

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know, guidance on school operation thorough the pandemic has changed frequently and continues to do so, as we try to 'find our feet' in this Autumn term and an attempt to move towards something more resembling normality. Transmission rates seem to vary considerably region by region and even within a relatively small area like Hart. So far, our numbers of recorded positive cases have been modest, but that could change very rapidly. At the time of writing, there is no need to step back to former measures – face coverings, year group mustering, staggered starts etc, but I should give fair warning that some extraordinary measures may be required in the near future should our circumstances change. In the meantime, please be meticulous with the twice-weekly student LFD testing and let us know if there is a positive result. If there is a positive result on a Lateral Flow Test, that person **must** take a confirmatory PCR test at an official centre and self-isolate until the result is known. If the PCR comes back negative, the student can return to school; if it is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days and for any symptoms to have gone. If you have a confirmed case within your household, NHS advice is to get PCR tests for all other occupants prior to them attending work, college or school. For all other regulations and guidance about self-isolation, please visit the dedicated NHS page [HERE](#).

You will hopefully have seen from my earlier School Comms message, that the planned rollout of the nasal flu vaccination and the NHS offer of a Pfizer Biontec Covid vaccination to 12-15 year olds has been delayed in this school. We already have your response to the E-consent form for the nasal flu vaccination and this now looks likely to now take place in mid-November. The Covid vaccination is likely to be offered separately in mid-October, probably just before half term. Parents will be asked to make a separate decision about whether you want your child to receive the Covid vaccine and a separate paper-based consent form will be sent home in due course. Those parents who wish to read some of the detailed DfE guidance on the covid vaccination should visit [HERE](#).

Open Events – As you will be aware by now, we have a number of Open Events happening over the next fortnight in



order to get the next generation of Yateley families informed and ready for what we have on offer. Obviously, in the current climate, we have had to make some adaptations to our format, although it is also a great opportunity to freshen things up. The first major event is the Open Evening on Thursday 30th September. Although the doors open at 6pm, the evening starts properly at 6.15. The first Headteacher talk is at 6.30pm and the second at 7.30pm. Student led tours will be operating throughout the evening. Parking may well be an

issue, although we do have the use of our own car parks, the Library car park and the Westfields schools' car parks.

The second element of the open events are the Open Mornings for prospective families on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th October. Details can be seen on the link from our [homepage](#). On Thursday 7th September, we are hosting the Year 6 Taster Day. As parents already know, Years 7 – 10 and Year 12 are working at home from lessons

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set on Satchel:One. Years 11 and 13 are being taught in school as normal. Any families wanting to book a Year 6 child onto the Taster Day should please use the Eventbrite booking platform [LINK](#).

Sixth Form Open Evening – Also on Thursday 7th October is the hugely important Sixth Form Open Evening and we



The poster for the Yateley Sixth Form Open Evening features a collage of images showing students and staff. Text on the poster includes: "We made friends very quickly, everyone was so friendly!", "Would you like to join a unique and innovative centre for Sixth Form?", "Top 15% nationally for both A Level and Diploma results. Over 30 subjects. High University and Apprenticeship entry success.", "YATELEY VI FORM", "OPEN EVENING Thursday 7th October 2021 7pm", "YATELEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE", "Ofsted Outstanding Provider", "The only outstanding school sixth form in Hampshire", "Yateley Sixth Form School Lane, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6NW.", "Tel. (01252) 746940", "E. sixthform@yateley.hants.sch.uk", "W. www.yateleysixthform.com".

are looking forward to welcoming all the prospective Sixth Formers, both from our own school and from other secondary schools in the area. Publicity for this event is every bit as important as the main school open evening and I would really appreciate parent help with this – 'liking and sharing' Social Media posts and ensuring that any families with Year 11 students within travelling distance come along to see what life in an outstanding sixth form is really like. I hope it goes without saying that we're looking forward to seeing all of our own Year 11s and their families.

Skill Ups - We have been so proud of our Year 11s who have returned to school full of enthusiasm to succeed in the final year of their GCSE journey. One of the key skills that all students develop as they progress through their education is their extended writing and enhancing the depth of their thinking. This year (for the first time!) we have got "Skill-Ups" running in the main hall for both Maths and English. Skill-ups involve our Year 11 students working in exam conditions once per week (in either Maths or English) for 45-90 minutes, using real exam papers and getting feedback afterwards in class. Running our Skill-Up means our students get the opportunity to familiarise themselves with how their GCSE papers work, what examiners want to see and how to improve their technique... all well before the real GCSE exams. As the students entered their first English skill-up yesterday it was a delight to see so many revision cards, notes and books as the students entered; a great sign of how committed they all are to succeed! Well done Year 11!



Student Star of the week is Hayley Wabyona in 10DS. She has shown brilliant initiative and is leading the newly formed Ukulele Ensemble which meets on Friday lunch times in the Music block. The ensemble is intended for complete beginners and a great time is being had by all as students start to get to grips with this cheeky, fun little instrument. For the time being, we have a supply of instruments which we can lend out, so the only requirement is enthusiasm – no past experience required. Just turn up. This is a great piece of work by Hayley and shows real leadership; what might the next concert be like with a fully formed Ukulele Ensemble?



Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Elevate Education – Year 11 Parent Seminar at Yateley School – Monday 27th Sep at 19.00pm Main Hall

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

Parents form a critical part of students' study habits, and are ideally placed to help reinforce effective study habits while discouraging poor ones at home. This workshop equips parents of all backgrounds with a number of practical tips to provide effective support for the program at home.

Topics covered:

- **Study environment:** Discussion of what an ideal study environment looks like, and how to ensure students are able to maximise concentration.
- **Technology:** What role technology plays in aiding study, and how to ensure it doesn't become an enormous distraction.
- **Best practices:** Exposition of a number of core skills presented to the students, and signs to look for at home when students are straying from their use.
- **Q & A:** Parents have a lot of questions about study – the presenter will open the seminar to the audience and accept questions about the program and how to support it at home.

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🖥 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

👍 www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/



Lateness

As we all know it is so important to be on time for things. For the vast majority of our students they are fantastic at being on time to school and lessons, there is just a small number that need reminding. Please can you remind your child that they should be within the school every morning by 08.45am and then sat down in their tutor room or main hall for assembly at 08.50am. Any student that is late after 08.50am is given a late mark which could result in a lunchtime detention.



Winter Uniform – From Monday 4th October

As from Monday 4th October all students in school should be wearing the winter uniform.

This simply means that students should not be wearing their summer polo shirts in school. For further guidance please do see our uniform guidance policy – [CLICK HERE](#)

Can we also remind that when in uniform students are of course representing the school. There is still the odd occasion when girls are wearing their skirts too short and there is a slight 'trend' to bunch up the back of jumpers with a elastic band to make them look tighter. Please could we ask for your support in ensuring this does not happen. We must add that this is just for a few students because for the vast majority of students, they follow the uniform guidance as required.

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House Music 2021/22

If your child would like to take part in House Music, please encourage them to audition for me on the following dates:

1. Wednesday 29th of September 2021 in M1, 3:10pm until 4:30
2. Wednesday 6th of October 2021 in M1, 3:10pm until 4:30pm

They can audition a solo, duet, small ensemble piece but the performance needs to be rehearsed and performed with the students from the same house.

Students need to attend the audition with their instrument, sheet music and suitable backing track/sheet music if they require piano accompaniment.

Ms Pejovic, Music Department

BYOD – *Second Portal Window Opening Soon..... please see the attached information*

This week's sports results

Football;

Year 8 v RMS, we won 10-1. POM: K. Allsopp

Year 9 v FHE, we lost 5-0. POM: F. Bonte

Year 10 v Court Moor, drew 3-3, POM: I. McGeachie

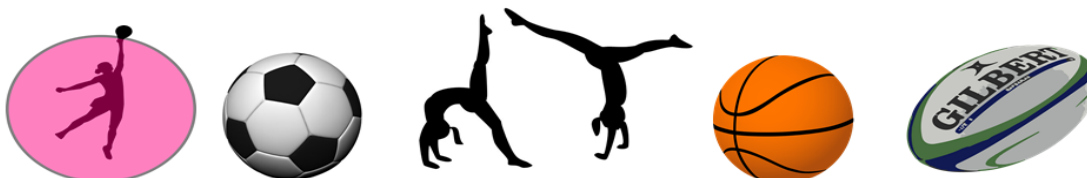
Netball;

Year 10 v Weydon Academy, we lost 35-7. POM: C. Burnett

Year 9 V Weydon Castle, we lost 18-6. POM: I. Whittaker, & S. Henderson.

Do something today that your future self will thank you for....

Mrs Evans, Head of Physical Education



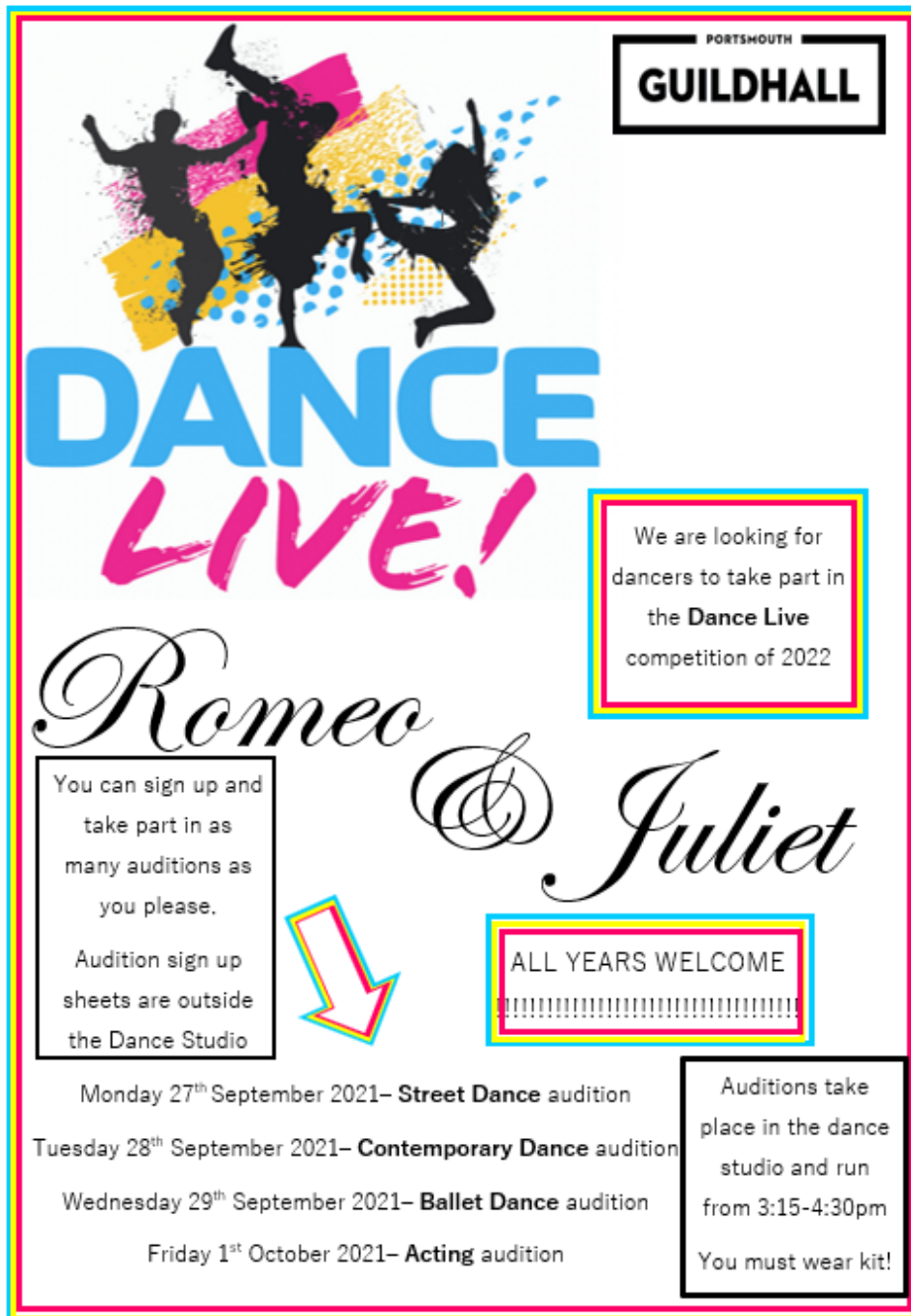
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It is almost here!

Next week we launch the week of Dance and Acting auditions for students across all year groups for the Dance Live Competition! It is going to be an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY, so good luck to everyone who has signed up and if you have not signed up (on the sheets outside the dance studio) it is not too late! Don't forget you MUST remember:

1. PE KIT
2. For Street Dance wear trainers
3. For Ballet wear ballet shoes (if you have some)
4. For Contemporary - bare feet
5. No need for a change of kit!

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance



PORTSMOUTH GUILDHALL

DANCE LIVE!

Romeo & Juliet

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


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

ALL YEARS WELCOME

Auditions take place in the dance studio and run from 3:15-4:30pm. You must wear kit!


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

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YEAR 11, 12 & 13 STUDENTS



BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Would you like help with Maths?


You can work through revision topics, exam questions and anything else at our drop in.

GCSE

Wednesday C2.1

A LEVEL

Thursday C2.6



OCTOBER MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

25th – 29th October 2021

Timings	MONSTER MASH MONDAY	TRICK OR TREAT TARGET TUESDAY	WICKED WEDNESDAY	THRILLER THURSDAY	HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS FRIDAY
8.00-9.00am	Early Club- Includes colouring sheets, activity sheets, puzzles, board games, free play sports stations, music and more				
9.15am	Morning Welcome/Health & Safety Talk				
9.30-10am	WARM UP: Monster Races	WARM UP: Halloween Tag Games	WARM UP: Wicked Fitness Challenges	WARM UP: Spooky Obstacle Courses	WARM UP: Colour Games
10- 10.45am	KIDS GAME CREATIONS	TARGET STATIONS (NERF, Soft Archery*, Penalty Shootouts)	BLACK WIDOW DR DODGEBALL	KIDS CHOICE TEAM GAMES	ENCHANTED BALL GAMES
10.45-11am	Morning Snack Break				
11.00-11.45am	NUMBER GAMES: (Hockey/Football/Dodgeball)	KIDS CHOICE STRIKING & FIELDING (Tennis, Rounders, Cricket, Hockey)	FREAKY FOOTBALL GAMES	SCOOTER BOARD GAMES	ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE NERF WARS
12-12.30pm	Recap, Reflect & Monster Picture Quiz	Recap, Reflect & Food/Candy Quiz	Recap, Reflect & Halloween Mystery Object Quiz	Recap, Reflect & Halloween A-Z Quiz	Recap, Reflect & Pumpkin Design Competition
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch & Joke Club				
1.15-1.45pm	Outdoor Structured Free Play				
2-2.45pm	ADAM'S FAMILY BENCHBALL and/or CREATE: MONSTER CRAFTS	FRANKENSTEIN'S FRISBEE GOLF/FOOT GOLF and/or HALLOWEEN FINGER PAINTING	HARRY POTTER'S QUIDDITCH and/or OUTDOOR LEARNING (Witch/Wizard Wand Making; Leaf Animals; Den Building; Spider Webs)	TOY STORY TENNIS GAMES and/or CREATE: CREEPY CRAWLY PAPER PLATE CRAFTS	KIDS CHALLENGES and/or PUMPKIN CARVING & FACEPAINTING
2.45-3pm	Afternoon Snack Break				
3-3.45pm	SULLEY'S TAG RUGBY GAMES and/or HUMAN HUNGRY HIPPOS	DRACULA'S DODGEBALL GAMES and/or CREATE: SLIME!	HOCUS POCUS TALENT SHOW and/or CREATE: ORIGAMI	CRUELLA'S CAPTURE THE FLAG and/or TICKING TOMB (TIME) BOMB!	HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT and/or PUMPKIN CARVING & FACEPAINTING
3.45-4pm	End of Day Quiz				
4-5pm	PARTY GAMES: MONSTER MUSICAL & PARACHUTE GAMES	PARTY GAMES: SPELLBINDING SCOOTER & BALL FUN	PARTY GAMES: CIRCLE & PARACHUTE GAMES	PARTY GAMES: BIZARRE BALLOON CRAFTS & GAMES	PARTY GAMES: FRIGHT-TASTIC DRAMA & GYMNASIATIC GAMES
5-6pm	Late Club- Includes colouring sheets, activity sheets, puzzles, board games, free play sports stations, music and more				

*Please note that Soft Archery is for ages 8years and over

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**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
DAY**

in the Blackwater Valley



**25
SEPT
2021**

CLIMATE ACTION IS COMING TO THE BLACKWATER VALLEY!



On 25th September, Yateley Climate Action Network is joining with other groups in the Valley which support action on climate change.

Please come and join a friendly group to take part in a litter pick starting at 10am at the Tythings car park in Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7RP. Litter picking equipment will be provided and instructions on how to collect litter safely.

We can also provide a leaflet offering suggestions on how you can reduce your carbon footprint.

To find out more about this and other green events taking place in the Valley on 25th September and to learn how you can help tackle climate change, please visit:



<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/events/blackwater-valleys-great-big-green-week/>



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Maths Corner



Dinner Dilemma



Half of the students at school today brought a packed-lunch and didn't buy anything at the cafeteria. Out of the remaining half who bought something, $\frac{3}{4}$ bought ice cream. Half of the ice cream bought was chocolate and one-fourth was vanilla. The remaining 15 ice creams were strawberry.



How many students were at School Today?

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 – Bunk Beds

Robert = Red, Harry = Blue, Brian = Yellow, Kevin = Black, Ian = Green, Liam = Brown