th September 2025 - Year 11 Information and Careers Event

Thursday 2nd October 2025 - Year 10 Core Information Event

Thursday 23rd October 2025 - Attitude to Learning Day/ Progress Review Day

Friday 24th October 2025 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025 - HALF TERM (1 WEEK)

Monday 3rd November 2025 - **School open to ALL STUDENTS**

Thursday 27th November 2025 - Year 8 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)

Friday 28th November 2025 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Monday 8th December - Thursday 18th December 2025 (Year 11 Mock Exams)

Monday 15th December - Thursday 18th December 2025 (Whole School Assessment Week)

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026 - CHRISTMAS BREAK (2 WEEKS)

Monday 5th January 2026 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Monday 6th January 2026 - **School open to ALL STUDENTS**

Thursday 22nd January 2026 - Year 11 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)

Thursday 5th February 2026 - Year 10 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)

Friday 6th February 2026 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026 - HALF TERM (1 WEEK)

Monday 23rd February 2026 - **School open to ALL STUDENTS**

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February 2026 (Year 11 Core Mock Exams)

Friday 20th March 2026 - (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS)

Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Year 11 Final Push Information Event

Thursday 26th March 2026 - Year 9 Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026 - EASTER BREAK (2 WEEKS)

FULL ACADEMIC YEAR INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE:

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YARDLEYS UNIFORM SHOP



Our pre-loved Uniform Shop will be open again during the summer holiday period on Thursday 24th July and Thursday 14th August 2025. The shop will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, offering a range of uniform items. Payments can be made easily through your ParentPay account. If you have any uniform items you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

CATERING – YEAR 7

Please can parents of our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September, look out for your Parent Pay account activation letters which will be posted out during August. Please make sure you activate your child's account ahead of the start of the new term. Lunch will be provided free of charge on Tuesday 2nd September for Year 7 whilst lunch cards are issued. Please make sure their Parent Pay account is topped up from Wednesday 3rd September onwards if you wish for your child to purchase food.

YEAR 7 TO 10 – STUDENT REPORTS

Reports will be sent to parents via email and made available via your EduLink account from Friday 8th August 2025

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAM RESULTS 2025

Collection in person

Year 11 students will be able to come to the Drama Entrance at school between 09:30am and 10:30am on Thursday 21st August to collect their results

Accessed remotely

Year 11 students will be able to access their summer 2025 results via their VLE or Edulink accounts (via the 'Exams' tab) from 08:00am on Thursday 21st August

CLICK BELOW FOR

IMPORTANT LINKS AND LETTERS

HOME LEARNING SUPPORT & INDEPENDANT LEARNING



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Youth Community Action Days

BECOME AN ACTIVE CITIZEN!

JOIN US IN BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER!

Join Us

- Create an Art Mural Space
- Restore a Bomb Shelter!

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DATES

**TUE 5TH
AUGUST**

**TUE 12TH
AUGUST**

**TUE 19TH
AUGUST**

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"VOLUNTEERING AT THE
SPRINGFIELD PROJECT ALLOWED
FOR ME TO DEVELOP MY
COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND
BOOST MY CONFIDENCE!"
IBRAHIM
MOSELEY SIXTH FORM

Pizza & Snacks
provided on the day!

More sessions to follow in the
Autumn Term

The Springfield Centre, Springfield Rd, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9NY



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commissioner

PLEASE NOTE: ACTION DAYS ARE NOT ORGANISED BY YARDLEYS SCHOOL.



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**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED
HOLIDAY CLUBS
IN BIRMINGHAM 2025/26**

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as 'Bring in on Brum!', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

*See website for full eligibility criteria.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING
Bookings open: 24th March 2025
Holiday clubs open: 14th April 2025 - 25th April 2025

SUMMER
Bookings open: 30th June 2025
Holiday clubs open: 21st July 2025 - 29th August 2025

WINTER
Bookings open: 1st December 2025
Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique BIOB/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website bringitonbrum.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy [How to Book Guide](#)
- 4 Sign Up for 'Bring it on Brum!' updates.

MORE INFORMATION:
bringitonbrum.co.uk

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