

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you managed to enjoy the half term break and certainly the new term has got underway with a vengeance from Tuesday onwards. Staff had a training day on Monday – all focused on the key areas of the School Improvement Plan. Also, on Monday, the Sixth Form had the benefit of hearing Peter Radford (Beyond This), running a workshop on 'Developing a Winning Mindset'. The workshops were fast paced, highly engaging and the feedback from the students has been incredibly positive. Peter covered all the bases - growth mindset, grit, stress, mental health and being the best version of yourself. A highly thought-provoking series of sessions.



Trips, trips, trips... Amazing visits took place over the holiday period, ably led by

our dedicated and hard-working team, who gave up their time for the students' benefit. I've received some super messages of thanks from grateful families and it has been my pleasure to pass these on to trip leaders and their teams. The Iceland visit was an enormous success and ably led by Miss Self, Mr Tidd and Mrs Williams. Our Geographers were able to see firsthand the extraordinary physical features of that amazing country which really brings the subject to life; actually, seeing volcanoes and land being formed for example.



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Having run now for over 30 years, once again our intrepid PE team and an amazing array of helpers and supporters took well over 100 eager and excited Year 8 students down to Bude in Cornwall for the activities week. A fantastic time was had by all and despite a general lack of sleep and delays on the way back due to the delightful A303 – a group of tired but accomplished young people returned to school at the end of the week. My thanks to Mrs Evans, Mrs Short, Mrs Uttley, Mr Wills, Mr Messenger, Mrs Goldwater and Mrs Moffett, along with partners and spouses who very generously gave up their time too.

Year 8 Stay Safe Days & Parent Workshop (Child Criminal Exploitation – CCE). With our thanks to Hart District Council, we



were lucky enough to welcome in 'Challenge Academy' this week to perform their product 'Gamechanger' to our Year 8 students. All of Year 8 have taken part in a Stay Safe Day with the focus being around Child Criminal Exploitation. The morning sessions allowed Challenge Academy to present and act out a scenario to students that can and does happen to children around the UK. The focus revolved around how a young person could be caught up in being exploited by criminals and the danger associated with this happening. The sessions then allowed students to ask questions to the people involved in the presentation and about Child Criminal Exploitation (the victims, relations, parents and the criminals themselves). It was all ensuring that we equip young people with the knowledge and awareness of the tactics used by criminals and gangs linked to the County Lines drug dealing

network; the resilience to resist advances and the sense of togetherness to report to an adult if they are worried about themselves or one of their friends. The afternoon sessions then had students moving on a rotation between different groups of guest speakers from the PCSO and Police Force on Anti-Social Behaviour, the Willow Team on the service they offer for young people at risk of being exploited and also looking into the dangers of knife crime, the Stop Domestic Abuse team and Step By Step and the service they offer young people that are going through hard times.



Not only were all of Year 8 able to take part, but we also welcomed their parents and carers to attend the same type of presentation on Wednesday evening, enabling them to be fully aware of what their child has experienced through the Stay Safe day in school. Everyone participated enthusiastically in the session and there was a really engaging question and answer session, in which we discussed the importance of students and parents being aware of warning signs and

adopting the mantra which we use within our Yateley School safeguarding training, which is treat everything as if 'it does and could happen here'. It was also suitably timed to then reflect on the recent 'It's Not OK' week which we ran before half term where the focus was on bullying but it also relates to these messages where CCE is 'not OK'. It is so important to realise and understand that our Yateley Community can be a target for Child Criminal Exploitation and we are well aware that it has been in the past. It was also a great opportunity to remind parents about the continued education the school provides students and shares with parents via the tutor time safeguarding education programme (the focus this half term being on crime) as well as within the newly re-developed PSHE/RSE curriculum.



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Maths Challenge News I am delighted to hear from Mrs James that 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.

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 involved.

Student Star of the week this week is Cara Burnett in 11DN. Alongside her studies in school, where Cara is very



accomplished, she is also a very talented and accomplished hockey player. She has been playing with Yateley Hockey Club from a very young age and practising hard – week in and week out. From the age of 13 she has been playing for her age group within the Hampshire 4ths, then 2nds and now in the top squad – the firsts. She has also been playing up an age group on a number of occasions, such is her ability and drive. Cara has shown outstanding dedication and is determined to go on improving her hockey, as well as excelling in school. Congratulations!



Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher

Related to the Stay Safe Day, (below) are various links and resources we would like to share with everyone following this week and please remember we are all in this together. If you have any concerns then please do communicate these and the school is always here to help our young people and parents, and again thank you again to everyone that has been involved in the event this week.

Please note that the links to the various BBC or Netflix programmes below are extremely gritty and contain scenes of sexual violence, extremely strong and discriminatory language and upsetting scenes so should be watched with caution and not suitable for young people. However, they do exemplify the way that organised criminal gangs prey on young people.

Videos/Programmes

- County Lines (BBC iPlayer) - 14-year-old Tyler lives with his struggling single mother and young sister. He is picked on at school, and his teachers worry about his erratic behaviour. One day, he is approached by a young man who appears to offer him protection, but this is in fact the start of Tyler being groomed as a smuggler for the man's drug-dealing network.
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0015q9c/county-lines>
- Hidden Girls (BBC iPlayer) – A look at the hidden world of girls in gangs and the extent to which teenage girls are being criminally and sexually exploited.
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0010dbw/hidden-girls>
- Top Boy (Netflix) - Two seasoned drug dealers return to the gritty streets of London, but their pursuit of money and power is threatened by a young and ruthless hustler
 - <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/80217669>
- GM Challenger (YouTube) – Short videos on the dangers of CCE and then also talking heads and storied from the various characters
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK1_EGjJ0hCmbpSpFNIUoXg

Report To Police - <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/seen-or-heard/>

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Yateley School Safeguarding Education

- Safeguarding at Yateley School - <https://www.yateleyschool.net/safeguarding/>
 - For details of the safeguarding and child protections policies please visit our policy page - <https://www.yateleyschool.net/policies/>
- Online Safety and Useful Resources - <https://www.yateleyschool.net/online-safety/>
- KS3 Tutor Time Key Stage on a Page - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LctTheZGLEwBoNsdWuHHQ7vHcvGXlqhP/view>
- KS3 PSHE Key Stage on a Page - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1luJA4NN18ScjaR0is4W0wTyUgG-ih3U/view>
- Year 8 Learning Journey - <https://www.yateleyschool.net/wp-content/uploads/Y8-Learning-Journey-1.pdf>

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 why 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.

Tutor Time – Week of 31st 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** – National stress awareness day – <https://www.rethink.org/advice-and-information/living-with-mental-illness/wellbeing-physical-health/stress-how-to-cope/>
- **Wellbeing Tip** – 'Don't believe everything you think'
- **Year Assemblies** - All year assemblies were led by Mr Tidd with a focus on careers and the future
- **Safeguarding (Child Abduction)** – Year 8 to 11 had a session on child abduction and discussed the issues around this
- **CAMHS Best Version of You** – Year 7 working on session 7 which looked at being weighed down by worries and ways students can cope with worries
- **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 7, 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



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Wellbeing tip of the week:

Don't believe
everything you
think

Our problems aren't always as big as our mind tries to convince us they are. Don't believe all of those negative and self-defeating thoughts that go through your head.

ANNUAL DANCE SHOW AND HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION 2022

On Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th October, the main hall was sold out for this year's annual dance show featuring the House Dance Competition. This year we had a cast of over 120 students performing from Year 7 to 13. Our Year 7 Dance Club (only formed 6 weeks ago!) opened the show with a number from Matilda! The musical choreographed by Livia Biddell and Rebecca Pomfrett in the 6th form. We had many students performing solo's, duets and small group numbers in modern, hip hop, musical theatre and contemporary styles. In the second half of the show our 4 house teams took the stage to compete for awards in costume, soundtrack, performance skill and overall the Winner of House Dance. This year two ex-students from Yateley School returned to judge this popular event!

Lee Bailes



Lee studied and graduated from The Urdang Academy with a BA (Hons). Since then, Lee has worked as a professional dancer on Royal Caribbean International Cruises performing in shows such as 'Grease' & 'Hairspray'. Then went onto tour internationally with Andrew Lloyd Webbers 'Cats'. Recently, he was fortunate enough to begin a tour of the UK in the classic story of 'Dirty Dancing' which then transferred to the West End where he performed at the Dominion Theatre.

Beccy Scholes



Beccy trained at Cambridge Performing Arts at Bodywork Company Dance Studios and gained (Trinity Level 6 Diploma in Professional Dance) *Distinction*. Beccy is the Entertainments and Events Creative Manager at Chessington World of Adventures Resort. Managing artistic development from concept ideation to performance delivery of innovative new shows and offerings across all events. This includes creating narratives and characters, writing scripts, casting, directing and choreographing. Beccy's previous credits include working as a professional dancer/ actress with Royal Caribbean cruises and Legoland Windsor. Beccy is an assistant choreographer for the annual pantomimes at The Princes Hall, Aldershot, since 2017, and is a qualified aerial hoop instructor.

The theme for the House Dance Competition was 'The Future'. Each team were led by 3 Captains who choreographed, designed soundtracks, created costumes and worked with a raised and tilted platform. Each team had great ideas ranging from not fitting into Society, use of blindfolds and cleverly crafted use of elastic as a prop, an apocalypse where evil leaders were taking over the world and Aliens who landed on Earth, only to discover that we can all live in harmony!

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The Winners of the House Dance Competition for October 2022 were **NIGHTINGALE!** The teams were also awarded the following:

Excellence in Performance Skill: **Nightingale, Darwin**

Excellence in Creating a soundtrack: **Wilberforce** and **Pankhurst**

Excellence in Costume design : **Darwin, Pankhurst, Wilberforce** and **Nightingale**

A special thank you goes to the House Dance Captains this year. They have been excellent role models and inspired so many with their time, commitment and enthusiasm for Dance.



Darwin House Dance Captains: (From left to right)
Sophie Heard, Jacob Russell and Zoe Boorman



Nightingale House Dance Captains: (From left to right)
Brooke Scully-Davis, Giramia Thuambe and Daisy Crane



Wilberforce House Dance Captains: (From left to right)
Chloe Badenhorst, Alexandrina Ionas and
Gracie Henderson



Pankhurst House Dance Captains: (From left to right)
Delilah Amarasuriya, Zara Bonner and Emma Beard

One final note, the show would not be a success without the support of those who work behind the scenes, thank you to Mr Matt Davis for all the technical support and theatre management, Liam Coxhead and Oliver Turner for being an assistant Lighting Operator, Mrs Ellis for ticket sales and front of house, Miss Parish for Photography, and backstage helpers: Mrs Breen, Mrs Harryman, Mrs Buttle, Mrs S Johnson, Mrs Brinkman, Mrs Goldwater, Mrs Hood, Mrs Clint, Mr Glendinning, and Mrs R Kames.

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Creative Careers Roadshow – Friday 4th November



Today our **Year 11 GCSE Dance students** took part in an interactive Careers Roadshow which highlighted a huge range of jobs that fall under the heading of being 'creative'. Students began the session by watching a video where they had to write down as many jobs that they could see as the video tour guided them around The Guildhall at Portsmouth. This ranged from box office sales, marketing, catering, sound and lighting technicians, performers, stage crew, finance and accountants' officer, security, graphic designers and so on!

Ben Clabon and Patrick Wallace from Portsmouth Guildhall encouraged the students to participate in discussions and written activities about those jobs, skills and pathways into employment in the creative industries. The aim of the workshop was to raise awareness about the opportunities available in the creative industries, and increase aspirations about creative careers and jobs in general.

Both Ben and Patrick studied Performing Arts at Secondary School and said they both wished they had had this opportunity when they were at school to learn about different pathways and careers in this sector. Quite often they said "Dance and Drama subjects can be seen as "soft" subjects, when actually it is exactly these skills that employers are crying out for now e.g. being confident to speak in public, being able to solve problems, being able to perform in front of others and so on. Students were asked "what is going to stop you". Ben and Patrick gave each student a handout which gave examples of pathways available to get into a creative job including some of the following:

- ✚ Further Education e.g. BTEC's and /or A Levels
- ✚ Apprenticeships
- ✚ Work Experience
- ✚ Volunteering
- ✚ [Find your perfect role in the creative industries - Creative Careers \(discovercreative.careers\)](https://discovercreative.careers/)

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

This Weeks' Sports Results

It was a quite first week back for sports at Yateley but we did kick off the week with some firsts as can be seen below.



Rugby

The Year 9 Rugby Team had their first rugby fixture as a year group since being at the school. They played a development game against Court Moor School. The boys did really well, putting up a good performance against a strong opposition.



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6 of the 12 players playing their first ever game of rugby. It was a good starting block and hopefully something the boys can build from.

Cross Country

In the first fixture of the year, the Year 9's started their cross country season off with some good performances at their first competition. The best performances of the day came from Mollie Moody (12th) Oscar Pender (13th).

Next Week In PE:

Netball

Year 10 Vs Weydon (Thursday)

Senior Cross Country

XC Fixture at Yateley (Tuesday)

Afterschool Clubs

Please again see the new afterschool clubs attached.

**** Y7 & Y8 Basketball Club will be on Monday next week due to a fixture clash on the Tuesday.**

Mr Wills, PE Department

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The annual Remembrance Parade in Yateley is taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 13th November this year. I would like to invite Yateley School students to join us at 3.00pm at St Swithuns Church for the parade to the War Memorial on the Reading Road where our Senior Students will lay a wreath on behalf of the school population.

All students are welcome to attend, 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 at approximately 4.15pm.

We have opened a charity donation option on ScoPay if parents would like to buy a poppy for collection in school. Remembrance Assemblies will also take place during the week of 7th November. Please ask your child to come to Reception to pick up their poppy once you have made a donation.

Mrs Janet Williams, Head of PSHE

Maths Corner 8

Pet Shop Problem!

Andy has just got his pocket money. He goes straight to the Pet Shop and buys 2 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. They cost him £5. Ben was just given £10 for walking his neighbours dog. He went to the same Pet Shop and bought 4 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. He got £1.50 change.

How much is a Hamster?

How much is a Goldfish?

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 7 – Greedy Girls!
Smarties = 37p, Curly Wurly = 25p

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES		
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 17 th November	Year 8	Year 8 Reports issued
Tuesday 22 November	Year 12 + 13	Driving Safety
Thursday 24 th November	Year 9	Year 9 Reports issued
Thursday 24 th November	Year 8	Year 8 Parents' Evening (online)
Thursday 24 th November	Year 8	Parents' Evening (Online)
Thursday 1 st December	Year 9	Year 9 Parents and New Options Evening (1900-20.30)

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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FINAL CALL for this lost property

Anything shown that is not collected by end of Thursday 11th November will be given to charity.



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Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

First Steps Nursery
Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

Closing date: 31st November 2022

Salary: Grade A-C depending on qualifications
Range £20,258-£22215

Contract: Permanent 52 weeks/37 hours per week



An exciting opportunity has arisen with First Steps Nursery for a **Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant**.

Our 112 place day nursery caters for babies and children from the age of 3 months to 5 years.

Applicants should –

- Ideally be qualified to NVQ level 3 (or equivalent) or be willing to learn and undertake training
- Be able to engage children in all aspects of the (EYFS) Early Years Foundation Stage
- Be patient, understanding and empathise with young children
- Have some experience with early years children

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

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Home from Home Manager

First Steps Nursery
Home from Home Manager

Closing date: 18th November 2022

Salary: Grade D: £23,703 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

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PHYSICAL

How are you using your face?
How are you using your voice?
How are you using gesture?
Body language.



LINGUISTIC

Are you speaking persuasively?
Are you speaking formally or informally?
Are you using humour?
What words are you choosing?



COGNITIVE

Are you thinking through your ideas?
What words are you using?
What points are you making and in which order?
Evaluation.



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

Are you listening to others?
Are you solving conflict with others?
Are you reading your audience?
Are you showing confidence?



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HAMPSHIRE
Teen Project

11 - 16 year olds	19th - 22nd December	10:00 - 15:00
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'Connect' at St Peter's Church, Yateley, is a new group that aims to connect local parents of children with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

We aim to provide information and peer support within a welcoming and non-judgmental environment... along with tea and cake!

essions will be held fortnightly/weekly on Tuesday evening at Cafe 46 starting Tuesday 18th October from 7-9 pm and parents are welcome to drop in at any point during these times.'