

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers

A Monday like no other...

With a keen eye for detail and a chance to slope off work, it was Mr Hill who alerted me that England were due to open their World Cup campaign on Monday 21 November. Having canvassed many of our students it became very clear that some of them had “brewing tummy issues” or “growing headaches” that were on a flight path to being very ill – entirely coincidentally – on Monday 21 November (circa 1pm). This would have meant missing lessons all morning and as a school we wanted to turn this to our advantage by allowing students to watch the match (with parental consent). After offering an initial 200 tickets to parents we managed to sell all of those after just 48 minutes and, as the reserve list grew and grew (to over 400!) we realised we’d have to use the Sports Hall as well. Mr Hill expertly organised the ticketing, attendance and screenings at both venues and once underway the atmosphere at both events was fantastic. The behaviour of our students was excellent and the overall school attendance on Monday was 96.1% which was lovely to see. To catch a glimpse of videos and goals from the event you can watch here: [Lights Go Down](#) | [Rashford](#) | [Sterling](#) | [Main Hall](#) |. Thanks to everyone involved in our Monday like no other!



Safe Drive, Stay Alive A worrying statistic across Thames Valley and Hampshire last year was that an average of 4 young people per week were killed or seriously injured in a road traffic accident. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks. Around 1 in 4 deaths on the road is aged 17-24. With this in mind, taking the whole sixth form to Safe Drive Stay Alive is one of the most important things that we do. Students watched a hugely powerful mixture of film and personal testimony from both people involved in road safety and victims of accidents. They ranged from police, ambulance and fire & rescue personnel, to an A&E consultant and with video from a young driver serving 8 years in prison for causing death by dangerous driving. However, the person most of our students came away thinking about was a mother whose daughter was killed, aged 19, in a car crash. She described in almost unbearable detail the events of that terrible day and how her and that of her family’s lives were changed forever. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house: both her intense grief and immense courage were plain to see. She was followed by a woman who had received a severe traumatic brain injury in a crash and has been left needing almost full-time care.



The event really does a great job of showing the wide effect of road traffic accidents. By taking our entire sixth form I hope that we can have a real impact in helping them, as a group to think more about their safety on the roads, both as drivers and passengers. If you would like to know more about the event please click here: <https://safedrive.org.uk/>.



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First Aid in PSHE. In PSHE this week, Year 9 students have been learning about basic first aid with the help of Mrs Allen, our School Nurse.



Activities included learning how to perform CPR, EpiPen training, how to stop a bleed, the recovery position, how to put on a sling and what goes in a First Aid Kit. All Year 9 students will have this opportunity over the coming weeks.

This initiative was driven by our students; when asked at the start of the year what life skills they would like to learn, they specified that EpiPen training was something they would like to have. Many of our

students have friends who carry an EpiPen and they wanted to know how to administer them in case of emergency, especially if there were no adults around.

Sixty students performing CPR for a full three minutes to the sounds of the Bee Gees 'Staying Alive' is a memory that will stay with us for a very long time!

The 'best sling' award goes to Josh Spilsbury 9WS and Kaden Allsopp 9DS (pictured).



Student Star of the week is Ella Defazio in 7PN. Having only been racing for less than a year, Ella is now 2nd in the UK in her class of Karting. In a sport that is not well represented amongst girls, Ella has shown the boys a thing or two and comprehensively stormed through the ranks and taken her TonyKart to UK number 2 in a competition held in London last weekend, beating the reigning champion of three years' standing along the way!



Something which had started as a fun activity at a birthday party, has developed into a passion and she now has her sights set on the intermediate class – with the same chassis and a faster engine (she's already reaching speeds of around 55mph!). Racing driver Jessica Hawkins has talent spotted her and has undertaken to train and mentor Ella as a budding talent. Congratulations!



Yours faithfully

Paul German
Headteacher

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Uniform and Mobile Phones

Following the school comms that was sent out this week, we are sorry to have to send out this message to everyone again, but we wanted to ensure consistency with all students in the school around our uniform policy and expectations. Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you that support the school to ensure that your child attends school meeting the uniform expectations.

It is a small proportion of students that are currently starting to push some of the boundaries about what is and is not allowed. We have requested this morning for all staff to be extra supportive and consistent in addressing any issues where students might not be meeting expectations. This could result in warnings, confiscations or even sanctions where needed, and we would appreciate your support with this.

Some of the main areas we have seen a small increase in concern are:

1. Eye lash extensions – these are not allowed and there should not be excessive eye lash makeup
2. Piercings – nose piercings are not allowed and students are only allowed a one plain stud in each ear
3. Rings and bracelets – these are not allowed, students are allowed a wrist watch
4. Mobile phones – these should be turned off and away during the school day and while on school site (unless a teacher allows use in a lesson)
5. Ear pods and earphones – these are not allowed (unless teacher allows use in a lesson)
6. Uniform – students should be wearing the school uniform
7. Coats and outer wear – students should be wearing a suitable winter coat if needed and not a hoody, non-school jumper or body warmer
8. Fizzy and caffeinated drinks and chewing gum – all are not allowed in school

If you would like further details around the policy and expectations, these can be found on the school website – <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eDc3hhazkC3hZ2B3ST269hJuwq5QopVN/view>

Tutor Time – Week of 21st November

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** – Road Safety Week - <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>
- **Wellbeing Tip** – 'Mistakes do not define you'
- **House Assemblies** – Head of House lead on their House Assemblies.
- **Safeguarding (Family Members in Prison)** – Year 8 to 11 had a session on what it is like to have a family member in prison and the support that is available.
- **CAMHS Best Version of You** – Year 7 working on session 10 which looked at the importance of sleep and dreaming
- **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:

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- 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

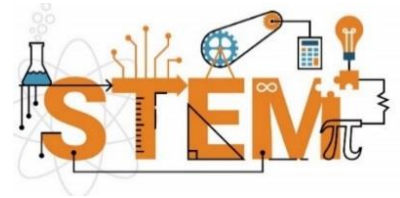
Wellbeing tip of the week:

Mistakes do not
define you

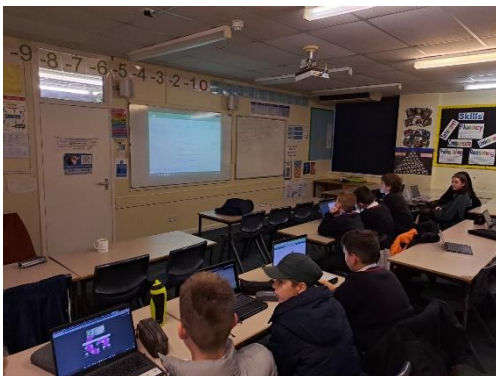
Mistakes are a normal part of life. Learn from them, move on. Everyone is making them.

STEM Master Class **Formula One Strategy**

Why would you park your car and change your tyres during a race? Surely driving is a quicker way to the end than parking? Students this week had the chance to run the numbers and work this out at the STEM F1 Master Class. They modelled their choice of six fictional cars, each with different tyre characteristics, to come up with the expected lap times as a 60-lap race progressed. Using this they then tried to find the best choice of tyre type and when to put new tyres on. All their choices were put into a race to compare strategies. It appears that our students were a little conservative as the only team to put on the fastest wearing tyres won. Hopefully these students will be inspired to programme their own models to play with.



Mr Glendinning



Formula 1

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A reminder of the next STEM Master Classes-

Wed 30th Nov 3.10- 4.15pm in BG1

Miss Williams

Laser Cut Christmas Decorations

Wed 7th Dec 3.10 to 4.15pm in C13

Mrs James

Creating Art using Fractals

Wed 14th Dec 3.10 to 4.15pm C21

Mr Ross

Building a Solar System

This Weeks' Sports Results



Basketball

Y7 Basketball v All Hallows 14-7. Win – POM, Zack Johnson

Y9 Basketball v Fhs. 30-11. Win – POM, Luke Barrow

Next Week In PE:

Tuesday

Y8 Basketball V Salesians (H) 16:30 start

Y7/8 Basketball club will be on, the fixture will take place after training.

Wednesday

Yr10 Basketball Vs Oakmoor (H)

Sporting Achievement:

A huge congratulations to the students below who have all been selected to represent the district at the Hampshire cross country event. We are very proud of the 3 of them and wish them all the luck in the county event.

Oscar Pender

Hannah Bardsley

Mollie Moody

Other Sporting info:

England take on USA this evening in our 2nd world cup game. Make sure you tune in and support the men's football team.

Mr Wills, PE Department

A Gentle Reminder

Please can parents/carers to let us know if there are any changes to their child's emergency contact details – names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses.

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Christmas Charity Boxes

We are collecting again this Christmas for our Elderly community. Each tutor group has been assigned the task to fill gift bags for us to deliver. This is the 4th year we have done this now and it means so much to the elderly residents in Yateley. We have added the list of ideas that we have shared with students, these are just suggestions please feel free to think of other items. Closing dates for donations is Thursday 8th December.

Ideas for the gift bag could be Chocolates; Smellies; Hats; Gloves; Scarves; Biscuits; Mini jars; Note pads; Pens; Homemade treats – Edibles must include ingredient's; Small Christmas decorations; etc

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Short Samantha.short@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Mrs Short, Head of Nightingale House

A plea from Food Technology

If you have any spare of the following, please donate to Food Technology.

- sweet tubs
- biscuit tins
- plastic containers (large enough for students to transport food)
- empty washing up liquid bottles
- empty hand soap bottles.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs Buttle, Food Technology

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES		
Thursday 1 st December	Year 7	Year 7 Reports issued
Thursday 1 st December	Year 9	Year 9 Parents' and New Options Evening (1900 - 20.30)
Tuesday 6 th December	-	House Drama (19.00 – 21.30)
Thursday 8 th December	-	House Drama (19.00 – 21.30)
Thursday 8 th December	Year 10	Year 10 Reports issued
Tuesday 13 th December	Sixth Form	Sixth Form Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 th December	-	Christmas House Music (19.00 – 22.00)
Friday 16 th December	-	School finishes at 12.45

Maths Corner 11

Showing an Interest

Gary invests £1000 in a bank account which pays 4% compound interest per annum. Gary plans to leave the money in the account for 5 years. The Bank Clerk tells him that he will have £1200 in the account after 5 years. Explain why the Bank Clerk is wrong. How much money will Gary actually have?

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 10 – Find the Goal
32 Goals

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Job Title: Cover Supervisor
Salary: C Grade £21,190 - £22,215 FTE
Contract: Part Time – Term Time only must be available 8.30 am – 3.10pm

Yateley School is a popular 11-18 comprehensive school catering for 1300 students from the local area. Our school has a superb range of facilities across all areas of the curriculum and we have had specialist status in performing arts since 2002. Our Ofsted judgement is Good with an Outstanding Sixth Form.

We pride ourselves on our high standards, which are achieved through a friendly, caring atmosphere and a dedicated team of well-qualified teachers and support staff.

At Yateley, we believe we offer the chance for every child to fulfil their potential and achieve success.

Description of Role

This role is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to join a dynamic educational environment. You must have experience in working with people or with students and wanting to gain or continue Secondary School awareness. Alternatively, you may be a qualified Teacher and seeking a position which will not require planning, marking and assessment.

Applications are welcome from those who have a good standard of education and have proven communication and organisational skills. They must have a sense of humour, be confident and be adaptable to the changing needs of work colleagues. Applicants must be able to work under pressure, independently and have a firm but fair non-confrontational approach towards discipline. We believe that every student is an individual and that proven techniques in praise and encouragement are key. Experience in classroom management and any presentation skills are a clear advantage.

Duties will include:

- Independently supervising classes having presented the work set by the subject teacher
- Invigilating exams
- Support teachers in the supervision of Students on off-site visits
- Some general administration duties

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone who is considering a career in teaching or someone who is searching for a rewarding position in the support of a young person's education. The successful applicant will receive a comprehensive Induction and Continuous Professional Development Programme.

What We Can Offer You

For the successful candidate we can offer:

- Supportive Team Environment
- Free On-Site Staff Car Parking
- On-Site Nursery Facilities
- Continued Professional Development
- On-Site Subsidised Fitness & Health Facilities

Application Procedure

Application forms available on our website <https://www.yateleyschool.net/vacancies/> or paper copies can be collected from main school reception.

Return completed applications to applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk or drop in to reception.

Closing date is 28th November 2022 15.00pm

P. German
Headteacher



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Job Title: Exam Invigilator
Salary: £10.50ph – plus 12% uplift
Contract: Casual

Yateley School is currently recruiting for Invigilation staff to work primarily for the GCSE and A level Examinations which run from mid-May to the end of June 2023, however there is also some requirement during January and some ad-hoc dates throughout the year.

You will be joining a team of 16+ invigilators and will be expected to provide your availability prior to each examination season, allocation of work will depend on availability and number of invigilators required for each exam.

Morning exam start times will require you to be on site from 8:15am and some afternoon exams will run beyond 3:10pm so please consider this when applying for this role. You will also need to be available for training in December 2022.

Applicants must be 18 years or over, with English and Maths at Grade C/4 or above.

Closing date: 4th December 2022

Interviews: 7th December 2022

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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: 5th December 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

Generous discount available on Gym & Swim membership at our on-site leisure centre 'Yateleys Health & Fitness'

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Yateley School Library Newsletter Term 2

NEW BOOKS — T/11 up



Girls in Hazel's school are being harassed by an anonymous person online, someone who seems to know all about their insecurities and dreams. With no one willing to stand up and face the bully, how will Hazel be able to prove her suspicions? Hazel Hill is *Going to Win This One* confronts bullying, both online and in person, to give children the power to stand up for themselves and speak out against harassment.

In this incredibly moving and powerful story about climate change, the world is run by Industry and the only thing that matters is to buy, buy, buy. People live in crowded cities where cars are stacked vertically and shopping centres run miles into the sky. On the day Celeste starts school on the 110th floor of a tower block, she meets a lonely, young boy. The next day she doesn't return. Her blood has become as polluted as the seas and rivers. On a mission to save her, the boy battles the forces of Industry and takes her far, far away. Will the world realise the truth of Celeste's disease? Will there be time for her, and the planet, to recover?



Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbours in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.

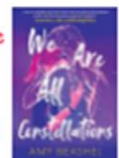


NEW BOOKS — T+/14-19



In his new verse novel, Joseph Coelho brilliantly blends Greek myth with a 21st century quest. In Ancient Greece Theseus makes a dangerous and courageous journey to find his father, finally meeting the Minotaur in the Labyrinth. While Theo, a modern-day teenage boy, finds himself on a maze-like quest to find his own father. Each story tells of a boy becoming a man and discovering what true manhood really means. The path to self-discovery takes Theo through 'those thin spaces where myth, magic and reality combine'. Doubts, difficulties and dangers must be faced as Theo discovers the man he will become.

A heartbreaking but hope-filled tale about the stories we tell ourselves to survive... You are strong. You are brave. You are not alone. Seventeen-year-old Iris is happy. She's fearless, she's strong. She is everything but a girl who lost her mum. But Iris's dad and step-mum have been keeping a secret. One big enough to unravel her. Only the magnetic Orla can provide an escape, until things get...complicated. As Iris questions who she is, it becomes clear she can't run away from grief. What happens when someone who has never faced up to the darkness lets it in?



On Bird Rock, gannets circle and thick mist surrounds the lighthouse at its centre, hiding the secrets of a tragic past within... From the second they set foot on the island to join their dad and his new family, Jess and Rosie feel that something's wrong. Nightmares haunt their dreams and there seems to be someone, or something, else with them in the lighthouse - their home for the summer. Counting down the days until they can leave, Jess and Rosie decide to investigate. But when Rosie disappears, the countdown takes on a new meaning. Especially when no one but Jess remembers Rosie at all... Alex Bell's chilling novel is part of the Red Eye series, perfect for fans of Juno Dawson's *SAY HER NAME* and Kat Ellis's *HARROW LAKE*.

CHRISTMAS IS AROUND THE CORNER!



GET CHRISTMAS CRAFTY AT LUNCHTIMES IN THE LIBRARY SCHOOLROOM ON 13TH, 14TH & 15TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

PICK UP YOUR QUIZ SHEET (from 1st December) FROM MRS ROAF/MRS HOOD IN THE LIBRARY RETURN YOUR QUIZ BY FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER PRIZE FOR THE WINNER!

The FIFA WORLD CUP IS HERE!

Aim to tackle some football-themed reading!
Make it your goal!



There is a wide range of Football-themed fiction and non-fiction books available on the book display in the library.

WORLD CUP QUIZ AND WORDSEARCH SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MRS ROAF/MRS HOOD IN THE LIBRARY AT LUNCHTIMES.

RETURN YOUR QUIZ SHEETS BY FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER AND BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING A PRIZE! GAME ON!

OCTOBER POETRY COMPETITION

The theme was 'THE ENVIRONMENT'

WINNER: April Wheddon WELL DONE!

RUNNERS-UP: Angus Rennie 7PN, Lucie Williams 9DN, Cerys Findlay 9PN

These poems above are displayed on the Library board near school reception.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Teddie Harris 7DS, Amy-Rose Moloney 7WN, Jonathan Payne 8DN, Aurelia Whitfield 8NN, Ben Sealey 8PS, Fotios Tsardidis 8WN, Leah Goddard 9DN, Dorothea Spinoe 9NS, Benjamin Meadows 9WN

Come and visit the display of more of the poems about 'The Environment' in the library until 9th December.

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What's going on at your local

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23/11, 30/11 & 7/12 7-8pm (its free!)



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Tel: 07540660866 (only available during Youth Club times)

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