

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

It only occurred to me quite randomly this week that I'm coming very close to the end of my first year here at Yateley. Immediately afterwards, of course, I found myself reflecting on what we've achieved in that time – what we have still to do and what I've learned. It certainly feels a bit of a whirlwind of activity with both public changes and some behind the scenes. Above all, however, the thing I'm proudest of is the sense of community, ambition and optimism that in large part permeates the whole school. Ofsted was a great measure of that, but is far from being the only yardstick; positive parent surveys, vast numbers at open events and stunning student performances all tell part of the story.

Despite a few bumps in the road, Yateley is a school built on a long track record of success and I'm extremely proud and privileged to be part of our community. We've enjoyed our Golden Jubilee and now look forward to the next 50 years with confidence. Thank you for your welcome – I acknowledge that there will always be more to do in any search for excellence, but we're wholly committed!



House Dance Competition and Dance Show

As the audiences of two full performances for our House Dance Competition and Dance show will testify, this was a superb event, showcasing the school and our creative talents to the very best. With a creative lead from the House Captains the teams worked exceptionally hard and produced original, thought provoking and often very technically challenging pieces. This made for a very difficult decision for our guest judge Becky Scholes, a former pupil making a very welcome return visit.

She now works as a professional dancer, with West End performances and teaching to her repertoire. Congratulations to Wilberforce House who were chosen winners for 2018.

I would like to extend my personal thanks as always to my amazing staff front and backstage, who give freely of their time and expertise and make these stunning occasions possible. In particular I'd like to recognise and thank Mrs Wearing for her wonderful energy, determination and passion – her commitment to excellence is brilliant to witness.

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We will be anticipating great news in the next bulletin from the House football and netball matches that have been played over the last few days, with great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout.

We have significantly increased our Social Media output over the last year and are a regular feature on Facebook and Twitter. It is a superb way of keeping up to date with many of the day to day achievements and successes across the school. As well as the main Twitter account @yateleyschool, you may well be aware of the many subject and House twitter accounts within the school. If you haven't already explored this world, can I please encourage you to do so?

As I write, we draw this term to a close and I wish you all a happy and well deserved half-term break. Students in examination years should use the opportunity to ensure that work is up to date and notes consolidated, whilst also having some proper time away from their studies.

Student stars of the week



Fittingly, this week it is appropriate that our stars of the week are a group and are the combined Dance captains. These students have given countless hours to rehearsals and created truly original pieces. They assure me that they loved leading their teams and I'm sure the experience will serve them well in the future. Well done all.

With my very best wishes.

Mr Paul German
Headteacher

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Sixth Form Open Evening Season is in full swing, and it was a pleasure to welcome very many of our year 11 families last week. We were very pleased with the high turnout of families from other schools too; we talk about our unique offer in the area and it's great that they came to see us.

A few people were surprised to see me at the Farnborough Sixth Form Open Evening this week: I often go as it's good to see what the other colleges have to say. Consequently quite a few students have asked me what I think about each college and I find that I end up talking about the same things: our personal approach, the huge range of things that Yateley Students can get involved in here (everything from directing and acting in Main School to helping younger students

and organising clubs and societies) and how hard we try to make sure every single student heads off to an amazing future.

All of these are a factor of our perfectly formed petite size. We don't want to have thousands of students because you simply can't replicate the personal touch on a grand scale.

A topic which students sometimes talk about is that they have a teacher or two here that they really like and are worried about not having them for their post-16 studies; and that this can be a deal breaker for coming to Yateley. Of course they often haven't considered that in order to escape this peril which may-not-come-to-pass, is to elect to study at another college with six teachers that they know nothing about and have never met. This strikes me as very shaky logic indeed.

Mr E Mather, Director of Sixth Form

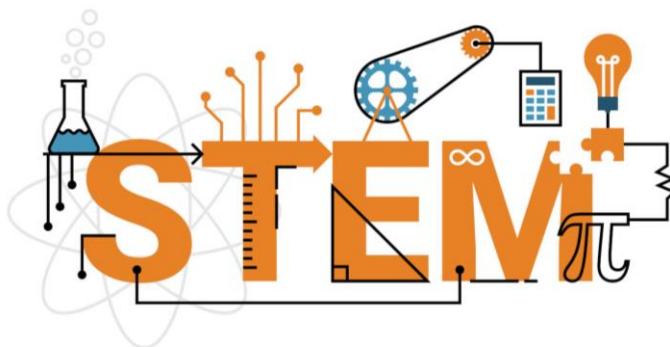
DIARY DATES

22nd October	Half Term Week
29th October	INSET Day
1st November	Yr 7 Tutor/Parent Evening
6th – 8th November	Yr 10 Geography Trip
8th November	Camps International Parents Evening - 6.30pm
12th November	6 th Form RAG week
14th November	Yr 12 Trip 'Behind Bars'
15th November	GCSE Celebration Evening
16th November	6 th Form 4 Legged Fancy Dress Race
20th November	Year 8 Review Sheets Out
21st November	6 th Form Taster Day
21st November	Year 11 Post 16 Parents Evening
22nd November	Yr 5 Maths Activity Afternoon
22nd November	Yr 7-13 Career Evening
23rd November	Subject Review Day Years 7/11/12 and 13
27th November	Year 10 Review Sheets Out
29th November	Year 8 Subject Review Evening 4.30pm

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STEM News- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Over the past couple of weeks students have been learning about STEM and the many opportunities on offer to them in House Assemblies run by Dr Case, assistant Head Teacher and the STEM team. STEM subjects are successful at Yateley and many of our students go onto further study and careers in this area. For example some of our past students are now following courses in Aerospace Engineering, Medicine, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Interior Design, Chemical Engineering, Automotive Design, Ergonomics and Human Factors Design and Transport Design to name just a few....



There will many opportunities open to students this year to get more involved in STEM, including STEM club, challenges, competitions and visiting speakers. Please remind your son/daughter to look out for these on the STEM notice boards in the Maths, Science and Technology departments.



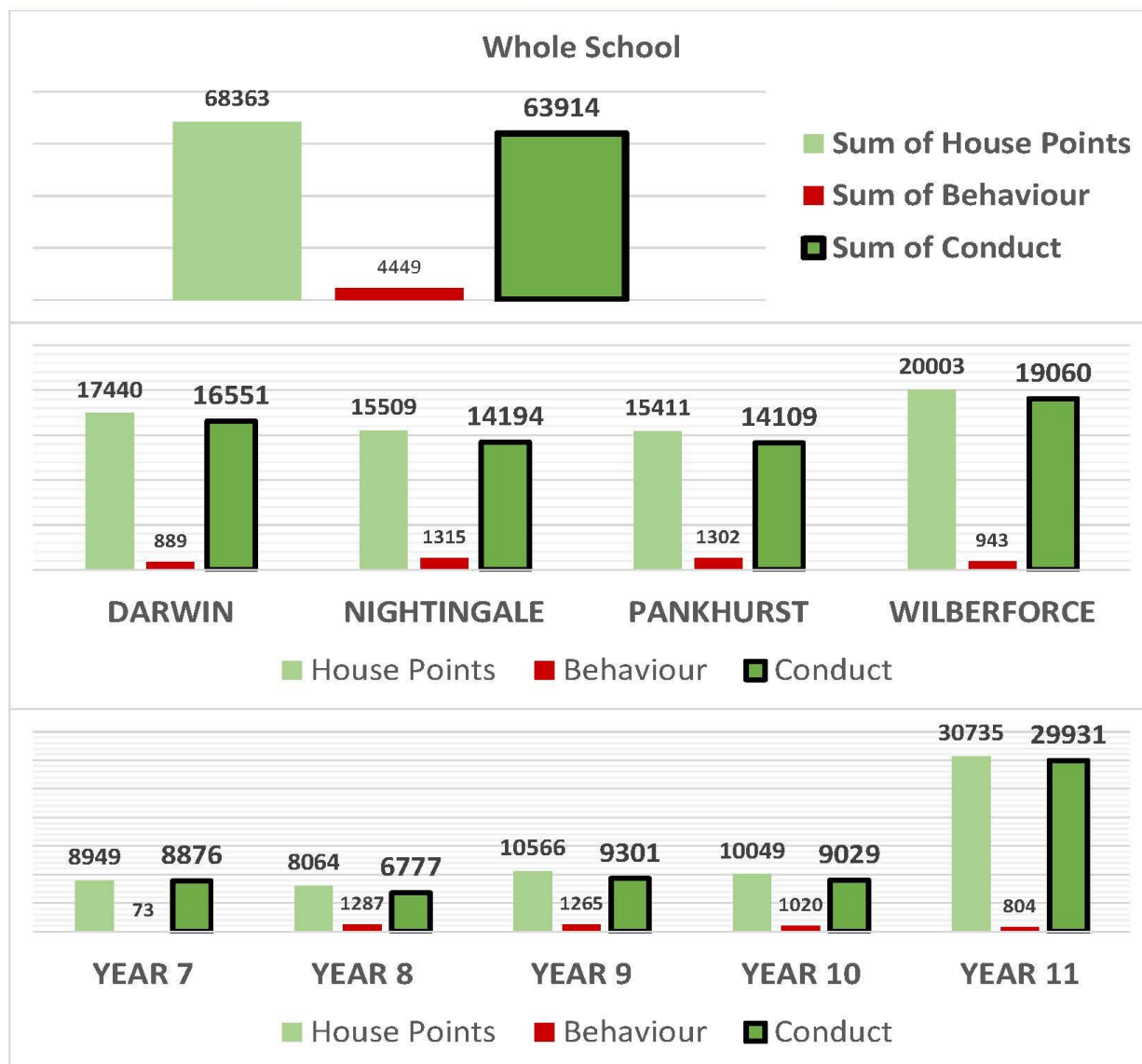
We are also looking for STEM Ambassadors- students who can represent the school and support with us with events and activities. If your son/ daughter is interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths please ask them to get in touch with us.

Finally we would also be delighted if you, our parents, could get involved. If you work in any of the STEM industries and would be willing to support us by; coming to talk to students, offering work placements, material samples, being a mentor or point of contact in a specific field we would be very keen to hear from you. Please email sally.williams@yateley.hants.sch.uk if you are able to help. Thanks for your support

Ms S Williams, Head of Design and Technology

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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 12.10.18



Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2018 due to the new Prom Points initiative for Year 11 this year, and therefore why they have more than any other year group.

Tutor Groups With The Highest Conduct Points (House Points – Behaviour)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7NN	8WN	9DS	10WN	11WN

Whole School Attendance: 96.65%

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Year 11 Maths Homework/Period 7 Timetable



Year 11 Homework Schedule

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

Year 11 Revision Sessions

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

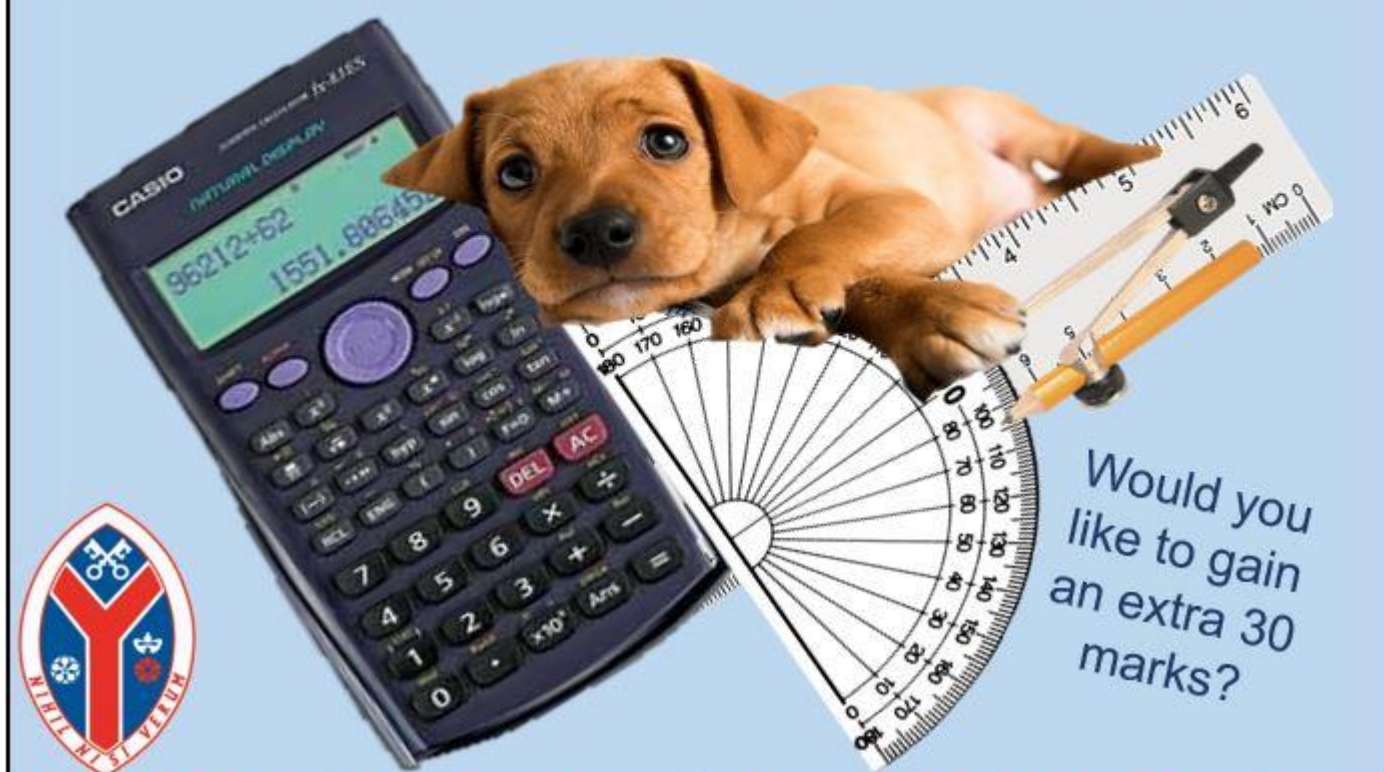
Date	Topic	Date	Topic
31 st Oct	Linear Graphs	31 st Oct	Algebra 1
7 th Nov	Ratio & Proportion	7 th Nov	Algebra 2
14 th Nov	Construction	14 th Nov	Sequences
21 st Nov	Shapes	21 st Nov	Mock Prep 1
28 th Nov	Mock Revision 2	28 th Nov	Mock Prep 2
5 th Dec	MOCK EXAMS	5 th Dec	MOCK EXAMS
12 th Dec	MOCK EXAMS	12 th Dec	MOCK EXAMS
19 th Dec	Christmas Break	19 th Dec	Christmas Break

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.

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Years 12 & 13 Maths Booster Sessions 2019



Year 12 Revision Sessions with Mrs Weakley Wednesday in C2.4 3:20-4:00pm

Date	Topic
31 st Oct	Quadratics (Chapter 3)
7 th Nov	Circles/Lines (Chapter 6)
14 th Nov	Polynomials (Chapter 4)
21 st Nov	Graphs (Chapter 5)
28 th Nov	Trigonometry (Chapter 10/11)
5 th Dec	Binomial (Chapter 9)
12 th Dec	Mock Prep 1
19 th Dec	Mock Prep 2

Year 13 Revision Sessions with Mr O'Neill Wednesday in C2.2 3:20-4:00pm

Date	Topic
31 st Oct	Proof (Chapter 1)
7 th Nov	Binomial (Chapter 6)
14 th Nov	Trigonometry (Chapter 8)
21 st Nov	Differentiation (Chapter 9)
28 th Nov	Differentiation (Chapter 10)
5 th Dec	Probability (Chapter 20)
12 th Dec	Mock Prep 1
19 th Dec	Mock Prep 2

Year 12 and 13 Drop-in available every **Wednesday in C2.6 from 3:20pm** for anyone who wants help with any Maths topics.

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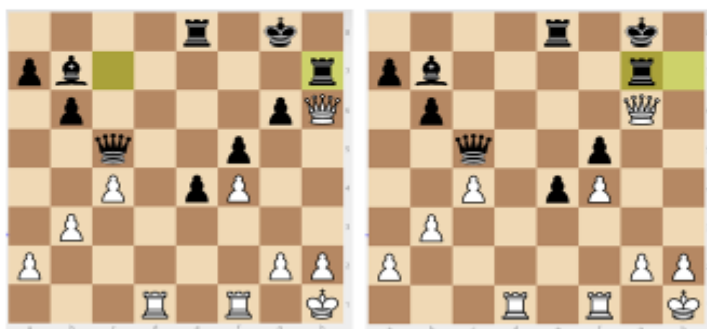
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Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was check the king with the queen, producing a fork. By defending their king black has to give up the rook on e8.



This week: find the best move for black.



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

Maths Corner 8

Pet Shop Problem!

Andy has just got his pocket money. He goes straight to the Pet Shop and buys 2 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. They cost him £5. Ben was just given £10 for walking his neighbours dog. He went to the same Pet Shop and bought 4 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. He got £1.50 change.

How much is a Hamster?

How much is a Goldfish?

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 7 – Greedy Girls!
Smarties = 37p, Curly Wurly = 25p

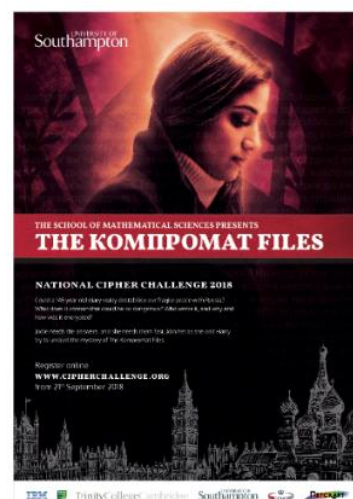


The National Cipher Challenge - Week 2 Results

Well done to these students for completing week two of the national cipher challenge.

Their national ranking and team names are listed below:

- 1= Cryptic Coders
- 1= Yateley
- 1= MrG
- 1= Further Maths /YSF
- 1= Ollister/ind
- 1= OliviaOR
- 1= seven-7-111
- 1= The usses
- 23 stzlettuce
- 59 Cipher Squad



Practice Challenge 3 is active until midnight on 31st October. It is still possible to enter the full competition up until that date.

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PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Tuesday 30th October

After School Activities	3.10 - 4.15	Year Group	Venue
Monday	Girls Basketball Training	All Years	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Netball Training	All Years	Courts
	Boys Basketball Fixtures	Year 10	Sports Hall
	Fitness Club	All Years	Gym
Wednesday	Football Training	Years 7/8/9	Sports Hall
	Girls Basketball Fixtures	All Years	Sports Hall
	Gymnastic Club	All Years	Gym
Thursday	Netball Fixtures	All Years	Sports Hall
	Boys Basketball Training	Years 7/8/9	Sports Hall
	Boys Basketball Fixtures	All Years	Sports Hall
	Swimming	All Years	Pool
Friday	Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall

SPORTS RESULTS

Football

Year 9 Won 6-2 v Bohunt in the District Cup

Year 11 Won 4-3 v Bohunt in District Cup

Yesterday we saw the first of our many House sports competitions. Netball and Football with an excellent turn out from all three year groups, it was great to see so many of our students getting involved. The games were close, which made the results exciting. Congratulations to Nightingale House Netball Champions and Wilberforce House Football Champions

As this half term comes to end we would like to say a big thank you to all students that have been involved in our extra-curricular programme, it's been so lovely to see lots of new and old faces staying after hours, enjoying our sports clubs. Clubs resume on Tuesday 30th October, but please check the new timetable as some activities have changed. We look forward to seeing you all.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A big THANK YOU to all parents, students and staff who supported the Scholastic Book Fair which was held this week. It was lovely to see so many students excited about choosing books and, hopefully, they will be able to spend some time reading them during half term! We raised £481! Commission earned on this figure will be spent by the English department on reading book sets for students.

POETRY COMPETITION

Just a reminder that the closing date for the poetry competition is Wednesday 31st October. The theme is CHANGE. We have already received some entries but would love to receive more! Please encourage your child to enter. Mr German has kindly agreed to judge the competition. There will be prizes for winning entries.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

VACANCY

Cover Supervisor

Part Time 3 Days Week £8.93 per hour

Start Date Immediately

Closing Date for applications – 5th November 12.00 Noon

This role is an excellent opportunity for someone who has experience working with students, in order to gain Secondary School awareness. Applications are welcome from those who have a good standard of education and have proven communication and organisational skills. Applicants must have a sense of humour, be confident and be adaptable to the changing needs of work colleagues. Applicants must be able to work under pressure, independently and have a firm but non- confrontational approach towards discipline. Experience in classroom management and any presentation skills are an advantage. The successful applicant will receive a comprehensive Induction and Continuous Professional Development Programme.

For further details, and to request an application pack, please email

beverley.elder@yateley.hants.sch.uk



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Yateleys
Health & Fitness

October Half Term Public Swimming

**Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th
11:00 - 13:00**

(every Saturday & Sunday term time)

**Children £2.90 Adult £4.50
7 session child swim pass £15.40**

**Swim Members can bring children
for £1 each!***

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T&C's apply
*offer applies for 2
children max
per Swim member



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