

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

**Learning together – Empowered for life.**

Student achievement in its many forms is at the heart of who we are and what we stand for here at Yateley School. We have been absolutely delighted by the manner in which students have sought out recognition through House Points in our updated achievement system. As you may know, the benchmark for full colours is 400 House Points and already a number of students have significantly exceeded this major milestone. The table below shows those amazing students who (figures as of last Friday, 4.5.18) had broken the 500 House Point barrier! Many many congratulations to these fantastic, determined and hardworking young people who show an exemplary attitude to school life. As I never tire of telling the youngsters in assembly when awards and colours are distributed, House Points are a truly fair, equitable and democratic way of recognising both effort and achievement and are therefore open to all. I'll be very keen to see what these wonderful six students achieve by the end of the year and equally, how many more join the 500 plus club!

MORGAN Daniel	9WN	Wilberforce	571
POMFRETT Rebecca	7PS	Pankhurst	570
HURST Thomas	7NS	Nightingale	554
COXHEAD Liam	8NN	Nightingale	548
VADICHARLA Kushal	7WN	Wilberforce	526
TZANETIS Sophie-Ella	7DN	Darwin	505

On the subject of achievement, may I pass on the congratulations of senior staff, the examinations team and the teachers at large to our fantastic students for their conduct and commitment in the internal examinations that have been running to date? The extent to which that level of serious preparation will support them when they face the actual GCSEs is incalculable. It is certain though that they could not have dealt with the process any better. Well done.

The public examinations begin in earnest on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May and will continue for a month or so. We will do everything we can to manage the tension and support the students through this difficult time, academically, pastorally and even to the point of giving out free bananas and water... Good sleep patterns and healthy eating are critical, so if you have a child in Year 11 or above, do please continue your support with every bit of positive encouragement and stress reduction at home. Good luck all!

Following the 2015 Ofsted we introduced SchoolGateway so that parents could see more about the day-to-day attitudes to learning of their child and also introduced "low-level disruption points" as a way to communicate

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when students were falling short of expectations. This was very important at the time but has also caused anxiety over children's behaviour in school, often reporting relatively inconsequential behavioural issues.

Eagle eyed parents may have noticed that behaviour points for their child have dropped off quite dramatically in the past few days. We are still recording low-level disruption points internally but we feel that we want to focus on the positive atmosphere in the school and not always report each and every small issue that occurs in a normal school day. We were delighted at Ofsted's 2018 comment "that Pupils invariably behave well in lessons and around the school site, having respect both for each other and for adults alike" as it is very much our perception of the school. This is a school to be proud of, and we very much are! We will continue to report behavioural issues via school gateway but notifications and points visible to parents will be reserved for when there are more serious issues that require attention and possibly your intervention. Meanwhile, if students are persistently collecting low-level disruption points this is monitored and will be communicated accordingly which will let parents see that there is a more serious issue. Meanwhile, our achievement points system remains unaffected, continuing to celebrate the great work of our students!

Just interested on people's views. Since behaviour points have started being issued via the school gateway app at yateley comp, is anyone else fearing their child has become the sporn of Satan? 😊 Disclaimer : this is in no way a 'dig' at the school, I am not slating them in any way, shape or form!

13 Likes 126 Comments



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9NS entertained everyone superbly with a charity fundraiser soaking willing (press-ganged) members of staff. Fantastic work from the tutor group and house team and a particular thank you to Mrs Goldwater, Mrs Short and Mr Coggan for risking hypothermia. Cracking photograph from a dry Mr Hill of me getting the water bucket full in the face!

## STUDENT STAR OF THE WEEK

Olivia Treacy 11WS has played in two netball teams U19 and U16's for Eagles in the Netball South League. Both teams won the league! The U16's then went on the Nationals (last weekend). This is a huge tournament at Nottingham University. The top 18 teams in the country play. It takes a huge commitment and training to reach this level. Olivia and her team put everything they had into the gruelling two full day tournament and won game after game, some just by a goal or two as the standard we so incredibly high. They managed to finish a very respectable 4th. This makes them the top team in the South. Exceptional achievements all round.



Yours sincerely

**Paul German**  
Headteacher



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Panthers Elite Netball Club had a very successful evening at the Bracknell AGM awards this week.

1. Caitlin Milsom and Tegan Owen-Halley were joint winners for Players 'Player of the Match' award.
2. Lauren Harvey won best Umpire in the under 18 category
3. Sophie Harvey won Best Umpire in the league award

Congratulations girls.



An act of compassion deserves recognition. We have learned of a random act of kindness that epitomises the community minded approach we are so keen to encourage. Sophie Guttridge (9PS) and Ella Coalter (9NN) on their way home from school came across an elderly lady who was in distress on her way to the shops. Both girls stopped to offer assistance as she appeared to have hurt herself. They assisted her back to her house and then offered to go and do her shopping for her while she rested and paid for the items the lady needed with their pocket money. The girls went back a little later to check on her to make sure all was well and agreed that they would visit the following week to see if she needed any errands running.

## **Calling all keen dancers in Years 7 to 10! – House Dance is back!**

In October 2017, we saw Pankhurst win the House Dance Competition, who will be the winner of 2018?



### **Pankhurst House Dance**

**Captains:** Molly Griffiths, Ellie Park, Catrin Williams and Lily Archer (from left to right), receiving the winners shield!

## **What is the House Dance Competition?**

It is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for students who enjoy dancing, to make new friends and help create a dance performance and perform to a live audience.



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**Pankhurst Dance Team** performing their winning piece called 'The Daffodil'. The piece told the story of Marie Curie and how her discoveries have shaped the future of medicine and treatment. She inspired doctors, scientists and everyday people all over the world to help humanity through new cures and the Marie Curie charity which helps people every day.

## How can I get involved?

Year 10 House Dance Captains will hold open auditions for students in Years 7 to 10. You must wear dance kit. **No kit can be borrowed.**

### **Tuesday 22 May 3.10-4.30pm**

Wilberforce House Dance Audition: Main Hall

Darwin House Dance Audition: Dance Studio

### **Wednesday 23 May 3.10-4.30pm**

Pankhurst House Dance Audition: Main Hall

Nightingale House Dance Audition: Dance Studio

## **What happens in the audition?**

Year 10 House Dance Captains will lead a warm up and then teach you a short phrase. You will then perform it in small groups. We will be looking for students who show lots of effort, look like they enjoy performing and are willing to work hard! Everyone who auditions will be part of the team! It is an opportunity for you to showcase what you can do!

## **When do the rehearsals take place?**

Each House will rehearse **once a week** from 3.15-4.30pm in the Dance Studio or Main Hall. These will be:

**Tuesdays: Wilberforce and Darwin**

**Wednesdays: Pankhurst and Nightingale**

## **Does it cost anything?**

All students are asked to donate £4.00 towards the cost of buying costumes for the dance.

## **When is the House Dance Competition?**

You will perform your dance in the Dance Show in October 2018 in the Main Hall for 2 evenings.

Come and give it a go, it is great fun and it's a really good way to make new friends, be creative and keep fit!

***Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance***



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## MATHS EQUIPMENT

Further to the notices regarding maths exams which are imminent, our stationery shop is open at break time in the corridor near the Maths Office. We sell pencil cases, pens, pencils, rulers, protractors, pairs of compasses, pencil sharpeners and erasers. The whole set costs £1.20, but separate items can be bought.


Scientific Calculators cost £6.30 and should be paid for via the online payment system. Orders can take up to 10 days to arrive so if your child needs one ready for exams please pay today. If your child is registered to receive pupil premium funds please email admin with your request and it will be processed.

*Mrs James, Maths*

Year  
**11**


**GCSE Mathematics Update**


**FOUNDATION** **Higher**



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	Daniel Williams	635
2	Nathan Munro	536
3	Naomi Shaw	443
4	Nathan Bench	389
5	Addison Rothwell	336
6	Pacey Clark	266
7	Caitlin Buck	238
8	Thomas Robb	221
9	Natalie Hobbis	216
10	Jay Clancy	211

**GCSE**

**Revision**

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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 06.09.17 to 04.05.18



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	10PN	11WS

Whole School Attendance: 06.09.17 to 04.05.18 = 94.82%

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7DN	8PN	9DE	10DS	11PE



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## LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals are currently underway for this year's Lower School Production of 'The Wind in the Willows'. The art and design departments have all contributed something to the performance so expect to see talented acting, dancing and singing, in addition to creative costuming, props and makeup.

Pre-recorded music composed by some of the Year 10 and Yr 13 students will also feature in the production. Performances will be held on the 10th and 11th July in the Main Hall and tickets will go on sale after the half term. We look forward to having you join us to watch what is sure to be a lively and fun adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's famous novel"



## Newsletter for Hart Families

### Stress Less, Sleep Well, Feel Good

**Inside you will find tips on a range of topics relating to stress, sleep and mental wellbeing, plus information about support for children and adults**

#### **Tips and support for adults**

Feeling stressed?

Do you wake up looking forward to bedtime?

Mental health and wellbeing

Websites and helplines

Local support

#### **Support for young people and parents**

Local support

Websites and helplines

Urgent help

For parents and carers – if you're worried about a young person

**This special issue marks Mental Health Awareness Week 2018 (14-20 May)**

For the most up-to-date information about local support visit

[www.hart.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing](http://www.hart.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing)



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## Great Graphics work from year 11 GCSE students

Our year 11 Graphics students completed their coursework this week and we are really impressed with the outcomes. The students designed and made pop-up books using a range of design/modelling/construction techniques including Adobe Photoshop.

The standard of the work is particularly high this year with many of our students producing really impressive Pop-up Books designed and made to a very high standard. Let's hope the examiners share our views!

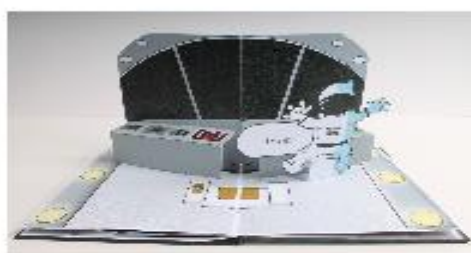
Well done to all our students, a lot of hard work and commitment has gone in to completing this project.

There will be an exhibition of this work and more from the Art and Design and Technology Faculty at the Yateley Young Designers Exhibition which runs from 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Here you will be able to see top quality design and practical work from Art, Graphics, Photography, Technology and Food.

Pictured... Oscar Joyce, Mia Pollard, Laura Davies, Ben Smith, Holly Gray, Robert Stratford, Bipesh Nagar, Daniel Allen, Darcy Bates, Ed McCreadie, Catrin Williams and Tegan Owen Halley.



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Mr Evans  
Mr Pettengell  
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## YATELEY SCHOOL ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING



### SIMPLE COOKING FOR MEN

Have you ever wondered how to make wholesome tasty meals from scratch using fresh ingredients? This is your opportunity, come along and let our tutor guide you through the process to make some amazing dishes from everyday meals to social entertaining. Discover your hidden talent and creativity as you cook.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June for 5 weekly sessions 19.00-21.00 Free for over 55's**



### BEGINNERS DRESSMAKING

All abilities are welcome.

This is an opportunity to familiarize yourself with your sewing machine, basic sewing techniques and garment construction.

For more advanced learners further garment construction and more advanced dressmaking skills.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June for 3 Saturdays 09.30am-2.30pm £68,  
Certain concessions are available**

**Pre-booking essential for all courses. Please call 01252 877190 to make your booking**

### LIMITED PLACES STILL AVAILABLE ON:

Enhancing Employability Skills 19+yrs	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	7.00pm-9pm	Free
Support with English written and spoken Ideal if English is your second language	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10.00am-12am	£79
Getting to Know your Android tablet for Seniors	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> June	4.30pm-6.30pm	Free to over 61's
Getting to Know your Ipad for Seniors	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am-1.00pm	Free to over 61's
Flower Arranging-Summer Designs (Extra cost for materials)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	7.15pm-9.15pm	£50 Certain concessions available
Life Drawing (Extra cost for materials)	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	09.15am-3.15pm	£50
Portrait Workshop (Extra cost for materials)	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	09.30am- 02.30pm	£35
French for Beginners	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June for 7 weekly sessions	7.00pm-8.30pm	£56
Italian for Beginners	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May for 9 sessions	7.00pm-8.30pm	£72
Spanish for Beginners	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May for 9 sessions	7.00pm-8.30pm	£72
Linocut: It's all about Summer (Extra cost for materials)	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	09.30am- 02.30pm	£35
Digital Photoshop Editing	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June for 4 weekly sessions	7.00pm-9.00pm	£35

Concession rates apply to Means Tested Benefit recipients and Over 61's

Booking is required on all our courses, please contact us.

For full information visit our website or call 01252 877190

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## Golden Jubilee celebrations

You can read all about the birthday events with exciting things for former students and staff, all the family and our Yateley community, and **book your tickets** on the school website [www.yateleyschool.net/jubilee](http://www.yateleyschool.net/jubilee)

Lots of things going on:

- **Wednesday 27 June** – lunchtime – staff student obstacle event (school event)
- **Friday 29 June** - Ms Headley is organising an attempt for ANOTHER Yateley School entry in the Guinness Book of records (school event)
- **Saturday 30 June** - Yateley Ramble – open to the whole community – no entry needed – just turn up
- **Saturday 7 July** - Trip down memory lane – cream tea, tours of the school, memorabilia exhibition, archive video shows – open to former and current staff, former students and their parents. Morning and afternoon sessions. Tickets online
- **Saturday 7 July** - Quiz night – open to the community. Tickets online.
- **Sunday 08 July** - Fun run at the school – fancy dress welcome, fun runs for all ages, four-legged race, Noddy car rides – open to the whole community – everyone welcome. Entries online.
- **During June and July** – Sponsored sessions at Yateleys Health and Fitness Club – details to be confirmed
- **Friday 20 July** - Disco for former students and staff, current staff, current students over 16 at Bistro 19 – tickets online
- **Friday 14 September** - Birthday finale and draw of the grand raffle - by invitation
- **Friday 21 September** - Yateley School Special assemblies (school event)
- **Sunday 23 September** - St Peter's Church at Yateley Centre special service – open to the community

There are, or have already been, a number of events which our students are/were invited to take part in, notably

- the school library has launched a 500 words writing competition for students. The competition has been advertised in assemblies and with posters around school and the library has also created a book display to inspire students.
- the design-a-logo competitions – winners and finalists were presented with their certificates at recent assemblies, thanks to all who entered.
- a wall display timeline – 1968→1993→2018 – Mrs James is organising this
- celebration bunting – thank you to all the students and parents who made a pennant – the bunting will be on display soon
- community events – some students will be visiting and entertaining Yateley's retiree groups and welcoming them into school

and **what else?**

- a school history is being compiled
- Mrs Miller is gathering together archive material for a memorabilia display
- A *Where are they now?* booklet will be printed giving news of former students
- The nursery is holding a sponsored toddle and picnic

And last but not least – we are having a **GRAND RAFFLE** – look out for the tickets. Great prizes.



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And where is any money raised going to? **REFURBISHING THE STUDENT TOILETS** (ask any student if this is a worthwhile cause) – at least starting to get some money in the pot (more puns to come). So dig deep.

## Help Please:

We had hoped for a greater response for two of our projects to help make our reunion day a memorable event for all the former students and staff who are coming. Please ask anyone you know who is or has been connected to the school if they can help with:

- **Memorabilia display**– old school photos, year books, production programmes. Anything of interest? Contact [sarah.miller@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.miller@yateley.hants.sch.uk) for details.
- **News of former students.** Follow this link for information on what we are looking for: <http://www.yateleyschool.net/where-are-they-now/>

We also need plenty of **volunteers** for the weekend of 7/8 June – the Trip Down Memory Lane and the Fun Run. We will be issuing details of particular jobs that will need doing but in the meantime if you or your youngsters can put yourselves on the list that would great. Email [birthday@yateleyschool68.co.uk](mailto:birthday@yateleyschool68.co.uk)

## KEEP UP WITH THE JUBILEE NEWS

<http://www.yateleyschool.net/jubilee/>



Facebook – Yateley School 50<sup>th</sup> birthday page



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