

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

**Covid, weather and outside spaces.** We have continued to be relatively fortunate in comparison with many other schools in terms of covid transmission and the damaging impact of resultant school absence. A great many schools in this area (and nationally) have had the need to return to face coverings (masks) and reintroducing a number of the restrictions in operation last year, such as staggered start times, one-way systems etc. So far, we have managed to avoid this, although the situation could change imminently and I should be clear that we won't hesitate to institute further measures – including masks, if the situation demands it and PHE advise that it is the best way of keeping our community as safe as possible. One change will be required from next week however and this is a return to the hard-standing areas for break and lunchtime. The fields are treacherous with mud now and as you'd expect, we cannot in the current circumstances let the students have unrestricted access to the buildings. Therefore, we will be returning to use of the hard standing areas from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November onwards. When the weather is wet, or excessively cold we will have indoor space available and the students will be advised of where their specific areas are. In the meantime, for anything less than extreme weather, please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, labelled with their name, which they then take to school.



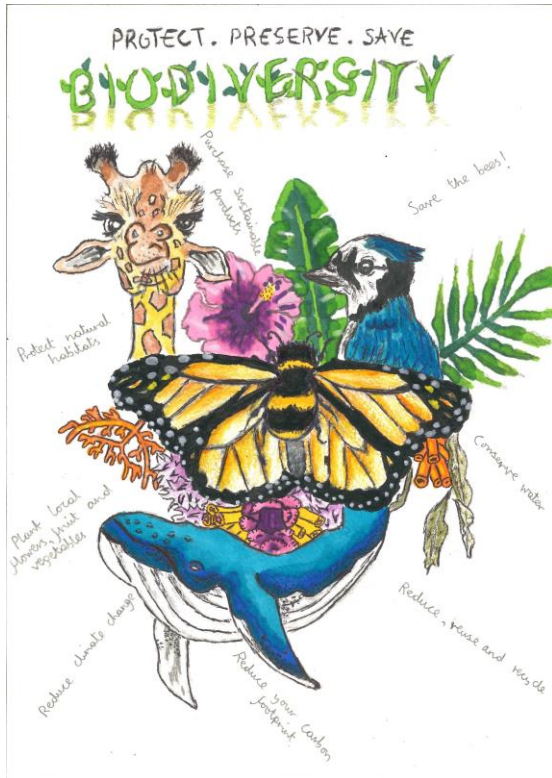
**Parents' Consultation Evenings.** We had an overwhelmingly positive response to the introduction of online parents' consultation evenings and as mentioned before the summer holidays, these will continue this year. The convenience of being able to access these virtually has given much more flexibility and improved attendance. When needed, it has also enabled parents in different locations to access the meeting and has also reduced the inconvenience of having to park onsite, or having to wait for appointments which can sometimes overrun. The first evening of this academic year is for the Sixth Form on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, followed a week later by Year 11. All of the joining information is sent to parents prior to the relevant evening and details can be entered [HERE](#).



**Remembrance.** We will be joining the Yateley Community for the annual act of Remembrance on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The annual Remembrance Parade in Yateley is once again taking place in person this year. We 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 population.

All students are welcome to attend, in school uniform please. As this is a public event, parents are responsible for the children and no forms are required to be completed. Students will be dismissed at the end of the service from the War Memorial.

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## Student star of the week

Our star of the week this time is Lucie Williams in 8DN. Generally, we look beyond the classroom for our recipients of this award as there are generally other ways of rewarding outstanding academic work. However, given the sheer scale, thoughtfulness and creativity involved with this competition entry, I would like to share it with a wider audience. A framed copy will appear shortly in school. This is a theme which Lucie cares about, as indeed do many of her peers. She has talked to me about her work and has, of course, received a Headteacher's Commendation. I'm sure you'll agree that this level of endeavour and skill is quite exceptional.



For those of you enjoying bonfire night celebrations this year, have a great evening, lots of fun and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher



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## Remembrance Day

This week in house assemblies, all Heads of House have presented their assemblies on the topic of Remembrance Day. We would encourage all parents to view the presentation and perhaps discuss this with your child at home – [CLICK HERE](#).

This is also going to be the focus of the week next week in tutor time.



## Cold Weather & Being Outside

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November we are going to be asking for students to return to using the outside hard standing areas at break and lunchtimes. The two fields are becoming too damaged due to the poor weather and mud and mess being walked through the indoor areas. We also don't want students based in tutor or mixing too much at break and lunch. The areas will be as follows:

- Year 7 = A Block playground
- Year 8 = Area in middle of the school from the nurse's office to Tech block (all between B and C Blocks)
- Year 9 = Area between A and B Block by the gym, PE office and A Block gate
- Year 10 = Area next to Music and path going towards Yateley's Gym
- Year 11 = Tennis Courts

The canteen will of course still be open to everyone as will the main hall for students to eat in. Students will only be allowed in these listed areas and nowhere else in the school during break and lunch (not in classrooms, corridors, fields, front of school, etc). The only difference will be if it is a wet weather day and then we will inform students that they will then be based in their tutor room for break/lunch that day and can also still access the canteen and main hall.

Therefore, can we please ask parents to ensure your child comes to school in a suitably warm coat in case of cold weather?



## Term 1 Well Done

Fantastic to see the number of students during Term 1 that reached various house point thresholds, having zero behaviour points, 100% attendance and being awarded tutee of the term. A massive congratulations to you all and the full list of students is attached to this student bulletin.

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## Social Media and Bullying

We all know that Social Media is a fantastic resource for being able to stay in contact with those far away, keeping up with news and trends, sharing media between ourselves and many other reasons, However it has also made it more possible for others to bully easily. We have found a really useful resource from

Bullying.co.uk which gives advice and guidance around what to do if you are being bullied on a social network platform – [CLICK HERE](#). We do recommend for parents and students to look at this.

On the back of this, please note that it is national Anti-Bullying Week from the 15<sup>th</sup> November. We will of course be sharing with parents and staff lots of details and resources about this next week.



## Year 11 Prom Decisions

Each year we really look forward to our Year 11 students attending the prom as well as their final graduation assembly in the summer term. As we know the Year 11 students need to meet criteria to attend both events. One is to have an attendance of at least above 90% during Year 11. The second is to have 100 or more conduct/prom points at the end of Year 11 (these are their house points minus their behaviour points minus the amount of lates they have recorded). We have identified some Year 11 students from the Term 1 data that are either not meeting both or one of these criteria and therefore will be getting a letter from the school next week just to point this out to them (and if the decision were made now would not be attending the events) but they still have time in Year 11 to address the issue. If a Year 11 student does not get a letter then currently they are meeting criteria.



## Elevate Education – Upcoming Parent Online Seminars

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting a further 2 webinars this month in its **Parent Webinar Series**. Feedback for the first 2 webinars has been fantastic, so don't miss out on the next instalments in the series.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 18.00pm – Webinar: Improving Your Memory for Tests & Exams – [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 18.00pm – Webinar: Getting Reading for Exams - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

In the above two sessions, Elevate will cover the following:

Improving Memory	Getting Ready for Exams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why students forget content in exams and how to get around it.</li><li>• The problems with the way most students memorise information.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elevate's simple 3-step process for revision and how to use it to achieve the best results.</li></ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 3 easy-to-use memory skills that will ensure students remember 100% of their notes.</li><li>• What parents can do to assist memorisation before an exam (and what you shouldn't do!)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How students should manage their time in the build up to an exam.</li><li>• How to remove blind spots in their knowledge.</li></ul> |
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Some feedback that has been received from parents:

*"I just want to say I used your techniques in my daughter's last year of her A-Level. She went from A, B, C in the first year to A\*, A\*, A in her final exams this year at her school. We focused on tasks and feedback and improving her marks. Grew in confidence and very proud of her achievement. At uni now. Thank you."; "Very insightful and helpful. Thank you so much."; "Fantastic ideas and great presentation, Thank you very much."*

The webinars are run **live online from 6pm – 7pm** where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

- ☎ 01865 987 732
- ✉ [charlotte@elevateeducation.com](mailto:charlotte@elevateeducation.com)
- 💻 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>
- 👍 [www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/](https://www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/)

## Elevate Education – Previous Parent Online Seminars



Last term, Elevate ran Webinar 2 in their Parent Support Program, and what a great turnout they got from Yateley School parents. The feedback was fantastic, a bit of a snap shot for you all:

*"Thank you for tonight's Elevate Webinar on study skills advice. I have noted the excellent advice on effectiveness and efficiency. Practice Papers at least 3 in all subjects. Note taking, use trigger words, structured and colour code. I will get my daughter to grade her learning using the traffic light system. Liked the advice about try to teach your parents. Good advice on starting note taking ASAP. Thank you for your help and advice. I will look forward to joining the next session."*

*"Thank you so much for this evening's session Ollie!! Really enjoyed it, my two boys even came and sat on the sofa half way through because they started listening in! They said you were very funny and had good ideas. Now I just need to get them to do it! I will let you know how it goes, thank you for your time and wisdom"*

*"Insightful and well delivered as always, thank you Elevate!"*

For any parents that missed out on this webinar and others, they have been recorded and can be found below:

- **Note Making webinar** recording – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Re-thinking University** (watch a conversation with the founders of London Interdisciplinary School in how they are re-thinking university for students) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **How to connect with your child** (how do you connect with you child without becoming the enemy? Here is a useful article – [CLICK HERE](#)



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## This week's sports results

### Football;

Year 7 v Tomlinscote, we lost 3-1 POM: J.Smith

### Netball;

Year 9 V Weydon we won 16-15, POM: S.Henderson

### Cross Country;

We attended the cross country race Robert mays on Tuesday, all the students did a fantastic job in true cross country weather, with the wet and windy conditions, especially as it was slippery underfoot. Congratulations goes to L.Woods (yr8) coming in 6th in the Year 8 & 9 girls race. D.Bardsley coming in 4th, just missing out on 3rd in the Year 8 & 9 boys race, and L.Duke coming in 3rd in the Year 10 & 11 girls race.

### Fixtures the week beginning 8th Nov

Tuesday 9th Cross country for years 8-11, We are hosting.

It's been so nice to see so many of you back at clubs, please keep coming and bring a friend along too. If you haven't yet been to try a club out, take a pick this week.

*Mrs Kerrie 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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Netball Training Basketball Club Swimming club	All Years Years 9&10 All Years	Courts Sports Hall Pool
<b>Wednesday</b>	Basketball Fixtures Fitness/Exercise to music Rugby Club Cross country	All Years All Years All Years All Years	? Gym Sports Hall Gym
<b>Thursday</b>	Netball Fixtures Basketball Club	All Years Years 7&8	Sports Hall Sports Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Badminton Football Club GCSE PE Clinic	All Years Years 7,8&9 Year 11	Sports Hall Sports Hall B11



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## House Music Final Auditions

Congratulations to all the students that have auditioned back in October. The list of successful students is now displayed in the Music Block so please, encourage your children to come and check. Equally, please note that the final House Music Auditions will be held in the Music Block, on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November**, from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and perform.

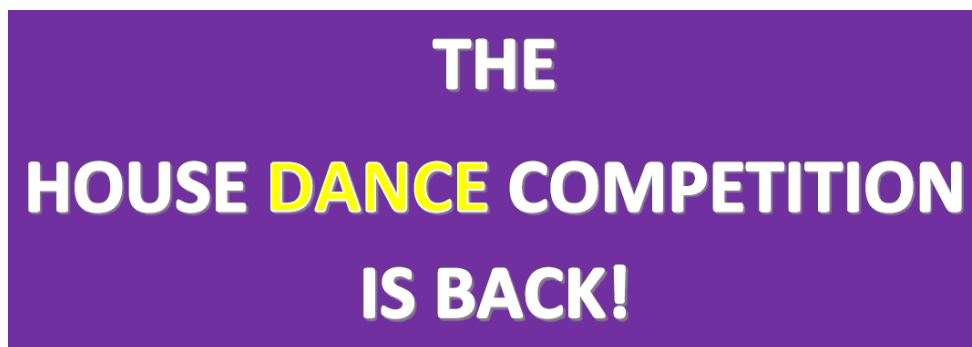
House Music is due on 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 7pm in Yateley School's Main Hall.

*Ms Pejovic, Music Department*

## School Bus Update ( D&P Green Route)

Following a successful trial this week we are relocating the drop off and pick up point for the school coach (D&P green route) from the Firgrove Road bus stop to the bus bays at the front of the school. In the past the volume of traffic along school lane has made it difficult for the coach to manoeuvre in and out of school, however this no longer appears to be an issue. During this week's trial the bus has been picking up at both points, however from Monday could students be reminded that both drop off and pick up will be directly from the front of the school.

*Chris Tombs, Business Manager*



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

## Homework Drop-In

The Homework 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.

*Mrs Janet Hood, Library Manager*

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## Become a STEM Ambassador for Yateley School

Do you enjoy Design and Technology, Maths, Science and Computing?


- **Represent the school**- looks great on your CV
- STEM is a huge National initiative- we need more **designers, engineers, scientists** for Britain to continue to be successful.
- **Support us** with challenges, activities and events
- Find out more about **STEM careers**




If you are interested please give your name to Miss Williams or Mrs McCarthy.



STEM Day falls on November 8. There's no way around it: children are significantly better off with strong science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics skills. That's why STEM and STEAM education programs are so important. It's undebatable that these subjects push society forward, and these programs help to find fun and engaging ways to teach them to students, which is all worth commemorating. So, on November 8, we celebrate STEM Day!

**Learning together – Empowered for life**

**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

**featuring...**

**Hampshire County Council**

**Waitrose**

**LFC University for the Creative Arts**

**TEF Gold**

**YATELEY VI FORM**

**BATH SPA UNIVERSITY**

**OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY**

**wood.**

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**BCOT**

**XPS Administration**

**NHS**

**Farnborough College of Technology**

**SOUTHAMPTON**

**SOLENT**

**NatWest**

**ROYAL AIRFORCE**

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE**

**UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER**

**St Peter's**

**University of Reading**

**Thursday 25th November 2021 5pm until 8pm**

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 6.00 – 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 get in contact with Mike Tidd  
[admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

*Mike Tidd, Careers Leader*

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## Free Student Events for Accounting, Engineering, STEM and Apprenticeships

### Myth Busting Careers in Accounting with ICAEW

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November or Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November | 1pm – 1:45pm

This event is for schools to stream to students who are interested in accounting! ICAEW will be joining us to myth bust careers in accounting and encourage students to consider this as a career path! They will discuss key skills that they look for when hiring, as well as speak about their opportunities to get involved in ICAEW – if you are interested in accounting, this is the event for you!

Link to register for 9<sup>th</sup>: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/myth-busting-careers-in-accounting-2/>

Link to register for 24<sup>th</sup>: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/myth-busting-careers-in-accounting/>



### Women in STEM with Severn Trent

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November | 6pm – 7pm

We are in exciting times for females who are interested in subjects and roles in the STEM field, and Severn Trent wants to speak on exactly what they are doing to get **you** involved! Join to hear about opportunities available in your region, and network directly with apprentices and senior level employees!

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/roles-and-opportunities-with-severn-trent/>

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## The Dyson Institute & Engineering – All You Need to Know

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November | 6pm – 7pm

Do you want a career in engineering but aren't sure where to start? The Dyson Institute is showcasing their fantastic Engineering Degree Programme. If you are studying Maths and on track to achieve AAB, this is the perfect opportunity for you! The Dyson Institute gives you the opportunity to earn while you learn, and come out the other side with a high level degree.

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/the-dyson-institute-engineering-all-you-need-to-know/>



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November | 6pm – 7pm

## PwC Programme Made for YOU!

This event is all about the different routes for students and school leavers at PwC! Join to hear from employees and apprentices about their experiences on these programmes, as well as what they can offer YOU! They will walk through PwC's apprenticeship opportunities, as well as their exciting Flying Start programme. If you are interested in joining PwC, this is **not** an event to miss!

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/pwc-programmes-made-for-you/>



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Do you like to write:  
poems, stories,  
scripts, articles,  
illustrated graphic  
stories?

Then join us for  
some creative  
writing.

Where: D1.2

When: Every Tuesday  
Lunch

## Yateley School

### HOUSE

### THE RESULTS

DARWIN

NIGHTINGALE

Maths

WILBERFORCE

PANKHURST

Competition

October 18 to 22

In the table are  
the scores  
achieved and the  
average points  
per student.  
Overall winning  
House is  
**WILBERFORCE**.  
Best tutor  
groups are  
7Pankhurst and  
8Wilberforce.  
Top ten  
individuals:



1		James WALLER	250 pts
2		William JACOB	96 pts
3		Ighita METHI	49 pts
4		Noah ARGYLE-WALKER	44 pts
5		Harshul METHI	42 pts
6		Oliver CASSELTON	39 pts
7		Gabriella KOBUS	32 pts
8		Lois TISOT	32 pts
9		Teodor RICHEV	32 pts
10		Katherine MELLOR	32 pts

	Darwin	Nightingale	Pankhurst	Wilberforce
Year 7	157→2.8	211→3.9	345→6.2	200→3.6
Year 8	31→0.6	45→1.0	60→1.3	305→6.1
Year 9	3→0.1	3→0.1	6→0.1	13→0.2
Year 10	2→0	32→1.4	0→0	92→1.8
Year 11	6→0.2	0→0	1→0	7→0.2
Total average	3.7	6.4	7.6	11.9

Thank you so much to everyone for taking part. Special mention to James Waller, who played extra games, so outstanding effort. Feedback from one student "Thank you for giving us those games to play, it was really fun." Achievement points and certificates to all the top scorers.




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## **Aldershot Development Centre**

**U7 - U14's**  
**Wednesday evenings** during Surrey term time.  
Time: **6:30pm - 8pm**  
Location: **Garrison Sports Centre, GU11 2JL**



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We encourage all our players to continue playing for their grassroots clubs.

**Our Director coaches for Southampton Pre - Academy.**

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**FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH 2022**

**5-8PM (AGE 6-16) | 4.45-6.15PM (AGE 4-6)**

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want to  
**FIT IN...**

NOW I WANT TO  
**STAND OUT!**



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
**FIRST TERM 10%**  
**DISCOUNT & FREE**  
**TSHIRT FOR**  
**YATELEY SCHOOL**  
**STUDENTS**

## Maths Corner



## 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**