

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parent / carer,

My letter this week is brief – more of a note really. Work and progress in school has continued apace and I am both delighted and grateful for the resilience, willingness and ambition of both students and staff. In the face of what we're dealing with nationally, anything like business as usual is an achievement! You'll have gathered from my other letter this afternoon, which has to be derived from a generic Public Health England template, that there has been a confirmed case in the Sixth Form, but mercifully the impact has been minimal and limited to a tiny number of individuals – we wish them well.

Parents' evenings are fast approaching for several year groups and these will be online as you'd expect:

- Sixth Form Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 11 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 9 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

We're anticipating high 'turnout' given that it is a log in from home event and parents in those year groups receive in advance further written information about how to log in and the protocols for the appointments. We've done everything we can to support the anticipated high volume of video traffic in school – service bandwidth, upgrades to individual PCs etc, but do please bear with us if there are any glitches. We've had some trial runs, but it's the first time we've operated it on such a scale. The written instructions give detail on the minimum specification requirement for your IT access and if any parents are concerned, please contact [admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

I have been extremely struck this week by the compassion and care shown in school. The remembrance event this year was, by necessity, more muted than usual and involved an online act of reflection and remembrance – beautifully put together by Mrs J Williams, Mr Davis and senior students. It focused on the purpose and poignancy of the tomb of the unknown soldier. The powerful message was welcomed respectfully by the students and the school has every reason to be proud. In a different way, the Sixth Form RAG week this week, has lacked some of its usual deafening impact on the rest of the school, but the colour and flamboyance has definitely been up to the usual high standards! Importantly also, there has been a great sum raised for charity – totals to be announced.

Finally, we've had six nominations received for the post of school governor which is wonderful and a real indication of the enthusiasm and care for our school community amongst the parents. Consequently, there will be an election and the ballot arrangements will come out early next week.

With my very best wishes and thanks for your continued and much appreciated support.

Yours sincerely

Paul German  
Headteacher

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## Anti-Bullying Week 16<sup>th</sup> November (also the 'Theme of the Week')

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. As you may know in school we have trained student and staff anti-bullying ambassadors that received their training from the Diana Award last year.

**Student & staff ambassadors** – COVID has stopped us currently from being able to have all the ambassadors meet as a group (due to no year group bubble mixing). However, they are still available for all students to speak to and Mrs Ball and Mr Keeble will be working closely with the ambassadors soon on ways to increase their visibility in the school. We are also looking to continue our work with the Diana Award for the school to achieve two of the four available badges (Respect and Online Safety) during 2020/21. We are also looking to recruit and train more student ambassadors in the near future. If any student needs to speak to someone about any bullying concerns please do contact [antibullying@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:antibullying@yateley.hants.sch.uk) who will be able to arrange the required and suitable support.

### Our current ambassadors:

Darwin	Nightingale	Pankhurst	Wilberforce	Sixth Form	Staff
Year 9 – Noah Heath	Year 9 – Molly Jacobs	Year 9 – Tom King	Year 9 – Cheyenne Hull	Year 13 - Isabelle Holmwood	Mrs J Balls
<b>Year 10 – Grace Dias (Lead)</b>	Year 10 – Archie Adams, Adam Roche Year 11 – Will Merry	Year 10 – Daniel Sharkey Year 11 – Rochelle Nkhata	<b>Year 10 – Lizal Overton (Lead)</b> Year 11 – Harry Jarvis		Mr R Keeble

**Assembly:** We have put together a short assembly video and presentation from Mr Keeble to be shown to all students during lessons after lunchtime on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov about Anti Bullying Week and the importance of this focus. This presentation will have details about what support there is in school, useful resources, videos introducing our ambassadors, and videos from the Diana Award and United Against Bullying. Because the presentation has so much information contained within it, the video from Mr Keeble will summarise most aspects (in around 10 minutes), but we will then also e-mail the complete presentation with all videos to all students via their school e-mail and Show My Homework. Please could parents encourage students to open the presentations in their own time next week and watch the videos and visit the various website links. There are also details in the presentation about an anti-bullying poster competition open for all students to enter.

**Students' views:** We are still currently conducting the whole school student survey to all students. This survey includes questions around bullying and the school. Once we have the completed survey the bullying aspects will be analysed in the ambassador group with and development actions put into place as needed.

### Useful links/resources:

- **Diana Award** (numerous resources for schools, students and parents) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Mental Healthy Schools** (numerous resources, videos and activities for schools, students and parents) – [CLICK HERE](#)

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## Year 10 Elevate Education – Study Sensei (Follow on Tutor Sessions x 5) – Session 4



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 16<sup>th</sup> Nov) they should be completing Session 4.

## Remembrance Video



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November we asked all teachers in the school to play a special remembrance day video at 11.15am to all students. This enabled the school to take part in a two minute silence followed by the 'Last Post' playing over photos and video clips of some Year 7 students and our head students laying a wreath on behalf of the school. There was then a short video to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the 'Unknown Warrior' read by Cobi Shambrook and Will Moores.

Many thanks to Mrs J Williams and Mr M Davies for organising this video. To watch the video yourselves [CLICK HERE](#) (it might play quicker if you download the file).

## Student House Council/Student Voice



It has been challenging this year to get the student voice body of the house council to meet and discuss school development ideas due to not being allowed to mix year group bubbles. However we have met with the head students who are planning on getting some meetings to take place during this half term (starting next week and keeping to the year group bubbles guidance) to ensure that we focus on a development area and agree on future agenda items. The agreed focus for this half term will be to create a equality and inclusion charter for the school. Further details of this charter will be shared with all student, staff and parents once created.

We would like to say thank you and welcome to all the students that have volunteered to be part of this very important student voice group in the school. They are:

Niamh Adey, Leo Alberici, Lewis Ashfield-Carpenter, Martina Aureggi, Scarlett Barney, Isabelle Batson, Alfred Beach, Nikolas Bell, Marc Bennie, Harry Bevan, Thomas Bingham-Wilson, Thomas Branch, Brooke Brant, Francesca Britten, Abigail Brown, Isobel Callaway, Alzbeta Camborova, Amy Capp, Eloise Clare-Neville, Callum Clark, Georgia Clark, Jonathan Clark, Mason Coffin, Molly Cole, Safyca Collins, Olivia Cook, Sophie Cook, Amelia Cooke, Amy Cronk, Megan Crowther, Oliver De La Haye, Grace Dias, Reyna Dimli, Paige D'Mellow, Jamie Draper, Frankie Drury, Moki Elhaggagi, Ellie Holton, Ozzy Ferguson, Rosie Fletcher, Oliver Fowler, Emma Fuller, Maya Geddes, Luke Green, Jordan Gwillim, Ellie Holton, Caitlyn Huddleston, Blake Jenkins, Jessica Joyce, Azam Kashif, Mujtabaa Kashif, Firaasha Khan, Jessica King, Leo Kinsella, Zara Knight, Daniella Kusi-Agyapong, Sophie Lean, Rebecca Lee, Jessica Lemon, Eban Light, Ellie Mansell, Benjamin Meadows, Darcy Merritt, Elizabeth Moores, Yazmin Neville, Ash Norris, Alexis Noyce, Oliver Sweeney, Nicolas Olmos, Olivia O'Reilly, Maya Price, Cale Richardson, Adam Roche, Heidi Shacklock, Cobi Shambrook, Phoebe Shea, Anthonie Smith, Mark Smith, Joshua Spilsbury, Dorothea Spinoae, Charlotte Swaffer, Fraser Swaffer, Oliver Thompson, Giramia Thuambe, Pimer Thuambe, Archie Tigg, Oliver Turner, Ethan Van Rooyen, Jessica Welch, Lydia Wells, Davey White, Alexa Wood

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## House Ethos, Competitions and Awards

As you know, we are currently unable to have our normal tutor time or assemblies due to COVID measures. We were concerned about the negative impact this might have on the house system and instilling the ethos and competition aspects with the students, but we need not worry thanks to our amazing staff. It has been pleasing to see that all Heads of

Department are looking at how they can create competition aspects within the schemes of work in their lessons during this academic year (to allow the ethos and competition building). This will be based on planned schemes of work that are already in place.

We also wanted to inform all parents that although we were not able to hold the normal end of year celebrations in July 2020 (where we award the numerous special awards and trophies), we are looking to do this before Christmas in a special award video as well as informing all of the winning house of 2019/20. Watch this space!

## Young Minds – Coronavirus and Mental Health



Young Minds is a resource to help support young people with their mental health and wellbeing. They have currently added more resources to their website around the topic of COVID and also the second lockdown. Please do take a look – [CLICK HERE](#)

## Vision 4 Youth – Christmas Card Competition



Vision 4 Youth (the charity in Yateley that the school works closely with) are holding a Christmas Card Design Challenge for students. They are looking for someone aged 11 to 18 to design a Christmas Card that will be sent out to all of the charity's contacts for Christmas 2020. The design will also be used on an e-card that can be purchased with funds going to Vision 4 Youth. So if you're a keen artist, get designing! Please e-mail your design to [office@vision4youth.org.uk](mailto:office@vision4youth.org.uk). Designs should be sent in a high quality format that can be digitally reproduced. Closing date is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.



## Hampshire Healthy Families

A useful website to provide resources around all things health and family related in Hampshire (activities and events near you, workshops for parents and carers, etc). [CLICK HERE](#)



## Hampshire Coronavirus Helpline

If Coronavirus has had an impact on you or any aspect of your life, including anyone who is self-isolating, and you are a Hampshire resident, you can telephone the Hampshire Coronavirus Helpline for advice and support on 0333 370 4000 9am to 5pm weekdays. The helpline will also be open on Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 November from 9am to 5pm. You can also find information at [www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/coronavirus). Please see the attached flyer for more details.

*Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture*

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## National Cipher Challenge



“Well done to those who have already taken part in the Practice Missions of the National Cipher Challenge. The first full mission is active now and ends on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November – don’t miss out on your chance to sign up!”

**Mr T I Glendinning, Head of Secure Pathway Mathematics**

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## STUDENT ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY

I am pleased to announce that students will soon be allowed to visit the library independently on specific days and for designated year groups. We will be trialling a new system over the coming weeks to ensure that the procedures in place keep everyone safe.

Access will be during lunchtimes only and students will be escorted to and from their muster points. Students will need to book a place using an online booking form as numbers will be limited. Further information on how to do this will be sent to students' email addresses and to parents to remind their child to book their place.

*Mrs Hood, School Library Manager*

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## RAG week

Throughout this week our Sixth Formers have been involved in a wide array of fundraising activities, all to raise money for the Brain Tumour Trust.



This charity is very close to our hearts after Jordan Toms, an ex- student at Yateley sadly passed away on 10th October this year from this illness. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this very difficult time.

Throughout the week, a number of fundraising activities were held. One as such was the 'guess the weight of the cake' competition which raised over £130! A huge thank you to Mr Conway's wife who baked the (pictured) masterpiece together.

Students have thrown themselves into the event and the pictures show some of our current sixth formers dressed in their old school uniforms and as celebrities. It is regretful that we could not hold the 31st edition of the Fancy dress 4-legged race but we are hopeful to be able to do so later in the year.

We have created a JustGiving page with all money going to the Brain Tumour Trust. If you would like to donate, please find the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jill-d-alton1>



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MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2020

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Back in March, just before we went into Lockdown, our brightest Mathematicians took part in the Southampton University Mathematics Challenge. This was open to students in Years 7 to 10. We had many entries and they were sent off the week before we locked down. As the University then closed, and the papers were marked individually, the results have been delayed. What a pleasure it was to receive an email this week with our outstanding results. An excellent achievement for the following students:

Ethan Moxham (year 7) - THIRD PRIZE for the Junior Challenge

Elliott Casselton (year 8) - CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION for the Junior Challenge

Richard Escreet (year 10) - CERTIFICATE OF MERIT for the Senior Challenge



We would like to congratulate everyone who took part in this challenge and in a special well done to Ethan, Elliott and Richard.

## VACANCY

### Nursery Assistant/Nurse – First Steps Nursery

#### Job Details

Full-time · £18,562 - £18,877 / year

#### Job Description

Due to an increase in numbers of children, we are looking to appoint a Nursery Assistant / Nurse in our busy First Steps Nursery, looking after young children up to 5 years of age. Our 112 place day nursery caters for babies and children from the age of 3 months to 5 years. Working with the Nursery Management, the successful candidate will provide a high standard of early year's provision that meets the needs of both parents and children in a stimulating and friendly environment that is both physically and emotionally secure, in accordance with First Steps Nursery policies and practice. The salaries offered will be dependent on the role offered, and the level of experience of the successful candidates. The Nursery Assistant / Nurse will also:

- Be a key person to a group of children or a family, observing, monitoring, reviewing and recording the development of their needs.
- Maintain good working relationships with parents and professionals to build an understanding of individual needs.
- Work co-operatively as part of a team and, where necessary, provide cover for other nursery staff.
- Maintain and complete all necessary records on each child / family including as key person to particular children and those required by Social Care and Ofsted teams.
- Act in accordance with national policy and current legislation relating to nurseries and those issued by HCC. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list, and full details can be found on the Job Description for this role.

Nursery Assistant/Nurse (37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year) Demonstrable experience of working with children would be desirable but not essential, as well as having appropriate childcare qualifications (up to and including Level 3), including a working knowledge of the curriculum relating to this age range. For further details, and to request an application pack, please email [applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

Melissa Hudson, *Finance HR and Administration Manager*



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## Maths Corner 5



# Sofa so Good!

A sofa usually sells for £600. This weekend the shop is having a '25% off everything' promotion. Jimmy buys the sofa and also gets his 15% staff discount knocked off the sale price.

How much does the sofa cost Jimmy?

**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 4 – Flag up a problem!**  
13 metres. (Using Pythagoras' Theorem)