

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers

Whatever you might see in the national news headlines, it may be some consolation to know that your school is in fine form and that this week has seen a healthy dose of optimism, talent and compassion in equal measure.

Having overcome the inevitable teething issues of getting used to wearing face coverings once again, the students (and staff) have accepted the inevitable and have now been arriving suitably equipped and wearing them as directed. Obviously, for Year 7 students, this is a new delight in their lives! Thank you for your support with this and as things currently stand, I can't see the situation changing much until well into the New Year.



Similarly, by the time parents/carers read this, you will have seen my communication via School Comms regarding Lateral Flow testing at the start of term. Clearly any arrangements of this kind are very much provisional, as who knows what the national situation will be by then. However, I hope that a bit of prior warning will be helpful and enable families to make suitable arrangements. Thank you for your patience with us over this, we are trying to minimise disruption and lost learning time.

Thank you also for the overwhelming support over the much more stringent rules regarding mobile phone use in school. The students have been brilliant and that must, in part at least, come from strong support at home. Parents have contacted us to say that they are glad to see that students are actually encouraged to talk to each other and enjoy social time rather than screen time. The few worries and concerns about the ability to contact home have been addressed and the students have been very mature and responsible about the whole thing. Device use (BYOD) is way better than it used to be – students are remembering them and using them - and so there is little or no need for phones at all within school.



Step-by-step appeal.



So... A picture can tell a thousand words? Certainly, the fundraising by our wonderful students for the Step-by-step charity has been extraordinary and showed a depth of feeling and compassion to those who are less fortunate and face an uncertain Christmas. Under the leadership of Mrs K James, they have amassed 150+ individually wrapped Christmas parcels for families in need and supplied a huge amount of non-perishable food for distribution. It took the volunteers much of Tuesday morning to load cars

and to take the donations away! On top of all that, they've raised a whopping £1113 to add to the donation. I am so proud of our amazing students and their generous families to make such a significant contribution. The volunteers from Step-by-step were hugely impressed and very grateful.

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Sixth Form

Maintaining the thread of keeping you updated with the exciting destinations and opportunities for our brilliant Sixth Formers, we are really pleased to announce and congratulate Deputy Head Girl Megan Scotford for securing an interview with the prestigious University of Birmingham School of Medicine to go and study Medicine next year. Needless to say, this is a great achievement so far and we're really proud of Megan and wish her every success.

We took great delight in hosting our first ever Y9 Options question and answer session on Thursday 9th of December, although disappointed that we were not able to host it live as first intended. It was a well-attended evening with over 100 families joining us to ask questions to our subject specialists before students make their option choices in early January. We are very proud of our option system, not least because we maintain great breadth across GCSE as we allow our students to pick four options as opposed to the three that most schools permit.

This allows Yateley students to study a range of highly academic qualifications alongside exciting vocational options as well. If there are any remaining questions about the options process (from parents or students!) then you are encouraged to contact peter.hill@yateley.hants.sch.uk (Deputy Head – Curriculum).

House Drama



Although we missed the full halls and a live audience of family and friends, we were delighted to welcome House Drama back for the first time in two years. The Houses excelled themselves, with though provoking, well executed and brilliantly acted pieces. The young casts were amazing, matched only by the brilliance of our amazing Sixth Form, 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. Above all, I'm sure it had the impact which is so special to the House system of enabling older students to lead and for younger students to be inspired by brilliant role models. Well done!

AWARDS

Best Supporting Actress - Jasmine Brummage. Pankhurst.
Best Supporting Actor - Jonathan Moores. Wilberforce.
Best Actress - Olivia Doe. Darwin.
Best Actor - Cooper Shambrook. Wilberforce
Best team player - Olivia Moore. Nightingale
Best overall House - WILBERFORCE



Unsurprisingly, and well deserved therefore, the **student stars of the week** are the Wilberforce house captains:

Cobi Shambrook	William Moores
Louis Double	Harry Jarvis
Isobel Anstey	Ella Baxter.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Dr Case has been meeting with a range of year 11 students this week - these are some of the tips she has been going over with them.

Below is a list of favourite GCSE revision tips and techniques. Implementing just a few of these tips and tricks can have a huge impact in the quality of your child's revision.

Create a study space

Consider the place in which they will study; working in an organised space which will undoubtedly make the revision for mocks easier. Ideally using a separate space to their bedroom allows them to focus away from distractions such as their mobile phones!

Plan a revision timetable

This should be done by looking at the week and including the social activities that they have. Then the timetable is realistic and workable. Ideally, completing 3-4 hours a day. They can make their own or find a template with a quick google search. The students also can use an app called [adapt](#).

GCSE mock exam papers

Students should use a range of resources to aid revision. We are big believers in doing past papers and exam questions for revision. Nothing beats doing what they will face in the exam. It is easy to not to push yourself when revising and stick to what you already know. **But** that doesn't help you improve; past papers can be found online and students should use the mark schemes to assess them. This ensures that they are familiar with the syllabus and begin to include the key phrases often seen in the mark scheme.

Take notes in class

Spend time going over class notes. What can they recall? Also, read your notes and if there is something they don't understand find out or ask their teacher to explain it again the [National Academy](#) has lessons they can access from home taught by specialist teachers with quizzes at the start and end to measure progress.

GCSE revision guide and knowledge organisers

Use specific revision aids for their subject, make sure they know the exam board and get books that support the board they are using.

Each book has course notes and knowledge in the first half of the book. It is broken down into sections that helps them understand the key points. The second part of the book has questions to test knowledge and prepare them for the exam. The answers are included which is pretty essential at this stage!

Students have access to [knowledge organisers](#) that will help them with the raw knowledge that is needed for the exams. These have been shared with the them on Satchel One.

Mark their own work

Coming on to the answers, it is good practice to mark the work themselves, revisiting anything they have not fully understood, look at why and redo it until they have got it sorted.

Past papers and markschemes can all be found on exam board websites. Plus, their teachers will be more than happy to point them in the right direction, finding mark schemes, after all they want you to get in some revision for GCSEs

Slow and steady...

Finally remember the tortoise and the hare fable, slow and steady will get to the finishing line. Keep going, keep considering the finishing line and help them plan on how they are getting there. This is why it is the smart student who knows when is the best time to start revising for GCSE exams.

By revising in earnest throughout the Christmas break you are giving yourself the best chance of success.

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HOUSE

DARWIN

NIGHTINGALE

Maths

WILBERFORCE

PANKHURST

Competition

October 18 to 22

In the table are the scores achieved and the average points per student. Overall winning House is **WILBERFORCE**. Best tutor groups are 7Pankhurst and 8Wilberforce. Top ten individuals:

1	James WALLER	250 pts
2	William JACOB	96 pts
3	Ishita METHI	49 pts
4	Noah ARGYLE-WALKER	44 pts
5	Harshul METHI	42 pts
6	Oliver CASSELTON	39 pts
7	Gabriella KÖBUS	32 pts
8	Lois TIGOT	32 pts
9	Teodor RICHEV	32 pts
10	Katherine MELLOR	32 pts

Students received their certificates this week. Many thanks again to all who took part this year. Mrs James.

Step by Step donations

I am delighted to let you know that this morning a Representative from Step by Step came to school to take receipt of hundreds of cans of food and 150 Christmas gift boxes as well as a monetary donation for the charity. This means that all the people who they support will get a gift and a food package for Christmas, which is wonderful.

On top of this I was able to take 50 Christmas gift boxes to a cafe owner in Reading who is feeding the homeless on Christmas day. As well as getting a hot meal from him they will now receive a present from us.

I cannot begin to thank you and your children enough, and I know your generosity will be appreciated by these people who have, quite literally, nothing.



Many, many thanks

Karen James

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YATELEY VOLUNTEERS

During this pandemic we have been very much reliant on a dedicated group of volunteers who have been assisting with lateral flow testing the students at Yateley school.

The Department of Education have requested that we do a single test in school, to keep everyone safe when they return after the Christmas break.

We will be doing this all day on Tuesday 4th January and we need your help.

We can give you access to the online NHS training module which is a series of video and confirmation questions and, we will give you the correct equipment to keep you safe. We are a reasonably well - oiled machine and will team you up with someone who is an experienced tester.

If you have a couple of hours free on Tuesday 4th January then please register on this link [Here](#)

Thanks!

Yateley School Admin team

This week's sports results

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Both of our KS3 Badminton teams competed in their respective district tournaments this week. Both teams played really well competing in a mixture of single and doubles games and we finished 2nd on both occasions. A huge well done to all students that took part.

Fixtures the week beginning 13th December

Monday 13th - U13 basketball v Amery Hill @ home.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

Reporting Absences

From January 2022 Yateley School is going to change the way absences are reported to make it more streamlined and efficient.

Absences are now going to be reported using the following email address:

attendance@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Any absence should be reported by 9.00am and include the following information:

- Name of your child
- Their form
- The reason for their absence and if you know it will be longer than a day, how long you expect the absence to be.

Until 14th January, the phone line, school gateway and admin email inbox will be monitored for absence messages but after that they will not be checked any longer.

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Mrs K Ellis, Attendance Officer

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Eddie Mullins

Ishita Methi

Jack Anstey

Jared Yip

Oliver De La Haye

Oliver Spencer

Beth Nwachukwu

Elliott Downer



FOR DESIGNING AND MAKING DECORATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

Design and Technology Department

CHRISTMAS HOUSE MUSIC – Wednesday 15th December 2021



Due to recent covid related developments, we shall hold this event for a smaller, internal and selected audience. All participants will be expected to arrive to school on Wednesday, 15th of December 2021 between 8:15 and 8:30am. Students should be dressed in their ALL BLACK performing dress code as explained in my previous correspondence. They should bring their instruments, all needed performing equipment, sheet music and backing tracks (if required) on clearly labelled USBs.

Students should go straight to the Music Block to help setting up of the Main Hall. During daytime, each house will perform their concert and Mr Davis and myself will rehearse it and video it. House Rock Choir, Jazz Band and I Rock Bands (latter ones are led by amazing Mr Luke Banerji) will also rehearse, perform and will be videoed.

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We have over 45 separate items of precious music to record so it is vital that all participants are clear on the arrangements for the day, so that both rehearsal and live performances run smoothly. Performers will be each other's audience and will stay in the Main Hall all day.

This year's adjudicator is Mr J Ellis. Rewards and winners will be announced at the very end of the school day. Year 11 captains and year 10/6th form co-captains will help us to put all equipment safely away back in the Music Block at the very end.

Mr Davis will edit this year's Christmas House Music and make it available for parents, students and staff to view it via a secure link. We hope that in the safety of your home, with a warm cuppa and a company of your family, you will watch and listen an absolutely huge amount of beautiful music that has poured out of our students on this occasion. Equally, we hope to entertain you and make your Christmas just a bit more 'christmassy'!

Please, ensure that you complete and submit the written and electronic approval form (that has been e-mailed to you by our Admin team) to record and film your child's performance by Monday, 13th of December. We regret that students will not be able to take part in virtual House Music without written parental agreement

Merry Christmas to you all...

Ms T Pejovic, Music Department



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Family Swimming sessions
during open weekend
10.30am-12pm

20th - 31st December
everyday 11am-1pm

Adult £5.50, Child £3.50, Family £16.00

Yateleys Health and Fitness **FAMILY OPEN WEEKEND** 18th-19th December

Join before the family weekend and pay
nothing until January 2022

Membership offers on sale during the weekend

- FREE family swimming during our open weekend
- FREE gym sessions
- FREE group exercise classes

donations to Vision for Youth appreciated



Yateleys Health and Fitness School Lane Yateley GU46 6NW
(01252) 746962 - class bookings essential
Terms and Conditions apply

Maths Corner 12

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 Intrest
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