

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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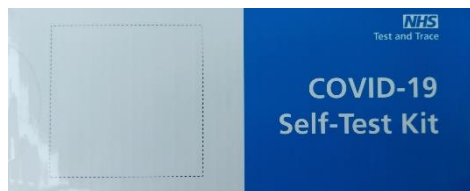
Dear Parents and carers,

It is my hope that this is the last you'll hear from me about Lateral Flow Tests! (Perhaps not). We have now conducted over 6000 in school and where some schools have reported take-up rates of around 50%, we had take-up of over 98%! The big in-school provision is now closed and we have retained a small testing area for emergency use only. I would like to take this public opportunity to thank the following:

- Firstly – our amazing colleagues and volunteers who staffed the whole thing and kept 10 testing bays running like clockwork over three successive sets of tests
- Second – the students, who without exception were courteous, responsive and grateful for the opportunity to keep themselves and the wider community safe
- And finally... you the parents and carers who have given us your full support throughout and without whom this could not have happened.

As we approach something that looks a little more like normal life, I am at pains to point out to the students and school community that we need to remain on our guard and that as warmer weather and the Easter holidays approach, we mustn't become complacent and let other measures like social distancing and hand hygiene slip. I am

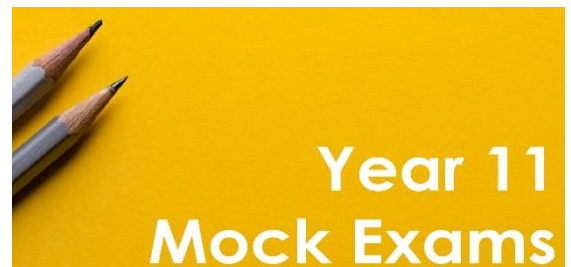
already hearing of schools where some students are being sent home to self-isolate and I'd dearly like to avoid that in Yateley School if possible.



By this stage your child should have come home with two boxes of home test kits (shown in the picture). If not, please contact the school and we can help. You can also order kits for home delivery [HERE](#).

I sent a separate School Comms on Tuesday with instructions for carrying out the tests and you should currently have enough supply to carry out six tests, starting this Sunday. We've suggested to students that they put a reminder on their phones for Sunday evening to remember to do it. They will certainly need adult supervision the first time they do it. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Not only have our Year 11 come back to LFD tests, they've also had to contend with **mock exams** which finished today. The students have been absolutely magnificent. The exams have run without a hitch and conduct has been impeccable. In the strange circumstances in which we find ourselves this year, we will look to build on their successes in the weeks to come and secure the best possible grade that we can.



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Prom 2011 Year 11 students and families are already aware, that (barring unforeseen problems) we are planning for prom to run as normal on the evening of Friday 2nd July 2021. Obviously, time is required to source those all-important outfits and arrange the varied, luxurious and sometimes just bizarre forms of transport, so we are giving as much notice as possible. Given also that this is a Yateley Community tradition to come and watch and support, please see this as advance notice.

Elevate Education. We're very pleased to announce that parents of our school have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series this year. Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

The next webinar is **Tuesday 23rd March 6pm – 7pm** with the theme of **technology and focus**. The webinar will focus on overcoming reliance on technology, how students can use technology productively to enhance their learning, and practical strategies for reducing procrastination and increasing focus.

Registration is essential and is free for parents of Yateley School.

You can register by clicking [here](#) or going to <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

The webinar is run live online from 6pm – 7pm where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

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World Book Day – Competition winners

Mrs Hood and Mrs Roaf write to tell me how impressed they have been with the standard of entries for the baking competition for World Book Day. Students were asked to decorate a biscuit with their favourite book character or book cover. After much deliberation, we decided that Darcy Houlihan, 7WS, was the winner for her beautifully decorated biscuits of 'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson. Joshua Argyle-Walker, 8DS, was the runner up with his depiction of Terry Pratchett's Discworld series.



Thanks to the Food Tech department for promoting this competition too.

Well done to all the students who entered the Book Emoji quiz - there were some tricky questions to answer! Joint winners were Lucie Williams, 7DN, and Hannah Carpenter, 9WN, who both achieved full marks! Nicolas Olmos, 7PS, came third, just one point behind the winners.

Achievement points will be awarded to all students who participated in the competitions, with additional prizes being awarded to the winners and runners-up.



Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher

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Girls Cricket at Yateley Cricket Club

Are you looking to meet new friends?
Do you love being part of a team?
Do you want to play a fun and exciting sport?

Come and join us and be part of our friendly club!
Training and matches from April onwards.

Contact Rachel rk.mcg@icloud.com to find out more.



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Maths Corner 16



First Day at School



It is your first day at school. The teacher suggests that it would be a good idea for each child to meet every other child in the class. The teacher said, "When you meet, please shake hands and introduce yourself by name."
If there were 20 children in the class, how many handshakes was there in total?

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 15 – Snail Problem

End of Day 13