

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

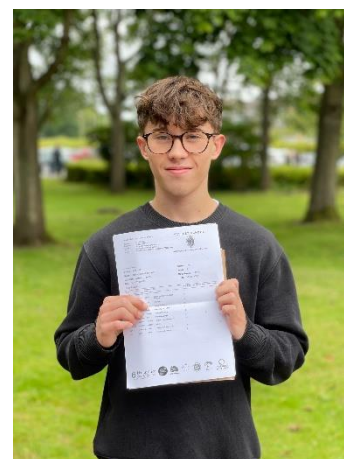
A very warm welcome back after the summer holidays. For new parents and anyone who hasn't seen the bulletin before, welcome, this is our opportunity to share and celebrate what's happening in your school – from individual triumphs to big collective achievements; a lot makes its way into the bulletin. However, as Headteacher, I can always do with your help – so do please let me know some of the amazing things your children are up to. You never know, they may feature on these pages!

If nothing else, I hope you enjoyed a period of rest and relaxation over the summer holidays. Whether you got away or not, holidays seem to have been a very mixed experience, but whether home or away, I certainly hope you got a break after the extraordinary experience of last year!

As I'm sure you're already fully aware, term has well and truly got underway and there is an excellent buzz about the place as students and staff are pleased to be back – or in the case of year 7, to be joining the school. There is a strong sense of purpose and ambition everywhere as term gets underway. I have given a very clear message in assemblies so far of starting with a 'best version' of ourselves and influencing others in a positive way. I reflected on the last year or so, but in terms of the many positives it has given us, as well as the more obvious problems. As I've mentioned before, much has been made nationally of 'lost learning' and there is certainly a job of work to be done. However, given the superb way in which we tackled last year, I'm certain we can look at 2021-22 with confidence.



Obviously, since I last wrote a bulletin to parents, GCSE and A' Level results have been published. In the circumstances, it would be wrong of me dwell on whole school performance, although we are very proud of what was achieved. However, I do want to pay tribute to the stunning work of students and staff, ably overseen by Mr Hill and Mr Conway, in generating grades that were honest, rigorous and reflected candidates' best endeavours. Most importantly of all, students can be proud of achieving 'door-opening' results which will set them up superbly for life and competitively alongside their peers elsewhere. Pictured

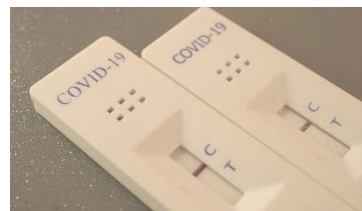


are two GCSE top performers, Ella Morrison and Harry Jarvis. Huge congratulations also go out to Sixth Formers Amy Capp and Megan Scotford on their impressive performance within the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) which is an admissions test used by a consortium of UK Universities for their medical and dental degree programmes. It is testament to their hard work and we wish them every luck in their medicine application.

Within a very accomplished cohort within the Sixth Form, there have been outstanding individual performances. Samuel Keys is the top performer with four A* grades at A' Level and an A* grade within his EPQ; he will be reading Natural Sciences at Durham University. He is very closely followed by Abigail Malet and Khaled Hussien who both achieved three A* grades. Abigail has secured her place at University of Birmingham to read Biomedical Science and Khaled will go on to study Medicine.

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I'm sure your child has already told you about the Lateral Flow tests undertaken in school this week – another monumental effort getting everyone through and with minimal disruption to learning. For those year groups who came in on Monday to test and then leave; thank you for your forbearance with that and I'm pleased to say that the whole process ran smoothly. It is now down to students to ensure that they keep up to date with their twice-weekly home testing. Year 7 students have been supplied today with their first set of kits to take home and other year groups will follow suit during the course of next week. Most students are familiar with what is required, although full instructions are within the kit boxes.



Open Evening and Open Mornings

We are now gearing up for our Open Evening and subsequent Open Mornings for prospective parents and students, particularly students in current Year 6. The primary schools are all being sent the publicity materials and we are obviously delighted to be able to host these events face to face and are looking forward to a really good turnout. Our virtual content created for last year will remain, but of course nothing quite substitutes for visiting in person. Please let anyone know who you think might be interested and who may not otherwise be aware and also please note that a large number of our current students will be involved on the evening of Thursday 30th September, either as guides, or within subjects.

YATELEY SCHOOL

Hear from our Headteacher

Meet our students

Try activities in Science, Design, Maths, Computing, Food and Drama, plus many others.

Open Evening

30th September 2021 6:15 - 9pm

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30th September 2021

Event will begin from 6:15pm with Headteacher's presentations at 6:30pm and 7:15pm

Open Mornings on the 5th & 6th October 2021
9:15am - 10:30am

Visit www.yateleyschool.net to book your place.

BYOD

Parents will be pleased to know that the BYOD devices have been received in school and the IT department are now setting them up ready to allocate to those students who have purchased a device through the school scheme. We are planning to distribute them to the year 7 students during their ICT lessons commencing next week, students in all other year groups will received theirs during tutor time next week.

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Student Star of the week

It is super to be able to honour a new Year 7 student with the coveted 'student of the week' spot. Julia Panasiuk in 7NN has distinguished herself from the start with a fantastically warm and caring approach – particularly in helping other students in finding their way and making sure that they are not left out. We have a number of students from overseas, some of whom have limited English and Julia has made it her business to befriend and support them. A super attitude to secondary school life – well done Julia.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

Thursday 16 September 2021
7.00pm – 7.45pm

**YEAR 10 GCSE
PARENTS'
INFORMATION
EVENING**

Careers | Work Experience | Resources
Academic Support | Pastoral Support | GCSE Success

**How to support your teen through
the next two years!**

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Uniform Reminders

It has been so pleasing to see our students back and welcome our new Year 7's. It has especially been fantastic to see how the large majority are smartly dressed and following the uniform guidance.

Just a gentle reminder is needed to a small number about the uniform expectations which helps us all follow the school positive behaviour values of READY RESPECTFUL SAFE.

The link to the full uniform policy on the website is here ([CLICK HERE](#)). Please do read the details and examples about pieces of uniform. Now that we are a week in we have issued warnings to students that are not meeting expectations, however from next week we will need to follow the behaviour guidance around confiscating items and issuing detentions where suitable.



Elevate Education – Year 11 Parent Seminar at Yateley School

We are glad this year to welcome back Elevate Education to come into school and do support work with our students. This year they will be working not just with Year 11 but also Year 10 as well.

We also have the well-attended Year 11 parent seminar taking place again. This will be on:

Monday September 27th @ 19.00 to 20.00pm, Yateley School Main Hall

We encourage as many parents as possible to attend the parent seminar where Elevate will guide and provide information to parents in who you can best support your child through Year 11 and their studies to maximise their potential. The plan is currently for this seminar to be in person in the main hall but of course if things needed to change we might be able to move this to a live online session. Please just keep the date free at the moment and more details will follow in the next week along with further details about the Year 10 and 11 student session in school time.



Elevate Education Parent Online Seminars

We're excited to announce that parents of our school have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school. The next online seminar and resources is as follows:

September 21st @ 18.00pm - Webinar 1: How to Get (and Keep) Your Child Motivated – [CLICK HERE to register for FREE!](#)

In *How to Get (and Keep) Your Child Motivated*, Elevate will provide you with the tips and tools for how to get (and keep!) your child motivated, including:

- Share the best types of goals to boost motivation;
- Show parents how to identify which types of goals their child is currently setting and help them set better goals;

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- Give parents practical strategies to use at home to motivate their child to study, and sustain that motivation.

"I just wanted to thank you for a thoroughly well thought out and interesting talk on motivation yesterday. Indeed, you came up with some great real-life examples to help motivate our children that is not purely through a grade drive approach which I know will benefit them hugely."

The webinar is run live online from 6pm – 7pm where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

You might also find the below resources from Elevate of use:

- Elevate's TedX Talk in Tallinn – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Misunderstanding Motivation – [CLICK HERE](#)

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

- ☎ 01865 987 732
- ✉ charlotte@elevateeducation.com
- 💻 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>
- 👍 www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/



Vision 4 Youth

Vision 4 Youth are pleased to say that all of their youth clubs are now back open as normal. For further details please see the poster and flyer at the end of the bulletin.

Year 7 Reminder

Reminder: It is essential that ALL students should have plug-in ear phones in school from Monday.

Welcome back to the Library

I am pleased to announce that students will be able to visit the library again at lunchtimes and after school, commencing Monday 13th September. The library is open to students every lunchtime and after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays until 5pm. On Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, students must use the backdoor entry via the Library Schoolroom.

We will be restricting numbers to ensure a safe environment for all and will be encouraging students to spend limited amounts of time in the library for choosing or returning books.

There will be limited seating in the library for students wishing to read or continue with their studies.

Students are requested to wear a face covering in the library in line with Hampshire Libraries COVID expectations.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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Year 11 Maths Homework

Maths homework schedule is attached to this bulletin

Parent information: PE Kit requirements

We know that all new starter parents will have had this information in your school induction packs but we would like to just remind all existing parents of the School PE guidelines. We follow the current Hampshire safety requirements these are as follows:

- All students must wear sports trainers and NOT plimsolls including skater/vans/hi-top or fashion trainers for PE, or indeed anything with a flat sole and minimum grip. Students will not be allowed to wear footwear if it does not comply with the regulations.
- Students should wear studded boots for rugby and football.
- **No jewellery** is allowed to be worn at any time in PE (including stud earrings, and personal activity trackers). You are advised to get any ear piercings done at the start of the summer holidays so that the ears have time to heal before September. **No taping of the ear is allowed at Yateley School**
- All long hair and fringes must be tied back off the face. This regulation applies to all students.
- It is recommended that students wear a mouth guard for rugby and hockey and shin pads for rugby, hockey and football. These can be purchased from most sports shops.
- If students wish to wear the school's navy blue track pants or leggings and the training top in the colder months they can do so with their teacher's permission. However they must ensure they have their PE shorts and T-shirt for every lesson as they are a compulsory requirement for all indoor lessons and the spring/summer terms. PE teachers will make it clear to students what is appropriate clothing for each activity.
- Swimming costumes need to be a one piece costume with no fashion cut outs. Boys' shorts must be above the knee. Swim hats and goggles are optional.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

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 below for the Timetable of activities.

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.

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PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Monday 13th September 2021

	After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15	Year Group	Venue
Monday	Football Fixtures	Year 7	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Netball Training Football Fixtures Rugby Club Swimming club	All Years Year 8 Years 7- 9 All Years	Courts Sports Hall Gym Pool
Wednesday	Football Fixtures Gymnastics Club Cross country	Year 9 All Years All Years	Sports Hall Gym Gym
Thursday	Netball Fixtures Football Fixtures Fitness club Basketball Club	All Years Year 10 All Years Year 7-9	Sports Hall Sports Hall Gym Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton Football Club GCSE Clinic	All Years Year 7-9 Year 11	Sports Hall Sports Hall B11



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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PORTSMOUTH GUILDHALL

DANCE LIVE!

Romeo & Juliet

We are looking for dancers to take part in the **Dance Live** competition of 2022

You can sign up and take part in as many auditions as you please.
Audition sign up sheets are outside the Dance Studio

ALL YEARS WELCOME

Monday 27th September 2021 – **Street Dance** audition
Tuesday 28th September 2021 – **Contemporary Dance** audition
Wednesday 29th September 2021 – **Ballet Dance** audition
Friday 1st October 2021 – **Acting** audition

Auditions take place in the dance studio and run from 3.15-4.30pm
You must wear kit!

Dance Live Competition

Yateley School has an excellent reputation for taking part and competing in local, regional and dance competitions over the years including The Rock Challenge and The Gremlin Dance Challenge. This academic year we will be taking part in a new competition called '**Dance Live!**'. This will be an opportunity for a selected team of dedicated dance students to work together to create a performance piece that interacts with live film on an LED screen as their backdrop! (exciting!) It will involve students from all year groups.

If your child enjoys dancing, performing, and acting we would strongly encourage them to take part in the auditions that will take place week commencing 27th September. Auditions may sound scary, but don't let that put them off, they are fun and it gives us an opportunity to get to meet your child. Students can sign up to as many auditions as they would like e.g ballet, street dance, contemporary and acting. The audition sheets are located outside the dance studio, so your child will need to come up to the dance area and sign up! On the day of the audition, all students must remember their PE kit. In the audition, students will learn a short routine that they will need to perform in small groups. After the auditions take place, a list will be placed on the Dance Live Noticeboard (located in the Dance corridor) to show who has made the team this year. Please note **Dance Live** rehearsals will take place on Mondays afterschool from 3.15-4.30pm.



Year 9 Only!

TWILIGHT DANCE CLASS

Starts 8th September!

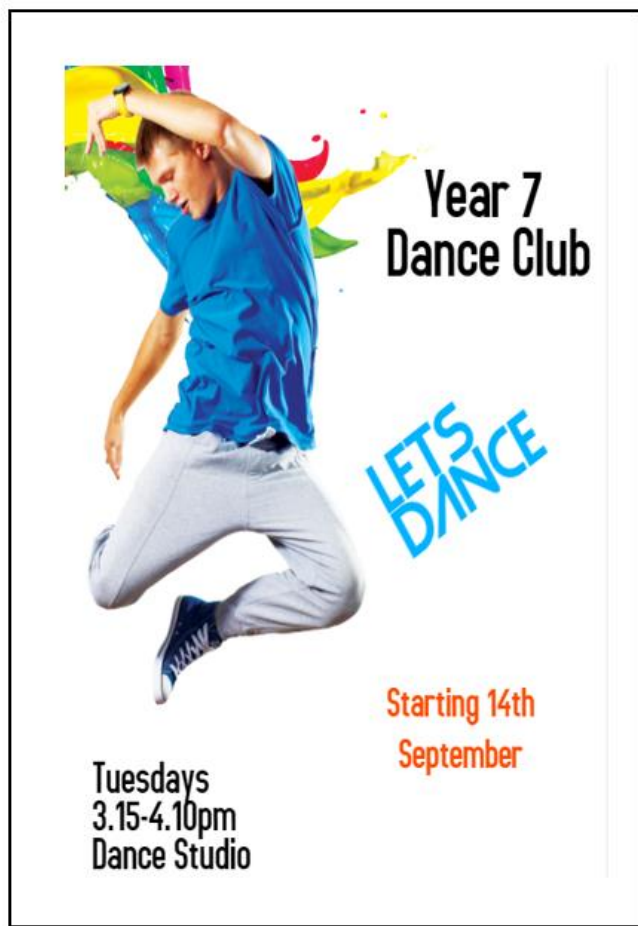
**Wednesdays
3.15-4.10pm
Dance Studio**

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Year 9 Twilight Dance Class

This is a new class for Year 9 only every Wednesday afterschool in the studio from 3.15-4.10pm which started this week. If your child enjoys Dance and would like to continue studying Dance as a hobby or is thinking about choosing it as a GCSE Dance option, come along and give it a go! This year, our Year 9 group will be performing as part of the Lift Off Dance Festival in October!

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Dance at Yateley School

Year 7 Dance Club

On Tuesday's afterschool there will be a Year 7 Dance Club in the Dance Studio from 3.15-4.10pm. There is no charge for this club, and it is open to all abilities for boys and girls to join. Students must remember to bring their PE Kit to change into for the session. It is a great way to make new friends across the different houses at Yateley. If your child enjoys Dance and would like to come for a trial session, please remind it starts on Tuesday 14th September!



Another chance to Dance! - Zambesi Dance Company

Zambesi Dance Company is an exciting and friendly dance group led by Hannah Batley. Zambesi's mission is to provide high quality, affordable dance training for young people, empowering them to become independent thinkers and movers.

Established in 2010 and based in Surrey, Zambesi Dance Company provides an exciting blend of performance and choreographic opportunities for young people aged 11 – 19. We pride ourselves on our creative and individual approach to dance, inspiring young people to explore their own ideas through movement.

Zambesi are holding auditions for students aged 11-19 on 16th September 6-8pm at

Kings International College, Camberley

Please watch the video to see more and complete the booking form if you are interested.

Audition video -

<https://youtu.be/dlKktuUjU5s>

MS Booking Form - [Booking Form - Zambesi Auditions 2021](#)

Parents can also email Hannah Batley if they want more information at zambesidance@hotmail.co.uk
Many of students have performed with this Dance Company, made new friends, and had exciting opportunities to perform.

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

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What's going on at your local

YOUTH CENTRE

@ the Tythings Youth Suite, Reading Road,
Yateley, GU46 7RP

CREATIVE CLUB

TUESDAY 6.30-8.30pm
Age 11-18 years (term time) £1

Come and hang out with friends whilst taking part in a variety of fun activities. There are several run at each session, including art & craft, music, photography, cooking and creative challenges and games. Tuck shop and drinks are also available.

FITNESS 4 YOUTH

WEDNESDAY 7.00pm
Age 11-18 years (term time) £1

Enjoy an evening with a focus on fitness and healthy body, mind and diet.

For both of these clubs, attendees must complete a registration form at their first session, stay for the duration of the evening.

THURSDAY CLUB

6.30-8.00pm Age 11-14 years (Yr 6,7,8) £1 fee

Come and hang out with friends whilst taking part in a variety of fun activities.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

FRIDAY 7.00-9.00pm
Age 11-18 years (term time)
FREE

Just drop in - come and go as you wish.

Enjoy meeting your friends and listening to music, playing table tennis, pool, foosball and air hockey. There is a monthly movie night and in the warmer months, football, basketball and tennis on the tennis courts/green are on offer.

A tuck-shop, hot & cold drinks, free juice & toast are all available.



www.vision4youth.org.uk

Tel: 07540660866 (only available during Youth Club times)

Providing Youth Services for the local Community at
The Tythings Youth Suite, Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7RP
Charity No. 1172352

ABOUT VISION4YOUTH

The Youth Clubs provide an engaging space where young people can socialise with friends, use the excellent facilities and take part in arranged activities in a safe and supervised environment. We are always looking for adult volunteers, please visit our website for more details.

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EVERY JOURNEY STARTS
WITH ITS FIRST STEP.

Signposting individuals to the next step.



All welcome aged 11-25

Take your first step to wellbeing by making an appointment or chat via
office@vision4youth.org.uk or join us on **Monday nights 7.30pm - 9pm**
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