

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers

This bulletin will arrive as we draw this long term to a close. It has been a tiring term of course, but a hugely rewarding one too. 240 Year 7s have joined us from September and made an outstanding start and we've brought all of the events of our busy calendar back into play (and some new ones too).

We're busily preparing for public exams, have reinitiated our massive extra-curricular programme, have driven forward with school improvement and gone on building this amazing community. It has

been immensely rewarding and I'm very proud of what our community has achieved; students; staff; parents. As we prepare for the holiday period, I'd like to take a moment to thank my amazing staff team who always go the extra mile and who make this extraordinary place tick and function right up to the last minute. Our students are superb and such a joy to teach and a real credit to the fantastic families that we are privileged to have as part of the Yateley School community. I would like to wish you all a merry, restful and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year in 2023.



Year 7 Disco Thanks to Ms Ford and the assistance of a number of Year 7 tutors – and very importantly students involved in fundraising for the forthcoming Camps International trip to Costa Rica, we were able to run a great Disco for a good number of our wonderful Year 7 students.

A great time was had by all; there were sweets aplenty and those brave dance moves became more obvious as the

evening wore on. My thanks to Ms Ford, Ms Vinci, Mrs Goldwater, Mrs Thorn, Mr Ross, Mrs McCarthy and the sound and lighting maestro – Tom Gudgeon in 10DN



House Music 2022 House Music was a real highlight this year on Wednesday evening. With nearly 30 separate performances, it was a very full programme, but a very varied one too. Stunning musicianship was on display with some absolutely virtuoso performances from our talented musicians. As always, it is a house competition, so friendly rivalry is on display. However, perhaps one of the most important aspects is seeing young people clearly enjoying performing together, the camaraderie and the obvious mutual support for each other. There are firsts among equals however and the roll of honour is as follows:

- 1) Junior Musician: Charlie Jones (Nightingale)
- 2) Senior Musician: Elliot Casselton (Nightingale) and Olivia O'Reilly (Darwin)
- 3) Best Original Composition: Hayley Wabyona (Darwin)
- 4) Catch 22/Breathe Award: NightPankForce and Elliott

(year 13/Sixth Form Band) - Brodie Walker, Sam Yung, James Stark and Elliott Downer



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5) Overall House Winner: **Darwin**

My thanks to Ms Pejovic, Mr Davis and the many other staff behind the scenes for making the event run and bringing it all to life.

Sixth Form - Yateley Sixth Form never sleeps! We have had our Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, the Christmas



quiz, the Christmas Party and we began interviews this week for students joining us in September, 2023. Not to mention Yr13 students receiving some brilliant offers from Universities: forty-eight offers have already been received with responses from universities being faster than ever before! We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the strength of their applications! A particular congratulations to Ella Morrison who has been invited to interview at Leeds University to study Dentistry.



Tuesday night saw our Sixth Form Christmas Party. It was great way to send our students off to the Christmas break after a hard term's work with a little celebration and plenty of dancing!



Business Studies – Christmas Fair - Our Year 10 Business Studies students showed their impressive entrepreneurial skills during our inaugural Christmas Fair held on Thursday. Having invested their own money and worked hard through the term on setting up their own business, they used the opportunity to sell a range of festive products to students and staff throughout the morning. Important lessons were learned in marketing, finance and sales and every group made a profit. We are sure we will see their names amongst the successful entrepreneurs of the future! Other year groups toured the show in large numbers buying the products and thoroughly enjoying the experience. My thanks to Miss Nicholson for organising the event.

Food Technology - We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our year 10 food students. In typical



Yateley fashion and showing the 'Great British Bake-off a thing or two, they blew us away with their enthusiasm by producing this fantastic Gingerbread Village. This whole village was put together by the students, including the baking of the gingerbread, and the diligence displayed in the construction was a joy to



behold. A Gingerbread house is a difficult thing to put together so everyone deserves praise, however, it was a competition, so special mention to our winners and runners up:

Winner: Scarlett Henderson 10PN

Runners Up: Alex Edwards 10WN and Katie Monger 10NN

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Also pictured and with some similarly impressive bakes – this time Yule Logs - are Mrs Buttle's Year 8 Food Tech class. Particularly notable and encouraging is the number of decorations that have been entirely made by hand. Congratulations to all involved.

Staff leaving. In an effort to spread a bit of seasonal cheer, my faithful elves and I set upon the task of distributing a hot chocolate and snack to each of our staff. It was a herculean task, but brought a bit of good spirit and despite a few spillages and some marshmallows going astray, no reindeer were hurt in this enterprise!

However, it is my sad, but necessary duty at this point in the year to bid farewell to staff leaving and wish them well in their future endeavours. I will leave mentioning their replacements by name until January, although I want to reassure parents that I am delighted with our appointments; with strong and specialist staff recruited ready for the off. Off to pastures new are Mrs Wickens in History and Mrs Millington Lee in Science. They leave with our sincere thanks and very best wishes.



Student Stars of the week. Our student stars of the week this week are Mason Harvey (8WS) and Jake Patterson (8WN). competed at the weekend at the British Judo Championship which was held at the Sheffield Institute of Sport.

Both of them fought superbly and with real tenacity in their respective weight categories and Jake managed to win a bronze medal. Although Mason didn't medal, he gained very valuable experience at this level, which was his first year at national level and age group. Mason's Dad, is the assistant coach at the Camberley Judo Club where the boys train, along with ex Olympian

and Commonwealth Games champion Danny Williams. Both of the boys have worked extremely hard this year and have really put in the effort during training and especially when they have competed in various competitions across the country. Congratulations!



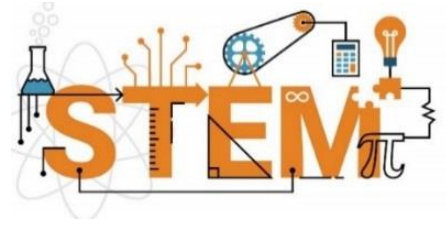
Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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STEM Masterclass: Building a Solar System

If you had to build a solar system, how big should it be? How do we make sure our planets are the correct size? How far away should they be? Well this week, students from years 7-10 made their own planets, calculating how big they needed to be. We were surprised to find out how tiny the Earth is compared to Jupiter, or how massive Neptune is compared to Venus. After making our planets it was time to travel out into space (the playground) and see how far apart these planets should be. We had a little cluster of planets hugging the Sun (see photo) but the outer planets (the students) were so far away in the distance. Space is **big!**



Mr Ross (Maths Department)



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Gift Bags

This week students successfully delivered 118 gifts bags to the elderly residents of Yateley. All were very grateful for the effort and care put in by our students. Thank you everyone for your very kind donations. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Mrs S Short, Head of Nightingale



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 16 th December	-	School finishes at 12.45
Tuesday 3 rd January	-	Start of the Spring Term
Thursday 26 th January	Year 7	Year 7 Parents' Evening Booking System opens at 5pm
Tuesday 31 st January	Whole School	INSET Day
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 7	Year 7 Parents' Evening (online)

Maths Corner 14



Estate Agents Problem



Ann purchased a house for £135000.
She wants to sell it for a profit of exactly 12%.
However, she does not want to sell it herself. She wants an Estate Agent to sell it for her. The Agent must make a commission of exactly 5.5% (in addition to Ann's 12% profit). How much must the Agent sell the house for? Give your answer to the nearest Pound.

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 13 – The Pole in the Lake
66 feet

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Yateley School – Job Advert

Job Title: Science Technician
Salary: C Grade £21,190-£22,215 FTE
Working Time: Full Time - 37 hours per week- Term Time only

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.

Yateley is a successful 11-18 comprehensive school. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic Science Technician to join our busy Science department. Currently our technician team consists of 2 Technicians and one Senior Technician | all of whom have a wide range of experience. The department itself is housed in a purpose built block with 10 laboratories and 3 prep rooms.

The successful candidate will work under the direction of the Senior Technician supporting the delivery of high quality teaching and learning by meeting the practical requirements of the Science curriculum.

They must be organised, flexible, have the capacity to work well within a team and have good ICT skills. Previous experience in a laboratory environment is desirable, as is a qualification in Science and knowledge of chemical handling. Ideally applicants should have:

- An aptitude for, and good working knowledge of Science.
- A relevant qualification (e.g. GCSE or A level) in Science.
- Experience of working in an educational environment.
- A knowledge of health & safety regulations.
- A genuine passion and belief in the potential of every student.
- The ability to relate to young people and adults in the learning environment.

What We Can Offer You

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 9th January 2023 15.00pm

Application Procedure

If you are interested in applying for the position, application forms are available on our web site <https://www.yateleyschool.net/vacancies/> completed forms should be sent to applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Closing is 9th January 2023 15.00pm

P. German
Headteacher

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

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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.

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Closing date: 5th January 2023

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Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

First Steps Nursery
Nursery Nurse/Nursery Assistant

Closing date: 6th 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 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: 6th January 2023
Salary: Grade D: £23,703 FTE (£12.29ph)
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.
Job share considered for suitable candidate.

Are you enthusiastic and hardworking? 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
- Level 3 qualification – desirable

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Blue Sky Club

Its youth club, but calmer



Our doors are open for
neurodiverse young people
aged 11-18

Some Wednesdays 7-8pm
(please email us for dates)

Pool, table tennis, air hockey
table football & loads more
snacks, drinks, chill out area



Numbers are limited, contact
office@vision4youth.org.uk
to book your place or for
more info

The Tythings Youth Suite
Yateley GU46 7RP
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