

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will hopefully have seen from a School Comms message earlier in September, that the planned rollout of the nasal flu vaccination and the NHS offer of a Pfizer BioNTech Covid vaccination to 12-15 year olds was 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 take place in mid-November. The date for the Covid vaccination has now been confirmed and it is going to be offered on Friday 22nd October, just before half term. As with any vaccine, this is entirely a choice for families and no vaccine will be given without parental consent. The Covid vaccination is a separate decision from the nasal flu and parents/carers will be asked to complete a separate paper-based consent form to either give or decline permission for the vaccine to be given. This paper consent form will be sent home with your child on Monday. You will also be sent an electronic copy just in case you need to print off a separate copy. Any parents or carers who wish to read the detailed DfE guidance on the covid vaccination should visit [HERE](#)

Open Mornings

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had the pleasure of welcoming guests as part of our open morning programme. We doubled the number of sessions and as a consequence, well over 200 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 many, it was their first look around Yateley School.

Taster Day

The word has, of course, spread about the Year 6 taster day on Thursday of this week! Yes, it is true – 325 eager, enthusiastic, well-mannered and hardworking 10 and 11 year olds arrived on Thursday morning and clearly had a super time, judging by their demeanour when they left. On arrival, they joined one of 12 separate groups – where possible with children from their own primary school



and then went on to take part in a full six period secondary school day. I gather that food was one highlight – both the making in the classroom and then the eating in the refectory! Another was the mass drone shot which is amongst these pictures. The level of interest was immense and the feedback superb, so this looks like a very promising

year group for our school. If you'd like to see a short video of highlights, please click on the picture marked Vimeo, or follow this [LINK](#)



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OPEN EVENING
Thursday 7th October 2021
7pm

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Sixth Form Open Evening



On the same extraordinary day, we then had a 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. The subject stalls were very busy and this was particularly pleasing as we were joined by a great many visitors from other schools alongside our own super Year 11 students. Mr Conway

has done a huge amount to raise the profile of what our outstanding sixth form can offer and this has clearly generated a huge amount of interest, enthusiasm and very perceptive questions. As with all of the events this week, our students were our best ambassadors and excelled themselves as guides and subject experts.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher



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**YEAR 7
MEET THE
FORM TUTOR**

Year 7 Tutor Evening – Thursday 14th October

On Thursday 14th October we welcome all Year 7 parents to come in and meet your child's tutor. This is a great opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into Yateley School and for any questions you might have to be answered. Details on how to book appointments have been set to parents. begins at 16.00pm and ends around 19.00pm with parents having a 5-minute appointment with the tutor during this time.



Attendance Changes due to COVID – DfE Guidance

A small number of you may have seen this week your child's attendance change. This is because of a update from the DfE around how schools must record attendance for COVID related issues. Previously, we were informed to use the 'X' code if a student was off from school for COVID related matters (isolation, awaiting a COVID test result, positive COVID test, school closure, etc).

However, we have now been informed that if a student tests positive for COVID and needs to remain at home, we should be coding this time at home with 'I' for illness and not 'X'. Therefore, yesterday we had to make some changes to some attendance code since the start of Sep 21 and change some 'X' codes to 'I' codes for those students at home following a positive COVID test.

To summarise the use of 'X' and 'I' codes related to COVID, the guidance is...

X Code

- Student that is at home self-isolating and waiting for the result of their PCR test.
- Student is required to be in quarantine on arrival in, or return to, the UK.
- Student that has symptoms must self-isolate and ideally take a PCR test, but the student is unable to take a PCR test.
- School is forced to close due to COVID and in direction from public health.

I Code

- Student has a negative PCR test but is still unwell and remains at home (the time before the test is still coded as 'X').
- Student has a positive PCR test and continues to self-isolate in line with public health guidance (the time before the test is still coded as 'X').
- Student that is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID do not need to self-isolate, they should get PCR test and only isolate if positive.

We do understand that this will reduce a student's attendance figure, but of course we have to follow the guidance from the DfE to schools. Please be assured we do know our students and will work with parents on this and of course would not penalise students at the school for something which is out of their control.

If you wanted further guidance and information on this then please do visit the below government information links:

- DfE – Recording non-attendance related to COVID – [CLICK HERE](#)
- DfE – Addendum To Attendance – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Yateley School Updated Attendance Policy – [CLICK HERE](#)

We are pleased to say that the national attendance figure for schools for Sep 21 is 89.5% and Yateley School was 93.64%, so we might be under our school target of 96% but we are beating the national figure which is great. Now let's try and hit that 96% target!

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World Mental Health Day – 10th October 2021

As we know mental health and wellbeing is such an important focus point for us all (student, parents and staff). This year, 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We will be asking tutors during tutor time next week to spend some time looking at this important topic and discussing with the students. Below are some useful resources and website that we wanted to share with parents to support this focus:

- Young Minds – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mental Health Foundation – [CLICK HERE](#)
- World Health Organisation – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mind – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Yateley School has a mental health and wellbeing policy ([CLICK HERE](#)) however we are in the process to updating this to better support and guidance staff and students as well as putting together working focus groups in the school which will include staff and senior students (to see how best Yateley School can develop and support mental health and wellbeing).



Elevate Education @ Yateley - Resources

As you will know we have mentioned in previous weeks how Elevate Education are supporting our Year 10 and 11 students this term. We just wanted to remind all parents of the resources which are available to you and also that is being shared with students in tutor time and Elevate sessions

- **Year 11 Parent Seminar** – Please find the parent e-book which gives tips and guidance on how to support Year 11 as parents this year based on the session on 27th Sep – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Year 10 Time Management** – Various resources that have been shared with students in the seminar and which will be used in follow up tutor sessions starting from Mon 4th Oct
 - Seminar A5 Workbook (from Mon 27th Sep) – This is the workbook that students went through in the seminar this week – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Tutor Time Student Workbook – Work book that students will work through in the next 5 weeks of Monday tutor times from 4th Oct – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Teacher Guide – Guide for teachers to deliver the following 5 weeks of tutor time sessions – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Tutor Time PowerPoint – Guide for teachers and students for the following 5 weeks – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Year 11 Student Elevation** – Various resources that have been shared with students in the seminar and which will be used in follow up tutor sessions starting from Mon 11th Oct
 - Seminar A5 Workbook (from Mon 4th Oct) – This is the workbook that students went through in the seminar this week – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Tutor Time Student Workbook – Work book that students will work through in the next 3 weeks of Monday tutor times from 11th Oct – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Teacher Guide – Guide for teachers to deliver the following 3 weeks of tutor time sessions – [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Tutor Time PowerPoint – Guide for teachers and students for the following 3 weeks – [CLICK HERE](#)

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Elevate Education Parent Online Seminars

We're excited to announce that parents of Yateley School have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series this year. 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.

October 12th @ 18.00pm – Webinar: Independent Learning: How To Turn Your Child into an Independent Learner– [CLICK HERE to register for FREE!](#)

In *Independent Learning*, Elevate will show you:

- What effectively formatted notes look like;
- Effective strategies for learning and revising those notes;
- How the top students move beyond note-taking when preparing for exams.

"I just want to say I used your techniques in my daughter's last year of her A-Level. She went from A, B, C in the first year to A, A*, A in her final exams this year at her school. We focused on tasks and feedback and improving her marks. Grew in confidence and very proud of her achievement. At uni now. Thank you." "Very insightful and helpful. Thank you so much." "Fantastic ideas and great presentation, Thank you very much."*

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.

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/

This week's sports results

Football;

Year 8 V Calthorpe Park, Lost 5-2, POM Josh Spilsbury

Year 9 V Court Moor, Won 7-3 POM Charlie David

Year 10 v Collingwood Lost 4-2, POM Kai Murphy



Next week's Fixtures are:

Monday, Year 7 Football away to Court moor

Tuesday, Year 7 Cross country at Farnborough Hill

Wednesday, Year 8 Cross country at Robert Mays and Year 9 Football home v Weydon

Thursday, Year 9 Netball Away at Wavell

Friday, Year 8 Football at home v Bohunt

A positive mindset brings positive things.....

Mrs Evans, Head of Physical Education

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HOUSE

DARWIN

NIGHTINGALE

WILBERFORCE

PANKHURST

Maths

Competition

October 18 to 22

Go to
www.mangahigh.com

See Satchel:One or your form tutor for your log in details.

Play the games assigned, do any other tasks and games of your choice.

Earn achievement points and certificates for yourself and be the winning house!

GAMES activities help you practise and consolidate your learning. These are also adaptive as the questions in-game get harder as you move up the game levels. Sometimes it can take you several attempts to pass the game! So figure out the game mechanic and don't give up!

Understanding the $\times 13$, $\times 14$ and $\times 15$ times tables

SUNDAY TIMES

gold medal replay for more points

The more you play the more points you get!

On successful completion, you will earn a medal for your profile and add medal points towards your ranking.

B BRONZE medal
1 medal point for your ranking

S SILVER medal
2 medal points for your ranking

G GOLD medal
3 medal points for your ranking



Boxtober Collection

This year Yateley school has sacked October in favour of Boxtober!

We are using this month to make up boxes for Christmas for the Charity 'Step by Step' who work young people who are either homeless or on the verge of being so.

We are asking Students to help with the creation of boxes filled with things that might be used and treasured by someone without a proper home to open this Christmas.

They will need a shoe box.

Things that can be usefully put in there:

Sox, Gloves, Scarf

Chocolate/sweets

Soap/flannel

Tooth brush/ tooth paste

Toiletries etc


I think it would also be nice to include a Christmas card to show that someone has cared.

If your child could donate something from the list or even make up a box with some friends, I know it would find a very appreciative home.

Please take your completed boxes to the Reflection Centre (hut near A Block field)


Thank you, in anticipation of your support, Mrs K James

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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.

<h3>GCSE</h3> <p>Wednesday C2.1</p>	<h3>A LEVEL</h3> <p>Thursday C2.6</p>
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Maths Corner

Flag up a problem!



A vertical flag pole is 12 metres long. The flag pole is secured by several wires which extend from the top of the pole to the ground. The wires are each attached to the ground 5 metres away from the base of the pole. Calculate the length of each wire.

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 3 – Monkeys and Bananas

(1) 8 Minutes, (2) 8 Monkeys