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YATELEY SCHOOL



Learning together – Empowered for life

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Dear Parents

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Welcome back to the start of the academic year at Yateley School and I'd like to take the opportunity in this bulletin to write and thank you for supporting the very positive start to the school year. All those shiny new shoes and pencil cases – it is much appreciated. I trust that you enjoyed the summer break and that the students have come back rested and full of positive intent for the year ahead.

Following an excellent set of public examination results at both GCSE and A' Level there is an eager 'buzz' about the place as we get back to work. I must especially commend our new Year Seven students, who have not only departed themselves superbly, but also reported how much they've enjoyed secondary school life.

We've received a huge number of glowing emails from these Golden Jubilee Year Sevens as they have been inducted onto the school systems. The one copied below is particularly striking!

Today has been absolutely amazing. For the past two years I have been helping drop my sister off here at Yateley and I usually get sooo annoyed at my sister for blabbering on about how great it is purely because she will not change the subject. But after my first day at Yateley I can see why she won't stop! One of the many things I love about Yateley is how enthusiastic the teachers are about their subjects. The subjects I usually dreaded in Primary school I actually enjoyed! Today was great fun and I loved meeting all of the teaching staff, they were lovely - especially Mrs Newmarch and Mrs Moffett (they were great fun).

As mentioned previously, we were delighted with the strength and depth of our examination results and above all pleased for the young people whose life chances have been immeasurably improved from their own hard work, the endeavour from our teachers and from huge support at home. Rather than provide further commentary, I copy below the press releases on both sets of results, if you have not seen them in the Fleet and Yateley News.

Yateley School 2018 A' Level Results

Press Release

Students and staff at Yateley School are absolutely delighted with excellent A' Level and BTEC and Vocational results. Having achieved results in 2017 which were the best for nearly a decade, these results improve on this already strong position. Nearly half (49.1%) of all grades achieved were within the coveted A*-B range; an outstanding achievement and recognition of not only excellent academic standards, but also the progress made by students. Most importantly, an overall pass rate of 98% means that students at Yateley will go on to demanding and rewarding opportunities in degree courses and higher level apprenticeships. Amongst these, Zachary Dodsworth and Katie Day can now go on to read Medicine and Christopher Lai will be studying Finance at the London School of Economics.



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Within a very accomplished cohort there have been stunning individual performances. Janine Lanek is the top performer with two A* grades, two A grades and a B. She goes on to read Physics at Manchester University. She is very closely followed by Scheharazade Al-Ahmad with her two A*s and two A grades. Exceptionally strong subject performances came from Mathematics (70% A*-B), Child Care (100% A*), Physics, Chemistry, Theatre Studies, Politics and Business Studies.

Headteacher Paul German said “I am absolutely thrilled with these superb results. They demonstrate the commitment to excellence in the school and the sheer talent of our amazing students and staff.” “Following the outstanding judgement from Ofsted earlier this year this will give the wider community complete confidence in the great quality of education that we have on offer at Yateley School.” The report had said “Teaching in the sixth form is invariably very strong, and often exemplary.” These results demonstrate this perfectly. Mr German went on to say “I extend my warmest congratulations and thanks to the whole team who have excelled themselves and succeeded in setting our young people well on the way towards success and accomplishment in the future.”

Yateley School 2018 GCSE Results

Press Release

Twelve years of hard work have paid off for Yateley students who are celebrating an excellent set of GCSE results. In a year which has seen huge upheaval, the introduction of a new and uncertain grading system and considerably more challenge in the courses, there is huge relief as well as delight among students and staff. Key performance measures for the school have actually improved including the so-called basics measures – students gaining both English and Maths. The number of students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above has climbed to 66.5%.

Amongst the overall success and such an accomplished cohort, there have been superb individual performances. Rhiannon Baldwin, Rebekah Goldwag and Lauren Woodman all managed to gain 5 of the coveted new grade 9s, which represent the very highest possible achievement nationally. Across the year group, 46 grade 9s were awarded. Nearly a fifth of all grades were at Grade 7 or above - an A or better under the previous grading system.

Along with improvements in English and Science, Graphics was once again exceptional with 59% of grades at A*/A. Similarly, Child Development and Further Maths enjoyed 100% pass rates as did Biology, and Chemistry. Physics, Art, Dance and Food Technology all enjoyed 9-4 pass rates of above 85%.

Headteacher, Paul German, paid tribute to the exceptional hard work, talent and dedication of staff, students and parents. “This is a team effort and I’m absolutely delighted with our team”. Mr German went on to say “For the young people this represents excellent opportunities ahead and bright prospects; we are extremely proud of their achievements, made all the more so in such a challenging educational climate.” Ofsted were extremely complimentary about Yateley School earlier in the year, judging it good overall and with an outstanding Sixth Form and this adds further strength to that judgment.



Cambodia

One of our four intrepid and much appreciated members of staff, Mrs Ford writes. ‘Imagine four glorious weeks of adventure amongst the stunning scenery of Cambodia. Well, this is exactly what a lucky bunch of Yateley students had this summer! After months of fundraising the money themselves, 28 brave and intrepid explorers set off on a trip of a lifetime with Camps International to explore this beautiful country.

Camps international provide award-winning and unique volunteer expeditions across Africa, Asia and South America. Our students embraced the culture of this wonderful country, along with its

devastating past. Visiting the shocking S21 prison and killing fields in Phnom Penn highlighted the struggles that this nation has had to endure, enabling them to understand it on a deeper level.

Along the way they were also able to develop their understanding of Buddhism and Hinduism as they explored some of the famous religious sites, including the astounding Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom – here the stunning architecture and history is outstanding.

Camps' dedication to improving lives and delivering sustainable change is admirable and inspiring. The days were spent building wells and toilets for the local communities; teaching English in local schools and learning all about the country's permaculture. Students were also able to plant trees and cultivate jungle gardens to help provide a sustainable lifestyle for the future. All this while camping wild in the jungle alongside all sorts of creepy crawlies!



It was not all hard work though, as there was plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful sun-soaked island of Koh Rang Sanloem, the perfect beach idyll. Sleeping under wood and palm thatch this resort sits in harmony with the dense jungle that surrounds the shore.

It was here that the students were given the opportunity to achieve their open water PADI qualification with the fantastic Sihanoukville dive shop; undergoing a gruelling 4 day course concluding in the waters of Saracen bay spotting marine life.

The leaders and the lucky teachers who got to experience all this with them are humbled and delighted. These young people are a credit to Yateley School and did us proud!

I think they would all agree that it was a life-changing experience and they can't wait for their next adventure!

We are now, of course headlong into the academic year 2018-19. Staff have enjoyed two very purposeful training days at the start of the week and expectations and demand for this year is clear. In the next few days, you will hear by separate cover today how we are re-energising and focusing more sharply our work on promoting excellent behaviour and outstanding attitudes to learning. We are also looking towards the next generation of Yateley students and are preparing carefully for our Open Evening which is on **Thursday 27 September**. If you are a prospective parent, or know of people who would benefit, do please let them know.

Golden Jubilee Birthday Finale



At the time of writing, we are preparing for the official finale event after school on Friday 14th September. The raffle will be drawn and it will also be a wonderful opportunity to thank the enormous group of people who have supported us through the various events, both financially and with their time. We are also looking forward to a Golden Jubilee celebration with the students on Friday 21st and are delighted that St Peter's Church at Yateley School will be holding a commemoration service in the school hall on Sunday morning 23rd September. All are warmly invited.

Outstanding Attitudes to Learning

As you'll be aware from other communication, we've taken a fresh look at our means of promoting excellent behaviour and developing the habits which enable all members our community to get on with their learning. These are encapsulated in three simple and positive values; Ready, Respectful, Safe, from which all of our expectations and routines can be drawn. They have been shown visually to the students and here are some year seven students modelling this in action.



Ready



Respectful



Safe



As always, the first few days of term are exciting, but hectic. Do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns and may I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

SPORTS RESULTS

The PE Department have had a great week, with extra-curricular clubs and fixtures, over the course of the week we have had at least 150 students active afterschool.

This week's results:

Year 7 Football team made their debut for the school on Thursday with a win of 3-1 over Mill Chase. Well Done Boys

Year 9 and 10 Netball team started the season with a bang at Farnborough Hill playing their B teams. The games were great to watch and some beautiful game play was on show. Yr9 Won 16-11 POM April Ellis. Yr10 Won 23-15 POM Eva Chater.

For any fixture or club information and results please follow our Twitter page @YateleySchoolPE

STUDENT SUCCESS – AMELIA OXLADE

It was a busy summer holiday for Amelia, who not only passed her Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award trekking through Dartmoor, but as mentioned in a previous bulletin, she represented both her club and county at the National Lawn Bowls Championships at Leamington Spa in August. It was agony in both competitions though, as she was beaten by the last bowl of the game when representing her club, and the county were beaten by a team containing a number of England internationals. Then on the last weekend before returning to school, she competed in her club Finals Weekend, and came away with two trophies which were won in the space of 2 hours, defeating the previous club champion in the process. With the outdoor season finishing, Amelia goes indoors to hopefully, again, represent her club and county in a number of competitions throughout the winter.



Chess Puzzle

Find the best move for black. The solution will be published in the next bulletin.

Bring your solution to Chess Club on Thursdays at lunchtime in C21.

Year 11 Maths Homework/Period 7 Timetable



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

Year 11 Homework Schedule

Homework help is available
Wednesday in C2.7 from 3:15

Date	Topic
12 th Sept	Factors/Powers/Roots
19 th Sept	Fractions
26 th Sept	Measures & Estimations
3 rd Oct	Algebra 1
10 th Oct	Algebra 2
17 th Oct	Sequences

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Wednesday in C2.5 3:15-4:00pm

Date	Topic
12 th Sept	
19 th Sept	Using your Calculator
26 th Sept	Number Skills
3 rd Oct	Factors/Powers/Roots
10 th Oct	Fractions
17 th Oct	Measures & Estimations

Year 11 **Drop-in** is also available every **Wednesday in C2.1 from 3:15pm** for anyone who wants help with any GCSE Maths topics.

Everyone welcome - Learning together – Empowered for life

Maths Corner 1

Bunk Beds

Six Boy-Scouts at a Summer Camp sleep in bunk beds. Each Scout has a different colour blanket on his bed. The beds are lined up in a row with red, black, yellow, brown, blue, and green blankets.

- Robert and Harry's bed is closest to the door.
- The colour of the blankets on the bottom bunks all begin with the same letter.
- The colour of Brian's blanket does not begin with the same letter as the beginning of his name.
- Robert's blanket colour does begin with the same letter as his name.
- The blue blanket is under the red blanket.
- Liam and Kevin like their lower bunks.
- Kevin is in the middle bed.
- Ian does not share a bunk with Kevin.
- The brown blanket is at the end of a row.
- The yellow blanket is above the black blanket.

What colour is each boy's blanket?



1 house point to all parents/student who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.

Answer to Maths Corner 1

In next week's bulletin



Stationery and Maths Equipment Shop

All students are required to be ready and equipped in lessons and maths tests. The Equipment Shop runs every breaktime from the window of C1.6. Prices are: black pen, green pen, pencil 10p. Ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser 5p. Protractor 15p. Compasses, pencil case 30p. Also, a limited edition Yateley School 50th birthday ruler with house colours and name added in gold calligraphy is £1.50.

Mrs James, Maths Department

LIBRARY MATTERS

Entry to Library Car Park

As this is the start of the school year, I would like to remind parents that entry into the small car park next to the Library is via the entrance near Westfields School only. Please do not enter the Library car park via the main school car park, observing the No Entry sign located at the school car park exit.

Homework Drop-In

This is a reminder that the schoolroom is open after school until 4:30pm during term time for students to call in to complete some or all of their homework. The schoolroom is an ideal place for students to complete homework in a quiet environment and it is supervised by a member of the school library staff.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018-2019

Autumn Term	
Start of Term	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
Half Term	Monday, 22 nd October 2018 – Friday, 26 th October 2018
End of Term	Friday, 21 st December 2018
Spring Term	
Start of Term	Tuesday, 8 th January 2019
Half Term	Monday, 18 th February – Friday, 22 nd February 2019
End of Term	Friday, 5 th April 2019
Summer Term	
Start of Term	Tuesday, 23 rd April 2019
Half Term	Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May 2019
End of Term	Tuesday, 23 rd July 2019
INSET Days	
Autumn Term	Monday, 3 rd September 2018
	Tuesday, 4 th September 2018
	Monday, 29 th October 2018
Spring Term	Monday, 7 th January 2019
	Thursday, 14 th March 2019
Early Finish Times	
Open Evening	Students finish at 12:45 – Thursday, 27 th September 2018
End of Autumn Term	Students finish at 12:45 – Friday, 21 st December 2018
End of Summer Term	Students finish at 12:45 – Tuesday, 23 rd July 2019

Subject Review Days

AUTUMN TERM	
23rd November 2018	Subject Review Day for Years 7, 11, 12, and 13 (8.30am – 4.30pm) Years 8, 9 and 10 Home Study Day
29th November 2018	Subject Review Evening Year 8 (4.30-7.30pm)
6th December 2018	Subject Review Evening Year 10 (4.30-7.30pm)

SPRING TERM	
24th January 2019	Subject Review Evening Year 9 (4.30-7.30pm)
7th February 2019	Subject Review Evening Year 11 (4.30-7.30pm)
28th February 2019	Subject Review Evening Years 12 and 13 (4.30-7.30pm)
5th April 2019	Subject Review Day Years 8, 9 and 10 (8.30am – 4.30pm) Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 Home Study Day
SUMMER TERM	
25th April 2019	Subject Review Evening Year 7 (4.30-7.30pm)



Yateleys Biggest Dance off Event of the Summer!

Ibiza Ravers -v- Hot Latino's
Friday 21st September
19:30 – 21:00
With Hannah and Ros
Book your space now!
Adults £8.00 Child 11+ £4.00

Yateleys Health and Fitness
Yateley School School Lane
Yateley GU46 6NW
Tel: 01252 746962
www.yateleys.com

NEWS FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT

We hit the ground running in Autumn Term with many fantastic opportunities for students at Yateley School to get involved in... please read on!

House Dance Competition and Show 2018

Firstly, House Dance rehearsals start again the week commencing 10th September. Students already in the House Dance Teams (Year 8 and above only) must check the dance noticeboard to see where and when their team are rehearsing. Wilberforce and Nightingale will now rehearse on Mondays, Darwin and Pankhurst will rehearse on Tuesdays. Rehearsals start at 3.15 and finish at 4.30pm.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 16 October – Dress and Technical rehearsal during the school until 4.30pm

Wednesday 17 October – Show in the Main Hall, starting at 7.00pm

Thursday 18 October – Show in The Main Hall, starting at 7.00pm with Judging and Awards

*Tickets for this event will be advertised in the Parents Bulletin at a later date.

Budding dancer (s)... wanting to showcase their talent?

Students are invited to audition their own dances (or something that they have been taught outside of school) on Monday 24, Tuesday 25 or Wednesday 26 at lunchtime. Students will need to sign up on the House Dance Show audition sheet. Dance pieces must be finished and last no longer than 3 minutes. Any dance style is welcome, the more variety, the better! Students must bring their music and kit and be ready to perform their piece in the Dance Studio. Please note, it is not possible to select all pieces that audition. It is very important to check that your child is available to perform on both Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 October in the evening performance at school.

Rock Challenge Dance Competition 2019

Yateley School is entered into the Premier League this year for Rock Challenge due to their previous success in April 2018, where we remained as one of the top 8 schools in South England. For those of you who may be new to the school, here is a little insight to what 'Rock Challenge' is...

Rock Challenge is a performing arts event involving students around the globe, giving young people an opportunity to celebrate them being their best. Students can get involved and be part of a team as a dancer, actor, stage crew or designer. Auditions for dancers are held in September and then the team meets each Thursday afterschool until 4.30pm in the Dance Studio. The Rock Challenge is open to all students from Year 7 to 13. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop life skills e.g. making new friends, commitment, problem solving, creativity and learning new skills. Before auditioning for the Rock Challenge it is important to check that your child will be able to commit to the rehearsals. These include:

- Weekly rehearsals on Thursdays until 4.30pm (sometimes until 5.00pm)
- Take part in a showcase performance in Portsmouth (The Guildhall) either on 11, 12 or 13 February 2019 (please note the school will provide transport to and from the venue)
- Perform in the Southern Premier Competition (Portsmouth Guildhall) on Saturday 27 April 2019 (transport will be provided by the school)
- Sunday rehearsals: 25 November 2018, 13 January 2019, 31 March 2019 times to be confirmed

Auditions for dancers for the Rock Challenge Team 2019 will be:

Wednesday 19 September – Years 7 to 9 only

Thursday 20 September - Year 10 and above

Auditions will involve taking part in learning a short routine on the day and then performing it in small groups. Auditions will be in the Dance Studio from 3.15-4.30pm.

If your child would like to audition as a dancer then they must sign up their name on the Rock Challenge Audition sheet, on the dance notice board outside the dance studio.

Recruitment for stage crew and other parts will be on-going during Autumn Term, to express your interest as being part of our stage crew, please sign up on the notice board under 'Stage Crew'.

If you have any further questions regarding any dance events please contact me at

dance@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance



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TEENS
COUCH TO 5KM
8 WEEK COURSE**

THURSDAYS AT 18:00
HART LEISURE CENTRE
FLEET GU51 3EE

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Do you care for a child or young person (up to age 25) with additional needs? Come and join us for a coffee, chat and the chance to make a difference. No need to book – just turn up on the day.

Questions? Contact:
hayleylinge@hpcn.org.uk

Monday 17 Sep
Monday 15 Oct
Monday 19 Nov
Monday 17 Dec

10am-12pm

The Oak Rooms
Farnborough Nursery Community School

Moor Road
Farnborough
GU14 8HW

Our Get Togethers are informal meetings where parent carers of children and young people with any additional needs (educational or disability, diagnosed or undiagnosed) can meet and chat with like-minded people.

The aim of these sessions is to gather parent carer views and use these to help shape services within Hampshire.

The more who attend, the louder our collective voice becomes!

enabling voices to be heard

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Headteacher: Janette Teague



IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019 COME AND VISIT WESTFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL

We are an infant only school (for children aged 4-7 years).

All staff share a philosophy and understanding about how infant age children learn best.

Our children in the reception classes have their own dedicated classroom and a secure and stimulating outside environment which has been designed specifically for them.



We pride ourselves on our nurturing ethos and welcoming atmosphere.

As a small school we know our children as individuals and we form close partnerships with our families.

Ofsted reported that the behaviour of our children is outstanding and that outcomes are significantly above national averages.

We warmly invite you to contact the school office to book your place on one of the following tour dates:

Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 9.30am

Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 7.30pm

Thursday 15th November 2018 at 9.30am