

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers.

We have reached the end of the penultimate week of term, largely without incident – and despite a few niggles we're operating with business as usual and that surely has to be pretty remarkable. I'd like to thank the whole school community, staff, students and parents for your continued vigilance and support. As I've previously mentioned, any incidence of Covid in school from now on will, in all probability, result in some individuals receiving a self-isolation notice over Christmas – something I'm desperately keen to avoid. Being doubly careful and not taking any unnecessary risks is even more important, and at a time when we're tired and perhaps more likely to be complacent, a timely reminder is needed.



**End of term arrangements** (These will also be published in alternative formats). We do plan to make the last day of term as normal as possible. You may have heard talk of some schools taking an inset day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. I have canvassed our local schools and no-one is planning on doing this as it would cause immense disruption and have little impact on transmission. Unless the situation changes markedly over the next

few days, I plan for school to be open as normal on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

However, the last Friday is, as always, an early finish. Lessons and a tutor session will run in the morning, there will be an extended break with food being served and school will finish for students at the following times:

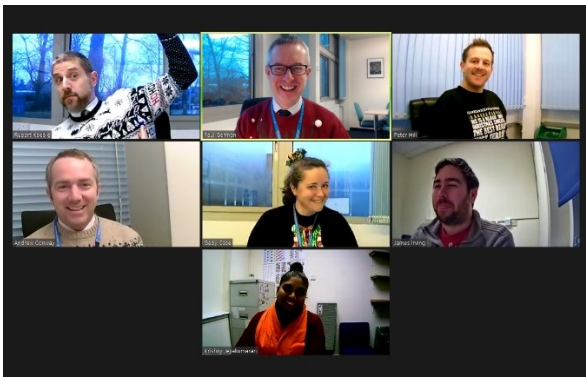
- 12.35 Year 7 & 8 to leave site
- 12.45 Year 9, 10 and 11 to leave site and tutors escort out via year group exits.
- 12.50 Sixth Form to leave site
- 13.00 All school busses depart

It seems an appropriate point to remind you that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day. A small number of Year 11 and Year 13 students will be in school and the remainder of the school return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 which is a Week A (Blue week). Year 11s will return straight to their hugely important mock exams and after the unforeseen issues of 2020, the importance of these mocks and careful preparation over Christmas cannot be overstated.

**Year 9 GCSE options.** On Thursday 10 December 2020, our Year 9 Options website launched at [www.yateleyschool.net/Y9Options](http://www.yateleyschool.net/Y9Options). Students can view specially created videos and curriculum pages for every subject that we are offering, as well as discovering what they will be learning in our core subjects. This is followed on Monday 04 January 2021 (the INSET Day) by teachers of all subjects hosting an online live Q+A sessions via Microsoft Teams for parents and students. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the courses we offer and also to ask those questions that might help make your mind up! Options selection takes place from Tuesday 5 January until Tuesday 12 January 2021.

**Politics...** I was very pleased to hear from Mr Donohoe, our head of Politics, who has been contacted by two former students who having studied Politics at Yateley 6th form, then went on to study the subject at University. He writes, "Tom Manuel and Shannon Carter have both just gained First Class Honours degrees in Politics from Reading University. Shannon and Tom have both been offered places on Reading Master's degree course and Shannon has her eyes on a PhD. This is a tremendous achievement. Congratulations to both, we are very proud of them."

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**Christmas jumper (mufti) day** We have been delighted to enjoy our Christmas Jumper day and mufti day for the students. The picture shows the resplendent Senior Staff in our morning meeting today. Students have joined in with the spirit too and there have been some splendid outfits on display. As parents will be aware, funds are being raised for Step By Step, a local charity which is set up to help 16-24 year

olds in need of help including a place to stay at Christmas. We have been very impressed and humbled by the student donations, a number of which were paper rather than coins! The money collected is now in quarantine and we will update you next week on the amount donated to Step By Step in time for Christmas. If you wish to donate online, please use the charity option in ScoPay.



With my best wishes.  
Yours sincerely.

Paul German  
Headteacher



## Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020) - Theme = Monkeys, Word of the Week = Rambunctious

**THEME:** Different we know, but it is World Monkey Day on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We would like you to discuss the following:

- Who's up for a trip to Monkeyworld!? <https://monkeyworld.org/>
- What threats do Monkeys face?
- What is the difference between a monkey and an ape?
- Are we descended from monkeys? <https://www.livescience.com/60093-last-common-ancestor-of-apes-humans-revealed.html>
- How have humans treated monkeys in the past
- How have monkeys treated humans? <https://monkeyhelpers.org/>
- How clever are monkeys? <https://youtu.be/meiU6TxysCg>

**WORD:** See attached PowerPoint slide.

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## Assembly Videos This Week

This week the students were shown assembly videos from Mr Hill and Dr Case on Wednesday around the topics of options for Year 9 and then anti-bullying for other year groups.

Links to the videos can be found below.

Year 9 = Options by HLL [CLICK HERE](#)

Year 7 to 11 = Anti-Bullying by CSE [CLICK HERE](#)



## iRock – Year 7 and 8 Christmas Concert – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 14.00

You may have heard of a local company called iRock ([CLICK HERE](#)). Their vision is to bring instruments and children together which gives students the opportunities to be creative, work as a team, build their confidence and have fun! They are currently heavily involved in our local primaries and looking in the near future to begin working in secondary schools with Year 7 and 8. We had planned for them to start with Yateley in 2020/21 but COVID has delayed this currently.

In the meantime they are running a iRock Christmas Concert live on YouTube next Tuesday at 14.00. We are asking Year 7 and 8 teachers to show this 30 minute live stream to students in their lessons from 14.00. It is very likely that a lot of our Year 7 and 8 students will know about iRock from their primary school. The link to the video is: [CLICK HERE](#). The stream goes live at 14.00 next Tuesday.



## Last Day of Term Plans – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

As you will know, the last day of term is a half day (Year 7 and 8 leave at 12.35 with Year 9 to 11 leaving at 12.45).

The plan for the day is normal lessons for Period 1 and 2 and then much missed tutor time Period 3 and 4. This tutor time will allow the students to get to see their tutors which has been missing since we returned in September. As well as the tutor being able to get to know the tutees and have fun with them, there will also be a variety of resources and videos to go through, these include:

1. The staff Christmas Panto video
2. Delayed Summer 2020 Students Awards Video (*all award winners and names will be published in the future parent bulletin*)
3. School Music Christmas Concert Highlights
4. And lots more...

We will ensure that links to the above videos are in the parent bulletin for parents to see as well.

**Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture**

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## MFL VOCABULARY COMPETITION

With week 4 of the vocab competition coming to an end, we are so pleased to see that 56 of you took part in the French Kahoot and 27 in the German Kahoot.

The winners of the German Kahoot this week are:

1. No name just a dash!
2. Thea Kritikos (9DS)
3. Elliot Casselton (9NN)

And French:


1. Ben Seaborn (9WS)
2. Charlie (no surname)
3. Jacob Matthews (9NN).

The winners will receive house points with Wilberforce gaining 3 points overall and 2 points for both Nightingale and Darwin.

Don't miss week 5 of the competition for a chance to become the Yateley School Vocab Champion!

*Miss O Grabowska*

# Maths Corner



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## Shopkeepers Problem

A Shopkeeper prices his stock so that he makes 37% profit. In a sale he reduces the price of all his stock by 12%.

He sells an item in the sale. Calculate the percentage profit he makes.

**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 11 – Showing an Interest**  
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