

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

I will start at the end. The end of a busy, successful and at times exhausting seven weeks. A time in which we have welcomed record numbers joining the school, run events for our many interested visitors and managed around a pandemic that refuses to go away. Above all though, we've enjoyed a largely calm, productive and happy term in which so much great work has taken place. I'm immensely grateful to staff, parents and students for the many individual contributions that make Yateley School such a great place to learn and thrive. I wish all of our families a super half term break and hope very much that you get some time for rest and recuperation. There is no doubt that the time heading into the winter will present us with tough challenges, so this should be a short period to 'recharge the batteries'.

You'll know, of course, that we finished the half term with several hundred students receiving the covid vaccination in the sports hall. The whole process ran smoothly, without interruption or too much delay – although I know a few lunches were rushed! Without exception, the students were impeccably behaved and an absolute credit. The nurse team leader made a point of catching me at the end to say how stunned she'd been, both by the level of organisation and attention to detail and more importantly, by the quite exceptional conduct of the students. Superb work all round!



This Friday - 22nd October, is "Wear Pink" Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, a cause very dear to many people. In support of this, Mrs D'Alton, the Deputy Head of Sixth Form, set up and promoted a 'Wear Pink Day' for Sixth Form and staff to raise money for this extremely worthy cause. She has set up a 'just giving' page to allow people to make their own donations under the name of Yateley School and Sixth Form. If any parents and families would like to offer their support with a contribution, we would be very grateful if you could donate using this [LINK](#).



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In 2018 we introduced "Ready, Respectful, Safe (R.R.S) into Yateley school. This meant that everyone could understand our culture which is based on three simple principles that underpin the way that we conduct ourselves. We should be **ready** to learn, **respectful** of one another, and **safe** together. This revolutionised the school. We eradicated our complex rules, 7-tier behaviour system and hard-to-follow procedures and instead allowed guiding principles to support us in making Yateley school the warm and welcoming culture that it is today.

It is with a similar sense of anticipation and excitement that we are seeking to enhance the cohesion of the academic side of the school and our shared approach to learning. We are very proud to introduce **A.C.T.** – specifically created for our school community.



**A** is for Ambition.

Ambition can take us anywhere. It is transformational. It is what makes the extraordinary possible. But it is only the spark that can get us started.

**C** is for Curiosity. We want to question everything, to be sceptical about what we hear, to be deep-thinkers who are intrigued about the world around us. We should all make mistakes, learn from them and constantly improve ourselves.

**T** is for Tenacity. Most schools speak about resilience... but we see resilience as a sign that you're on the back foot and taking a beating. Instead, we want to be on the front foot; to be tenacious, gritty and determined to work hard for success.

A.C.T. is in its infancy now, but we are working hard to build these life-forming traits in our school community, from students to support staff and from teachers to governors. We have launched posters around the school (shown here), assemblies for students for after half term and a substantial portion of our INSET day on Monday 01 November is in place to support staff on how to recognise and build these characteristics in students and in themselves.

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**Excellence!** Dr Case has again met with a significant number of year 11 students this week to support them to further success with academic mentoring. The aim of these meetings is to identify any barriers to learning and to support students in overcoming them, so that they are able and confident to access the next stage in their education and career.

The programme is based solely around academic progress with support for revision, time management, and challenge to individual expectations being the focus of this. To support all Year 11 students, Dr Case has reissued the knowledge organisers [LINK HERE](#) that support the acquisition of information for examinations – these are available on Satchel One to all Year 11 students. The excellence programme is going to be expanded to support additional groups of students, based on need, after the half term holiday. A great way to support your child is ensuring you have parental access to Satchel One to assist them with their homework. If you need assistance with this, please email [admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk) and we will help you further.

**Year 13 Oxbridge applications** – It is a delight and a very proud moment to have so many of our current Year 13 students applying for the very best Universities and courses in the country. The thirteen students in the list below are either applying for Oxford or Cambridge, or Medicine. This level of ambition and potential is unprecedented; it is hugely impressive and a real indicator of the success of the school and the Sixth Form in particular. This should certainly provide food for thought for our Year 11 students when thinking about next year...

- Jack Benyon
- Alex Bufton
- Amy Capp – medicine
- Ellen Chelberg
- Grace Cunninghame
- Sophie Green
- Daniel Harris
- Harry Harris
- Lewis Lanek
- Euan Lowther-Allais
- Megan Scotford – medicine
- Phoebe Shea
- Leah Simkins



**Year 12 Pathway to Oxbridge** We are delighted to be opening the opportunity of a very ambitious future to our Year 12 students too. With that in mind, It was great to have Lauren Woodman former Deputy Head Girl and now natural sciences student at Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge University, to kick off our Year 12 Oxbridge Pathway programme on Tuesday evening. The students commented on the brilliant practical advice provided which will definitely strengthen their applications.

**Remembrance** The annual Remembrance Parade in Yateley is once again taking place in person this year. I would like to invite all Yateley School students to join us at 2.15pm at St Swithun's Church for an outdoor Service of Remembrance followed by a parade to the War Memorial on the Reading Road where our Senior Students will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. All students are welcome to attend the parade, in school uniform please. As this is a public event, parents are responsible for their children and no forms are required to be completed. Students will be dismissed at the end of the service from the War Memorial.



Yours sincerely  
Paul German  
**Headteacher**

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## This week's sports results

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Football;

Year 8 v Bohunt, we won 5-2 POM: L.Barrow

Year 8 V Tomlinscote we lost 6-0 POM: O.Pender

Year 9 v Cove, we won 4-1. POM: T.Rees

Year 10 v Wavell we won. 2-1 POM: A.David-Carter & R.Cole

Netball;

Year 9 V Weydon we won 9- 4 POM: I.Whittaker & J.Williams

Year 10 V Weydon we lost 30-10 POM: S.Aumonier & A.Gray

### Fixtures the week beginning 1st Nov

Tuesday 2nd Year 7 Football away @Tomlincote

Wednesday 3rd Year 8-11 X-country @RMS

Thursday 4th Year 9 Netball v Calthorpe Park (Home)

### HOUSE NETBALL AND FOOTBALL RESULTS

We had our first house competitions this week and it was great to see that over 90 students in each year group took part in the events, representing their house.

Year 7 Netball winners: **Darwin**

Year 7 Football winners: **Darwin**

Year 8 Netball winners: **Wilberforce**

Year 8 Football winners: **Darwin**

Year 9 Netball winners: **Nightingale**

Year 9 Football winners: **Nightingale**

The overall positions for house Netball were: 1st **Darwin**, 2nd **Wilberforce**, 3rd **Nightingale** & 4th **Pankhurst**

The overall positions for house Football were: 1st **Darwin**, 2nd **Nightingale** 3rd **Wilberforce** & 4th **Pankhurst**



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'It's a slow process but quitting wont speed it up..... '

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you back in November, please don't forget to check the new Extra Curricular timetable (see below) to see what's on offer for next half term.

*Mrs Evans, Head of Physical Education*

## PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

	After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15	Year Group	Venue
Tuesday	Netball Training Basketball Club Swimming club	All Years Years 9&10 All Years	Courts Sports Hall Pool
Wednesday	Basketball Fixtures Fitness/Exercise to music Rugby Club Cross country	All Years All Years All Years All Years	? Gym Sports Hall Gym
Thursday	Netball Fixtures Basketball Club	All Years Years 7&8	Sports Hall Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton Football Club GCSE PE Clinic	All Years Years 7,8&9 Year 11	Sports Hall Sports Hall B11



### Homework Drop-In

The Homework Drop-In will be commencing after the half term break in the Library Schoolroom. The drop-in runs from 3:10 pm to 4:30pm daily during term time and students can stay for as long or as little as they wish. Mrs Roaf or I supervise these sessions and it is a great way for students to keep on top of their homework.

Please note that students wishing to attend on Wednesdays or Thursdays must use back door entry via the library schoolroom.

All year groups are welcome.

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## 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 £740 in book sales. Commission earned on this amount will help the English department and Library replenish their book stocks.

*Mrs Hood, School Library Manager*

## Request from the Food Tech department

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

Please take them straight to Food tech.

*Food Tech Department*



## 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](http://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

## Dance at higher education!

Our Year 10 GCSE Dance students had an exciting opportunity to experience a taster day at the University of Winchester on Wednesday 20th October. The students experienced two technique classes (Cunningham and Release styles) before watching a short piece performed by D@Win Dance Company, the third year degree students who tour secondary schools and colleges to showcase their work as performers. Students got an insight into their roles as education officers, rehearsal directors, publicity officer as well as dancers! In the afternoon, they took part in a creative workshop which certainly challenged them to think and move out of their comfort zones, finding new ways of moving through a variety of improvisation tasks. It was a great opportunity to see the class create their own ideas... and yes, even I joined in!

Before leaving the site, we had a short tour of the campus, seeing the amazing facilities the University has to offer, including the student union building, shop, cafe and even a fitness class taking place. Students also got a chance to ask questions to the undergraduate students about what life is like at University, although it will be a few years until Year 10 think about this. We look forward to seeing Winchester University staff again as they join the Careers Fair here at school in November. It was a great chance for students to experience new things beyond what they learn in the classrooms.

*Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance*



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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.

<b>GCSE</b>	<b>A LEVEL</b>
<b>Wednesday C2.1</b>	<b>Thursday C2.6</b>

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## 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.

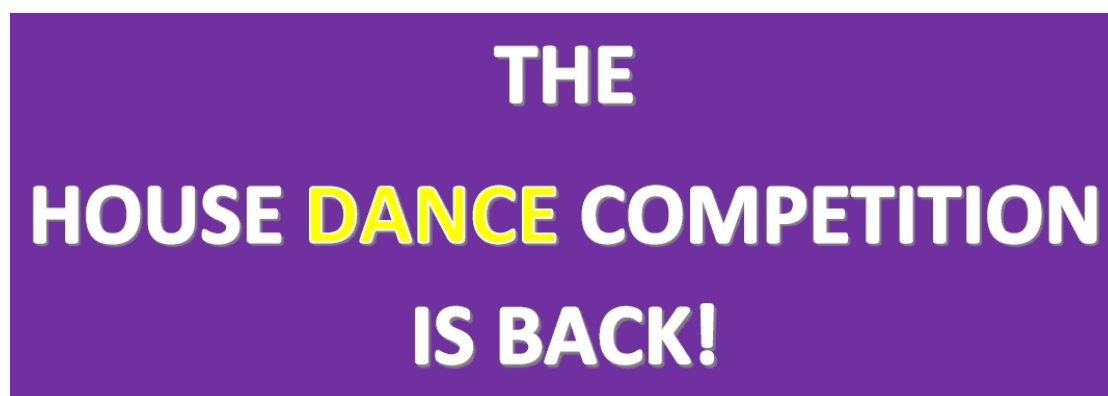
The Fair is visited by students and parents from all year groups, but is most immediately pertinent for year 11 students and year 13 students who will be moving to the next phases in their education or training this summer.

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

*Mike Tidd, Careers Leader*



[Please see the attachment for full details](#)

## Lift Off Dance Gala

During the Year 9 Twilight Dance lessons which run each Wednesday after school the students have been busy preparing for their first performance as a group to a live audience at The Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell, Berkshire. Yateley School we're offered a place to perform in the showcase and we jumped at the chance!

The students performed to a medley of songs from the show 'The Lion King' as a celebration of dance as it's best on Sunday 17th October. The dancers performed with skill, elegance and commitment and I look forward to seeing the group develop over this year.

Congratulations to Phoebe Bateman, Charlotte Chalcraft, Olivia Doe, (Isaac Edwards), Gracie Henderson, Lily Jefferies, Adi Kazhdan, Jessica Lambert, Isla Poole, Holly Ryan and Leila Stickland.

The group meet every Wednesday for a lesson from 3.10-4.10pm in the dance studio. If your child is in Year 9 and is interested in joining, please encourage them to come along after half term.

*Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance*



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## Half term lunch vouchers

Free school meal vouchers will be issued directly to those who receive them next week. They will be to the value of £15.

**YATELEYS**  
HEALTH AND FITNESS  
SUPPORT ENCOURAGE INSPIRE

# Family Swimming

every day  
25th October – 31st October

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

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## Maths Corner

### Jack and Jill!



Jack and Jill buy 7 lottery scratch-cards. Jack paid £4 and Jill paid £3. They win £154 with the last scratch card.

Jill says, "We should each get £77".

Jack says, "@%\$\* £?!"

How much money should they each get if the money is to be shared fairly?

**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 5 – Sofa so good!**

**£382.5**