

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and carers

Happy New Year! Or new school year at least...Welcome back to all of our students and an especially warm welcome to new joiners in Years 7 and 12 and I hope you've enjoyed a smooth and exciting introduction to life in our school. The summer holidays probably seem like a lifetime ago, although I hope you all enjoyed a good break and some time for rest and relaxation with your family. I would also like to pay particular thanks to Mr Bristow and his team for leading the trip to Poland, to Miss Ford and Mrs Meadows for the Camps International trip to Kenya and to Mrs Uttley and her team for masterminding the Year 7 familiarisation day at Wellington College.

Term got underway for staff a week ago with two excellent days of training on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September. Students, of course, returned on Monday 5th September. I must say and on behalf of the staff too, that we have been delighted with the conduct and approach of the students on their return. We've settled quickly and well to the newly ordered school day and so far, the adjustment has been seamless. Equally, the young people have returned with a determination to succeed which does them huge credit. Mr Hill and I have had the pleasure of reinforcing the message of Ambition, Curiosity and Tenacity and starting the year with a plan and this message is clearly having impact. This has been obvious, not only through recruitment, but with the superb results of our outgoing GCSE and A Level cohorts who have secured grades that not only put them in excellent stead for the future, but also represent the best results since GCSEs were reformed with numerical grades. Our press statements for results and also links to our forthcoming open events can all be found on our homepage <https://www.yateleyschool.net/>



Of course, everything is rightly overshadowed by the very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As a school we will join with the nation and no doubt internationally in a period of mourning for a unique and remarkable person; a monarch who fulfilled her role and lifetime of duty impeccably and with dignity. As a model of service to others and valuing other people, she has been an inspiration to us all.

There will be many acts of remembrance and mourning over the next week to 10 days. However, in this early period of sadness and shock, I have addressed the whole school body – students and staff – this afternoon by [video link](#). At a time of sadness and also perhaps feeling a little lost, I wanted to share a few thoughts and words which I hope may be of some help and support. I haven't presumed to tell people how to react; I merely set out to try and put a remarkable life into a bit of context. For a younger generation in an uncertain world, a line from one of the many tributes pouring in rings particularly true. (The Queen) 'was the figure who more than any other brought our country together and kept us in touch with our better nature.'

However, individuals will react differently, or perhaps not at all. Whatever the response, the school and my staff will be on hand to respond and support. In the fullness of time, we should also consider ideas of how we can continue to honour the life of her majesty.

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Although this has been a very varied week with so much energy and accomplishment at the start of term, it has also come to a close with the sad news about her majesty. As a mark of respect, some items of news have been withheld from this edition of the bulletin. Furthermore, as the national reaction and plans become clearer, we will of course come back to you with any updated plans as a school.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

Tutor Time – Week of 5th September

We have altered our tutor time programme for 2022/23 to have an increased focus on important aspects of student's life education. Each week we will share with parents the summary details of what has been covered so you are aware. What was covered this week is summarised below:

- Queen Elizabeth II – [Whole-school reflection](#) on the sad passing of the Queen from the Headteacher.
- National Focus Week – National read a book day - <https://nationaltoday.com/national-read-book-day/>
- Wellbeing Tip – 'Keep sleep regular'
- Start of the Year – 7 to 11 were reminded about the school values and culture (Ready Respectful Safe) as well as our learning values (Ambitious Curious Tenacious). Discussions were had around new beginnings and the high expectations that the school has for all our students. Going forward this weekly session will allow tutors to look at their tutees attendance, behaviour and achievement data and therefore praise or set targets and actions where needed.
- CAMHS Best Version of You (Session 1) – Year 7 started off by looking at the four student committees in the school which they could join (Anti Bullying, Welfare and Well Being Student Voice and Inclusivity and Diversity). They then looked at why it is important to look after yourself and thinking about ways to cope when things are not going right.
- Safeguarding (Peer on Peer/Child on Child) – Year 8 to 11 looked into what Child on Child abuse is, why it is not OK for this to happen, how we stop it and report it when it does happen, various resources and further information.
- Careers – Careers programme for Year 10 students looking at plans for their future.
- Study Skills – Year 11 getting support for their final year and preparing for their exams and getting the most out of their studies.

To provide parents with further information about what your child will learn in tutor time in 2022/23 (and how it is very much connected to PSHE/RSE this year) we have provided information on our website about the topics and learning journeys for your child's time at Yateley:

- Learning Journeys (what a child in Year 7 to 11 will learn while at Yateley school) - <https://www.yateleyschool.net/curriculum/>
- Tutor Time KS3 Plan – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Tutor Time KS4 Plan – [CLICK HERE](#)

Uniform reminders

Just to remind everyone about the expectations when it comes to uniform in the school. It has been great to see how many of our students are meeting this, but there has been the odd small number of exceptions this week where we have had to speak to individuals.

The full uniform guidance can be found on our school policy page (Policy Page – [CLICK HERE](#), Uniform Guidance – [CLICK HERE](#)).

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Main things which we have had to remind a small number of students about are no nail extensions/colour, no eye lash extensions, no extreme makeup, no nose studs, only a single stud allowed in each ear, no bracelets, no rings, no trainers, no leggings, mobile phones not allowed out in the school day, etc. Students have been reminded this week and we would appreciate parents' support with this.

As from Monday 12th September, any students which choose to not meet the guidance could face their items being confiscated as well as sanctions issued by staff. If you have any concerns then please do contact your child's tutor or the house team.

Student Committee Groups

As you may know we have four student committee groups which focus on separate areas of the school development. Meetings for these student committees start again next week for student representatives to come along with the senior student leaders. The senior students are also running the year assemblies next week to promote the groups and see if any new students would like to join.

The committees are meeting times are:

- **Anti-Bullying** – B14, Thursday Week B, Tutor Time
- **Student Voice** - B14, Tuesday Week A, Tutor Time
- **Inclusivity and Diversity** - B14, Wednesday Week B, Tutor Time
- **Wellbeing and Welfare** - B14, Friday Week A, Tutor Time

Mr R. Keeble, Deputy Headteacher – Culture

NEWS FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT ...

Dear Parents (especially new parents with children that have joined our school this week!), I just wanted to let you know what opportunities are happening in Dance so that your child does not miss out if they might like to give them a go!

House Dance Competition



This has already started but each House are keen to recruit new members, especially in Year 7 if they would like to be a part of learning a dance piece created by Year 11 House Dance Captains. The theme for the competition is 'The Future' this academic year and all teams rehearse once a week in preparation for performing in our Annual Dance Show on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October at 7.00pm in the Main Hall.

Nightingale and Wilberforce teams rehearse on Mondays from 3.10-4.30pm and Pankhurst and Darwin teams rehearse on Tuesdays from 3.10-4.30pm. Each student is expected to contribute £5.00 towards the costumes for the show. Payment for this can be organised once you have settled into rehearsals (via Scopay). If your child would like to join a team for their House all they need to do is come along and bring their PE kit to change into!

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Your child must be available to perform in the evening of both Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October and be at school from 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

Auditions for the Annual Dance Show

In addition to the House Dance Teams performing, we have students who like to perform pieces they have learnt in lessons or outside of school, or even a dance they may have choreographed themselves! I will be looking for solo's, duets, trios and small group pieces in a range of dance styles for the show in October. If your child is keen to perform in the show, please ask them to come and speak to me and I will arrange one lunchtime for them to show me their dance. Dances must be between 1.5-2 minutes duration. This invite is open to all students in all years! I am particularly keen to have some boys performing!

Dance Live 2023

Yateley School entered this new regional competition last year and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all! It is open to all Secondary Schools and Colleges where students get the opportunity to perform live on stage at The Guildhall in Portsmouth with an interactive LED screen as their backdrop. Students are invited to attend an audition where our friendly 6th form Dance Captains will teach a short routine, then it is your child's chance to show how much they love performing in small groups (not in front of everyone!). Those who are successful, then get selected to form the Dance Live Team and rehearse every Thursday afterschool from 3.10-4.30pm until February. There are usually two Sunday rehearsals nearer to the competition held at school to allow the team to rehearse all together for a longer period and dance in costumes etc! Last year students were asked to pay £55.00 to participate which covers the cost of coach hire to and from Portsmouth, costume/ make up, and a team t-shirt.

It's an incredible opportunity to make friends with similar interests across all year groups and represent the school in a competition! It is a very rewarding and everyone always has a fantastic day! Parents, friends and family members can purchase tickets to see the evening show should they wish. It is always wonderful to hear the parents cheering for 'Yateley' in the auditorium!

Year 7 Dance Club

This runs every Friday afterschool in the dance studio from 3.10-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to work with myself and 2 wonderful 6th form Dance students, Livia Biddell and Rebecca Pomfrett. The club will hopefully be making their debut at our Annual Dance Show in October with a hit from Matilda!

If you have any further questions please email me helen.wearing@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

PE DEPARTMENT

The PE department are pleased to announce that we will be starting up a number of different of extracurricular clubs, as of Monday 13th September. These have already been emailed home, but please see attached for the Timetable of activities. [CLICK HERE](#)

We are determined to ensure that our students are developing their love of sport and engaging in a healthy active lifestyle, so please do encourage your child to attend any of their year groups clubs.

Please follow us on Twitter for all of our Sports team fixtures, results and updates as well as all sport related event news. @YateleySchoolPE



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Next Weeks Fixtures

Football

Yr7 Football Vs Court Moor (A)
Yr 8 Football Vs Fern Hill (A)
Yr 9 Football (Cup) Vs Court Moor (A)
Yr9 Football Vs All Hallows (A)
Yr 10 Foot Ball Vs The Wavell (H)

Netball

Year 10 Netball Versatility Tournament @ Farnborough Hill

Athletics

Year 11 GCSE Athletics Assessment @ Downgrange Track

Mr Ben Wills, PE Department

Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday 27 September 2022	Yrs. 7, 8, 9, 10+12	Home Study Day
Tuesday 27 September 2022	Y6	Year 6 Taster Day (Only Y11 + 13 attending School)
Thursday 29 September	ALL YEARS	School closes at 12.50
Thursday 29 September	-	Open Evening – (18:15 – 21:00)
Tues 4, Wed 5 September	-	Open Mornings
Thursday 6 October	-	Sixth Form Open Evening

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


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**PORTSMOUTH
GUILDHALL**

We are looking for dancers to take part in the **Dance Live** competition of 2023

**ALL YEARS
WELCOME**



**Romeo and Juliet
Dance Live
Team 2022**

Do you love to **perform**?

Do you want to be part of a dance **team**?

Do you want a day off school and **compete** against other schools?

Auditions will take place in the dance studio on **Thursday 15th September**

3.15-4.30pm

You must be in kit!

Rehearsals will run every Thursday 3.15-4.30pm

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FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY!



LOVE TO DANCE?

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO
LOVES TO MOVE?**

Join Stopgap artists for a fun
inclusive dance class!

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dancers welcome!

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WHERE?

West End Centre,
Aldershot, GU11 3JD

WHEN?

Fridays 5.15-6.45pm
Term Time

£6 per session

Please get in touch if money
is a barrier for attending

Ages 12 - 18



Hampshire
County Council

Email: admin@stopgapdance.com
www.stopgapdance.com

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Looking for something to do now the summer holidays are after? Join our team of volunteers supporting local families.

Home-Start Hampshire in Rushmoor & Hart, is a local charity supporting parents who are going through challenging times. Trained volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.



At the heart of Home-Start Hampshire is our fantastic network of volunteers and as demand for support continues to increase, we are looking for new volunteers to join our team.

We are running a prep course for new volunteers living in the Rushmoor & Hart area starting on Thursday 22nd September 22

Hybrid of face to face & online training within school hours

After training, volunteer commitment is just 2-3 hours pw

To Register your interest and find out more about volunteer opportunities in your area please visit our website www.home-starthampshire.org.uk/volunteering

or email info@hshants.org.uk

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Registered charity number: 1144661

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