

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

With tensions running high for both years 11 and 13 facing the public exams, it is a good point to say how proud we are of them and how sure we are of their resilience and determination as they face the next challenge. To share a bit of borrowed wisdom... "No matter what the exams throw at you, remember that you are at the start of a journey that is as yet undefined. Grab that precious opportunity with both hands and be bold. Get the little things right: be on time, treat others kindly and work hard."

Today saw the start for year 12 in their future planning with a Sixth Form trip to the UCAS fair at Winchester University. Students head off uncertain, hoping for a good haul of prospectuses, branded pens and stress balls! They come home with a bag full of ideas for their future. What a day it



is... Many students don't realise huge breadth of courses offered by universities these days – and how can they at this point? But they are soon won over by the opportunities they see. Of course we expect Higher Level



Apprenticeships to be a big part of the mix this year too. If you haven't heard, there is a big government push to modernise apprenticeships to become a genuine alternative to traditional university study. These new apprenticeships combine a qualification with degree equivalence and plenty of time in the workplace. Employers have been calling for just this sort of thing and there is no doubt that it will suit many students very well. As they have developed, the emerging pattern is of universities often being the ones to offer this training in conjunction with business, rather than the other way around. It's a situation which makes sense given the high level of the required training, which would be difficult for business to offer on their own. All in all, it makes this year's UCAS trip a hugely exciting and significant event. And please remember, if you are a year 12 parent and want to know more about how all of this works, our annual UCAS for Parents evening is coming soon: on the 9th of May.

Some of our most talented young authors have entered a prestigious writing competition. We are delighted to hear from the Jane Austen's House Museum that the short stories written by

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Phoebe Shea, 9WS, and Isabelle Cole, 9NS, on the subject 'Persuasion' have been shortlisted! The girls have been invited to a prize-giving on Saturday 9th June at the Museum. Congratulations so far and we wish them every success.

I am very pleased to recommend and remind you of the outstanding Yateley School Karate Club, which has been coaching students since February 2012. It meets each Thursday (Term time), 6:15pm - 7:30pm in the School Gym. The weekly lessons are free and provided by a Japanese trained and qualified instructor. The club teaches traditional Wado Karate together with Sport Karate as per World Karate Federation (WKF) rules. Traditional karate involves learning individual techniques, combinations, self-defence and kata. Through Sport karate students learn fighting techniques for scoring points and gain an understanding of WKF rules and referees instructions - safety equipment needs to be purchased by the students if they want to take part in full Sport karate training. These are exciting times for karate as it is now an Olympic sport and will be part of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics - the first time karate will be on the Olympic stage. We have places available for school students of all ages and parents if they wish to train alongside their children. All you need to start is a loose fitting T-shirt, track suit trousers and some enthusiasm (we hope to generate some of this too). Just to stress - the weekly lessons are free - if a student decides they want to grade, there is a small annual fee to join the association and a small charge for gradings to cover the cost of belts, certificates and central registration. What are you waiting for - we're a friendly, welcoming club that want to share the benefits of a fun sport. The Yateley School Karate Club is affiliated to the Wado Karate Federation (which in turn is part of the English Karate Federation). If parents or students would like further information, please contact Mr Sears the club leader via the school office.

Student star of the week

William Tucker 9WS. Having excelled in the Intermediate Maths challenge, William has gone on to take part in the intermediate Olympiad which pits his mathematical abilities against the best in the country and internationally. Qualification alone is a major achievement and William has done exceedingly well to have been acknowledged at such a high level. Alongside an excellent school record, he has every reason to be proud of his achievements, as are we.



Yours sincerely

Paul German

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'Show My Homework', our online platform for staff and students to manage homework, has recently published an 'Activity Report' for Yateley School. An analysis of the data has shown some very encouraging results. According to the SMHW our teacher activity is graded as HIGH with over 92% of our teachers routinely using the software to set homework. The report goes on to say that '...schools with more than 75% of teacher activity are able to communicate a consistent homework approach to students and parents, which tends to result in greater engagement across the school.' The report also highlighted that we have one of the highest teacher engagement rates out of their 1500 plus schools in the UK.

Our students have done even better; their activity rate is also graded as HIGH with over 96% of them routinely logging into their account to check their homework. This is a fantastic achievement and clearly shows that the vast majority of our students are taking their homework commitments seriously.

To complete the set Parent activity on SMHW is also rated as HIGH although the number of parents actually using their account is, as one might expect, lower than both students and teachers at around 60%.

In summary SMHW conclude that Yateley School has 'over-performed' when compared to schools of similar size'. This picture is mirrored by parent surveys during subject reviews where the vast majority feel that their child 'receives appropriate homework for their age'

However, we cannot be complacent as there is still work to do to ensure our students benefit fully from homework. The Education Endowment Foundation in a study of research into teaching and learning strategies found that the impact of students who complete homework regularly can have up to 5 months additional positive impact on their attainment.

Although the report from SMHW is very encouraging we all know that looking at homework on an app and actually completing it to a high standard and handing it in on time are two very different things and we certainly have more work to do in this area. Also we want to look again at the quality of the homework we set and its impact on learning and student progress.

Over the coming months we hope to:

1. Work with staff to ensure that we record on SMHW the status on whether homework is completed and handed in on time so that parents can easily monitor and support their child with their homework
2. Look at the quality and quantity of homework we set and identify what works best and has the most impact on student attainment
3. Work with students who are not handing in their homework and/or completing it to a standard commensurate with their ability to improve their progress
4. Look to encourage more parents to use their SMHW account to support their child with managing their homework

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DIARY DATES

30 th April	Yr 10 Exams Week 1
8 th May	House Rounder's mixed
8 th May	Yr 10 Exams Week 2
8 th May	Yr 9 Exams Week 1
8 th May	Yr 11 Photo
9 th May	Yr 12 Parents Info Evening
14 th May	External Exams Start
14 th May	Yr 9 Exams Week 2
25 th May	Yr 13 Leavers Assembly
28 th May	Half term week

SPORTS RESULTS:

NETBALL:

Our Netball season has now drawn to a close and we are very proud of all of the students that have turned up to training over the last two terms and those that have represented the school at our games.

This season all of our teams have done really well, and with the final league position being released this week, it is evident that it was a close season with only goal differences separating some of the placings. Well done Ladies

Year 7 4th in Pool B

Year 8 Winners of Pool B

Year 9 Runners up of Pool B

Year 10 4th in Pool A

ATHLETICS:

Yr. 10 Athletics friendly @ Down Grange:

Well done to all the students who took part in the 1st athletics event of the season in challenging conditions. A great practice for the Senior Districts Athletics competition which takes place on Monday 21st May.

RESULTS:

Ben Catt - 3rd Discus & Shot

Ben King - 1st High Jump

Fin Scott - 2nd 1500m

Adam Dukes - 3rd 1500m

Ethan Parsons - 1st 100m

Ben King - 2nd 100m

Henry Fraser - 1st 200m

Abi Mallet - 1st 300m

Lana Williams - 3rd 300m

Lara Pocknee - 1st 800m

Astyn Williams - 3rd Shot

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TRIP TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY

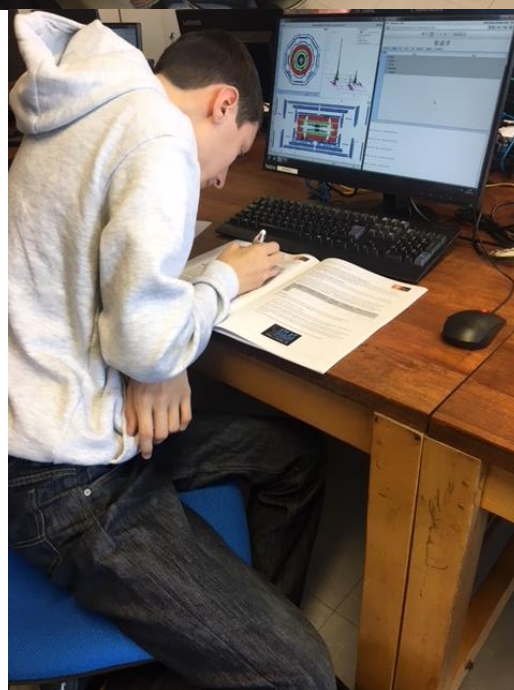
A level Physics trip to the Royal Holloway University.



Last week, nine year 12 students attended a Particle Physics Masterclass to coincide with a topic from their course. The schedule for the event consisted of a mixture of talks and practical sessions centred around particle physics. Students furthered their knowledge about Quarks, Leptons, Antimatter, the Big Bang, CERN and the ATLAS detector from research experts at Royal Holloway.



It was a very interesting day and a great opportunity for the students to get a taste of what it would be like to complete research in such an exciting field. They even had chance to analyse real data from CERN in an attempt to find the elusive Higgs Boson with three of our students being successful and winning a prize!



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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 06.09.17 to 20.04.18



Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2017 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	8DS	9NN	10WN	11WS

Whole School Attendance: 06.09.17 to 20.04.18 = 94.76%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance: 06.09.17 to 20.04.18

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7DN	8DS	9DE	10DS	11PE

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Mathematics Tutor Times Tables

Congratulation go to the following students all won the Tutor Times Table Challenge Spring 2nd half term.

Year
7

7DN Sophie-Ella Tzanetis and Benjamin Cuninghame
7NN Keir Walter and Lexi Slater
7NS Thomas Hurst and Casey Hyatt
7PN Jay Butcher and Natasha Atkinson
7PS Matthew Man and Rebecca Pomfrett
7WN Adam Croll and Lizzy Overton

Year
8

8DN Poppy Bourne and Cameron Witney
8DS Luke Stacey and Milly Robinson
8NN Liam Coxhead
8NS Oliver Mansell and Illana Cole
8PN Samuel Harrup and Isabel Logan
8WN Grace Hampshire
8WS Isobel Anstey and Brandon Vangrove

Year
9

9DE Lana Edwards and Markus Massiah
9DN Zakary Madge and Amisa Tamang
9DS Leah Simpkins and Finley Morris
9NN Ella Read and Sophie Green
9NS Luke Cherry and Natasha Bye
9PS Alexander Bufton and Macy Nixon
9WN Benjamin Connell and Megan Humphery
9WS Jawad Zaman and Lucy Baxter

Year
10

10DS Harvey Mill and Hannah Barratt
10NS James Gan and Isabella Scott
10PN Matthew Spencer and Chloe Mitchell
10PS Ava Sullivan and Benjamin Hockley
10WN Lewis Dutton and Eleanor Fegan
10WE James Saunders and Darsha Montanari

Year
11

11DS Holly Gray
11NN Matthew Hannon
11PE Natasha Lewis
11PN Harrison Kelly
11PS Erik Gorn-Old and Megan Hua
11WN Chloe Bradley-Turner

Year

11

GCSE Mathematics Update

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Maths

Year 11 have now started to use the PiXL Maths App to revise for their exams. Each week we celebrate the students in the top 10 who've done the most revision. These students all receive a postcard.

1	Naomi Shaw	122
2	Nathan Munro	120
3	Caitlin Buck	114
4	Natalie Hobbis	106
5	Luke Fraser	82
6	Jay Clancy	77
7	David Newell	69
8	Jordan Carter	68
9	Dan Joyce	67
10	Emily Ticehurst	61

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GCSE Mathematics Update

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All Year 9 and 10 students will sit their Maths End of Year Exams shortly. Different classes will sit different papers so a personalised list of revision topics is available on ShowMyHomework.

Students should use vle.mathswatch.co.uk to revise the topics and also look back at their previous assessments and smiley sheets.




GCSE

Students will need all maths equipment for the exams, including pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, protractor, compass and calculator.




Revision

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Maths GCSE May 2018



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

Maths homework help in C2.7

Maths GCSE revision in C2.1

Every Wednesday from 3:15pm


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Maths A Level June 2018



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

Year 13 Revision Sessions with Mrs Weakley Every Wednesday in C2.4 3:20-4:00pm		Year 12 Revision Sessions with Mr O'Neill Every Wednesday in C2.5 3:20-4:00pm	
Date	Topic	Date	Topic
18 th April	Trigonometry with integration	18 th April	Kinematics
25 th April	Vectors	25 th April	Motion
2 nd May	Further differentiation	2 nd May	Forces
9 th May	Growth and decay	9 th May	Algebraic fractions
16 th May	e, logs and volume of revolution	16 th May	Indices and surds
23 rd May	Mid-ordinate rule, graphs & modulus	23 rd May	Functions and graphs

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

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Maths Corner 27

Cube!

A cube with sides of length 10cm is half full of water. A solid steel cube with sides of length 5cm is placed in the water.

What is the rise in the level of the water?

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

Answer to Maths Corner 26 – Square Triangles
16, 64 and 100 degrees



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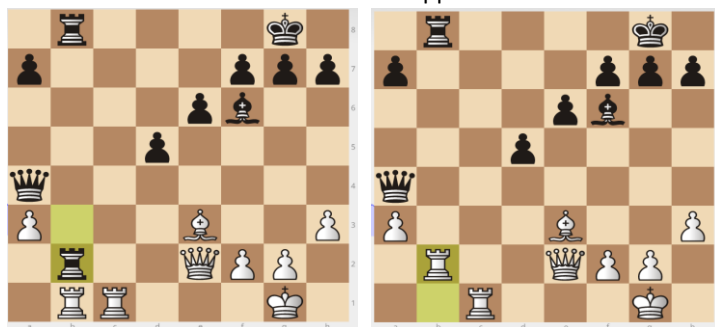
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Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution requires you to notice that the rook on rank 8 is not protecting the rook on rank 2. It is required to prevent an easy mate of the trapped king. This makes the exchange on b2 more favourable to white that it first appears.



This week: find the best move for white.

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

VACANCY

Lunchtime/Nursery Assistant

As part of our ongoing expansion, we are looking for the following staff to join our team, to start as soon as possible.

Lunchtime Assistant

10 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. This is a full time position. No Qualifications required for this role.

Role includes the collection of lunches, setting up of the lunch tables, serving & helping the children, and the cleaning & clearing away of the lunch room afterwards.

For further details please contact Heidi Thompson, Nursery Manager, First Steps Nursery, Yateley School, School Lane, Yateley GU46 6NW. Telephone 01252 746963, or e-mail childcare@yateleys.com

Closing date: **Friday 1st June 2018**. *Applications will be considered and interviewed (if suitable) before the closing date*



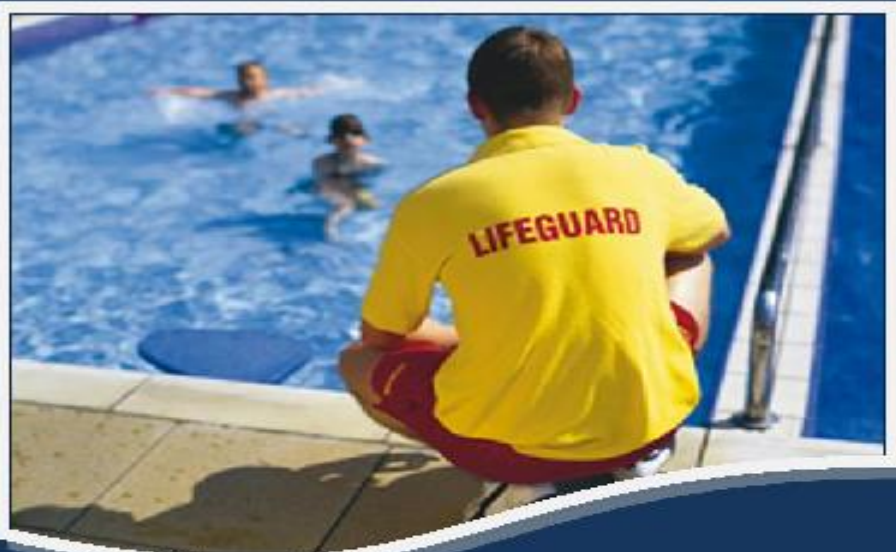
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