

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back after the half term holiday. I am well aware of just how challenging the current circumstances are for many children and families and I trust that this bulletin finds you well. We want to help and support as much as we possibly can, so do let us know if you are having difficulties.

As the country goes into lockdown for a second time, as you obviously know, schools are charged with remaining open and continuing to educate our children. This is obviously a massive boost to our children's educational prospects and no doubt also to their mental health and happiness. We relish the opportunity to do our very best by our students and despite the dreadful and rather discouraging national headlines, the Yateley School team here continues to flourish.

Part of our success so far has been the meticulous attention to the important details and the simplicity of our systems and I am very dependent on everyone's continued and wholesale support as we go into the tricky months ahead. We've all heard of schools elsewhere in the country that have been decimated by COVID outbreaks and although we've had a couple of close encounters with the virus, thankfully it has yet to wreak any significant damage. We pre-empted the government ruling on face coverings by several weeks and we've found a way of maintaining outside mustering at a time of year when the fields have become generally unusable. Hand hygiene remains a matter for teachers to reinforce and for students to take personal ownership. I have been very clear with my staff about observing social distancing protocols and never putting themselves into a position of vulnerability by being in close proximity to students or indeed colleagues.

There are, however, a couple of new measures which mirror the raised concern level and the fact that the lockdown is a legal fact of life for the next few weeks at least. **Temperature checks.** In common with many public bodies and a number of schools – from Monday, we will be leading the way again and undertaking temperature checks on the



school gates for students and for any visitors. Initially students will be checked randomly, with an intent to increase this to everyone. A significantly raised temperature would be double-checked and raise a potential concern, at which point parents would be contacted to discuss possible further action. Of course, a raised temperature does not necessarily indicate Coronavirus infection, but it is an important symptom. With massively increased Coronavirus testing capacity locally and nationally, it would generally be an indicator that a precautionary test is required. Experts seem to agree that preventative testing is the key to any

longer-term strategy for dealing with the virus.

Visitors Sadly, we are not in a position to welcome visitors onsite as we do normally, for what are hopefully self-evident reasons. Onsite visits from parents and carers should only be in the most exceptional circumstances and then only with an appointment. Where possible, please conduct business by phone, email, or video conference. If an onsite visit is unavoidable, please remain outside of reception, ring the doorbell and a member of the front desk team will come out to attend to you.

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Remembrance. Although events will be muted this year, we have ensured that our students have had the chance to obtain a poppy and there will be an act of remembrance broadcast across the school next Wednesday to coincide with the armistice. Each year our students are encouraged to recognise and commemorate those who have fought and fallen in conflict; both those in the 102 years since the armistice and in every conflict since the 1st World War. As a school we are proud to recognise the importance of remembrance and ensure that the future generation in our care is supported to understand the lessons of the past in order to try and forge a more humane and peaceful future. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please make sure they have cash to put in the collection pots which are on the lunch serving tables on each of the muster points.



Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher

Stakeholder Surveys – Student

It is so important to Yateley School to gather the views and opinions of all our stakeholders (Parents, Students and Staff) on numerous school areas, how we operate and how we support young people and the community.

We have decided to create two central stakeholder surveys for all three groups of people which we would issue on a yearly basis. The surveys would cover all aspects of school life (lessons, Ready Respectful Safe, uniform, equipment, mental health and wellbeing, safeguarding, etc). We would then analyse the results which would feed into the schools further development. Survey 1 is a focus on Mental Health and Well-Being while survey 2 is a focus on Yateley School Life.

To begin with we have created the two surveys for students only (this will be followed by the surveys for parents and staff in due course). We would like every student in the school from Year 7 to 11 to complete this very important survey. Over the next few weeks, Year 7 to 9 will be doing these during ICT lessons and Year 10 will be doing during PSHE lessons. Year 11 will not have lesson time to complete these and therefore we are asking Year 11 students to complete their two surveys in their own time at home.

Deadline for completion is Friday 13th November. Because of the content they do have a large amount of questions so students will need around 45 minutes to complete both surveys. The survey is anonymous and only collects details of the year group and gender of the student and nothing else.

Please can all **Year 11 parents** ensure that their Year 11 child completes these two surveys in their own time to ensure we have enough data and views of our student body to help take the school further. It is of course important that students answer all questions honestly. Links to the surveys are below and we will also e-mail these links to Year 11 via their school e-mail and also via Satchel 1 (Show My Homework).

- Survey 1 (Mental Health and Well-Being) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Survey 2 (Yateley School Life) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Autumn 1st Half Term Student Congratulations & Summary Totals

Please find attached the PDF document which lists all the names of students that have met the positive criteria during Autumn 1st half term of 100% attendance, zero behaviour points and then 50 and 150 house points.

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We have pasted below the overall summary tables for house points, attendance, etc. Please note that 'Conduct' is a student's house points minus their behaviour points.

	Sum Of				Position			
	House Points	Behaviour	Conduct	Average Conduct Per Student	House Points	Behaviour	Conduct	Average Point Per Student
DARWIN	14145	513	13632	59.51	2	1	2	2
NIGHTINGALE	14018	753	13265	57.38	3	3	3	3
PANKHURST	12671	763	11908	55.46	4	4	4	4
WILBERFORCE	14853	705	14148	59.61	1	2	1	1

	Average Conduct Points					
	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
DARWIN	85.50	82.46	59.16	37.44	33.00	59.51
NIGHTINGALE	79.51	71.23	55.96	45.02	35.18	57.38
PANKHURST	77.14	62.55	60.15	40.41	37.07	55.46
WILBERFORCE	82.22	72.02	59.21	45.03	39.58	59.61

Average Conduct Points Per Tutor Group									
7DN	81.56	8DN	80.67	9DN	65.33	10DN	37.44	11DN	35.77
7DS	90.57	8DS	84.25	9DS	52.21	10NN	43.11	11DS	30.74
7NN	81.75	8NN	69.90	9NN	55.96	10NS	46.79	11NN	31.28
7NS	77.17	8NS	72.70	9PN	60.15	10PN	43.68	11NS	40.32
7PN	79.25	8PN	73.67	9WN	59.46	10PS	37.27	11PN	43.79
7PS	75.23	8PS	53.34	9WS	58.96	10WN	45.03	11PS	29.38
7WN	77.84	8WN	67.15					11WN	36.82
7WS	86.60	8WS	77.08					11WS	43.09

Tutor Groups Attendance Percentage									
7DN	96.56	8DN	95.69	9DN	94.44	10DN	90.54	11DN	93.79
7DS	97.83	8DS	96.65	9DS	94.51	10NN	95.56	11DS	89.74
7NN	97.71	8NN	94.74	9NN	93.10	10NS	96.05	11NN	93.88
7NS	95.25	8NS	95.61	9PN	95.70	10PN	92.77	11NS	92.30
7PN	96.77	8PN	94.19	9WN	96.44	10PS	91.26	11PN	95.87
7PS	92.91	8PS	95.92	9WS	95.66	10WN	96.60	11PS	91.96
7WN	97.11	8WN	94.14					11WN	96.74
7WS	97.97	8WS	96.68					11WS	93.55

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7DN	96.56	7NN	97.71	7PN	96.77	7WN	97.11
7DS	97.83	7NS	95.25	7PS	92.91	7WS	97.97
8DN	95.69	8NN	94.74	8PN	94.19	8WN	94.14
8DS	96.65	8NS	95.61	8PS	95.92	8WS	96.68
9DN	94.44	9NN	93.10	9PN	95.70	9WN	96.44
9DS	94.51	10NN	95.56	10PN	92.77	9WS	95.66
10DN	90.54	10NS	96.05	10PS	91.26	10WN	96.60
11DN	93.79	11NN	93.88	11PN	95.87	11WN	96.74
11DS	89.74	11NS	92.30	11PS	91.96	11WS	93.55

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Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 9th November 2020) - Theme = Remembrance; Word = Commemorate

THEME – As we know remembrance day is on Wednesday 11th November but due to COVID arrangements are different this year across the country. The school will be doing the following to acknowledge this day:

1. Our Head Boy and Girl will be laying a wreath on the Yateley War Memorial on behalf of the school with a message card from Mr German.
2. We have been selling poppies in school last week and next week following health and safety guidance as per COVID.
3. We will be holding a two minute silence on Wednesday 11th at 11.15am until 11.17am.
4. Mrs J Williams is putting together an assembly style video which we will ask all teachers to show their students following the two minute silence in lessons next week.

Please could we ask parents to take some time this week to discuss remembrance day with our young people. It would be good if you could look through the resources and information on the Royal British Legion website – [CLICK HERE](#)

WORD: Please see the attached PowerPoint

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

Just a reminder that all Year 10 students are having the Elevate Education follow on tutor sessions and resources issued to them via Satchel 1 (Show My Homework). Next week (from Monday 9th Nov) they should be completing Session 3.

Action For Happiness – Free coaching and resources

As COVID continues to restrict our lives, we all need to take good care of our mental wellbeing. One great way to do this is using this free 10-day happiness coaching program for challenging times – [CLICK HERE](#)

We also want to share with you all the new Action for Happiness calendar for November – 'New Ways November 2020'

First Steps Cafe

First Steps Café in Yateley is offering online support for our community in these difficult times. Please see further details on the attached poster.

Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher – Culture



The poster is for a 'Yateley School Vocab Competition'. It features the school's crest in the top left corner. The title 'Yateley School' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the text 'Do you think you have what it takes to be the Y9 French vocab champion?' is written in red. Underneath that, 'Take part in our French vocab competition!' is written in white. The main title 'Vocab Competition' is in large, bold, yellow letters. At the bottom left is the French flag. At the bottom center, a white box contains the text: 'More information coming in your next French lesson. If you have any questions, contact the MFL department.' At the bottom right is the Kahoot! logo.

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ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Find out something new about someone you care about	9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own Christmas cards!	30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times					



"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS







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Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november

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://www.actionforhappiness.org/virtual-xmas-concert-2020). 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/1FAIpQLSdfKdz8xUDQxKGBN6jaqek91QmB11XtVtUx_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.

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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, 13th November 2020.

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

Ms Pejovic

Year 8 have had fun making beautiful rainbows with ray boxes and prisms



Mrs McCarthy, Science

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A MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE TO COPING WITH LOCKDOWN IN THE WINTER

 @BELIEVEPHQ



LIGHTING

On dark mornings wake up gradually with increasing light. Try out a SAD light or lumie bodyclock.



STAY CONNECTED

Even though it might be difficult to see friends and family it is important that you stay connected to them on a regular basis.



HELP OTHERS

Whether it is helping around the house or supporting your brother or sister, helping others can help provide you with positive emotions.



LIMIT NEWS

Limit the amount of time you spend on social media and checking news.



COPING STRATEGIES

Identify some positive strategies you can engage in that help you to deal with stress, worry or anxiety.



CONNECT TO YOUR VALUES

Re connect with things that are important to you and try to engage with them on a regular basis.



TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Plan time into your week where you can engage in activities that are relaxing. It is important to have time for yourself where you engage in some self care.



PLAN YOUR WEEK

Organise your week and plan in activities that provide you with a sense of pleasure and achievement.



STAY ACTIVE

Throughout the day try and be active. Take a break from your work and walk around. Regular exercise can also be great for reducing stress and boosting mood.



POSITIVE HABITS

Write down a list of 5 - 10 positive mental health habits you can engage with on a regular basis to maintain your mental fitness.



ASK FOR HELP

If you notice yourself struggling reach out to family, friends, your doctor or a local mental health charity for help.



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