

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers,

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This bulletin will arrive as we draw this long term to a close. No two days, let alone two terms are the same in school (that's one of the reasons it's such a great place to work), but this latest period has been like no other. Wrestling with the pandemic, pressures of preparing for public exams, reinitiating extra-curricular activity, driving forward with school improvement and building this amazing community has been immensely rewarding and also quite draining. 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. May I wish you all a happy, restful and joyful Christmas and every good fortune for 2022?



practice.

**Christmas House Music.** In the same spirit as last week's House Drama, this week we were treated to a plethora of wonderful live music on Wednesday. It took all day to hear and record more than 40 performances from all four Houses, Yateley School Jazz Band, House Rock Choir and three IRock bands. This was a result of almost 4 months of daily rehearsals, led by music staff, year 11 captains and year 10/12 co-captains. A lot of students' personal time was also invested in variety of arrangements, composition and



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**Overall House Winner: Darwin**

We will publish video highlights for parents early in the New Year.

**Gifts to the elderly in Yateley**



Mrs Short has once again worked

wonders in organising and collecting an amazing collection of gifts for elderly people in our community. She and I want to congratulate and thank everyone for their superb contributions to our Christmas Gift bags. We managed to send 105 bags full to the brim with goodies to Fiske Court and Hedge Croft in Yateley. The residents were delighted with the gifts and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the students we took along to hand them out. A special thank you to:

Harry Bevan, Leo Alberici, Dougie Bardsley, Charlotte Dixon, Evie Wilson, Olivia Moore, Sophie Price, Ben Meadows, Frankie Scully and Steve Sewell. We were delighted to have them representing Yateley School and showing the residents of Fiske Court and Hedge Croft what lovely and polite students we have. What's more, they can't wait to see us again next year!

**Staff leaving** It is my sad, but necessary duty on occasion to bid farewell to staff leaving and wish them well in their future endeavours, whether it is moving for promoted posts, retirement or relocation. 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.

Mrs Ali Danelutti has served this school brilliantly; latterly as Assistant Head of House for Darwin and Pankhurst, formerly just with Darwin and in other roles before that. Any families who have felt the benefit of her pastoral care will know that nothing is too much trouble for Ali and she lives and breathes her work in the school. She has had extraordinary impact and many young people have her to thank for their smooth path through school and her guidance in all aspects of their life. Ali will be exceptional wherever she goes and will be much missed by all of us here. Miss Sandra Berry leaves us after more than seven years in this school. She has been a mainstay of the Maths department and has nurtured and cajoled countless young people through their GCSE and on into A' Level. She is an exceptionally knowledgeable and effective teacher and will be much missed as she takes her career to the next step at Farnham Sixth Form College.

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Mr James Irving heads off to pastures new after six and a half years. The picture shows the celebratory cake baked by Evie McDonnell 11WN and friends to show their appreciation. James has been a very versatile and impactful teacher in the Science department; in Biology and Chemistry and at GCSE, A Level and BTEC. He has also made his mark – especially in the Sixth Form as a tutor. James got a well-deserved taste for Senior Leadership having enjoyed a successful secondment on our team here at Yateley School. On the strength of that, he has secured a well-earned promotion to Assistant Headteacher at the Fareham and Gosport MAT. We wish him every success.



These terrifying images can only mean one thing – it's Yateley School Panto once again. The students have

had the 'pleasure' of seeing staff make fools of themselves for the pantomime (loosely) based on Cinderella. It is a mark of Mr Matt Davis' technical genius, that in this virtual world we now inhabit, he can splice together the most talentless dross into something that is laugh out loud funny. Well at least I thought it was! A great way for tutors and tutor groups to round off the term.



**Student Star of the Week.** Peter James 11WN (Senior Musician award winner) is a formidable bassist and as played for many years now. His skill set is at Grade 6 and higher because he constantly plays, arranges and listens to variety of musical genres in order to broaden his technique. From the very start, back in year 7/8, he joined our school's Jazz Band. He also rehearses the Wilberforce House Band, helping other students with their own parts too. Peter also plays in the band that accompanies Yateley School's Rock Choir and helps with the arrangements. He volunteers a huge amount of his personal time to the music life in our school. His quiet presence and impressive bass technique commands respect from everyone who knows him and listens to his music. Peter studies GCSE Music where he has learnt to arrange and compose with flair and style. Being the versatile young man that he is, he is a keen and impressive footballer too!

Yours sincerely  
Paul German

Headteacher

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## MFL

It's been a busy term for Year 7 in French with lots of activities happening:

Well done to all those Year 7s who baked and decorated biscuits for our German biscuit competition. The standard was so high and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the wonderful entries - despite not being able to eat them! There was such a gorgeous variety of shapes, colours and decorations that it was very difficult to decide. However, we all agreed on Alys Price's biscuits because of all the work she had obviously put into them.

On 6th December St Nicholas came to some of the Year 7 students during their lesson. They left their shoes by the Christmas tree in the language lab at the start of the lesson and at the end went back to find their shoes filled with stickers and sweets. Lucky children!

As a language teacher, there is nothing more heart-warming than seeing real exchange and communication happening between children of different countries, and the excitement that comes with each pen pal related activity. Here is a sample of the gorgeous letters one of our year 7 classes prepared and sent to our partner school Marcel Pagnol, in Martigues, near Marseille in France, and the superb letters and Christmas cards we received back from the French pupils. They have also introduced themselves on video to show off their pronunciation skills and of course, their Yateley school uniform!



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*Ms Karen McCabe, Head of MFL*

## 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](mailto: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.

*Mrs K Ellis, Attendance Officer*

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## This week's sports results

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Basketball -

U13 v Alderwood we won 51 - 19 POM F. Edwards

**THANK YOU**

This term has been amazing! In 13 weeks, our department has offered in excess of 172 hours of extra-curricular clubs and we have completed an additional 40 fixtures. This is all down to our wonderful students as the uptake for our extra-curricular programme has been phenomenal, with easily over 75 students a night staying behind to participate in sport. Well done to every one of you that has attended a club or been part of a team this term.

Merry Christmas from Everyone in the PE department. We hope you have a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

*Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education*



## STEM Ambassadors Master Classes

We have been delighted with the number of students attending our STEM Master Classes this half term and the feedback so far has been great, thank you. Please see below the program of Master Classes for the next half term. If your son/daughter is interested in attending any session please can you email us so that we can add to your list. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks

Miss Williams and the STEM Team

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.10- 4.15pm in C28**

Mrs Cobbold

**Artificial Intelligence**

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Jan- 3.10- 4.15pm in BWL**

Mrs Coffey

**Can paper really do this?**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.10- 4.15pm in A21**

Daniel Harris/ Mrs McCarthy

**Rat Dissection**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 3.10- 4.15pm A24**

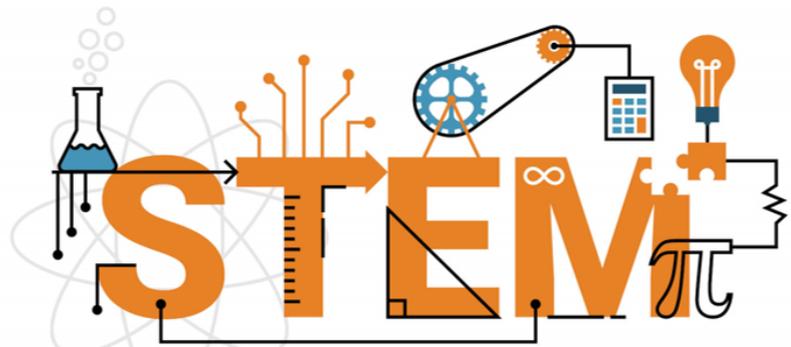
Mr Stacey

**Aeronautical Engineering- How planes fly.....**

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.10-.4.15pm**

Mrs Coakley

**Architecture and memory**



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.10-.4.15pm**

Jack Huggins/ Miss Williams

**Google Sketch up for Architecture**

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> March 3.10- 4.15pm in A21**

Mrs McCarthy

**Woodlice Behaviour**

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We hope that you will enjoy the video recordings in a warmth and safety of your home. Merry Christmas to you all!

*Ms Pejovic, Music Department*

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## Yateley School Ski Trip 2023

After a Covid-19 related hiatus, Yateley school is delighted to announce the return of the Yateley school ski trip in February 2023!!! A very popular trip – it is exciting to be able to offer this trip once again after the disruption to travel over the last year.

More details will be issued after Christmas break, so watch this space for further information.

Kind Regards

*Mrs Elaine Williams, Ski trip coordinator*



### Yateley School Ski Trip 2023

WE ARE GOING SKIING!!!!

WHERE: Italy

WHEN: February Half Term 2023

Further information will be released  
after the Christmas break!!!  
Watch this space!



***The ski trip will be open to those who are in the current Y9 cohort and above – so Y10 and above for the academic year Sept 2022 – Jul 2023.***

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## Dance Live 2022

It's been a busy term with Dance Live rehearsals happening every Monday afterschool. Our fabulous 6<sup>th</sup> form Dance Captains have been devoted to teaching the team their parts in the piece that is due to be performed in February 2022. As well as this, plans have been made for a team t-shirt to be designed for this years piece based on Romeo and Juliet as well as attending a workshop on how to create a film for a LED screen that will be the set for the piece. The captains have also been involved in designing and planning costumes for all the characters.

Here is a little sneak peak from some of the rehearsals...



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Well done to the whole team for being committed and working hard. Special thanks goes to the 6<sup>th</sup> form Dance Live Captains: Daniel Harris, Holly Humphries, Lauren Jones, Abi Millington, Rachel Plowman, Rebecca Rawlinson, Libby Smith, Megan Scotford. Rehearsals start back for everyone on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Year 9 Twilight Dance

The Year 9 Dance Class have had a successful term too, in October they performed live at the Lift Off Dance Gala at South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell. Here are some memories from the show...



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In Autumn Term, the class have been busy improvising and creating ideas for their new piece which will be entered into the Gremlin Dance Challenge at The Princes Hall, Aldershot in March 2022. This is a great opportunity for the students take some ownership of choreographing and working as a team to create a piece. The class runs for any student in Year 9 that would like to dance on Wednesdays in the studio from 3.10-4.10pm.

## House Dance Rehearsals

The rehearsals for this competition have started well, sadly there was not enough students from Wilberforce to make up a team this year, so only Nightingale, Darwin and Pankhurst will compete in the competition in March at school. Any keen dancers in Wilberforce who wanted to perform may join an existing team. Nightingale and Pankhurst rehearse afterschool on Tuesdays from 3.10-4.30pm and Darwin rehearse on Thursdays (same time). If your son or daughter is in Wilberforce and would like to join one of the other teams please email me for me to arrange this [helen.wearing@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:helen.wearing@yateley.hants.sch.uk).

Thank you to the Year 11 House Dance Captains for their dedication this half term: Neve Donohoe, Kiera Smith, Charlotte Bench, Livia Biddell, Rebecca Pomfreet and Natasha Atkinson.

In addition to this, I will be looking for a variety of other short performances to go into the Annual Dance Show in the new year which any students can audition for. I will send more details in January. Watch this space!

## GCSE Dance

Both Year 10 and 11 classes have expressed a desire to perform in the Annual Dance Show too, they have both worked hard in learning to different styles. Year 10 will perform a musical theatre number from

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'Hairspray' and Year 11 will perform a Charleston Dance! Year 10 have been busy learning about two professional works this term: A Linha Curva and Emancipation of Expressionism and Year 11 have successfully completed their performance exams as well as prepare for the GCSE Dance theory exam in the new year. Good luck year 11!



A Linha Curva performed by Rambert Dance Company



Emancipation of Expressionism by Boy Blue Entertainment

## Key Stage 3 Dance (Year 7 and 8)

It has been great to see Year 7 and 8 students working hard in their dance lessons. Year 7 students have started the term learning about Action, Space and Dynamics and then creating pieces inspired by Sport. Year 8 students have embraced a new dance style: African as well as explored 'The Gumboot Dance' and repertoire from 'The Lion King'. Great work by all.

*Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance*

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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

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## 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%**