

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers

## House Drama



What a fantastic treat to be able to enjoy the spectacle of a live show House Drama – on not just one night this week, but two... The Houses excelled themselves, with thought provoking, well executed and brilliantly acted pieces. It was great to see real humour and fun in some of the pieces too! The young casts were amazing, matched only by the brilliance of our amazing Sixth Form student teams, who write, direct and produce the whole thing. Mr Matt Davis was once again providing the technical wizardry and supporting the casts and crew were Miss Tottman and Mrs Affleck-Cruise. My sincere thanks to everyone who took part, for all of their help and support. We were joined for the first time by guest judge, the film and stage actor Jack Trinder and the final decision awarded overall best House to Pankhurst.

Above all, it is a brilliant reminder of the special impact of our House system; enabling older students to lead and for younger students to be inspired by brilliant role models. Well done!



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**Year 8 STEAM Event** on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, **Everfi** held a virtual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) careers event which all of Year attended in the Main Hall. The hour-long event featured guest speakers who work in the STEAM industry, some in the gaming industry. The students heard stories, received advice, and had the opportunity to ask questions. It was a fun packed hour and will have 'planted a seed' for a future career in the STEAM industry for many Year 8 students.

**Christmas...with the Yateley Society.** Having had a brilliant write up directly from Olivia O'Reilly in 11DN, the next section is entirely in her words. 'On 1st of December Elliot Casselton, Jessica Brooker and I performed a range of Christmas songs for Yateley Society in Yateley's Cricket club. We had

a wonderful evening performing and socialising with the lovely members of the Society and other members of the local community.

Due to our combination of busy schedules, we were only given an opportunity to rehearse together for this event once before our performance, so we were all thrilled when it went off without a hitch! Each of us, outside of this rehearsal, put in many hours of practice and I am very thankful that my fellow musicians were willing to give up the time.

I am also very appreciative of the three boys who helped us move all of our equipment across Yateley: Charlie Guttridge, Henry Neville and Rhys Reardon-Davies. They all gave up a piece of their evening (including missing part of the football!) to help us and for that; we are all very grateful, as a show can't happen without its Roadies. We all had lots of fun and have been invited back next year to perform once more for the local community and represent the talented music department in Yateley school.'



**Yateley sixth form students** spread a little seasonal cheer today when they volunteered at Hedgecroft residential home, where they served Christmas dinner to residents in their communal room.

We were contacted by Nadine (Robinson) asking for volunteers and were thrilled that so many came forward wanting to support. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, talking to the residents whilst serving Christmas dinner, finding out about where and how they were planning to spend

Christmas and who they were supporting tomorrow night (England of course). We are very proud of the way our students conducted themselves and grateful to Hedgecroft for providing the opportunity.





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**Student star of the week.** Our hugely deserving student star of the week this week is Toby Parkes in 8WN. Toby is an up



and coming dance star – perhaps a future ‘strictly professional’? He has been dancing for about nine years and for the last two years he has been a member of Diamond Dancentre, a highly successful dance school operating out of North Camp in Aldershot. Last weekend he entered the National Supadance Ballroom and Latin American dance Finals in Blackpool. He had a fantastic weekend coming 4th in the under 12 Quickstep out of 62 couples, he then came 3rd in the under 12 four dance ballroom



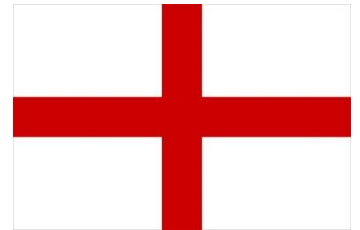
final, this time out of 45 couples. His team also won the division 1 team match from out of over 30 teams. So, a very successful weekend! In the group shot, Toby is second from the right.

Yours sincerely  
Paul German  
Headteacher

**Please Note – House Music** is currently occupying it's published time of 7.00pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and please note Ms Pejovic's more detailed message later in this bulletin. However...



the eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted that England play France on Saturday evening. If/when England are successful, they would then play the semi-final at 7pm on Wednesday evening – a direct clash with House Music. To avoid audience disappointment, disappearance or furtive watching the match on phones, in that eventuality we would move House Music to 4:30pm on the same day. If France somehow win, we still guarantee evening



entertainment as House Music would remain at its published time. More details if needed will be published on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Attendance – 90% is not as good as it sounds!

When it comes to a child's attendance at school, it is very simple... **Every day and minute counts!!!!**

Sometimes we think that getting a score of 90% sounds good, but when that comes to attendance it is not. This means you have missed a whole day of school every two weeks, which is 4 whole periods of lessons and learning. Within a year this is just under 4 weeks of learning missed. This is learning that you can't get back and will impact on future academic success and personal development. We really want to encourage young people and parents to be aware of your child's attendance, therefore why it is shared with you via the Satchel: One app.

Attendance appears on the students and parents' homepage so you can see it easily following the attendance tab (blue background with a yellow tick) on your home screen. If you are not linked to your child's accounts in Satchel:One then you need to contact [@Admin](#) so we can provide the information for you. You will also see your child's achievement points and all the homework that is set for them.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, then please do contact the school (your child's tutor or Head of House) as soon as possible so we can work with you to help support this.

## Would you like to win?

Would your child like to win a Google Nest Mini or other prizes? Then tell them to go to C-Block at break time on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December to **Guess the sweets in the jar!** Tickets at the event cost £1.

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## Last day of term timings

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term. Timings on the day are different due to it being a half day:

- 08.45 to 10.00 = Period 1 lesson
- 10.00 to 11.15 = Period 2 lesson
- 11.15 to 11.45 = Extended breaktime
- 11.45 to 12.45 = Tutor time (Christmas panto and various other tutor time activities)
- 12.45 = School ends for Christmas holidays

## Tutor Time – Week of 5th December

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** – Christmas Jumper Day - <https://charliewaller.org/>. We raised money on the non-uniform day for the Charlie Waller organisation.
- **Wellbeing Tip** – ‘Do activities outdoors’
- **Safeguarding (Sharing of nude/semi-nude images and sexting)** – Year 8 to 11 had a session on the dangers of sharing nude and semi-nude images on social media and the impacts this could have on individuals and their futures.
- **CAMHS Best Version of You** – Year 7 working on session 12 which looked being proud to be them.
- **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:

- 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*

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## Wellbeing tip of the week:

Do activities  
outdoors

Take a walk in green space. If you enjoy writing in a journal, try doing this outside. Eat meals outdoors. Have a picnic in a local park, or sit in a garden if you have one. Exercise outside. Go beachcombing. This might be something you could enjoy doing with other people.

### House Music, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

This event is due next Wednesday (please see the Headteacher's note above). Students should come to school in school uniform at 8:15AM and go straight to the Music Block to help move equipment and set up in the Main Hall. Their teachers are aware that they will spend the day in the tech rehearsal and with the House Music adjudicator and Music staff.

At 3:10pm, students should go home as normal, but should return for the evening concert, dressed in **ALL BLACK performing dress code**. They should bring their instruments and sheet music with them too and arrive at the latest, by 6pm.

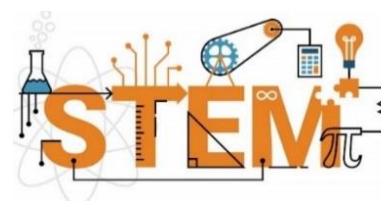
Tickets are available via Scopay. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the interval. Awards will be announced at the very end of the concert after which, I would be grateful if your children could help us tidy up and put the equipment back in the Music Block.

Please, remind your children that a selection of sweets/biscuits will be available for all House Music participants on Friday break time in M1 on 'first come, first served' basis. I hope that you will be able to join us in the audience on 14<sup>th</sup> of December; it would be lovely to see you there.

*Tanja Pejovic, Music Department*

### STEM Masterclass: Creating Art with Fractals

At the STEM master class this week we started by looking at several real-life examples of fractals including snowflakes and also some art and computer-generated designs from an online search. The first photo here is the artwork that I created a few years ago with some students.



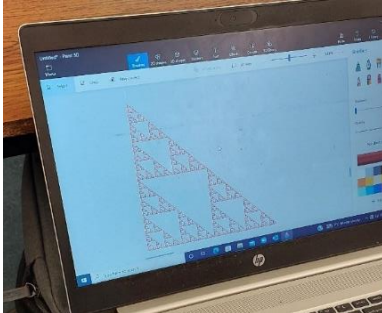
Our first artwork practical was using acrylic paint and Perspex sheets.



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Then the students used the Paint3D software to generate two different fractals.



It was a really great way of combining mathematical concepts with art in a few different ways.

*Mrs James and Mr Craggs, Maths Department*

## A reminder of the next STEM Master Class-

Wed 14th Dec 3.10 to 4.15pm C21

Mr Ross

### Building a Solar System

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## This Weeks' Sports Results

It was a quiet week for fixtures with the Year 8 game being cancelled and the Year 9 game due to be played this evening.



However, this week we had some fantastic recall lessons in our theory classes which you can see if you follow the Yateley PE twitter profile. @YateleySchoolPE. Give us a follow and see what the exam classes have been getting up to this week.

## Next Week In PE:

### Monday

Year 10 Football Vs Weydon (A)

### Tuesday

Year 7 Basketball Vs Tomlinscote (A)

### Thursday

Year 9 Basketball Vs Wavell (H)

## Other Sporting info:

England take on France on Saturday in our quarter final, KO 19:00. Make sure you tune in and support the men's football team.

*Mr Wills, PE Department*

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Form	Sixth Form Christmas Party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7	Year 7 Disco (CAMPS International)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas House Music (19.00 – 22.00)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School finishes at 12.45
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	-	Start of the Spring Term
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7	Year 7 Parents' Evening Booking System opens at 5pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Whole School	INSET Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 7	Year 7 Parents' Evening (online)

## Maths Corner 13

### The Pole in the Lake

There is a pole in a lake. One-half of the pole is in the ground, another one-third of it is covered by water, and 11 feet is out of the water. What is the total length of the pole in feet?



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 12 – Shopkeepers Problem**  
20.56%

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## Yateley School – Job Advert



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### Learning Together – Empowered for Life

**Job Title:** Catering Assistant  
**Salary:** £10.50ph – £20,252 FTE  
**Working Time:** Part Time – 20 hours per week- Term Time only Monday to Friday

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.

Could you be part of our friendly team, ensuring students eat a tasty and healthy meal each day? As a Catering Assistant working in a busy school kitchen, you'll help prepare, cook and serve lunch to pupils. You'll also carry out other kitchen tasks, including cleaning, and setting up and clearing the school dining hall or eating areas.

In this varied role you'll also need to:

- Put away deliveries, rotate stock and carry out quantity, temperature and quality checks
- Follow specified portion control guidelines and special dietary requirements
- Encourage the children to try a variety of food
- Make packed lunches for school trips
- Handle cash on occasions, following our strict guidelines
- Keep to Yateley School and Hampshire County Council health and safety, food safety and hygiene procedures

If you have experience of working in a catering environment that would be an advantage, but it's not essential.

For the successful candidate we can offer:

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

**Closing date:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Application forms available on our website <https://www.yateleyschool.net/vacancies/> or paper copies can be collected from main school reception. Completed applications should be returned to [applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk) or drop in to reception.

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## Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

First Steps Nursery  
Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

Closing date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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 by 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](mailto:applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

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## Home from Home Manager

First Steps Nursery  
Home from Home Manager

Closing date: 6th January 2023  
Salary: Grade D: £23,703 FTE  
Contract: Permanent 40 weeks / 26 hours per week  
Start Date: As soon as 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

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Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258

**Become a  
Youth  
Ambassador**



**ARE YOU AGES 8-16 AND WANT TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**Why don't you take part in Spotlight UK's Youth Social Action  
Project and become Spotlight UK Youth Ambassadors!**

**All youth ambassadors will get the chance to take part in:**

**FREE** paddle board sessions in April 2023,

**FREE** Inflatable water park in 2023

**FREE** tickets to our youth ambassadors fun day

**FREE** unlimited use of inflatables/bouncy castles all day in  
May 2023.

**Each Youth Ambassador will help by :**

**Volunteering in their community or helping with Spotlight events locally.  
Fundraising for Spotlight UK to enable us to support more children, young  
people, families, elderly residents in their community.**

**Campaign and raise awareness across the area of Spotlight's work.**

**Bronze Certificate - 10 hours volunteering, 10 hours Fundraising, 10 hours  
Campaigning**

**Silver Certificate - 20 hours volunteering, 20 hours Fundraising, 20 hours  
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**Gold Certificate - 30 hours volunteering, 30 hours Fundraising, 30 hours  
Campaigning.**

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## Help Our Servicemen

### Collection point!

Please Donate Toiletries for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

#### Collection point at:

Morrisons, Summit Ave, Southwood,  
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We need things like razors, deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner. Please help if you can.

For More Information contact us at  
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YOUR CHILD CAN  
NOW JOIN THEIR  
OWN ROCK BAND!



**Enrol today!**

Visit [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com) or call 0330 174 2655

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are now taking bookings for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

## How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.
- The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- **\*NEW\*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

The highlight of your child's week for £35.95 a month. Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com), email [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com) or call 0330 174 2655. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin  
Founder  
iRock School of Music



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His dad and I are very impressed and this is really  
helping his confidence!

PROUD PARENT



REGISTER  
NOW!

