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Dear Parents

Learning together – Empowered for life.

Some dates for your diaries. We have published our INSET training days for 2018 -19. They are 3rd and 4th Sept / 29th October, 7th Jan and 14th March. Please note that 14th March 2019 is a Thursday mid-term, so hopefully with sufficient notice, families can accommodate around that. Also, please be aware that our Open Evening for new and prospective students and families is to be held on Thursday 27th September 2018. This has formerly been held in the summer, but we feel it will have more impact a little later and we're really excited about meeting the next generation of Yateley students.

With exam season in full swing we have been blown away by our cohort of Y11s! One of the big initiatives that we've been working on this year is running morning "prep sessions" for our Y11s that run from 0800-0840am for exams they have that day. Having not held prep sessions before we were very much unsure as to how well attended they would be, not least because many students aren't even awake by 0800am let alone dressed, in school and working hard! Day one of the GCSEs arrives and by 0800am we had 126 students in the main hall for ICT which meant (when combined with those attending Computer Science and Latin) that over 150 students were studying with us at 0800am. It was a truly remarkable sight and enormously humbling to see the dedication of the year group.



The volume of students choosing to not hit the snooze button has grown throughout the week with attendance to Drama, RS, PE, French, Chemistry and Biology all having very high turnouts of Y11s chomping at the bit to succeed. They're also chomping on the free bananas that the school is providing with free bottles of water at the same time! Those that follow the school Twitter account @yateleyschool will know just how proud we are and how delighted we've been by their effort; this really is a special Y11 cohort and their work ethic is unquestionable.

In addition to our morning sessions we are running additional lessons in school before exams and after-school study sessions which are just as busy with our students going that extra mile to succeed. These opportunities are published to Y11 students and parents via a weekly bulletin called "GCSE Week Ahead" and the feedback on this has been resoundingly positive. So well done everyone, we are delighted with your effort and engagement and we wish you all continued success with your GCSEs.

With news from our Sixth Form, Mr Mather our director of Sixth Form writes, 'Exam season is go! There is a strange kind of relief once the AS and A Level exams are under way. Students have been looking towards them for a long time and finally we can settle into the different rhythm of revision and exam. Of course a great deal more has been happening in the Sixth Form too. It was lovely to welcome a large number of families to

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our Higher Apprenticeship and UCAS evening last week. This was followed by Yr12 Tutors showing students every university course in existence (quite literally!) on Tuesday and students took the time to explore the incredible range of options that are out there. We will be continuing to support Year 12 in their application materials for both university and other routes next half of term too. Year 13 have also been finalising their pre-exam-future-preparations. Mr Plummer has expertly guided our Extended Project students through their projects and the last few weeks have seen them delivering presentations of topics as varied as *Corruption in Football* (an impassioned plea for more transparency in the beautiful game by Ellis Heaton) through to the *Myth of Touch* (an unbelievable piece of work by our resident Physics savant Janine Lanek). I have been extremely impressed by all of our EPQ students and their excellent work. It has been a great pleasure to watch them deeply dive into a topic for the joy of academic pursuit alone and then witness them breathlessly surface clutching new knowledge and a greater understanding of their own potential. Truly inspiring days.'



Were you expecting a royal couple in this bulletin? Not to disappoint, please find the truly regal Mrs Moffett and Mrs Parsons rehearsing for their Windsor debut at some undisclosed point in the future. Royal sources have yet to comment...

STUDENT STAR OF THE WEEK

Many congratulations to April Ellis in 8WN, who has been selected to represent the South Region U13 Basketball team in the National Championships in July. After working hard and attending the selection process, April 'made the cut' and will be playing a warm-up game against the Welsh National team. Well done April, a super achievement.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher



Not a spoiler alert, or an early announcement of a winner! That comes later... However there is currently a library competition running encouraging students to write a story; A Day in the Life of a Teenager in 2068) alongside celebrating Yateley School's 50th year.

One of my Miss Cachia's students, Jamie Adams has produced a fantastic story, which we really feel should be shared with everyone.

I wake up, my eyes dry with the augmented reality screen displayed upon them. "OK Social, I am awake", I think as the augmented reality screen turns off from my eyes. "Welcome back to the Socialist Nation of Europe! Remember, you shape the future!", I hear in my ears. I put on my simple, black and white clothing as I head downstairs. I don't have to take an online class today, as it is a rest day, I wouldn't mind it though, it's not like 50 years ago, when they had to go to a physical school. My parents are currently out of town for the week, they're doing some virtual reality training for their new recruitment jobs. I hope I never have to do a recruitment job, they're the jobs that people have to do when there aren't enough people or robots to do them. I'm not really concerned about a job, it's not like I need one with our current economic system. I receive SocialCoin every month for being a "civil being", at least that is what it says on my statement. SocialCoin is the cryptocurrency that the entire Socialist Nation of Europe uses, it was put in place after the government

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takeover by Social Safety LTD. We were not told anything about it, and it still seems strange to have a corporation running a country, after all, their main aim is to make money, not manage a nation.

I head into my VR room where I lie down and place my headset on me. I'm transported into a virtual reality plaza. "Welcome back to your SocialPlaza! Undefined friends are currently online". This new update is buggy, but I believe none of my friends are online right now. I walk around until I reach the first terminal. "Where would you like to go?", I hear in my ears. "SocialFoods", I think as I get transported over to a supermarket. I still think this virtual reality system is stupid, it was invented and regulated by the government in order to increase physical activity. It's just an alternative to using a web browser, whenever I move in virtual reality, I move in the actual world. I must have more time in virtual reality than using a standard web browser, otherwise my "civil being" status will go down, and I won't make as much money as before

SPORTS RESULTS

CRICKET:

Year 9 boys beat Salesian by 2 runs. Scoring 115 runs with 2 overs remaining.

YEAR 11 MATHS UPDATE

As the GCSEs begin, a number of the timetabled Maths lessons will be disrupted as students sit exams in other subjects. To minimise the impact of this, the Maths department is running additional Maths lessons in the school day to ensure we can work with as many of our Year 11 students as possible before their Maths GCSE. Some of our students will miss these additional Maths lessons due to further clashes with their exam timetable, so we are taking additional steps to support them as well.

On Saturday 9 June we will be running an invite-only Maths session for the students who are missing more Maths lessons than the other students due to the combination of exams they are sitting. The students invited are of all abilities and the session is purely to ensure they get the same teaching input as the other students received earlier in the week. Please do not be disheartened or confused as to why your child was not invited; it is because they received the very same teaching just a few days prior.

All of our Year 11 students are welcome (encouraged even!) to come for additional help on all Wednesdays after school in C2.7/C2.1 from now right up until the final Maths exam. Additionally we are delighted to welcome all students on the morning of the Maths exams [Thursday 24 May; Thursday 7 June and Tuesday 12 June] in the Main Hall from 0800am-0840am to help them waken up their Maths brain.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact peter.hill@yateley.hants.sch.uk.

Mrs Shore, Head of Mathematics

Maths Corner 34

Same Area

The area of the shapes below are all equal.
Find the lengths given by a, b and c.

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 33 – Neebs, Noobs and Nubs
Neeb = £1, Noob = £2, Nub = £3

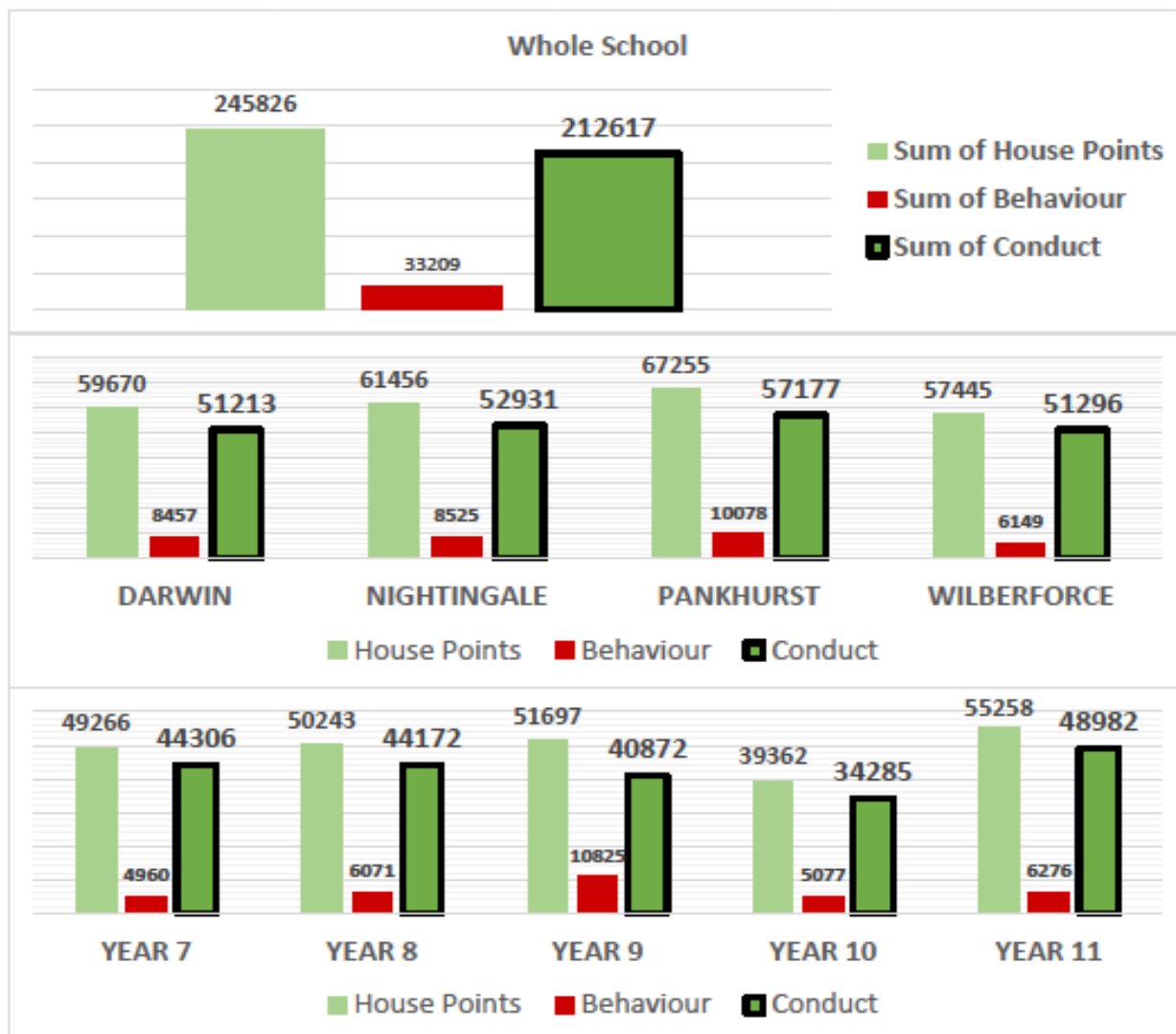


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 06.09.17 to 11.05.18



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 11.05.18 = 94.86%

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POLAND 2018

Parents Meeting: 27th June at 5:30pm – 6:00pm in the DRAMA STUDIO.

A date for your diary. A meeting for all parents and students attending the RS trip to Krakow in the summer.

There will be an opportunity to discuss rooming and ask any questions before the trip.

Mr A Bristow, Trip Leader

VACANCIES

Cover Supervisors

EHCC Grade C: £ 6,918 - £7,663 (£16,209 - £17,955 FTE)

18 hours per week, 40 weeks per year

We are looking to appoint Cover Supervisors to join our hardworking and dedicated team who currently cover lessons for absent teachers.

Applications are welcome from those who have a sound GCSE / O Level standard of education and have excellent, efficient communication and organisational skills. You must also have a sense of humour, show initiative, and be confident and adaptable to the changing needs of teachers and other members of the cover team.

The post is for 18 hours per week, working Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays

Applicants must be able to work under pressure, independently and have a firm, but non-confrontational approach towards discipline. Experience in classroom management and presentation skills are an advantage. The successful candidate will receive ongoing training in school on classroom management techniques.

The duties will include:

- Independently supervising classes having presented the work set by the teacher
- Invigilating exams
- Support teachers in the supervision of pupils on off-site visits
- Some general administration duties
- The opportunity to work as a Student Mentor

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone considering a career in teaching or someone who is looking for a rewarding position in the support of a young person's education.

We can offer you:

- Supportive Work Colleagues
- Continued Professional Development
- On Site Nursery, Fitness Suite & Swimming Pool
- Free On Site Staff Car Parking

If you are interested in the role, please email applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk for an application pack. Closing date for applications is **12:00 on Monday 4th June 2018**. However, suitable applications will be shortlisted and interviewed before this date.



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VACANCY

CARETAKER

EHCC Grade C: £16,209 - £17,955 (+14% Shift Allowance)

37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year

Yateley School is a good school with an outstanding sixth form catering for 1300 students from the local area. Our school has a superb range of facilities across all areas of the curriculum and we have had specialist status in performing arts since 2002.

We pride ourselves on our high standards, which are achieved through a friendly, caring atmosphere and a dedicated team of well-qualified teachers and support staff.

Description of Role

We are looking to appoint a Caretaker to join our busy Site Team. The successful candidate will be working 37 hours per week, on a rotating shift pattern

The successful candidate, as part of the Site Team, will provide a caretaking, cleaning, portering and routine maintenance service to the school and its associated businesses (First Steps Nursery, Yateley's Health & Fitness and Adult Education). They will need to ensure high standards of cleanliness and operational effectiveness, as well as complying with health & safety requirements.

Because of the nature of the role, candidates must be physically able to operate heavy duty cleaning equipment and able to lift heavy objects.

Knowledge of current Health & Safety policies and procedures, as well as school operational arrangements would be desirable, but not essential as full training will be given to the successful candidate

What We Can Offer You

For the successful candidate we can offer:

- Supportive Team Environment
- Continued Professional Development
- Free On-Site Staff Car Parking
- On-Site Subsidised Fitness & Health Facilities
- On-Site Nursery Facilities

Application Procedure

If you are interested in applying for the position, please email applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk for an application pack.

Closing date for submitting your application is 12 noon on Tuesday 29th May 2018



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**500 WORDS
WRITING COMPETITION**
**'A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF A
TEENAGER IN
2068'**

**SHOW YOUR
IMAGINATION &
UNDERSTANDING OF
HOW LIFE WILL BE
DIFFERENT IN
50 YEARS TIME**

**EMAIL your 500 word story
TO school.library@yateley.hants.sch.uk
BY Friday 15th June, 1pm
OPEN TO Year groups 7,8,9,10, sixth form**

**WINNERS OF EACH YEAR GROUP
WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY
AND OTHER PRIZES
RUNNERS UP RECEIVE A MEDAL
AND OTHER PRIZES**

500 words writing competition

As part of the school's birthday celebrations, the school library staff are running a short story competition. The title of the story is **'A day in the life of a teenager in 2068'**, in other words in another 50 years. Students wishing to enter a story should refer to the poster in this bulletin and around school for entry details.

To help students to get inspired, there is a **display of books in the library** covering topics relating to how life may be different in the future.

The books are displayed near the study tables adjacent to the teen fiction area and may be borrowed on library cards.

Other books are available in the children's information area.

School Library Staff

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yateley Library is looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. Volunteers need to be 14 yrs or older. This is an ideal opportunity for students, parents and grandparents to help with this reading scheme. Students enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh award can use this towards their volunteering section. Please pop in or email the library on yateley.library@hants.gov.uk if you would like to help.

This is a great opportunity for students to boost their CV or university application. 4 or 40 hours over the summer - the choice is yours. Volunteer today!

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager



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DANCERS

Calling all keen dancers aged between 12-21!

Berkshire County Dance Company Youth (BCDCY), the Resident Youth Dance Company of South Hill Park in Bracknell are looking for new dancers!

Check out our company trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THknRkctSqM&t=1s&pbjreload=10>

The Company are looking for enthusiastic young dancers who are seeking opportunities to learn from and perform alongside professional dance companies. The company work predominantly in Contemporary dance but learn other styles as appropriate to their performances. The group will meet on Saturdays 10am-12, term times and during half terms for residencies with professional choreographers and dance artists. The company will also get to perform curtain raisers to many dance companies performing at South Hill Park, as well as several performances during the Lift Off Dance Festival in the Spring.

Details for the auditions are:

Auditions: Sunday 24th June, 1-3pm, South Hill Park (by application in advance only)

Cost: £10

Age: 12-21

Experience: Some Contemporary, solid foundation in one other dance style

Contact: lena.dee@southhillpark.org.uk for application form and more info

For more information about the company, check out www.bcdcy.org.uk <<http://www.bcdcy.org.uk>> and follow us on Facebook/BCDCY

YATELEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

Yateley Life Saving Club meets on a Thursday evening from 7.30 pm at Yateley Pool.

We are looking to recruit new members for the start of the September term.

We run Bronze Medallion courses for children aged 13+ and courses on the new Survive & Save syllabus.

If you have younger siblings that might be interested in starting on the rookie course, we offer this too from Age 9 +

Rookie Lifeguard courses include:



- How to stay safe around water
- What to do if someone is drowning and how to perform resuscitation.
- How to try and save someone's life
- If you are interested in joining and can swim 100 metres or more, and would like to come to a free trial session, on the June 14TH or 21st, please contact the Club

yateleylifesavingclub@hotmail.com.



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