

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers

Open Mornings. After the highly successful Year 6 taster day and Open Evening last week, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming guests as part of our open morning programme. Responding to increasing demand, we have doubled the number of sessions and as a consequence, well over 300 people joined us for a short talk and then the all-important walk around the site and lessons on a normal operating day. It proved to be an immensely helpful exercise and the feedback from visitors was stunning – especially about the calibre of the Sixth Form guides who showed them around. Although a number had visited the open evening last Thursday, this was by no means all and for some, it was their first look around Yateley School. Visitors loved the ethos and feel of the school; great learning taking place in a kind and calm atmosphere.



a huge amount raising the profile of what our outstanding sixth form can offer and this, along with great results and the positive feedback of our sixth formers has generated this level of interest, enthusiasm and perceptive questions. As with all of the events this week, our students – of course - were our best ambassadors and excelled themselves as guides and subject experts.

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday evening saw the very busy and positive Sixth Form Open Evening. The turn out and level of interest was just extraordinary – thank you – and a great indicator of the increasing popularity of the Yateley Sixth Form – and bearing in mind that our current Year 11 cohort is the smallest year group in the school, makes this all the better. The subject stalls were very busy and this was particularly pleasing as we were joined by a great many visitors from other schools who were very welcome alongside our own super Year 11 students. Mr Conway continues to do



Science Taking advantage of some good weather recently – (alongside dodging the showers!), Year 11 triple scientists have been looking at how light behaves when passing through lenses. They managed to set fire to lots of paper whilst learning about focal points and linking this to different types of glasses – all closely monitored, I can assure you! Watch out if you have reading glasses – they are in demand.

Excellence - To help parents of year 11 students please find a link to revision resources that has been shared with year 11 students. [HERE](#). Students have all been advised about a simple approach to their revision in the run-up to the year 11 mock examinations that start in January, basically structured around 1) knowledge and 2) application.

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The knowledge section is shared in the [link](#) which will take you to 'knowledge organisers' for most subjects; students will be working on this this week in tutor time. Already in tutor time students have been shown how to find past paper questions and the relevant mark schemes using exam board websites; this is the application section. Students should start their revision during the half term break at the latest, to ensure knowledge has been embedded fully. Some are even starting now.

Yateley Education Trust. I wrote to parents recently asking everyone to consider the possibility of donating on a regular basis to the Yateley Education Trust; a charitable trust who do invaluable work which directly supports the education and opportunities for our students here in Yateley School. I know these are difficult times and money is often tight, but if you feel that you can support in whatever way, do please have another look at my [letter](#) and complete the really straightforward [Google Form LINK](#). Thank you so much to the parents and families who have already responded and to those who are existing donors; your generosity is much appreciated.

Student star of the week this week is Ava Jones in 7DN. Along with her Mum Nicky, Ava is the proud winner of the Hampshire Village of the Year Award, which is managed by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils. As the situation in Ukraine started to become apparent from March of this year,



Ava and her Mum set to with a mission to offer practical support. From an initial single donation centre and then using the power of local networks and social media they co-ordinated a truly impressive donation and volunteer network. Working every day on the project, they amassed enough donations to fill three lorries laden with 40 tonnes of pushchairs, food, medical supplies, blankets, and other essential items and further items were sent later. We are delighted to celebrate this immense and selfless achievement along with the Town Council. Huge congratulations to Ava (and Nicky)!



Yours sincerely
Paul German
Headteacher

Behaviour Points – why can't I see them?

Some parents have contacted us recently to ask why they could not see all the details about all their child's behaviour points. Therefore, we wanted to clarify what is and is not visible to parents.

A few years ago, we decided to make all behaviours logged in our behaviour system visible to parents, much like the achievements and house points are. However, we then asked for feedback and the vast majority of parents did not want to see the lower level behaviours logged (for example those which get 1 behaviour point) and instead wanted to see the greater concerns (2 or more points). So, we decided to turn off the lower behaviour visibility meaning they are still logged in school just not visible.

So, to confirm, parents can see behaviours which are of a higher point and concern than 1 point and you can see all achievements. If you would like further updates on your child's behaviour points or you believe there might be lower level ones (because the total points don't match the individual incidents you are seeing) please contact your child's tutor.

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Tutor Time – Week of 3rd October

We have altered our tutor time programme for 2022/23 to have an increased focus on important aspects of students' 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:

- **National Focus Week** – Black History Month - <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>
- **Wellbeing Tip** – 'Body Scan'
- **House Assemblies** – Assemblies lead by HOH
- **Year 10 Careers Assembly**
- **CAMHS Best Version of You (Session 5)** – Year 7 looked at friendship, kindness and compassion
- **Safeguarding (Online safety)** – Year 8 to 11 looked at online safety – please look back at last week's parent bulletin where we shared the National Online Safety website and resources for parents to support their child with online safety.
- **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.
- **Literacy** – Year 8 and 9 continued their reading and literacy development

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](#)

Mr R Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture

PSHE PARENT CONSULTATION COFFEE MORNING

All interested parents are warmly invited to attend a coffee morning between 10 and 11am on Thursday 13th October in school to share views on our new PSHE curriculum. Please use the following link to book a ticket:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yateley-school-pshe-parent-consultation-coffee-morning-tickets-435623420377?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail



Yateley School PSHE Parent Consultation Coffee Morning

Yateley School PSHE Parent Consultation Coffee Morning
www.eventbrite.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you

Mrs J Williams, Head of PSHE



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Wellbeing tip of the week:

Body scan

Start from the top of your head and move all the way down to the end of your toes. Focus on feelings of warmth, tension, tingling or relaxation of different parts of your body. Focus on each part of the body and let it go as you move down the body.

HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

The first event of the new school year is nearly here with the ever-popular House Dance competition. Four houses have been eagerly preparing and will showcase their talents on Monday 17th October and Tuesday 18th October at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall. The show is the same both nights, with judging taking place on Tuesday. Tickets are priced at £5.00 for adults and children under 16 will be £2.50 and can be purchased via our online payment system. No tickets will be sold on the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Ellis, Front of House

AUDITIONS FOR HOUSE MUSIC: 19TH OCTOBER – M1, 3.15 UNTIL 6 PM

Please note that the House Music Auditions are fast approaching and encourage your child to come and play or sing their chosen piece for this competition.

House Music Auditions for any solo/duets/small groups/bands/ensemble will be held on Wednesday, 19th of October 2022, in M1 from 3:15pm until 6pm.

House Music Competition and Concert will take place on Wednesday 14th of December 2022. Final tech rehearsal will take place on that day in the Main Hall and concert will follow that evening with 7pm start. Rehearsals for this wonderful event have just started this week, so this is the right time for your child to join in. There are two ways that participant can help their House win: taking part in weekly House Rock Choir that is backed by a live rock band (!) and auditioning a solo/duet/small group/ band piece.

House Rock Choir is preparing Kate Bush's 'Running Up That Hill' and is rehearsing every Tuesday and Wednesday lunch time in M1. This is a joint house rock choir so houses get points for participation. Therefore, it is vital for each house to have as many singers/instrumentalists join these rehearsals. Plus, it is nice to be able to do one large performance together.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your child and encourage them to come, rehearse with us and to audition. Students can get more information from either myself or our House Music captains: Elliott Casselton (Nightingale), Olivia O'Reilly (Darwin), Evangeline Jackman and Jonathan Moores (Wilberforce) and Reyna Dimli and Xander Hackl (Pankhurst). We can be found in the Music Block every lunch time.

Ms Pejovic, Music Department

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THIS WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS



Football

The football teams had some mixed fortunes this week. The highlight was the U13 boys winning their game 5 – 0.

Year 7 Boys Yateley 0 Vs 3 Collingwood Loss

Year 8 Boys Yateley 5 – 0 Eggars Win

Year 9 Boys – Tomlinscote 4-0 Yateley. Loss

Netball

Yr10 Tournament was a great learning experience for the girls and they showed some great tenacity against some very good opponents to gain 2 draws in the tournament.

Next week's Fixtures.

Football

Year 7 Boys – Yateley Vs Weydon River (A). Mon

U13 Girls – Wavell Vs Yateley (A) Wed

Y9 Football Yateley v Calthorpe (A) Thu

Yr 10 Football Yateley Vs Collingwood (A) Thu

Y8 Football v Tomlinscote (A) Fri

Rugby

U15 Rugby Vs Weydon (A) Tue

Netball

Year 9 – 11 Mixed netball tournament (A) Tue

Year 10 Vs Alderwood (H) Thu

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs were well attended again this week seeing numbers continuing to grow, in particular badminton club was very well attended. Make sure you are taking advantage of the clubs on offer as they go to support your Me in Pe assessment and achieving the best medal you can get.

Mr Wills, PE Department

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CAMPS INTERNATIONAL



We have been working with Camps now for a number of years and this week there was a buzz in the air at school, as we launched our third expedition to Costa Rica for the summer of 2024. This is an incredible opportunity for students from years 9 to 12 to go out and work with indigenous communities and experience an amazingly, rich, diverse culture. This expedition also comes with the opportunity to achieve a PADI open water dive qualification. The skills that students will achieve on expedition are excellent for their CV when applying for university places and jobs. We had a huge turnout for the parents launch meeting on Wednesday, but if you were unable to come please don't worry, you can still sign up with the link in the letter that was emailed home. There will be a lot of fundraising to do and students will be supported by Camps all the way! Wednesday lunchtime is our first meeting to get the ball rolling. We look forward to hearing all about students' creative ideas over the coming weeks and months.

SCHOLSTIC BOOKFAIR – MONDAY 10TH – THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

The Scholastic Book Fair is being held in school next week and will be held in the Schoolroom next to the Library. Students in Years 7 and 8 will be visiting the bookfair during the week in their English lessons. Parents of year 7 and 8 students have been emailed details of payment methods via the Scholastic website as we will not be accepting cash or cheques.

The bookfair will also be open at lunchtime for any other year groups who might like to visit. Payment can be made by purchasing prepaid gift vouchers at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/products/134958> or via Scholastic's online payment system at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1193305>.

Commission earned from these sales will enable the English department and the Library to purchase additional resources for students.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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 **Sofa so Good!**

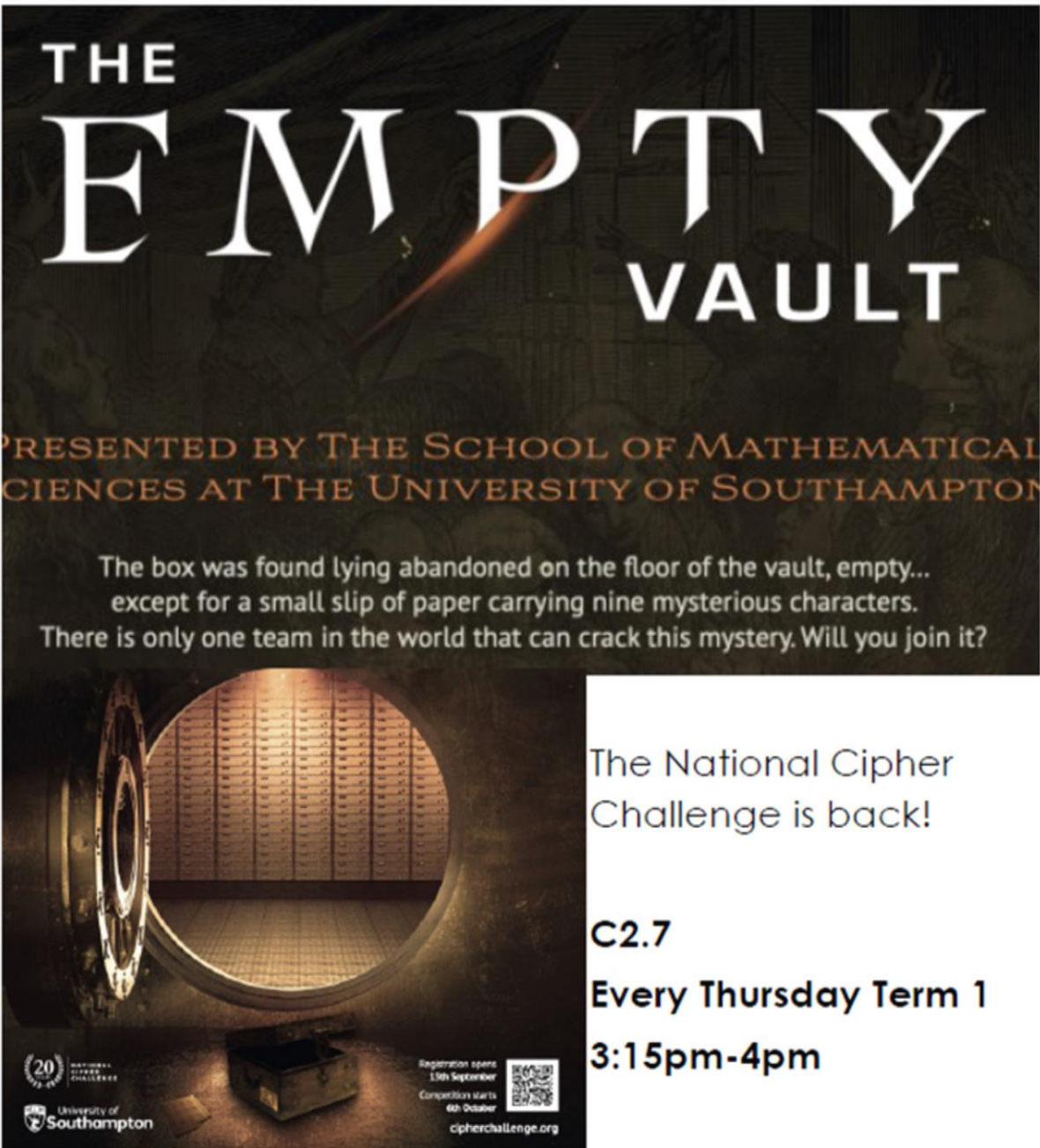
A sofa usually sells for £600. This weekend the shop is having a '25% off everything' promotion. Jimmy buys the sofa and also gets his 15% staff discount knocked off the sale price.

How much does the sofa cost Jimmy?

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 4 – Flag up a problem!
13 metres. (Using Pythagoras' Theorem)

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The poster for 'The Empty Vault' features a dark, atmospheric background with a large, glowing orange light source. The title 'THE EMPTY VAULT' is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, the text 'PRESENTED BY THE SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON' is written in a smaller, orange, serif font. A paragraph of text describes the mystery: 'The box was found lying abandoned on the floor of the vault, empty... except for a small slip of paper carrying nine mysterious characters. There is only one team in the world that can crack this mystery. Will you join it?'. The bottom left of the poster shows a circular opening into a vault filled with rows of small, glowing boxes. A small, open metal box lies on the floor in front of the opening. Logos for the 20th National Cipher Challenge, the University of Southampton, and the website cipherchallenge.org are also present.

**THE
EMPTY
VAULT**

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The box was found lying abandoned on the floor of the vault, empty...
except for a small slip of paper carrying nine mysterious characters.
There is only one team in the world that can crack this mystery. Will you join it?

The National Cipher
Challenge is back!

C2.7
Every Thursday Term 1
3:15pm-4pm

20th NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE
University of Southampton
Registration opens 15th September
Competition starts 6th October
cipherchallenge.org

Skills in mathematics, computing, puzzles and languages are all useful.

Come to C27 every Thursday this term to work together to crack the code!

<https://www.cipherchallenge.org/challenge/introduction/>

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OCTOBER POETRY COMPETITION



THE THEME IS The Environment



Illustrate your poem and email it to
school.library@yateley.hants.sch.uk
or hand it in to your English teacher by November 1st



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Job Title: Teacher of Science
Salary: Main scale / UPS
Working Time: 195 days per year (Full-time)

We are very keen to recruit a dynamic and highly motivated colleague to teach and grow professionally within our excellent Science department.

The successful candidate will join our team from January 2023, will be comfortable teaching KS3 across Science & KS4 in their specialism. We have some flexibility in the team, so we are interested in candidates from all specialisms, and candidates looking to teach KS5. Due to a member of the team undergoing planned surgery it could be possible to bring the start date forward to November.

Our students are a delight; keen to learn, highly motivated and characterful. The successful applicant will be looking to show great commitment and enthusiasm.

You will be joining a friendly, professional and supportive organisation that is completely committed to securing the best academic and personal development outcomes for our young people and excellent professional development for staff. Yateley School is a large and highly accomplished centre of excellence, firmly rooted in its local community. Examination results are exemplary and compare favourably with other schools, both locally and nationally at GCSE and A 'Level. We are a cohesive and ambitious school, excited about the future of education and determined to develop. If you are a committed, resilient and creative person, capable of making a positive contribution to our school and inspire both students and staff, then this could be the post for you. The successful candidate will share the ambitions, ethos and values of [Yateley School](#).

Interested applicants should complete the attached application form and the personal statement within the form and address the job description in their applications. CVs are not accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Mel Hudson – HR manager hr@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 31st October 2022, 12 noon, we welcome early applications, closing could be earlier should a successful candidate be appointed.

Thank you for your interest in this post and I very much look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, do feel free to contact the school informally.

P. German
Headteacher

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Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

First Steps Nursery
Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

Closing date: 31st October 2022

Salary: Grade B: £18,887 to £19,208

Contract: Permanent 52 weeks/37 hours per week



An exciting opportunity has arisen with First Steps Nursery for a **Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant**.

Our 112 place day nursery caters for babies and children from the age of 3 months to 5 years.

Applicants should –

- Ideally be qualified to NVQ level 3 (or equivalent) or be willing to learn and undertake training
- Be able to engage children in all aspects of the (EYFS) Early Years Foundation Stage
- Be patient, understanding and empathise with young children
- Have some experience with early years children

Generous discount available on Gym & Swim membership at our on-site leisure centre 'Yateleys Health & Fitness'

For further details please contact Melissa Hudson HR Manager, Yateley School, School Lane, Yateley GU46 6NW or e-mail applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk

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