Yagami Takuya

This document will go over Yagami's feats, statements, and abilities to prove why he is one of the strongest overall characters in COTE even with V0 taken into account, if not, the second strongest right behind Ayanokoji.
Credits to whoever made the Nagumo Feats document as I will be using a similar format to them.

Blue - Strategy/Planning
Red - Deception
Magenta - Anticipation, Prediction, Deduction, Analysis.
Turquoise - Manipulation/EQ/Social Skills
Primrose - Physical
Orange - Miscellaneous

Feats & Statements

[Before Y2/V0] - As a student of the White Room's 5th Generation, Yagami excelled in all parts of the program as he could even be touted to be the "Masterpiece of the 5th Generation" in his own right. This led him initially to be within the same tier(ish) as Current Ayanokoji since originally before V0, the main difference between the 5th Generation and the 4th Generation was that the 5th had communication and interpersonal skills curriculum added on while the 4th Generation primarily focused on individual skills. With the introduction of V0, while it is true that the 5th Generation's "level" in terms of rigorousness is four compared to the 4th Generation's Level 10, Yagami excelled so much in his generation to the point that he's able to easily obliterate Ichika if he wanted who was considered the second strongest in the 5th. This leads me to reason that Yagami's limit isn't actually Level 4 if he excelled so much in the 5th Generation and is able to absolutely crush the second strongest with barely any difficulty. Level 6-7 seems to be more befitting to his "limit" and anything over that would likely be too much. Essentially, what I'm trying to establish here is that Yagami's feats and statements in Y2 imply that he would succeed at higher levels for WR training, and just calling him "Level 4 fodder" is inherently disingenuous.

[Y2V1] - Retroactively, Yagami is the mystery White Room Student that Tsukishiro talks to in the prologue of Y2V1. In the prologue, Tsukishiro shows him a file of all of the 156 second-year students, and he is able to immediately memorize all of the student names, DoB, past exam grades, and many more in mere seconds. Evidence Link

[Y2V1] - It should also be noted that out of *every* single available White Room Student, Yagami is the one that Tsukishiro entrusts to expel Ayanokoji. Not the 6th Generation which was stated verbatim to be Level 5, or any future Generation that would likely have the same difficulty level as the 6th due to it being observed to be the limitations of most humans…but he chose Yagami. This

proves that Yagami is the best White Roomer currently in the program, and puts him at least at the level of Level 5, or potentially surpassing that. Or if you want to be as uncharitable as possible, his intangibles such as social skills were enough to edge out others for the task of expelling Ayanokoji. Tsukishiro also says that it "shouldn't be a problem" for Yagami to expel Ayanokoji, and while that is hilariously false because Koji stomps, it still adds credence to the fact that Tsukishiro believed that Yagami out of everyone else currently in the White Room had the best chance of taking down Ayanokoji.

[Y2V1] - In Yagami's introduction, he's able to easily take control of the conversation and introduce himself in a manner that makes even Ayanokoji unsure of whether he's the "White Room Enforcer." Most notably, however, he's able to gaslight Kushida into thinking that he was from her Middle School (which proves that he memorized her file completely and played with her insecurities about her past) so Kushida is forced and manipulated into being his tool, and working closely with him in the hopes that he won't tell anyone about her past. He does this within mere moments and does it in such a genuine manner that makes everyone certain that he's just a cute little underclassman of hers.

[Y2V2] - Yagami effectively constructs a perfect "Ikemen" facade which was able to fool nearly everyone in the school with little to no effort given his exceptional interpersonal and social skills learned from the WR. By Y2V2, he has complete control of Class B, and while everyone knows of him, they are fooled into misreading his true intentions. This can also be treated as a manipulation feat as well.

[Y2V1-Y2V2] - Yagami purposefully kept a meek and cowardly attitude to rile up Housen. Housen values bold people(Amasawa and Nanase) and not "trash like Yagami and Osamu". He used this to make Housen look aggressive and cause all the classes to cooperate together against him as the common enemy, ensuring that all classes cooperate will help him use them for his true plans.

[Y2V2] - Ayanokoji, while initially thinking that Yagami could be a candidate for the White Room Enforcer, wonders and is doubtful that Yagami's interpersonal and social skills could really be a product of someone in the White Room. Essentially, he can't get a read on Yagami…Ayanokoji, the person who has the best observation skills in the verse cannot get a read on Yagami. He also states that he "wouldn't want Yagami to be his opponent" out of anyone in ANHS. Can also be seen as a Deception feat.

[Before Y2V3]- Yagami is the one who subtly organized the alliance of the First Years for the upcoming Uninhabited Island Exam, but in reality, he uses the alliance as a foundation to mislead, misdirect, and manipulate others during the Special Exam. This is what makes Takuya such an excellent strategist: he utterly obfuscates situations, misleads, and makes others feel like they understand what's going on when they really don't know what's actually happening. This can also be seen as a Manipulation and Deception feat.

[Y2V3-Y2V4] - Manipulated Tsubaki into creating her plan which Yagami predicted would fail, and it did. This situation controlled by Yagami forced Koji to use his connections (Arisu) so that Yagami could make plans to deal with them and so he could understand Koji's thought process. Can also be seen as an Anticipation feat.

[Y2V3] - Tsubaki questions and grills Yagami on his plans and his connection to Kushida, attempting to blackmail him so he can work with her and become his tool so that the Island Exam can work under her supervision. In reality though, Yagami had complete control of the conversation at the time and as we will see later, *let* Tsubaki interrogate him for the sake of his plans. Tsubaki was completely fooled by his act of being in distress during his interrogation with Utomiya restraining him. It's one of the many forms of deception we'll see in Takuya from now on. This can also be treated as a Manipulation feat since he subtly encouraged others to continue acting in their predetermined manners, but I think it shows his Deception feats more than anything.

[Y2V3] - He also predicted Nanase's fight with Koji several days in advance and made Kushida follow them.

[Y2V3-Y2V4] - He set up bait to test Koji's deductive abilities when he pushed multiple second years which also created a bait that Nanase & by extension Ryuen fell for. He wasn't pushing people off cliffs for no reason; it was quite literally to bait Koji to see who he was dealing with. I will say that it was a very risky bait because if Koji was smart enough (he was), he could have absolutely used the bait as evidence to expel him (which he did.)

[Y2V3] - Yagami would have been able to expel Ayanokoji in Y2V3 had his strategy of using Kushida to film his fight with Nanase gone through. Quite literally, the only reason why Ayanokoji wasn't expelled was that Ichika interfered with his plans to get footage of him by stopping Kushida. Then again, Yagami later implied that he was merely toying around in the Island Exam and wasn't completely serious about expelling Ayanokoji right there and then. The whole purpose of the Special Exam — in his eyes — was to test the school rules, and see how all grade levels operated so he could create a stronger plan for the future. Had he been more serious and had no qualms about taking out Kiyotaka without any confrontation, the strategy would have been more airtight and he would have prevented Ichika from interfering since he already suspected her of holding adoration towards Kiyotaka.

[Y2V3-Y2V4] - Honestly, one of the craziest anticipation/prediction feats in COTE. On the fifth day of the exam, Yagami told Kushida that Tsubaki made him talk about her past. But their meeting happened on the sixth day of the exam, so when Yagami told Kushida about it, it hadn't even happened yet. This means that Yagami predicted his entire conversation with Tsubaki a day before it happened, and he acted perfectly when it happened. Yagami predicted everything, from dialogue to mannerisms, to Tsubaki's whole strategy of blackmailing and intimidating him to work with her. This means that Yagami knew everything before it happened, and he was casually pulling the

strings while maintaining his facade of a morally righteous goody-two-shoes that would do anything for his Kouhai. He set all of this up when he manipulated Tsubaki into thinking he had something to hide which he was setting up all the way back at the cafe scene with Kushida and Koj back in Y2V2. Can also be considered a Manipulation, Deception, and Strategy feat as well.

[Y2V4] - In Y2V4, when Arisu sent Kitou to find out the mastermind of First Years who carried out all the plans to expel Ayanokoji during the Uninhabited Island Exam, Kitou ran into Utomiya who was sent by Yagami to stop him. Later when Tsubaki found out that Riku is unintentionally fighting a 2nd year and called him, Riku's phone slipped from his pocket and revealed Tsubaki Sakurako as their leader to Kitou, so when Kitou turned back happily and left Riku after getting to know the info about the mastermind of the First Years (that it was Tsubaki), Riku then called Yagami and said to him that the plan worked. The plan was to counter Arisu by fooling her into her believing that Tsubaki was the mastermind of the First Years which was Yagami's plan all along to counter Arisu and let Sakayanagi target Tsubaki, instead of finding him as the mastermind of all First Years and also that he is from White Room for which I think is enough to know that Yagami outsmarted Sakayanagi. Yagami already knew to be wary of Arisu due to her file back in Y2V1 and successfully predicted that she would eventually try to find out who's the "Nagumo" of the First Years, so he set up a countermeasure using Riku as a tool, effectively outsmarting and fooling her. He also used Nanase to deceive Ryuen into thinking Riku was behind the Y2V3 incident with Komiya. He purposefully toyed with the leaders of the class in such a way that despite them looking for the same person, they'd never cross paths and cooperate with each other. This can also be seen as an Anticipation and Manipulation feat.

[Y2V4] - Yagami also sent a letter to Horikita anonymously that warned her about Ayanokoji potentially getting expelled in Quadrant I2, but why would he do that? The answer is that Horikita would try to go to I2 meaning that there would be a witness to Tsukishiro's actions (attacking Ayanokoji) which is what Tsukishiro had to prevent; that's why he tried to pull away students from I2 and checked if there is anyone in the area beforehand. Yagami would have gotten Tsukishiro fired as Horikita would be the evidence needed to expose his actions of trying to assault Kiyotaka. This would allow Takuya free reign to decide how quickly or slowly he could expel Ayanokoji should Tsukishiro be fired. He also used this opportunity to test whether Ichika would intercept Horikita's path to prevent information about Ayanokoji and the WR coming out by putting her between a rock and hard place of whether to protect her idol or do nothing. He already suspected that Ichika may hold special feelings and a type of adoration towards Ayanokoji, so manipulated Horikita would be a good way to proceed with his goals and gather information. This can also be seen as a Manipulation feat..

[Y2V2-Y2V4] - Expelled a student from Riku's class and set it up in a way that framed Housen. This created internal conflict between the first years and allows Yagami to keep Riku and Tsubaki on his side in fear of what he could possibly do next. Also can be seen as a Strategy feat.

[Y2V4.5] - Ultimately, during the whole Island Exam, Yagami toyed around with everyone and predicted countless actions with ease, and could have gotten Koji expelled had Ichika not gotten her panties wet over the GOAT. He only made one risky mistake, but he was able to predict and manipulate all of the First Years including Tsubaki, Nanase, Utomiya, and Housen with ease as well as toy around with Arisu, Ryuuen, Kushida, and most of the other Second Years as well. All of this while keeping his persona as an innocent "Ikemen" the same.

[Y2V4.5] - Yagami reveals that in hand-to-hand combat in the WR, he has never lost to her once and even laughs about the possibility of her winning in a fight. So Yagami scales highly above Ichika in terms of strength and striking power, and this is the same Ichika to who Horikita compares her striking strength to that of *Housen*. This means that Yagami's Strength and Attack Potency, despite having a small frame, is much greater than that of Housen. So any Strength or AP feats that Housen has can be assumed that Yagami is capable of that or better.

[Y2V4.5] - Yagami is also so fast that he actually *blitzed* Ichika in their confrontation, moving so fast that even when completely focused on him, she wasn't able to react to him grabbing her. As shown before, Ichika is extremely fast and agile, so this scales Yagami's Speed and Agility to be much higher than Ichika's.

[Y2V4.5] - Yagami is also implied to have fought Shiba multiple times as a child during his time in WR, and knows so much about his fighting mannerisms that he understands how exactly he operates in battle. As shown in the fight between Ayanokoji vs Tsukishiro and Shiba, Shiba's striking strength and actual strength should be relative to the current Ayanokoji's. This means that Yagami needed to have developed durability and or endurance to withstand and keep up with Shiba's attacks. Again, Yagami is considered the strongest of the 5th Generation, and top WR students should be able to fight on equal ground to their instructors. If not, Yagami wouldn't have even been considered the best of the 5th.

[Y2V4.5] - It's also necessary to give context as to why Yagami does the things he does. Since Tsukishiro is now gone, Yagami isn't obligated to expel Ayanokoji as soon as possible, in fact, he wanted to take his time on expelling Kiyotaka since he wanted to see how he operates; additionally, Takuya possesses an inferiority complex where he feels like he needs to prove himself in a pure one-on-one battle of wits against Ayanokoji. This inferiority complex was one of the driving factors why he performed many risks such as pushing people off cliffs in the Uninhabited Island Exam. If he wanted to, he could have manipulated the whole school to jump Kiyotaka and expel him because as shown in the prior exam, he *is* capable of doing that, but it wouldn't be rewarding nor would it prove that he is superior to Ayanokoji. So he unconsciously nerfs himself from using his full-scale manipulation and violence when developing strategies to confront Ayanokoji, to which Ichika even wonders why he's nerfing himself so much. Again, this isn't to state that he's better than Ayanokoji or lost on purpose, but while he was in ANHS, he wasn't able to show his full potential because of his hatred and inferiority complex towards Kiyotaka unconsciously shrouding his Full Potential. This is where the idea of "FP Yagami" comes from.

[Y2V5] - Another one of Yagami's big strategies is during the Unanimous Voting Exam in Y2V5 where he plans beforehand to manipulate Kushida and her popularity as a vector to destroy the 2nd Year Class D's interpersonal relationships with each other by expelling either Horikita or Ayanokoji. Yagami also predicted the 5th question of the Unanimous Voting Exam even though Ayanokoji couldn't despite them both having the same exact information on it; this is far more impressive because Yagami *preemptively* predicted what would happen compared to Kiyotaka who wasn't able to in multiple instances. Yagami instructed Kushida about making Horikita the leader for the exam, it's either he predicted Suzune would take Kushida's side, or since Ayanokoji doesn't want Suzune taking the blame he cut off the Ayanokoji group making him have fewer connections. Even if Kushida ended up getting voted and expelled, Yagami has been trying to get rid of Kushida since the Uninhabited Island Exam where he sent the letter to Horikita, so any result would have benefited him. This forced Ayanokoji's hand, as the only thing he could do was make a plan on the spot to defend himself which ended up resulting in the expulsion of Sakura Airi. While not even present, Yagami was able to destroy Class D's relationships and expel Sakura while Kiyo couldn't do anything about it. Yagami is one of, if not, the only character in the verse who was able to outsmart Ayanokoji in a Strategy Battle, which makes this one of his strongest feats. No one, even after his expulsion (besides Kushida), was able to trace Sakura's expulsion back to Yagami. This can also be seen as a Manipulation or Anticipation feat.

[Y2V6-Y2V7] - Controlled, deceived, and used Horikita throughout most of these volumes until the Love Letter Incident. This was mostly indirect manipulation that he used primarily to keep her in check.

[Y2V6] - By this point (beginning of Cultural Festival), Yagami has complete control of Class 1-D, Class 1-C, and Class 1-B after the events of the Uninhabited Island Exam due to maintaining his kind, charismatic, Hirata-esque persona, expelling oppositions to assert dominance and ensure that no one in the classes he controls will double cross him, while keeping his true intentions of defeating Ayanokoji secret. The only class in his year that he has yet to gain complete control of is 1-A, and that will bite him in the back. But for the most part, he's gaining the same control in the First Years that Nagumo has in the Third Years. Can also be seen as a Deception feat.

[Y2V6] Yagami, using his already high reputation he has as a First Year, makes plans to become Student Council President in the future, already beginning to establish a favorable relationship with Nagumo prior to Y2V7. Can also be seen as a Strategy feat.

Y2V7….

Ah, the controversial volume that has led Yagami's name to be run through the mud as he's called an expelled clown despite having the most one-sided and expulsion in COTE. Well, let's try to unpack this. But before this, I feel like many people don't actually understand Y2V7 so I'll try to explain the seeds planted that led to his expulsion.

Y2V7 Explained: As we've established, Yagami expelled one of Class 1-C's honor students and pinned the blame on Housen after the events of the Uninhabited Island Exam. Tsubaki however isn't entirely convinced that Housen did it and suspects that Yagami might have done something about it, so she and Utomiya want to get revenge on whoever really caused the expulsion. But they couldn't expel Yagami by themselves. Ishigami instructed them to use Ayanokoji against Yagami.
Tsubaki approached Satou with a plan to expel Kei and steal Koji, but then she threatened Satou when the latter refused. Tsubaki mentioned Yagami as the mastermind behind the plan, but this is just a ploy: the real goal was to have Satou confide in Kiyo and get him to move against Yagami to protect Kei. Koji knew Yagami was being framed, but he moved anyway (he learned about Yagami's identity from the unknown source) Koji had Kei pass an encrypted message disguised as love letter: Kei's friend > Horikita > Yagami > Nagumo. The encrypted message detailed a Student Council Room Meeting at 3:00 PM. The plan was to ambush Yagami by feeding others information (Ryuuen, Nagumo, Sakagami, etc) so that Yagami could get expelled. Ishigami felt threatened that Yagami would eventually become too strong and disrupt the school harmony with his strategies, so he had to come to Koji to help him expel Yagami. Koji had connections, so he had to use all of them to crush Yagami before he could gain enough control of ANHS.

[Y2V7] - Yagami was able to successfully and immediately deduce that the Love Letter was an anagram sent by Koji, and everyone around the current vicinity was being controlled by him. That itself puts his deduction and analysis skills far above Nagumo and Horikita, who were unable to decipher the true meaning of the Love Letter.

[Y2V7] - The main question that could be asked is "How is Yagami being able to decipher the anagram and fall into Ayanokoji's trap a feat towards him?" Well, the Love Letter could only work if Yagami was smart enough to even deduce that it was an anagram for a meeting to confront Ayanokoji. It doesn't work if Yagami's analysis skills were too low. Effectively, Yagami taking the bait by the Love Letter only proves that he's a genius surpassing most people in ANHS that Ayanokoji has to create a trap that works on how smart he is; it was a perfect strategy that only a genius could be ensnared by.

[Y2V7] - Additionally, Ayanokoji had to use nearly every influential connection he had to expel Yagami. Remember when people would say that the only way that Ayanokoji could get expelled was if everyone used their collective efforts to expel him? That's what happened to Yagami; everyone from the ANHS adults to Ryuuen, Nagumo, Horikita, Ibuki, Tsubaki, Utomiya, and Ayanokoji had to get involved to unanimously expel Yagami. No one else had that many odds stacked against them, and the fact that Ayanokoji had to use these measures to ensure Yagami's expulsion only proves how dangerous the guy is. It shouldn't be something that he gets clowned on for, but rather, an inevitability of circumstance. The whole school had to gang up on him so that he could get expelled. Ayanokoji even admitted later on that he wouldn't be able to expel Yagami had he not make the mistake of pushing students off cliffs during the Uninhabited Island Exam. Yagami

made one mistake and it was all over, but it wasn't because he was "lmao get rekted lvl 4 WR trash" by everyone; it was a collective effort to defeat a common evil.

[Y2V7] - While getting ganged up on everyone, Yagami eventually snaps and goes on a rampage, declaring that from this point on, he would go all out to the point that even *killing Ayanokoji* isn't out of the question. At this moment, Yagami appears to be using his Full Power. He immediately blitzes and one-shots Ibuki which knocks out her out cold; reminder that Ibuki has a strong argument to be considered the second strongest female character in COTE gets obliterated in less than a second. He then is about to make a victim out of Ryuuen, and had Mashima not intervened, he would have gotten a beatdown far worse than what Housen ever did to him. Nevertheless, he kicks Mashima instead in the knee then punches him in the face to knock him out.

[Y2V7] A teary-faced Ichika tells Yagami to stop his rampage to which he simply tells her to get out of the way. She once again reiterates like in Y2V4.5 that there's no way she could stop him by force, but if it's to protect Koji, she would try. Yagami falters for a moment before going in to kill Ichika, showing that he is absolutely capable of killing others if pushed to it.

Yes, had the instructors not shown up at the right time, then it's very likely that Yagami would have killed everyone in the room including Ichika if they were determined to stop him.

Summary—

I mean, if you still think Takuya is a Level 4 Fodder Expelled Clowngami that could get nae-naed on by people like Nagumo, Arisu, and Kiryuuin, then I don't think my conclusion will change your perception of him any more. Otherwise, in conclusion…

Yagami Takuya, the Masterpiece of the 5th Generation, stands high and tall one of the strongest overall characters in Classroom of Elite when you take into account the narrative, feats, and statements. Born in the 5th Generation WR with a difficulty level of four, he was able to amazingly surpass and excelled in all parts of the curriculum, given the title of the "5th Generation's Masterpiece." The 5th Generation added interpersonal and communication skills, which is the foundation for his Manipulation skills that are arguably the best in the verse. Despite many people downplaying his WR achievements because the difficulty level of the 5th Generation was stated to be Level 4, the fact that he was chosen and tasked to be the one to expel Ayanokoji with great trust from Tsukishiro even though there were "higher level students" in the room, his feats, and his statements indicate that Yagami's Full Potential is not Level 4, but more akin to Level 6 or 7. Given his experience, physicality, social skills, manipulation, and other intangibles — he's probably than someone like Shiro overall. Even if you don't want to put him at number two even with his feats, he's undisputably Top 3 in COTE.

His strongest points are Strategy, Prediction, Deception, Processing Speed (PSI), Working Memory (WMI), Manipulation, Methods, and Physicals.

It's kind of crazy that in little more than a few months, Yagami was able to accomplish more than any other student ANHS ever did as a first year. He completely controlled all classes from 1-D to 1-B, manipulated everyone in the Uninhabited Island Exam, outsmarted Koji in the Unanimous Voting Exam, and needed students as well as faculty to gang up on him to finally get expelled.
There's no shadow of a doubt that if he stayed until the end of the year, he would have been able to enact the same level of control on the First Years that Nagumo has on the entire Third Years. His Strategies and Methods are easily on par with Nagumo's in terms of how deceptive and effective they are in completely destroying his opponent. Added on with his manipulation, I think his overall strategies are the second best, but one thing that pushes Koji above is his meticulousness. While Yagami is more decisive, countermeasured, and deceptive with his plans — Koji's strategies **do not have any mistakes.**

Ultimately, Yagami Takuya is an excellent example of what the WR after the 4th Generation has to offer. Behind the mask of an angel shows a monster, hellbent on proving that he can surpass the Masterpiece of the 4th Generation.

As always, thank you for reading.

"I've always proven that I was more of a genius than anyone else.

But…genius as I am, I've never been praised even once.

It was always the same cold words that came from the

instructor's mouth… Ayanokoji Kiyotaka was much better than

you."