

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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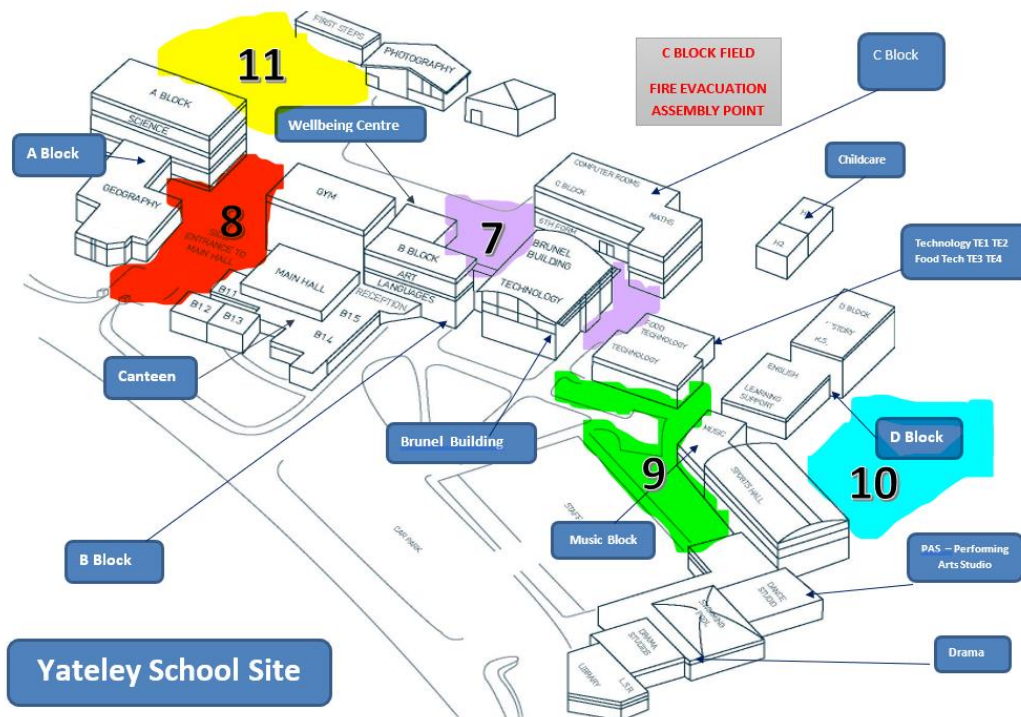
## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and carers,

As we commence the half term holiday, I'd like to start this week's bulletin with my profound thanks for your support and encouragement over the last seven demanding, but very rewarding weeks. Despite issues in the surrounding area, we've managed to go through the whole period without a COVID outbreak in school and that has to be noted with gratitude. Clearly, it is just as important, if not more so, in the approach to winter to not drop our guard and become complacent. The simplicity and efficiency of our systems have worked; notably doubled lessons, staff marshalling their classes, massively increased hand hygiene and room sanitising. None of this must be allowed to slip, particularly as the situation is likely to become more rather than less challenging.

This afternoon, I have circulated a video for all students in Years 7 – 11 to watch in class. It describes our outside mustering arrangements for after half term. Use of the fields has become increasingly problematic as they've become wet and muddy – necessitating the use of the tarmacked areas around the main body of the school site. The illustration below will give you a broad indication of what we have planned. The Sixth Form have their own space, plus

a new marquee which is being erected in the garden during the half term holiday. Staff will continue to escort classes to and from the muster points. Also, please note that we will use the wet weather bases when we are forced, but cold weather will not be a reason. Most students are now coming to school with an appropriate winter coat, but do please obtain one if your child currently doesn't possess a



warm coat. I believe that all students and families realise that although these arrangements may be a bit uncomfortable at times, they are a necessary safety precaution.

As you may already be aware, there has been an occurrence of Covid19 in the Nursery. The nursery manager followed protocol to the letter and all parents in the affected bubbles have been informed and families have been given the correct advice where required on their child needing to self-isolate. If an individual child then goes on to develop

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symptoms, the parents would need to self-isolate while a test result for the child is obtained. Although we are co-located, there is no transmission link with the school and it has had no impact on the school operation.

**Sports Personality of the Year** award. Sadly, school closure denied us the annual pleasure of the Sports Personality awards evening in the summer. This is an amazing celebration of our extraordinary talent within PE and Sport and a recognition of the work of the department. The amount and quality of our sporting success both within school and extra-curricular is formidable and this evening showcases some of that success. In a very muted ceremony, the award winners have received their certificates and trophies and it gives me great pleasure to announce and celebrate the success of our two top award winners – Sports Personalities of the Year 2020, Caitlin Milsom and Ben Elsey.



Spot the difference... As an example of how seriously and well our students have looked after and supported the school. Here is the Year 11 wet-weather venue during and after break – spotless! Great attitude and teamwork, with no-one having to nag.



It remains for me to wish you a happy and safe half term holiday. Hopefully a time to regroup, relax and ready ourselves for whatever lies ahead in the run up to Christmas! May I remind you that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is an INSET Day and so students do not return until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November? Please note also that it will be a Yellow week – Week B on the timetable.

Yours sincerely

Paul German  
Headteacher

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## Tutor Time Plans

As we know one of the most important decisions when we returned in September was to ensure the safety of all students and staff whilst providing students with the breadth and depth of the school curriculum.

In the short term this meant that we had to cancel tutor time and assemblies for a period of time. We are aware that this dedicated tutor time experience is vital for students and to allow tutors to get to know their tutees and help support them with all aspects of school life.

We are working hard behind the scenes to be able to reintroduce tutor time in some form as soon as possible and we will have more details on these plans during the Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> half term.

## Uniform Guidance

It has been great to see that student uniform in the school has been very positive and keeping to the school guidance. We have just started to see a small increase in trainers appearing on feet. Please can we remind students and parents that trainers are not allowed in school and students should be wearing school shoes (unless there is medical evidence provided to the school).

For further details on our uniform guidance then please [CLICK HERE](#).

## Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020) - Theme = Diwali; Word = Spiritual

**THEME** – Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. Have a look through the below facts and videos and then discuss these with your parents.

- Facts about Diwali - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/facts-about-diwali/>
- Diwali Celebrations London 2019 video - <https://youtu.be/Hgr5ZcWrpcw>
- What is Diwali video - <https://youtu.be/9qu4KZo4dsw>

**WORD: 'Spritual'** Please see the attached PowerPoint

## Christmas Collection for the Elderly Community

For the past 3 years the year 7's and 8's at Yateley have been working together in the lead up to Christmas to create gift bags for our elderly community. We feel that this year it's even more important we show we are thinking of them. Therefore from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be taking donation for these gift bags.

To make this COVID safe, donations will be brought in and placed in a classroom. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> December the items will be quarantined. After this a team of staff will put the gift bags together. We will then deliver them to our 3 local care homes. They will quarantine them for 2 days and then hand them out. Below is a list of suggested items to bring in.

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This really does mean so much to the elderly community. Some of them are sadly going to be on their own for Christmas and this small gift means the world to them. We also encourage students to write Christmas cards so please feel free to send in signed cards with small messages in them. We normally make around 150 gift bags so please if you are able to donate we would be very grateful.

## Gift Bags (Medium or Large)

- Biscuits
- Chocolates
- Smellys (Men and Women) soaps, bubble baths, hand creams, after shave, perfume
- Candles
- Socks
- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Hot chocolate
- Jars of jams, honey
- Nails care kits
- Students in the past have made things and that has been very well received (knitted hats for chocolates)



Please make sure all items are new and in a good condition.

If you have any further questions please do it in touch with Mrs Short at [Samantha.short@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Samantha.short@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

## House Council Signup – Year 7 to 13 – Thank you

Thank you to all the students that have signed up to take part in the schools house council. The house team and senior students will now be looking through the list and contacting those students that will be taking part in the student voice group along with details of future meetings and agendas. Further details after half term.

## Year 10 Elevate Education – Study Sensei (Follow on Tutor Sessions x 5) – Session 3

Thank you to all the Year 10 students that have been working on the follow on tutor sessions in their own time. This past week they should have been working on session 2 which was shared with them via Satchel One (Show My Homework). Session 3 will not be issued to students until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

***Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher -Culture***



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## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS HOUSE MUSIC



The Music Department is organising a Virtual Christmas House Music Concert. We are hoping that many of our students will use this unique opportunity and participate in this event done in a slightly different way than usual. The concept is simple, your son/daughter should select a piece of music they like, rehearse it with either live accompaniment or a backing track, video it and upload it using this link [Virtual Xmas Concert 2020](https://forms.gle/1FAIpQLSdfKdz8xUDQxKGBN6jaqek91QmB1IXtVtUx_J2HSz-lyk9I7w/viewform?usp=sf_link). Mr Davis and I will view the uploads, audition them and make the best ones available for viewing to our students, parents and staff via Yateley School's One Drive.

Performers should be dressed appropriately, either in school uniform or in 'all black' music performing dress code (boys normally wear ties or bow ties; a splash of house colour is welcomed). Selected pieces can be of any Music genre, not necessarily Christmas pieces, although it would be nice to hear a few of the latter ones too.

**Please note that no video will be available for viewing without parents'/carers' written permission. Please complete the google form to give your permission before uploading your videos.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfKdz8xUDQxKGBN6jaqek91QmB1IXtVtUx\\_J2HSz-lyk9I7w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfKdz8xUDQxKGBN6jaqek91QmB1IXtVtUx_J2HSz-lyk9I7w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**It is also important to note that students can perform with members of their family or their own year group bubbles but regrettably, we cannot accept images of children from other schools and settings.**

I would be grateful if parents of GCSE Music year 10 and 11 students could give their written permissions as soon as possible as these performances have either already been videoed or are in the process of being completed.

The deadline for submission is Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

We are looking forward to hearing our students' music that will help us make this Christmas more joyful and relaxing.

*Ms Pejovic*



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*Mr T I Glendinning*

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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please can you pre order a lunch from 2pm the day before you require the lunch and **BEFORE 9.00 am** on the day required.

Please note that the form will open at 2pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (INSET DAY) to take orders for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Below is the link to follow to place an order and a copy of the QR Code  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W1XF1wp-k9uM-GTSVTYnstC56wJhSm-OjI58iWJPnIM/edit>



*Rachel Phillips, Catering Manager*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR PE CLUBS

The PE department are pleased to say that we will be starting up a limited number of extracurricular clubs, as of the week beginning the 9th November.

We are able to offer our year 7s Tuesday night, Year 8 Wednesday night and Year 9 Thursday nights. The two options that are available will be Netball (Girls only) and Basketball (All welcome)

Should your child wish to attend a club, they will need to make their way to the tennis courts at the end of the day. From here they will be registered and collected by a member of the PE team.



**NETBALL**

**Year 7 Tuesday**

**Year 8 Wednesday**

**Year 9 Thursday**

Meet on the Tennis Courts as a muster point to register

MUST WEAR PE KIT AND TRAINERS



**BASKETBALL**

**Year 7 Tuesday**

**Year 8 Wednesday**

**Year 9 Thursday**

Meet on the Tennis Courts as a muster point to register

MUST WEAR PE KIT AND TRAINERS

## Maths Corner



### Monkeys and Bananas



Suppose 8 monkeys take 8 minutes to eat 8 bananas.

1. How many minutes would it take 4 monkeys to eat 4 bananas?
2. How many monkeys would it take to eat 64 bananas in 64 minutes?

**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 2 – Dinner Dilema**

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