

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well and after a busy week of activity in school. Thank you to the Year 11 parents and families who joined us for Parents' Consultation evening on Thursday. I hope the technology worked well for you and that you were able to participate and receive helpful feedback from the comfort of your own home, office, or wherever you took the call... I also remind all parents and carers that the nasal-flu vaccination is planned for this coming Monday (22.11.21). Obviously, this will only be given to those students whose parents have given e-consent. Some of the arrangements are still dependent on personnel from NHS, although provisionally the 'running order' will be:

P1 - Year 9 (0920 onwards); P2 - YEAR 10 (1005 onwards); P3 - YEAR 8 (1115 onwards); P4 - YEAR 11 (1200 onwards); P5 - YEAR 7 (1335 onwards); P6 - Catch up. Please try and make sure that other appointments don't cut across these times.

### Year 9 Options 2022

We are very proud of our GCSE options at Yateley School and the exceptional variety of choice that students have. To maximise convenience for families, we are introducing the Y9 Options Process via a pre-recorded video available [here](#) instead of an evening event. We recommend that Y9 parents/carers watch the whole video with their child to prepare them for the upcoming option process. Our options website and booklet is available online now at [www.yateleyschool.net/Y9options](http://www.yateleyschool.net/Y9options). Here you can view videos about our subject offer, explore some of the key details of the options process as well as seeing our "Key Stage on a Page" that shows what you would study on the courses we have on offer. Meanwhile if your child is in Y7 or Y8 it is never too soon to find out more about life as you move through the school at Yateley, so do take a look!



This week was a **very** busy week in the Sixth Form with RAG week, Rotary Interview Preparation and our Yateley Taster Day! **Yateley Sixth Form Taster Day** had students attend from across Hampshire and was a fantastic opportunity to assist students with their post-16 subject options and to give them a taste of what life is like at our *Outstanding* Sixth Form.

Over 70 taster sessions were held with students having the opportunity to take part in five sessions each. This gave students an insight into a Sixth Form lesson, the depth of knowledge covered and the bespoke support which comes from a smaller college provider.

From performing arts to the sciences, English to vocational subjects: there was really something for everyone at the Yateley Sixth Taster Day. The students had a great time!

Priority applications close on 4<sup>th</sup> December and with over 190 students visiting the college during the taster day and 350 visitors during Open Evening, competition for the 150 places is going to be exceptionally high, so we advise that you get your



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application in early. Please [click here](#) for your application. If you need support with your application, please email [sixthform@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@yateley.hants.sch.uk)



## Rotary Interview Preparation

This week our Year 13 students completed mock interviews with members of the Fleet Rotary Club as part of our post-16 careers programme. Each student was interviewed within a single and group scenario. Students were then graded on different criteria including their presentation skills, body language and articulation of ideas. The students learnt a huge amount from the experience. A huge thanks to the Rotary Club for giving up their time to conduct the interviews.

**RAG (Raising and Giving) Week** Throughout this week, our Sixth Formers have been involved in a wide array of fundraising activities from Movie Night, Quiz Night, 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' and the four-legged race

- all to raise money for BBC'S Children in Need

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 £55! A huge thank you to Sarah Crane- Mum of Daisy in year 10 who made and donated the cake. Sarah has her own business called – Pink Fairy Bakes. The winner of the cake was Megan Scotford (pictured). The week was drawn to a close with the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the 4-legged race.

Students have thrown themselves into the events over the week and the pictures below show some of our sixth formers in the 4-legged race. Also, take a look at the video clips: 4-legged race [The full line up!](#) And, time-lapse: [Students Start the race!](#)



We have created a JustGiving page with all money going to BBC's Children in Need. If you would like to donate, please find the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yateleysixthform?newPage=True>



## Oxford Interviews

Huge congratulations to Daniel Harris who has been selected for interview at Oxford University to study biology.



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**Student Star of the Week** is Jonathan Clark in 8NN. Jonathan is an extraordinarily well informed and interesting young man. He has been brought forward for this prestigious award for the sheer passion, conviction and interest he has shown in the development of green energy and creating communities and living conditions in a carbon neutral or at least much reduced carbon emitting society. He has visited the Neom project in Saudi Arabia; a project on a truly breathtaking scale, which already occupies an area the size of Belgium and which is generating all of its energy using green sources. All transportation is electric and the development is underway of Direct Air Capture Technology, which literally extracts carbon from the atmosphere. Jonathan has discussed this at length and interestingly with me and is keen to pursue projects and opportunities within our Yateley School community.

Yours sincerely

Paul German  
Headteacher



## Mobile Phone, Ear/Headphones Update

We have decided to review and change the guidance and expectations around the use of mobile phones and ear/headphones within school. This is due to various reasons around student mental health and screen time, inappropriate postings on social media, etc.

We have currently created a updated policy which is being shared with the staff body for consultation next week. We aim to then communicate this with parents and students in the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> Nov with the plan for the new guidance to be effective as from Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. We will of course keep you all informed.



## iRock – Year 7 and 8 Update (success and new signup)

It has been so pleasing to see how well the iRock sessions have been going at Yateley School on Tuesday mornings. They are now looking to be able to offer more spaces to Year 7 and 8 students after Christmas. For further details on what they can do and how to contact them to show interest please see below:

- Video of current iRock Yateley Students – [CLICK HERE](#)
- iRock Flyer – See attachment to the parent bulletin



## Hampshire Mental Health & Wellbeing Year 7 and 10 Student Survey

Public Health and Hampshire Children's Services are asking Hampshire schools to conduct a survey with students and staff on Health and Wellbeing. They use the results to inform how children and young people's health and wellbeing can be supported in Hampshire schools. This will help the school meet the needs of their students to be healthy, happy and ready to learn. Students in Year 7 and 10 will complete the survey online during tutor time next Monday in school and take up to 20 minutes. The survey will be completely anonymous and the data will help Hampshire develop their future prevention programme for children and young people around health and wellbeing.

The link to the survey will be shared with Year 7 and 10 students by their tutor during Monday tutor time.

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## ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021

### National Anti-Bullying Week – was this weeks 'Theme of the Week'

This year the theme is **One Kind Word** and the house assemblies this week have been promoting this. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. Together our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

We have a student and staff team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in the school and they spoke to all students via house assemblies this week.

- Anti-Bullying Week Video - <https://youtu.be/SmgiR5s0cHU>
- Website link - [www.antibullyingpro.co.uk](http://www.antibullyingpro.co.uk) and <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>
- The Diana Award Crisis Messenger – Text DA to 85258

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### Elevate Education – Upcoming Parent Online Seminars

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting a further webinars this month in its **Parent Webinar Series**. Feedback for the first 3 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 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 18.00pm – Webinar: Getting Reading for Exams - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)**

In the above session, Elevate will cover the following:

#### Getting Ready for Exams

- Elevate's simple 3-step process for revision and how to use it to achieve the best results.
- How students should manage their time in the build up to an exam.
- How to remove blind spots in their knowledge.

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.



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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/)

## Volunteering Opportunity at Yateley School

The Library has just restarted its Construction Club for children on Saturday mornings and is looking for a volunteer to help run the sessions. This will, initially, be a monthly club on the first Saturday of each month; the next one being held on **Saturday 4th December from 10:00 hrs to 12:00hrs.**

This is an ideal opportunity for students to complete the volunteering element of the Duke of Edinburgh award. Students need to be 14 years of age or older.

If interested, please call into the Library for further details.

*Mrs Hood, School Library Manager*

## Year 11 Practical food exam



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Mrs Quick and Mr Scanlon were really pleased with the outstanding standard of all the practical work carried out in their NEA 2 exam. The task was to produce dishes which would be 'suitable for a picnic in the park'. This is a great testament to all their dedication in practicing at home in lock down. We would like to thank parents for all the help, support and encouragement they have given and for allowing their children to practise at home. Above is a photograph of a trio of desserts by Nicole Harding and prawn vol-au-vents by Jade Bedin.

*Mrs Quick and Mr Scanlon, Food department*

## Reading Football Club's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!

By Royal appointment, we would like to invite Yateley School to Reading Football Club's 150th Birthday party!

### When?

Reading vs Luton Town

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 3pm

### Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating our birthday. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1, 17 and Under: £3, 18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5, Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#150YateleySchool** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

### How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

**Important!** The ticket offer was originally just valid in the Eamonn Dolan Stand but availability is now limited within this stand so we have now made your unique coupon code valid for blocks Y19, Y20, G9, G10, GU11 and GU12

So please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

### What's happening?

Reading Football Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country. And this fixture will officially mark 150 years since Reading Football Club was founded. So we aim to stage a royal celebration of Reading Football Club...past, present and future.

It is also our closest match to Christmas, so the stadium will have a host of Christmas activities available for children of all ages!

*Mrs S Short, Head of Nightingale House*

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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

## STEM Ambassadors Master Classes

Please see below the program of master classes in the next half term.

If you are interested in attending any session please can you email us so that we can add to you the list. We look forward to seeing you

*Thanks, Miss Williams and the STEM Team*

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> November 3.10- 4.15pm in BWL**

Mr Sibbald-

**Architecture**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> November 3.10- 4.15pm in BG1**

Miss Williams

**Laser Cutting**

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.10- 4.15pm in A21**

Mrs McCarthy

**Woodlice Behaviour**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.10- 4.15pm in C28**

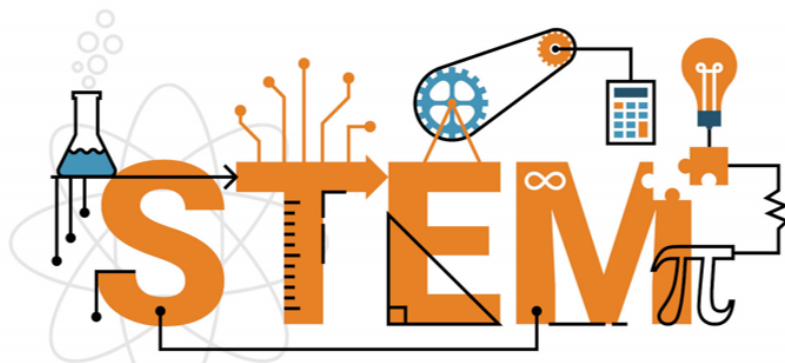
Mrs Cobbold

**Artificial Intelligence**

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.10- 4.15pm in A21**

Daniel Harris/ Mrs McCarthy

**Rat Dissection**



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths



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**Maths GCSE – January 2022 Mock**

**January 2022 (dates to be confirmed)**  
**3 papers of 90 minutes each.**

- **PAPER 1 – Calculator**
- **PAPER 2 – Non calculator**
- **Paper 3 - Calculator**

**Revision lists on SMHW**

**Revision resources**

Will be provided by Maths Department

Useful web sites for revision

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR MATHS MOCK EXAMS

## House Music - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The date above is fast approaching so I am writing to you with some vital information.

Auditions have now finished and the list of successful students, ensembles and is displayed on the front door of the Music Block. Please, urge your child to check this list and to see me on either Monday or Thursday lunch times if they have any further questions.

We intend to present you with a live evening concert that will be held in the Main Hall, starting at 7pm. I am not able to estimate when will it end but there will be an interval between the first and second half. Awards will be presented at the end of the concert.

All participants will spend their school day from 8:15am until 3:10pm setting up the Main Hall and rehearsing one final time with tech and lighting. Teaching staff will be aware and will have a list of all participants. Students should come to school in school uniform but they must bring their instruments, leads, amplifiers, sheet music and backing tracks on clearly labelled USBs. **In addition, performers must e-mail their backing tracks to Mr Matt Davis, our technician, by set deadline of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021, so that he can organise them in the correct performing order.**

**For the evening concert, all performers must arrive between 5:45pm and 6pm.** The dress code is ALL BLACK and smart, elegant. Each student is permitted to wear a splash of their house colour in their accessories. No jeans, t-shirts, trainers or logos are permitted, so I will be grateful if you could plan ahead of the event for the correct performing attire. Students and I have worked very hard for this event so our visual presentation needs to match our performing skill.

Performers must bring their instruments, sheet music, leads, amplifiers etc to the evening concert too. Pianos and a drum kit will be provided by the school, of course.

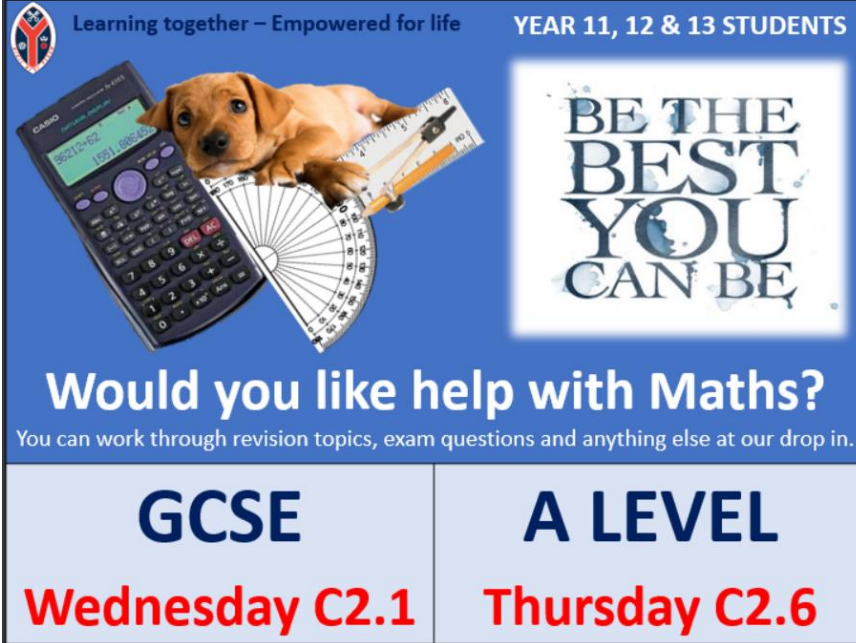
Tickets will be on sale closer to the time. Our Front of House, Mrs Ellis, will publish an advert for the ticket sales via Parents Bulletin so please, keep following our school's weekly publications.

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I am meeting with all House Music participants this week to inform them about the final preparations and to answer any questions they still may have.

See you all on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm in Yateley School's Main Hall. It will be fun!

*Ms Pejovic, Music*



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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.

**GCSE**  
**Wednesday C2.1**

**A LEVEL**  
**Thursday C2.6**

## This week's sports results

### Senior District Cross Country

At the senior district cross country competition this week we had 14 athletes representing the school. Our team of Y8 boys came 8th overall in the u15 race running against year 9's. Notable performances came from A. Hyatt coming 10th and L. Woods coming 14th. This means that they should both be selected to represent the Aldershot District at the School County Championships! Well done to all who competed!

*Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education*

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## 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 Girls football club 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





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## CAREERS and FUTURES fair

featuring...



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County Council



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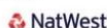
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WINCHESTER



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 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 your business/company to participate in the evening please get contact with  
Mike Tidd - [admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

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



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**DISCOUNT & FREE**  
**TSHIRT FOR**  
**YATELEY SCHOOL**  
**STUDENTS**

## Maths Corner 9

### Music Mayhem!



Sharnna has just bought 2 CDs and 3 DVDs. They cost her £51.50. Billy visited the same shop and bought 3 CDs and 2 DVDs. He paid with 5 crisp new £10 notes and got £1.50 change.

How much is a CD?

How much is a DVD?



**1 house point to all parents/students who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.**

**Answer to Maths Corner 8 – Pet Shop Problem!**

**Hamster=£1.75, Goldfish=50p**