

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

The last few weeks have been something of a whirlwind, not least with the number of visitors that we've been able to welcome onsite and the general level of interest and engagement that we clearly have in the wider community. This week we have been able to turn our attention to great work in the classroom. Students this week will have seen teaching staff in their lessons armed with clipboards. This is because we have as a staff completed 76 paired learning walks with colleagues looking at a snapshot of what happens in our classrooms each day. We then discussed the excellent practice seen in lessons, looking at how it can be integrated in different departments and gave next steps advice on how to improve on the great practice we have seen. This work has enabled teachers to talk with colleagues across the whole school about learning and teaching. It is exciting and important work in our continued drive to raise standards at Yateley School.

As you will know, I'm sure, Covid vaccinations are being administered for 12-15 year old students in our school on Friday 22nd October. This is strictly on the basis of parental consent only. The return rate on the paper consent form has been very high – thank you – and if this has not yet been returned, please do so. It is important that we get returns, whatever your decision, whether it is consent given or consent not given. If a consent form is not returned, your child will not receive the vaccine and may not get a future opportunity.

Secondly, to make the process as smooth and quick as possible, we need all students wearing a short-sleeved top underneath their school jumper on 22nd October. That way the jumper can be taken off in advance and the vaccination easily administered. **If your child is receiving the vaccine, please make sure they are wearing either their PE top or their summer polo shirt for that day only.** The rest of the uniform requirement remains as normal. This message will be repeated by School Comms next week.

One of our thrills in teaching always comes from supporting our students to learn, whatever their various needs may be. Pictured with a student is a wonderful dog named Jackson, who comes to Yateley School and provides emotional



support as a therapy dog to students. Jackson is always a welcome visitor on site and is also something of a celebrity wherever he goes. Jackson also provides nervous students with the comfort they need to make them confident enough to access their learning. In the middle of the photos (sitting proudly on his throne as the king of C-block!) is BOB, our robot that provides a home video link for students, thus enabling them to access all of our lessons live. BOB lets any student at home control him, turning left and right when needed and also speak to other students around the room during group activities. BOB can also participate in Q+A with the teacher via an inbuilt speaker, meaning even when our students are at home... they can be in school.



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And finally, we're delighted to show you our brand new "Accelerated Learning" centre; affectionately known as AL! Our Accelerated Learning Centre is a hub that allows all students from all year groups to get bespoke intervention across all subjects. Using our trained Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) our students in AL get the required accelerated learning through additional support of their needs. What does all this teach us? Well it teaches us that by learning together, we can be empowered for life!

The Sixth Form Freshers' Party was held at The Ely, Camberley on Thursday 14th and had sold out within five days of tickets going on sale. The enthusiasm amongst the students was clear to see and the party certainly lived up to the billing! The dance floor was packed all evening and it was a truly great event. Our Sixth Formers are already looking forward to the Christmas party!



16th Annual Heads of College

Conference - On Friday 8th October, at Wellington College, Sophie Green (Head Girl) and Tom Branch (Head Boy) attended the 16th Annual Heads of College Conference. The Conference was attended by over 100+ pupil leaders from schools across the country and Europe. Sophie and Tom embarked on a day of leadership discussion and development. It was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas about what makes an effective leader and the potential challenges faced when in a position of responsibility with a number of inspirational presentations.



Student Star of the Week is Ellie Holten-Coates 8PN. Her family have founded Harrys HAT charity to raise awareness about Hydrocephalus, as her younger brother suffers from this. Ellie spoke about the charity with such confidence in House assembly recently it will now be the Pankhurst House Charity moving forwards. She has also spoken about the charity with her family on Heart Radio on Friday 8th October as part of the Global Make some Noise event with Amanda Holden and Jamie Theakston - see [the link](#).

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Year 7 Parent Feedback

On top of the Year 7 Meet The Tutor evening we held in school this week, we would really appreciate feedback from all Year 7 parents about how the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 has gone this year.

Please could all Year 7 parents find 5 minutes to complete the online feedback form to help us review and further development primary to secondary transition in the future. The form will close at the end of Monday 18th October.

Year 7 Parents Feedback Form – [CLICK HERE](#)



'Words Hurt' – House Assemblies This Week

During the house assemblies this week, Heads of House have gone through some very powerful messages to students around equality and how words can hurt.

It would be great if you could look at the presentation and videos that were shown and perhaps discuss the topic and theme with your child.

Assembly PowerPoint – [CLICK HERE](#)



Tutor Time Theme of the Week = Black History month

Next week the SMSC theme of the week for tutor time is Black History Month. As we know Yateley School is a highly inclusive school and we encourage and support equality for all. Last year the student body came together to create a equality creed and policy.

Next week we will be asking tutors to spend sometime discussing this focus and around aspects like Black Lives Matter.

Some things that might start conversations with you and your child at home at this focus:

- Black History Month Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Black Lives Matter UK – [CLICK HERE](#)
- When people hear the phrase "Black Lives Matter" some respond by saying "White Lives Matter too!". In fact someone flew over Burnley football club with a banner saying "White Lives Matter". Discuss this response. How do you think it makes people concerned about racism feel? "This is not about White versus Black, it is Right versus Wrong". Some useful videos to look at:
 - [CLICK HERE 1](#), [CLICK HERE 2](#)
 - Article about how to discuss the topic with parents – [CLICK HERE](#)

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This week's sports results

Cross country;

This week we had the first of the cross-country competitions. The year7 ventured out to a hilly course at Farnborough hill, and the year 8s went to Robert Mays for their course.

All of the students did an excellent job at navigating the course. A special mention must go to Hannah Bardsley and Lauren Woods who won their age group races very comfortably. Well done.

Football;

Year 7 v Court Moor, we won 6-2. POM; Harry Lawrence

Year 9 v Weydon, we lost 6-5. POM; Imaan Hussain

Netball;

Year 9 v Wavell, we won 14-5. POM; Scarlett Henderson

Next week's fixtures

Monday 18th - Year 7 Football home to Colingwood

Wednesday 20th - Year 8 Football Away @ Tomlinscote and Year 9 Football Home v Cove

Thursday 21st - Year 9 and 10 Netball Away @ Weydon

Don't let anyone work harder than you do.....

Mrs Evans, Head of Physical Education



Request from the Food Tech department

Food Tech are looking for any empty containers to be donated – Heroes, Celebrations, Quality Street, Haribo, shortbread tins etc - would be greatly appreciated.

Please take them straight to Food tech.

Food Tech Department



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Boxtober Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in completed boxes. It has been lovely to see Students so proud to show the boxes they have made up individually and as a group. We are well on the way to be able to make a great contribution to Step by Step and make a difference to someone without a home at Christmas this year.

At the end of the month Boxtober will end and November commence and the collection period will come to an end. This will give Half Term for last minute visits to Primark etc and completion of boxes in the first week back at school.

Thank you again to all who have donated and in anticipation of those of you who are still planning to do so. It really is a great charity to support at this time of year.

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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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

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Volunteering Opportunity at Yateley School

The Library is restarting its Construction Club for children on Saturday mornings and is looking for a volunteer to help run the sessions. This will, initially, be a monthly club commencing on Saturday 6th November from 10:00 hrs to 12:00hrs.

This is an ideal opportunity for students to complete the volunteering element of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Students need to be 14 years of age or older.

If interested, please call into the Library for further details.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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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

Yateley School Careers and Futures Fair 2021

As you know at this time of year young people have important decisions to make about their future career and training choices. Yateley School Careers & Futures Fair is designed to help students gain knowledge of future work and training options and we would like to invite you to help in this important process by taking one of our stands at the event.

The Fair is visited by students and parents from all year groups, but is most immediately pertinent for year 11 students and year 13 students who will be moving to the next phases in their education or training this summer.

We welcome input from all industries and from people with experience of a particular sector, or with a wide knowledge of the early years of a young person's career. Employers are as welcome as apprenticeship providers or training organisations: our students will move onto all of these areas.

Our Careers Fair takes place on **Thursday 25th November 5.00 – 8.00 pm**, I do hope you are able to join us at this important event.

If you would like your business or company to be part of the evening please contact admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Mike Tidd, Careers Leader

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Family Swimming

every day
25th October – 31st October

Monday – Friday 11.30am – 1.30pm
Saturday – Sunday 10am – 12pm

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REACHING FOR THE STARS!

ASK ABOUT OUR TWO WEEK TRIAL

Stagecoach Camberley

FREE DISCOVERY DAY

Explore the world of performing arts through our free taster sessions in singing, dancing and acting for 4 - 18 year-olds.

Age: 4 - 18 year-olds

Date: Friday, 07 January 2022

Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Venue: Yateley School
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Maths Corner 5



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)