

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers



Mon 17th to Fri 21st Oct 2022 @ Yateley School
We stand up to bullying and child on child abuse

It's not okay! Today marked the culmination of a week of highlighting issues around bullying and child on child abuse. It is the most important thing for a child to be able to learn properly at school. In order to do that, they need to always feel safe and have someone to turn to if things go wrong. We know that we have a great school culture and that is in large part due to the high levels of pastoral care in the school. Our students know how to treat each other and that all adults in the building are here to help. Work on anti-bullying is woven into PSHE, Tutor time, assemblies and other areas of the curriculum. Children in our school are also very familiar with the Ready, Respectful and Safe ethos of the school and know who the trained adults are who can help them. However, we are always looking to improve and have used the assemblies this week, badge wearing and other activities to say 'it's not okay'. We are particularly calling out the harmful comments and prejudicial remarks which can have such capacity to hurt, both physically and verbally in our day-to-day interactions, but also particularly online. We all know what a toxic and risky space some aspects of internet interaction can be and we are constantly looking to upskill our students in dealing with that. We ask that parents remain fully on board with this and encourage you to talk to your child about these issues at home.



To reinforce the point in an unforgettable way, **all** staff wore an 'it's not okay' T shirt (kindly sponsored) on Friday in school. Where possible this has led to discussion in class and an opportunity to reinforce the message.



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House Dance and Dance Show. There is a full report later in this bulletin. However, two capacity crowds on Monday and Tuesday evenings were treated to the most amazing display of dance talent; varied, expert and with great levels of participation. For those unfamiliar with the format, there is a show containing a variety of dance performances, both



individual and ensemble and in all sorts of different styles. Interspersed amongst these are the four competition pieces choreographed and performed by the students in each of our four Houses. The standard this year was exceptionally high and by common consent had risen yet further from the already exceptionally high bar set last year. It was also a joy to see so many new Year 7 students performing who have only been in the school for a few weeks. However, there has to be a winner and this year's winning house is **Nightingale**. What also has to be celebrated is the amazing level of dedication and encouragement provided by Mrs Wearing and her staff supporters. The focus, engagement and love of Dance is a direct result of her extraordinary skill and commitment.

Yateley United Community Centre It was my great pleasure and privilege to have been invited to the formal opening of the new Yateley United Community Centre last Friday. Through the sheer determination of the club members and huge

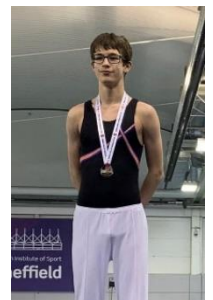


amounts of volunteer good will and endeavour, they have combined together to fund and build this super new facility at Sean Devereux Park. Colin Ive, the club chairman has been a dynamic force as

always and has brought this project to fruition with impressive energy and determination. I would strongly encourage our community to get in touch and make full use of this facility.



Student star of the week A recent and very impressive addition to our school is Kofi Elhaggagi in 12CBD. Alongside an excellent academic track record, Kofi is a prodigious talent in trampolining. Since the age of about 4, he has been training with the Washindi Trampolining Club in Crowthorne and has been building his skill and competitive success ever since. Last weekend, he competed in the all-England finals in Sheffield and won silver within his age group. This is a fantastic achievement for Kofi and I know that I join with his family in offering huge congratulations!



I wish you all well for an excellent half term holiday next week. For those Year 8s off to Bude – good luck, try hard and have fun - and my sincere thanks in advance to those staff giving up their time to make this happen. The return for students after the holiday is on Tuesday 1st November which will be a B week (week 2).

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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It's Not OK

This week the focus for all house assemblies and tutor time has been around the phrase of 'It's Not OK'. We have educated everyone around the issues of bullying and that it is all our responsibility to stand up to bullying and take action. Yateley School has created such a positive behaviour ethos and values over the years (connected to Ready Respectful Safe) and we all need to ensure we continue to play our part in developing this further by making a stand and supporting each other when needed. Understanding that anyone who chooses to say or do negative things to or about someone else is simply not ok.

We do encourage all parents to discuss this with your child following on from this focus week, and you can start this discussion by perhaps asking them about their new 'It's Not OK' pin badge they have been issued and what it means. It might have been a week to really focus on this and bring this to the front of everyone minds, but it does not mean that after this week we forget about it. We must all continue to focus on this important topic.

If you would like further details then please see the resources we have used this week below...

- House Assemblies – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Tutor Time Session x 2 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Parental advice on drugs

As parents and educators, it is so important that we keep up to date as much as possible on the types of drugs that young people might be able to access and come into contact with by ensuring we all have a good drug awareness. It is also important to stay ahead of new trends that take place. In recent years nationally there has been a reduction in the amount of young people that smoke, however there has been an increase in vaping and using other drugs like NOS canisters and balloons and cannabis. Some young people believe these new trends to not be as harmful as smoking, but that is not correct, and actually they can cause more harm and addiction.

Yateley School educates our students around drug awareness and this is very much covered within the PSHE curriculum, however we wanted to ensure that parents also have all the information needed to support you to be on the lookout in the community.

A really useful website is called Talk to Frank - <https://www.talktofrank.com/>. This details lots of facts and education about all the different drugs and the information is aimed for young people, educators and parents. As well as information the site provides help and advice and contact details for further support.

Some pages to particularly look at with the new trends going on are listed below which provide lots of details about what they are, how they look/feel/smell, effects, how it is taken, risks, the law, addiction, etc:

- NOS (Nitrous Oxide) – Canister and balloons - <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/nitrous-oxide>
- Cannabis - <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis>
- Vapes - <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes>

If you are ever concerned about your child possibly taking or being involved with any drugs then please do speak to them about it and of course contact the school pastoral team for further advice and guidance.

Attendance on Satchel:One – 90% is not as good as it sounds!

When it comes to a child's attendance at school, it is very simple... **Every day and minute counts!!!!**

Sometimes we think that getting a score of 90% sounds good, but when that comes to attendance it is not. This means you have missed a whole day of school every two weeks, which is 4 whole periods of lessons and learning. Within a year this is just under 4 weeks of learning missed. This is learning that you can't get back and will impact on future academic success and personal development. We really want to encourage young people and parents to be aware of your child's attendance, therefore it is shared with you via the Satchel:One app.

Attendance appears on the students and parents' homepage so you can see it easily - following the attendance tab (blue background with a yellow tick) on your home screen. If you are not linked to your child's accounts in Satchel:One then you need to contact [@Admin](#) so we can provide the information for you. You will also see your child's achievement points and all the homework that is set for them.

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Year 8 Stay Safe Days and Parent Evening

On Tuesday 1st November to Thursday 3rd November 2022 all Year 8 students will be taking part in a whole educational day in school as provided by Hart Community Safety and some guest presenters. This is a heavily subsidised offering in line with the Safer North Hampshire's Partnership Plan priorities to tackle a number of issues affecting our young people. This is focused on staying safe. Year 8 students will only take part in one of the three days (and therefore only be off timetable for one of the three days).

The days provide a series of interactive educational learning experiences designed to raise knowledge and awareness whilst providing methods for building resilience, mental toughness and highlighting how best to respond, seek support and remain safe, when presented with challenging circumstances with a specific focus in Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

It has been designed in partnership with educational/social professionals and co-designed with young people and devised specifically for a Secondary School audience, primarily years 7 through to 10.

They have been created specifically to support vulnerable young people who are at risk of becoming exploited by criminal gangs and young people who are at risk of becoming involved in offending behaviour and are intended as early intervention with the aim of 'inspiring change and improving the lives of young people'.

Numerous other local secondary schools have already taken part in this within 2021/22 to very positive feedback.

Regarding which tutor groups will take part on which day (and therefore miss their normal lessons), the breakdown is:

- Tuesday 1st November = 8NN and 8WN
- Wednesday 2nd November = 8DN, 8NS, 8WS
- Thursday 3rd November = 8DS, 8PN, 8PS

Parent Evening Session: There is a parent evening session which will be held on Wednesday 2nd November from 18.30 to 20.00 in the school main hall. Year 8 parents that attend will experience the same drama production that the students will have seen and then get talked through the Making Meaning process and have an opportunity to ask the characters any questions they may have. We really encourage as many Year 8 parents to attend as possible. Some quotes from parents from other local secondary schools that attended the parent sessions are:

- *'An incredibly powerful and informative evening'*
- *'The whole presentation was excellent and even more of an eye opener. Thank you.'*
- *'Incredibly well done - both the impact of the play which was memorable and believable. As a parent I really valued the group discussion that followed. Really pleased I came.'*

If you are able to come we would really encourage you to. So that we can confirm numbers please could you complete the following Google Form to confirm your attendance – [CLICK HERE](#).

Yateley School is dedicated to our safeguarding education for our students, staff and parents. It is so important that we all have the view that *'it does happen here'* and that we know what to look out for and how to get the correct levels of support. These Year 8 focus days and the parent session all feed well into the education and plans that Yateley School has in place for our young people via the PSHE/RSE curriculum and tutor time safeguarding sessions all to ensure our young people are safe and we support their continued personal development. These Year 8 focus days and parent evening will also come off the back of the schools focus week (17th to 21st October) on 'It's Not OK' where we are drawing attention to the topics of bullying and child on child abuse to ensure that we all stand together and against these harmful topics.

Lastly if you wanted to watch an extremely informative BBC Drama on the topic of county lines and Child Criminal Exploitation then please visit the link to the programme on BBC iPlayer -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0015q9c/county-lines>



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Tutor Time – Week of 17th 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:

- **Focus Week** – It's Not OK – week dedicated to raising the awareness of bullying and that being negative towards or about others is not ok
- **Wellbeing Tip** – 'Think positively'
- **House Assemblies** - All house assemblies have been led by Mr Keeble with the focus around 'It's Not OK' and the positive behaviour values in the school of Ready Respectful Safe
- **Safeguarding (It's Not OK)** – Following the focus week and house assemblies, tutors spent 2 tutor session this week going through the details of bullying to all Year 7 to 11.
- **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



Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's book fair. There was a huge selection of popular book choices for KS3 students, and we took £880 in book sales. Commission earned on this amount will help the English department and Library replenish their book stocks.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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Maths Challenge News

The Senior Maths Challenge results this year are as follows:

Year 13 had 5 Bronze awards, Year 12 had 2 Silvers for **Kushal Vadicharla** and **Thomas Hurst**, plus 5 Bronze awards. Year 11 had 2 Bronzes for **Matthew Jarrett-Walker** and **Beth Nwachukwu**. The stand out result is a Gold for **Elliot Casselton**. Elliot has qualified for the follow-on challenge, which is an amazing achievement.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Also, there was an Olympiad Challenge for Girls, which **Neve Donohoe**, **Sophie Prior**, **Daisy Hedges** and **Emily Chandler** took part in. Sophie and Daisy receive a Merit award and Emily achieved a Distinction. Great results, well done to everyone.

Mrs James and Mrs Perrett, Maths Department

Year 10 Graphics Students – Cubees on Parade

Well done to our year 10 Graphics students who demonstrated excellent modelling skills in making their Cubee Craft models recently.

Special congratulations to:

Oliver Maxwell, **Samuel Petryk**, **Itai Shimoni**, **Harry Perfect**, **Amelia Szal**, **Evie Bourne**, **Jessica Cooke**, **Nikola Garnowska**, **Samuel Nwachukwu**, **Violeta Sandu**, **Adelaide Sheppard**, **Matilda Taylor**, **Joshua Turner**, **Cherie Wells**, **Jorja Ballentine**, **Mia Harrisson**, **Isabella Billings**, **Lizzie Maryon**, **Martina Aureggi**, **Nicholas Stark**, **Timothy Tisot**, **Jason Sabatakakis**

Miss S Williams, Head of Graphics



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This Weeks' Sports Results

Football:

U13 Boys Yateley 3 – 1 Farnham Heath End. Win
 U13 Girls Yateley 4 – 0 Fern Hill. Win
 Y9 Boys Yateley 1 - 1 Court Moor. Draw



Netball :

Year 10 Yateley 13 v 13 Court Moor Draw
 POM J. Williams

BIG congratulations to Cara Burnett for being selected for the All Hampshire U16 AC Squad. Cara is a Yateley Sports Captain and is a fantastic role model for the younger age groups at the school.

Next Week

The PE department along with some other teachers are taking the Year 8s to Bude on an activity week during half term. Be sure to track their progress @yateleype on twitter.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool club evenings are changing after half term, please make sure you familiarise yourself with the rotate and look to try out some of the new clubs available.

Mr Wills, PE Department

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Tuesday 1st November 2022

| | After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15 | Year Group | Venue | Staff |
|------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| Tuesday | Netball Training Basketball Club Swimming club | All Years Year 7&8 All Years | Courts Sports Hall Pool | ENS/ELY MSR WIS/SRT |
| Wednesday | Basketball Fixtures Rugby Club Girls Football Girls Basketball Club | All Years All Years Year 7&8 All Years | Sports Hall Gym Gym | WIS/MSR SRT ELY |
| Thursday | Netball Fixtures Basketball Club BTEC Clinic/P7 Cross Country | All Years Years 9&10 Year 11 All Years | Sports Hall Sports Hall B26? Gym | ENS/ELY WIS MSR SRT |
| Friday | Badminton Football Club GCSE PE Clinic | All Years Years 7,8&9 Year 11 | Sports Hall Sports Hall B11 | WIS MSR ENS |



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The Brilliant Club Trip to St Anne's College, University of Oxford

On Monday this week it felt very strange to be heading out on a trip after so long however very exciting. We spent the day at St Anne's College, one of 44 colleges in the city, which has over 300 students. Our students had an introduction to University life, sitting in some lectures in a very smart lecture theatre, touring the college and eating a very nice lunch. Highlights were seeing the students playing pool in the junior common room, watching a student wandering round in his dressing gown and slippers (must have been a late night!) and handling very old books in the library. Our students were wonderful and a credit to their parents and our school.



Mrs Cobbold, Pupil Premium Champion

Coding Club for Year 7 & Year 8 – Wednesdays 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm in C28

If you enjoy coding or want to learn more about it than come along to our coding club. There are lots of different ways that you can code including Scratch, MicroBit, Arduino and arcade-make code, you can choose what you do.

Mrs Cobbold, Head of ICT & Computer Science

Yateley School Careers and Futures fair 2022

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 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 10th November 18.00 – 20.00 pm**, I do hope you are able to join us at this important event.

If you would like to represent your company or business at the event, please get in contact with myself.



Mr Mike Tidd, Careers

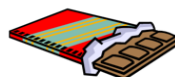
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Maths Corner 7

Greedy Girls!

Anna has just got her pocket money. She goes straight to the Sweet Shop and buys 3 Curly Wurlies and 2 tubes of Smarties. They cost her £1.49. Beth has just won £5 in a raffle. She went to the same Sweet Shop and bought 6 Curly Wurlies and 3 tubes of Smarties. She got £2.39 change.

How much is a Curly Wurly?
How much is a tube of Smarties?



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 6 – Jack and Jill!

Jack = £88, Jill = £66

| UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES | | |
|---|--------------|--|
| Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th | | Half Term |
| Sunday 23 rd October – Friday 28 th October | Year 8 | Bude Trip |
| Monday 31 st October | - | INSET Day (Year 12 + 13 <u>only</u> in College) |
| Tuesday 1 st – Thursday 3 rd November | Year 8 | Stay Safe Days |
| Thursday 3 rd November | - | 'Stay Safe' – Parent event – timings 18.30 – 20.00 |
| Wednesday 2 nd November | Year 11 | Year 11 Reports issued |
| Wednesday 9 th November | Year 11 | Sixth Form Taster Day |
| Thursday 10 th November | - | Careers Fair 18.00 - 20.00 |
| Thursday 10 th November | Year 12 + 13 | Year 12 + 13 Reports issued |
| Thursday 24 th November | Year 8 | Parents' Evening (Online) |

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What's going on at your local

YOUTH CENTRE

@ the Tythings Youth Suite, Reading Road,
Yateley, GU46 7RP

Pool Tournament!

All abilities, ages 14-18
Wednesday 2nd November, 7-8pm
The Tythings Youth Suite





www.vision4youth.org.uk
Tel: 07540660866 (only available during Youth Club times)

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B RADIO TO VISIT THE YOUTH CLUB!

Come along and see radio broadcasting in action
Be On Air yourself

Wednesday 9th and 16th November 7-8pm



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Home from Home Manager

First Steps Nursery Home from Home Manager

Closing date: 18th November 2022

Salary: Grade D: £21,778 FTE

Contract: Permanent 40 weeks / 26 hours per week

Start Date: January 2023 (December 2022 if possible)



Working Pattern: Monday to Friday term time

Breakfast Club from 7.30am to 9am and After School Club 2.45pm to 6pm

Additional hours to be worked during school holidays as required.

Are you enthusiastic and hardworking? Have Level 3 qualification, experience working with school age children. Then this is the job for you! Our home from home club caters for 30+ local school children age 4-11, and includes a walking bus to and from school.

Applicants should –

- Be organised and efficient
- Be patient, understanding and empathise with young children
- Have some experience working with children
- Ability to lead and motivate a team

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

Yateley School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

