

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers



Careers and Futures Fair. Thank you to the huge number of people who, across the three hours of this event, came and visited on Thursday evening. Even with the effects of covid and some companies not participating this year, it was still a very significant event, with many of the exhibitors saying that it was the largest and busiest such event that they had visited in a school. There were a good number of universities and higher education institutions present, alongside companies, employers and



apprenticeship providers; the key being that all attendees came away with some ideas for progression routes and some of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I am extremely grateful to Mr Tidd for masterminding and organising the whole event, which was very warmly reviewed by those who completed the survey.

Further Sixth Form successes. We are delighted to announce that the following students (pictured below) have all been selected for interview at either Oxford or Cambridge. To have such interest, ambition and then success in securing interviews is hugely impressive and we are very proud of them and wish them well. I hear that even this monumental achievement is likely to be surpassed amongst our current Y12 students, where the level of determination in securing high end courses in Russell Group or Oxbridge is unprecedented. When there is so much uncharitable and frequently inaccurate coverage in the media about young people, it is brilliant to hear about the unfettered ambition, maturity and good common sense amongst our students!



Grace Cunningham

Joshua Williams

Ellen Chelberg

Leah Simpkins

Sophie Green

Cambridge

Oxford

Cambridge

Oxford

Cambridge

Philosophy

PPE

Architecture

Biology

Psychological Sciences

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We are also delighted and proud to announce that that Toni Di Gangi has been cast as the new leading lady in Snow White in the local Wokingham Pantomime. Toni is currently in Year 13 and has a keen interest in performing arts as drama forms part of her A Level studies. The show promises 'much hilarity, fantastic song and dance numbers, outrageous costumes and splendid scenery' and if you wish to purchase tickets to see her in action, [click here](#).



Sharing some news of extraordinary success, you'll be interested to hear that former Yateley School and Darwin student Dominic Ballard (Year 11 last year) has been selected for the Young Lions' tour with England U17 football team. Since leaving Yateley he has been going from strength to strength in the Southampton youth academy; regularly making an appearance in the U21 squad and the B team. We are exceptionally proud of Dom, as we know how hard he has worked to get there. We look forward to seeing how he gets on with the England tour and the rest of the season with Southampton.

Parents of students in years 7 and 8 will be aware that earlier in the week, the NHS weren't able to provide enough staff to vaccinate all year groups with the nasal flu spray. We had to prioritise the older year groups. We are pushing hard to get a revised date to be able to complete the programme with years 7 and 8 too.



October Poetry Competition Winners. This week I had the pleasure of presenting certificates to those students who submitted winning entries for the library's annual poetry competition. This year's theme was 'Choice', which can be interpreted in so many ways. The winning poems were chosen for the way students had interpreted the theme to produce some outstanding poetry.

I am pleased to announce that Kiera Trott, 8WS was the overall winner for her poem titled 'This is Real Life'.

Highly commended certificates were given to Sophie Price, 7WS, Emily Taylor, 7WS and Oscar Dickson, 8WS. I was also impressed with the work from Max Raison, 7PN and Lana Santos, 7DS.

All of these poems are now on display on the library notice board near school reception. Thank you to the English department for supporting the competition and to Mrs Hood and Mrs Roaf in the Library for coordinating the event.

Kiera's winning poem is displayed below:

This is Real Life

Instead of giving me a £10,000,000,000 car
Please give me a bottle of water
Instead of taking me to the bar
Please take me to get food
Instead of a one-night stand
Please give me a long-lasting relationship
Instead of abusing me and treating like a toy
Please love me
Instead of telling me I'll live
Please give me hope I'll live
Instead of telling me to die
Please tell me to live
Instead of giving me useless things
Please give me things to survive
This is real life

(This does not relate to my life in any way, this is just to show what some people go through)

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Student Star of the Week

Our student star of the week this week – Alexandra Rae in 10 WS - has been selected partly for a particular skill, but also for great presence of mind, calm and courage. Two weeks' ago, Mrs Short was leading a Yoga session with her Year 10 class. She told them that in the next session it would be Pilates. Alexandra has been working tirelessly at Pilates for quite some time and asked if she could lead the session. Earlier this week, she led a half hour session. She planned the whole thing meticulously and had full control and respect from the class. Her demonstrations were faultless and all of the students really enjoyed the lesson. It takes a lot of guts to perform in front of your peers but even more to plan and lead a session! What started as a challenge with her Mum and some family and friends in Australia has become a very important part of Alexandra's life, and something in which she has become expert.



Your sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

Please read on for important notices on Mobile Phones, Earphones and toilet usage. This will affect the student community



Mobile Phone, Ear/Headphones, Toilet Usage Update – As from Monday 6th December

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 also updated guidance around access and usage of school toilets due to some issues of a few students abusing the amount of missed lesson time and some incidents of damage.

We have created updated policies which have been shared with the staff body for consultation. We will be informing all students of the new guidance during the house assemblies in the week beginning 29th November. The new guidance will be effective as from Monday 6th December and we do request that all parents and carers support the school with this. The new guidance is detailed below in the linked document (please do read this carefully and ensure your child is fully aware). As with all school policies we will keep these under constant review.

- Updated Mobile Phone & Toilet Usage Guidance – [CLICK HERE](#)



Student Voice Signup – Deadline Wed 1st December

As we know, student voice and opinions are so important in a school development and journey. We have been working with the Senior Students in the school to develop this important aspect further by creating four focus groups in the school. These will be led by senior students and staff representatives that will meet frequently during each school

term. They will decide on their key agenda items and developments for the school.

The next stage in this process is to get students to sign up to one or more of the four groups that they would be interested in joining and having their voice and opinions heard.

Therefore we are asking all students to look at the below PowerPoint which details the four groups and if interested to then complete the survey to sign up to one of more of the groups. Deadline for signup is end of Wednesday 1st December.

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- PowerPoint – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Student Signup Form – [CLICK HERE](#)



Uniform & Cold Weather Update

The temperatures have dropped recently, added with the fact we are asking students to be outside in the year groups areas at break and lunch, we need to ensure students are comfortable and in the correct uniform. Some students have been very professional in presenting different ideas around possible changes in the school uniform policy to accommodate the reduced temperatures. After lengthy discussions, we wanted to confirm to all that the current school uniform policy will remain unchanged. Therefore to summarise some key parts:

- Leggings are not allowed as a replacement for the school skirt/tights or trousers. Trousers or skirt should be worn.
- Trainers are not allowed unless there is written professional medical evidence as to why
- Hoodies and any non-school jumper are not allowed, only the school jumper should be worn.
- Students should be wearing an appropriate warm winter coat which is a plain single dark colour.
- Full Uniform Guidance – [CLICK HERE](#)



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



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 30th 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.

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- 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.

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

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

Ex Computer science student – George Davies, what he's doing now



It was lovely to hear from one of my ex-students, George Davies, who studied Computer Science GCSE and A level here at Yateley School. I thought you would be interested to hear what he did after:

After leaving Yateley I went to study Computer Science at the University of Liverpool where I have just graduated with a First. Since graduating I have completed a summer internship as a Software Engineer at R3, an enterprise blockchain company, and have recently started working full time at a cryptocurrency-focused high-frequency trading firm. My role is to develop strategies, primarily in Python but I also often use Solidity, Rust and Go, that find and execute arbitrage opportunities created from decentralised exchanges built on blockchains like Ethereum and Avalanche. DeFi is a rapidly expanding and incredibly exciting area to be working in right now and Computer Science was the perfect degree for a career in this industry, I strongly

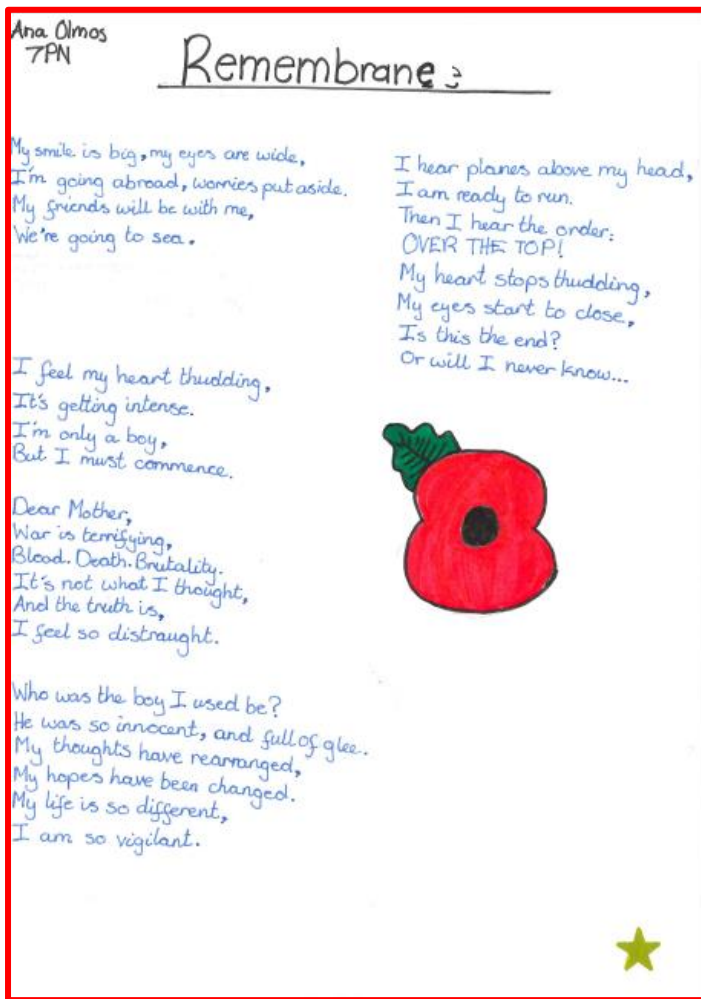
recommend anyone interested in Computer Science or the financial markets to take a look!

It was so interesting to hear that Python, which we start teaching students in year 7, is the main programming language he is using although probably not to draw shapes as our year 7s do! He also said that Computer Science is an important subject if you are thinking of taking Maths or Sciences as there are a lot of programming modules in them.

Mrs C Cobbold, Head of ICT & Computing

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Religious Studies Poetry Competition



We have had an overwhelming response to our Religious Studies poetry competition. I am so impressed by the creativity, emotion, maturity and effort and that went into these - so I want to say a huge well done to everyone who entered. It was a very difficult job to choose just 3 winners, but the following entries really stood out (and one even made me cry!)

1st place – Ana Olmos 7PN

2nd place – Jon Payne 7DN

3rd place – Ella Bax-Powell 7NN

Headteacher's Commendation – Olivia Moore 7NS

GREAT JOB!

Miss Short

Non Uniform Day – Friday 3rd December

On Friday the 3rd December we will be holding a non-uniform day in support of Step by Step, a local charity working with and trying to prevent homelessness amongst the young. We are asking students to donate £1 to this worthy cause on Scopay (link to be sent next week) **and to bring in a can of food.**

The 'can' is a can of food which can be anything from a tin of tomatoes to a can of corned beef OR could be a bag of pasta or a Christmas pudding. Anything that can be used to feed people struggling to manage.

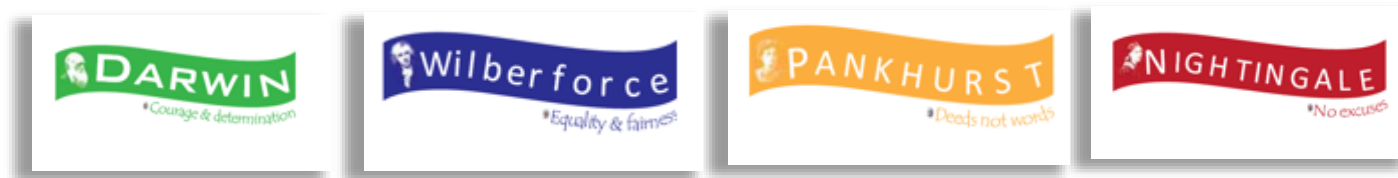
Students need to bring their cans into school on the morning of the 3rd of December where they will be collected by their Form Tutor.

All details will be sent to parents next week.

Mrs James

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House Drama 2021



Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December (Judging night) at 7.00pm in the Main Hall

Finally live House competitions are back with the first being the popular House Drama event. Four excited Houses are practising hard to compete for the winner of House Drama. Each House writes, auditions and directs their own piece.

Tickets for this showcase will be on sale via the school payment system (scopay) and are priced at £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis.

Mrs Ellis, Front of House

HOUSE DANCE REHEARSALS BEGIN!

It has been great to see so many dancers return to the dance studio and audition for this exciting and rewarding event. I am very proud of the Year 11 House Dance Captains for leading the auditions and getting to know the new teams. Well done to Neve Donohoe, Keira Smith, Livia Biddell, Charlotte Bench, Rebecca Pomfreet, Natasha Atkinson, Heid Shea and Amy Cronk.

Rehearsals will start week commencing Monday 29th November! Please look carefully to where your child will need to go for their first rehearsal...

Tuesday 30th November: 3.10-4.30pm

Nightingale House - Dance Studio

Pankhurst House – Main Hall

THURSDAY 2nd December : 3.10-4.30pm

Darwin House – Dance Studio

Wilberforce House - Main Hall

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Other important information...

After Christmas, we will have a 2 week break before we re-start rehearsals as Year 11 students will be busy focusing on their mock exams.

Rehearsals will start again on the week commencing 17th January 2022. A full rehearsal schedule is on the House Dance Notice Board outside the studio.

The House Dance Competition will take part in our Annual Dance Show in the Main Hall on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March at 7pm. (Judging will take place on Tuesday 15th March). Tickets will go on sale nearer to the date of the competition.

Please note all students will be expected to contribute £5.00 towards the costume of a costume for their part. No other charges will be made. Parents will receive information on how and when to pay after Christmas.

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

Knight School of Dance

PRE-TEEN & TEEN BALLET FOR BEGINNERS

New class starting Jan. 2022

Thursdays 5.30 - 6.15pm

St. James' Church Centre,
Church Lane, Finchampstead RG40 4LU

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to start ballet!
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and come and join us
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Maths A Level ... Year 13 Mock 1

January 2021 (dates to be confirmed)
2 papers of 90 minutes each.

- PAPER 1 – Pure + Mechanics
- PAPER 2 – Pure, Mechanics + Statistics

Revision lists on SMHW

BOOK/CHAPTER	Topic
BOOK 1/Chapter 1	Proof
BOOK 1/Chapter 6	Perpendicular lines and circles
BOOK 1/Chapter 10	Trigonometric graphs
BOOK 2/Chapter 1	Displacement and SUVAT equations
BOOK 2/Chapter 2	Proof by contradiction
BOOK 2/Chapter 3	Functions
BOOK 2/Chapter 4	Sequences
BOOK 2/Chapter 5	Factoring
BOOK 2/Chapter 7	Sectors
BOOK 2/Chapter 8	Trigonometry and trig identities
BOOK 2/Chapter 9	Calculus with logarithms & e

BOOK/CHAPTER	Topic
BOOK 1/Chapter 19	Trigonometry
BOOK 1/Chapter 15	Vectors
BOOK 1/Chapter 18	Displacement and acceleration
BOOK 1/Chapter 20	Box plots and histograms
BOOK 1/Chapter 21	Binomial & probability
BOOK 1/Chapter 22	Sampling
BOOK 2/Chapter 5	Partial fractions
BOOK 2/Chapter 6	Binomial Expansion
BOOK 2/Chapter 8	Trigonometry
BOOK 2/Chapter 9	Calculus with trigonometry
BOOK 2/Chapter 10	Implicit differentiation
BOOK 2/Chapter 11	Integration
BOOK 2/Chapter 12	Parametric equations
BOOK 2/Chapter 14	Numerical methods
BOOK 2/Chapter 20	Probability: dependent events

Revision resources

£10 – until 19/11

Will be provided by the Maths Department

Maths A Level ... Year 13

2 Hours of Exam Practice
(One paper each week on SMHW)
www.physicsandmathstutor.com
www.mathsgenie.co.uk

1-2 Hours in Maths Drop-in
(C2.6 every Thursday)

1-2 Hours finishing classwork and/or doing Homework
(Finish every exercise in every chapter as you go)

How should I spend my 5 hours of study time every week?

This week's sports results

Last night the year 7's and 8's played their first ever Netball fixture for the school. Unfortunately their first draw was against private school St Nicks.

Year 8s lost 24-1 – MVP was Ulan Wearing

Year 7s lost 9-4 – MVP was Emilia Bray

All girls played exceptionally well and did themselves and Yateley school proud.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

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PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Tuesday 2nd 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

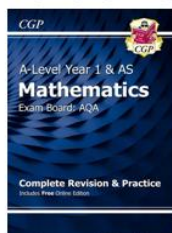


Maths A Level ... Year 12 Mock 1

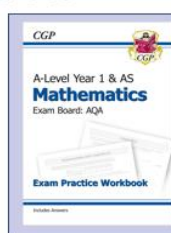
Wednesday 5th January 2021

1 paper of 90 minutes

Revision resources



£6 – until 19/11



Will be provided by the Maths Department

Revision lists on SMHW

Year 12 – Maths January Mock Exam
Revision Lists

TOPIC	CHAPTER
Indices	2
Algebraic fractions	3
Polynomials (including division) & inequalities	4
Transformations, gradients	5
Equation of a line and circles	6
Binomial expansion	9
Trigonometry including trigonometric graphs	10
Sine rule	11
Differentiation	12
Vectors	15



Maths A Level ... Year 12



2-3 Hours finishing classwork
and/or doing Homework
(Finish every exercise in every chapter as you go)

1 Hours Maths Drop-in
(C2.6 Thursday from 3:15)

1-2 Hours of Exam Practice
(www.physicsandmathstutor.com
www.mathsgenie.co.uk or TLMaths)

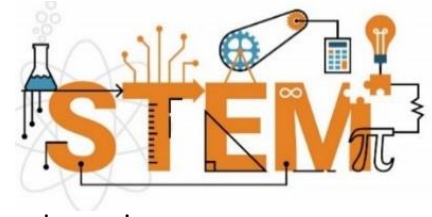


How should I spend my
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STEM Ambassadors Master Classes



This week we had our first STEM Master Class take place after school, run by Mr Sibbald in Design and Technology. The class focused on Architecture, giving students an insight into well know architects and then the opportunity to be creative with their own sculpture!

This is the start of our 'Arkiklub' that will run on a Wednesday week A after school 3.10- 4.15pm. If anyone is interested in attending, please come and speak to Mr Sibbald in Design and Technology. We look forward to seeing you there!

Congratulations to everyone at yesterday's Master Class- we have a lot of creative talent here at Yateley School demonstrating Ambition, Curiosity and Tenacity #drivenbydesign

Miss Williams and Mr Sibbald



Uniform

Our winter uniform stock is now replenished and students should therefore have received any items they were waiting for by now. If you are still waiting for anything, please email uniform@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Leggings in size 34/36 are still outstanding – we will contact those who are waiting for these directly.

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Maths Corner 10



Find the Goal

Blyth Spartans centre forward scored 40 goals this season. That is 25% more goals than he scored last season.

How many goals did he score last season?



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 9 – Music Mayhem!

CD=£8.50, DVD=£11.50