

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parent / carer,

Alongside Mr Keeble, I have delivered an assembly style video message to all of the students. Rather like a good bit of marked work, there was a huge, long list of 'what went wells'; in other words, the multitude of things that as a school community we've done brilliantly, especially over this term. Adapting to and accepting the COVID restrictions, working hard and effectively in class and demonstrably behaving well are perhaps the most notable elements. Equally noticeable though has been the resilience, teamwork and often compassion which defines our team. It works well because we work well together and we're hugely proud of what our students and school community have achieved. However, sticking with the marked work analogy, alongside the 'what went wells' are the 'even better ifs' - fortunately a much shorter list. This includes universal respect of the school site and facilities and making sure that standards of uniform don't drop. One further element with which some parents may need to assist is punctuality in the morning. The vast majority of students arrive bang on time, meaning that we can send them straight off to class in an orderly fashion and preserve the integrity of the 'bubbles'. A tiny minority view the arrival times as a guide rather than a rule and this needs to stop! Students arriving even a few minutes late will immediately become detached from the rest of their class or year group and safety can be compromised. From next week onwards we'll be bringing harsher sanctions to bear on any who routinely flaunt this important safety rule. With only three weeks to go before the Christmas holidays, the importance cannot be overstated of maintaining our guard and not letting complacency creep in. Whatever the outcome locally and nationally with the changing regulations over Christmas, in the meantime I would like us to do our bit as a school community in keeping everyone safe.

**Parent Governor Election.** You will be aware from our earlier communications that there is an election running at the moment for two positions as parent governor. Each parent is entitled to a vote, within which you can select two of the six candidates standing for election. If you have yet to cast your vote, please follow the link [CLICK HERE](#) to the Google form. The election closes at 9am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December so please cast your vote before then – perish the thought that we'd get any US style claims of election rigging! The job of Governor in this school is immensely important. The Governing body do an important and demanding job in holding the school rigorously to account on both academic standards, outcomes and financial management.



The **Sixth Form** has been a buzz of activity with our students receiving offers following their university applications in a wide range of subjects. As you may know, part of interviews for art and design courses may often require students to supplement their applications with a portfolio, or in these challenging times of virtual interviews - a website. One standout portfolio comes from Holly Meen - [Click Here](#).



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One very delighted Sam Keys in Year 13 will be very proud to have an interview shortly at Downing College, Cambridge. Every year, over 20,000 students apply with just a small number of places available. We wish Sam all the very best. In addition, a new and very welcome arrival in the Sixth Form study area is a range of beautifully designed and prepared motivational messages by former student Catrin Williams, who left Yateley School last year. As well as being extremely eye catching, they hold a great deal of thought-provoking wisdom.

Finally, thank you to all of the Year 11 parents who joined us for the virtual parents' evening on Thursday. I am aware of a few technical glitches, but in large part all worked very smoothly and importantly gave a clear and helpful insight into our impressive Year 11 year group. Year 9 parents have also received the new reports in readiness for the parents' evening next Thursday and the forthcoming GCSE options process.

With best wishes for a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

**Paul German**  
**Headteacher**

## Stakeholder Surveys – Parents/Carers



It is so important to Yateley School to gather the views and opinions of all our stakeholders (Parents, Students and Staff) on numerous school areas, how we operate and how we support young people and the community.

We have decided to create two central stakeholder surveys for all three groups of people which we would issue on a yearly basis. The surveys would cover all aspects of school life (lessons, Ready Respectful Safe, uniform, equipment, mental health and wellbeing, safeguarding, etc). We would then analyse the results which would feed into the schools further development. Survey 1 is a focus on Mental Health and Well-Being while survey 2 is a focus on Yateley School Life.

We have already conducted these surveys with all students in Year 7 to 11, and now we would like parents/carers to take part. We would really appreciate all parents/carers to put aside some time over the next week and complete the two Google Form surveys.

Deadline for completion is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Because of the content they do have a large amount of questions so you will need around 45 minutes to complete both surveys. The surveys are anonymous. Many thanks for your time and your valued opinions.

- Survey 1 (Mental Health and Well-Being) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Survey 2 (Yateley School Life) – [CLICK HERE](#)

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## Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 30th November 2020) - Theme = Scotland – St Andrews Day 30.11.20

Some possible stereotypes of Scotland:

- <https://youtu.be/hlvRkjOd1f8>
- <https://youtu.be/xqeYKf8tdsU>
- <https://youtu.be/Rpupi80OsNQ>

What is the reality of modern Scotland? Research 5 things you think **BEST** represent modern Scotland and then discuss them at home.

Perhaps this will give you ideas:

- <https://youtu.be/biquusNMrdM> (first 30 seconds)
- [https://youtu.be/wRO\\_HkRQWGM](https://youtu.be/wRO_HkRQWGM)

## Money worries in 2020? Help is a click or call away in Hampshire



The pandemic is causing money worries for many people. You can find information and support via:

**Citizens Advice Hart:** We provide the advice people need for the problems they face. Adviceline Telephone: 08082787864 9am - 5pm Email: [citizensadvice@hartcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:citizensadvice@hartcab.cabnet.org.uk) Online: [www.citizensadvicehart.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicehart.org.uk). Our Help to Claim advisers can help you with the early stages of your Universal Credit claim. Available 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday through the free Help to Claim phone service. Telephone: 0800 1448 444 England textphone: 18001 0800 144 8

444 [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/help-to-claim](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/help-to-claim)

**UBenefit:** Are you facing debt for the first time? Need help with managing your money? The UBenefit service from Citizens Advice Hampshire can help you to get your finances straight. Book your personal telephone or video support call and find tips and tools at <https://workoutyourmoney.org.uk/community/ubenefit/>

**Money Advice Service:** free and impartial money advice, plus tools to help you keep track of your finances and plan ahead. Go to [www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk](http://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk).

**Hart Foodbank:** we know that anyone can reach crisis point and we're here to help when that happens. For more information go to [hart.foodbank.org.uk](http://hart.foodbank.org.uk). Contact us on either 07926806256 or email [hart.foodbk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hart.foodbk@hotmail.co.uk) and we will be happy to help.

"I was so pleased to get the food parcel you gave my family. I'm a single mum and it's really expensive to live here! When we get back on our feet, I'll make sure to give a donation. Thank you!" (recent Foodbank recipient)

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We are able to give weekly food parcels until the end of your crisis and we never judge our clients. We've helped families with a few parcels until a salary or benefits arrive or many parcels when our clients are experiencing long term challenges such as sickness or debt.

**Hart Employment and Skills Hub:** supports Hart residents with finding employment or training. Whether you have recently left education, been made redundant, or are long-term unemployed, we can help you consider your options, develop achievable job goals and feel more confident. Email [jobskills@hart.gov.uk](mailto:jobskills@hart.gov.uk) or telephone 01252 774134 for more information. Additional sources of information and support at [www.hart.gov.uk/employment-and-skills](http://www.hart.gov.uk/employment-and-skills).

**Job Help website:** [jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk](http://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk) offers a range of support and skills advice and you can search the latest job vacancies at [www.gov.uk/find-a-job](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-job).

**Local Jobcentres:** are sharing information through social media. Follow Jobcentre Plus Hampshire on Twitter @JCPinHants\_IOW or on Facebook for the latest information and job vacancies.

**Hart District Council Housing team:** can be contacted for information, advice and assistance to help resolve housing or homelessness issues. If you are at risk of losing your home, get advice early rather than letting things build up.

Email [housing@hart.gov.uk](mailto:housing@hart.gov.uk) or by phone 01252 774 239 Monday to Thursday 8.30am till 5pm and Friday 8.30am till 4.30pm.

Further information at [www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-housing](http://www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-housing).

Hart residents can also apply to our hardship fund via [hardship@hart.gov.uk](mailto:hardship@hart.gov.uk) for low level financial assistance if you are in a crisis or an emergency situation as a result of the pandemic. Find out more before applying at [www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-supporting-our-residents](http://www.hart.gov.uk/covid-19-supporting-our-residents).

If Coronavirus has had an impact on you or any aspect of your life, including anyone who is self-isolating, you can telephone the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline for advice and support on 0333 370 4000 9am to 5pm weekdays, or go to [www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/coronavirus).

*This information has been collated by Hart District Council and partners*

## Collection for the Elderly

Reminder that we are still collecting for the elderly peoples gift bags. We are hoping to deliver over 100 bags this year so really need your donations. If your young person could bring them into either reception and place them in the box by the desk or take them to the reflection centre in the mornings that would be great.

Ideas for the bags - hats, gloves, scarfs, chocolates, candles, pens, note pads, diaries, toiletries, socks and biscuits. Medium gift bags to put stuff in.

Mrs Short, Head of Nightingale House





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## HOUSE X-COUNTRY



After a week of events in the rain, wind and mud, of which there was plenty, we finally have the X-Country results.....

1st: Darwin

2nd: Wilberforce

3rd: Nightingale

4th: Pankhurst



Congratulations to Darwin House. It was a stunning effort by everyone that took part, from all Houses, in tough conditions. We are so impressed with all our students and particularly the amazing individual performances.

There were some fantastic runners on display, in all year groups, and the support the students showed for one another was amazing! It was so heart-warming to hear the cheering and encouragement for every student and see everyone working as a team.

A particular well done to all the year 7 students who took part in their first House event at Yateley. We look forward to celebrating many more sporting moments with you all in the future.





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## POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Dr Case kindly agreed to judge our annual poetry competition and I am pleased to announce the winners. This year's theme was 'Vision'. This can be interpreted in so many ways and the range of themes contained within the submitted poems showed the depth and breadth of students' understanding and ideas. A big thank you to the English department for supporting the competition and to Mrs Roaf for coordinating the event.

Around 100 poems were submitted and the winning 3 students were:

- 1st place - Cerys Findlay, 7PN
- 2nd place - Charley Blaser, 7WN
- 3rd place - Phoebe Bateman, 8NS



Certificates and prizes will be awarded to Cerys, Charley and Phoebe.

Well done to everyone who took part. The shortlisted poems will be displayed on the library notice board near school reception. Cery's winning poem is below:

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## Vision

by Cerys Findlay

I see a world gripped in chaos  
with walls that you can't touch or feel

I see a world where people stand divided  
building barriers to keep away  
the people that yearn for better days

I see a world in which people keep themselves blind  
to the trees that fall and the plants that wilt  
and the cries of a wilderness falling into dismay

I see a world where storms brew and the air grows hot  
and still they turn their heads to look away

I see a world plagued with hunger and grief  
with a thirst for power ever growing  
in the minds of those that seek control

I see a world that must strike down these walls  
and help each other to a better world.

*Mrs Hood, School Library Manager*

## **CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER**

Several years ago, our students elected to support a local charity, Step-By-Step, at Christmas. We would like to assist them again this year. This is an organisation that helps young people in our local community with many types of support; from offering counselling services to sheltered accommodation for 16 - 21 year olds who find themselves unable to live at home.

Step-By-Step are based in Aldershot and provide outreach work and services to many Yateley families. The charity are appealing for specific help over the Christmas period:

Please help us to #opendoors and be there for young people in our community this Christmas by donating a sustainable and lasting gift that will change their lives forever.

**We believe that no one deserves to be homeless, especially at Christmas.**

For the past four years, through the generosity of our supporters, especially local schools, we have been able to successfully 'Open Doors' for every young person staying with us during the festive period.

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Christmas 2020 is set to be tough for many due to Covid-19 and the pressures faced by families everywhere. There are young people in our community who will find Christmas even tougher, without a safe place to stay and without someone to believe in them. With an anticipated **272 young people** due to stay with us, these young people deserve to experience the warmth and happiness that we all aim for during the festive period.

The Open Doors campaign aims to provide each of these young people with the closest thing they can have to a family Christmas. Together, we can ensure young people do not face Christmas alone.

A donation will be a truly life changing gift – it will provide a young person with a warm, safe bed for the night and a Christmas meal with all the trimmings as well as ensuring all young people staying with us have access to mental health support and personal development opportunities, with the hope that they will not need your help again next Christmas.

## JUST £30 COULD OPEN A DOOR FOR ONE YOUNG PERSON THIS CHRISTMAS

To raise funds for this worthy cause, we are holding a Christmas Mufti Day on Friday 11th December. We are asking for a **minimum donation of £1** and would like to encourage the wearing of Christmas jumpers, tinsel, Christmas colours etc (however this is not obligatory).

Cash will be collected at the start of the day at Muster Points. Please could all students bring at least a pound coin on the day. If you would also like to top up your donation online, please use ScoPay and add to the Charity Account.

Many thanks



Mrs Janet Williams

Head of House, Wilberforce & Charity Lead

## HAWLEY Football Club – Food for Christmas

Inspired by footballer Marcus Rashford's initiative We successfully provided very close to 500 packed lunches during half term to children in Farnborough, Blackwater, Yateley, Fleet, Frimley, Camberley, Ash and Hartley Wintney.

As well as the families we helped at half term, local schools, churches and support groups have nominated families who need support this Christmas and we expect to provide gifts for over 200 children and food parcels to over 150 families in our local community.

We have received and are still fundraising to receive many generous donations and funding from the local community and Hart/ Rushmoor voluntary services, and would like to help as many vulnerable families as possible.





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👉 If you would like to contribute to help families in need this Christmas, there are lots of ways you can do so.

Drop a donation to outside Yateley school reception from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

👉 <https://gf.me/u/y8bn8w>

👉 Purchase a gift for a child from Amazon wish list. Gifts start from £5  
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TKAAL6LBFGBQ...>

👉 Or contact us to arrange drop off/ collection of Christmas food.

Chocolate biscuits, tubs and boxes of chocolates,

Savoury biscuits, Tube of sweets, selection packs, chocolate coins or reindeers,

Christmas puddings, boxes of mince pies all gratefully received.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the kindness and support you have shown us and your community 💙

If you know of a family in your school who would benefit from a Christmas food parcel and you would like to nominate them, please get in touch with us.

All nominations would be treated in the strictest confidence.

**Hawley Football Club**

## 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 Wurlie?  
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**