

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,

There have, as you know, been very recent changes to the requirements on face coverings which were announced on Wednesday afternoon. We have responded quickly as you will be aware and essentially reverted to the expectations that were in place before Christmas. Students and staff need to wear face coverings in communal areas and their use in classrooms is not now mandatory – provided the room is sufficiently proportioned and properly ventilated. We have, however, continued to take the view that there are certain classroom situations when the wearing of face coverings is appropriate and this is up to the individual teacher to determine. Students need to continue having a mask available in school for the time being, but with the understanding that these requirements may well change soon. We will keep a very careful eye on the transmission rate in and around school and reserve the right to change our requirements if the situation deteriorates and we need to take further measures. As any changes emerge, we will of course inform you as quickly as we possibly can.

*** Students have been given a further box of Lateral Flow tests this afternoon to take home with them. Please help us by making sure that the twice weekly testing continues – ideally on Wednesdays and Sundays. ***



Work in the classroom has returned apace now that all of the mock exams are complete. Some very encouraging results are emerging from our Year 11 students and of course the Year 13s have finished their exams too and are returning to productive work in the classroom – hopefully with a renewed 'spring in their step'. Classes from both 'ends' of the school can be seen in the pictures, all equally engaged. Year 7 students in English and Year 13 in History. Despite all the difficulties recently, the core business of teaching and learning in the classroom is really secure and with it – we expect – success in the public exams this summer.



Our senior students have been working hard and like never before have been developing the impact of student voice across the school. They now have 4 dedicated focus groups with membership in all years. This fantastic video, put together by Head Girl Sophie Green summarises their areas of focus [CLICK HERE](#) which all mirror the national agenda. They are still taking new members and interested students can sign up

simply by attending – all details are in the video and later in this bulletin.



Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Yateley School Anti Bullying Ambassadors

At Yateley School, we have zero tolerance for bullying of any kind. We have the anti-bullying ambassadors in school that your child can talk to, but sometimes it's hard to start that conversation and, sadly, people may not realise what's going on. This is why combating bullying from home as well as school is needed. If you think your child is being bullied, there are links to resources that can help you look for signs and how to start a conversation with them. There is also a link to a resource about why children bully if your child is bullying

someone else as stopping bullies is needed just as much as people speaking up about being bullied.

Links to resources (some from Diana Award) are below:

- Yateley School Anti Bullying Policy – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Diana Award – Parents guide to bullying – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Diana Award – Ten signs that your child is possibly being bullied – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Diana Award – Why do people bully – [CLICK HERE](#)



Yateley School Student Focus Groups

At Yateley School, we pride ourselves in that fact that this school is the students school, and therefore it is vital that their voice is heard on all aspects of the school and its future development. To aid this we have the new four student focus groups which are led by key students in the Sixth Form. These groups each have a large representation of the students body from Year 7 to 11, Sixth Form and also staff members. There are regular meetings and discussion with development plans for the school for their focus area. We wanted to

make all parents aware of these groups and the great work that they do.

Student Group Information Video – [CLICK HERE](#)

Inclusivity and diversity

Topics of discussion:

- PSHE curriculum
- Neurodiversity
- Sexuality
- gender identity
- Sexual assault awareness
- Anti-racism initiatives

Meet every Wednesday Tutor Time in B1.3

Chairs of committee:
 Phoebe Shea
 Lauren Jones
 Holly Roberts
 Izzie Rowe
 Nigeetha Mayuran
 Hayley Smith

Student voice

Topics of discussion:

- Eco-friendly initiatives
- House ethos
- Funding designation
- Extra-curricular activities
- Clubs and competitions

Meet Monday Week A Tutor Time in B1.3

Chairs of committee:
 Sophie Green
 Tom Branch
 Megan Scotford
 Freddie Rutter

Anti-bullying ambassadors

Topics of discussion:

- Fundraising events
- Mentorship programmes
- Talking to care homes
- Talking to primary schools

Meet Monday Week A LunchTime B1.3

Chairs of committee:
 Amy Capp
 Katie Green
 Mark Smith

Wellbeing & Welfare

Topics of discussion:

- Stress management
- Extra-curricular activities
- Social events e.g quiz nights
- Mentorships programmes
- Revision techniques

Meet Friday Week A Tutor Time in B1.3

Chairs of committee:
 Holly Humphries
 Amy Capp
 Cobi Shambrook
 Jamie Adams

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Upcoming Dates of National Awareness Campaigns

In February there are numerous national focus campaigns which are related to young people. We will of course provide more details as these dates come closer, but we wanted to make you all aware of these dates now and share some useful resources with you all which you might find useful:

Time to Talk Day – Thurs 3rd Feb:

This day is about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends or colleagues about mental health. We all have mental health. By talking about it, we can support ourselves and others. Please see the below website for further details and lots of ideas and resources for all.

- Time To Talk – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mind – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Rethink – [CLICK HERE](#)

Safer Internet Day – Tues 8th Feb

The focus of the day is to draw attention to making the Internet a safer place for young people. Please see below for further resources.

- Safer Internet Day – [CLICK HERE](#)
- UK Safer Internet Day – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Better Internet for Kids – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Childnet – [CLICK HERE](#)

Children's Mental Health Week – Mon 7th Feb to Sun 13th Feb

This years theme of the week is 'Growing Together'. It will encourage young people and adults to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. Please see below for further resources.

- Place2Be – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mind – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Young Minds – [CLICK HERE](#)
- BBC Resources for Teaching and Support – [CLICK HERE](#)



Uniform Expectations – Face mask update

Based on the changes from the government, we have updated the guidance to the uniform summary to include the new guidance around face marks. They are not needed in lessons now but all students should still have them and wear them around school in communal areas currently.

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| Do's | Don'ts |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Have a face mask and wear as required based on updated guidance (for example in communal areas, etc) ☑ Due to cold weather, layers are allowed under school uniform to keep warm and we would suggest thicker socks and tights where needed ☑ School trousers or skirts worn ☑ Tights which are plain navy blue, black or natural and warm enough ☑ Skirts should be knee length but can be slightly shorter due to growth ☑ Shirts should be worn with a tie, blouse does not require tie ☑ School jumper with correct house colour ☑ Shoes should be black, formal and polishable ☑ Have a warm and suitable outer coat with arms which is plain dark colour ☑ Hair which is neat and natural colours ☑ Jewellery that is either a wristwatch, single small stud in each ear ☑ Makeup must be discreet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Attend school without a face mask of your own ☒ Wear different/non school uniform due to cold weather (layer instead) ☒ Leggings, jeans/non-school trousers ☒ Skirts never more than 4 inches (10 cm) above the knee ☒ Wear a shirt without a tie ☒ Hoodies and any non-school jumper ☒ Trainers (unless medical evidence from medical professional provided) ☒ Coat which has large obvious badges, not plain dark colour, body warmers, jackets, etc ☒ Extreme hairstyles, non-natural colours, tramlines, etc ☒ Jewellery like bracelets, rings, earrings, more than a single small stud in each ear, nose studs, spacers, etc ☒ Nail extensions, nail polish, acrylic nails, false eyelashes, eye liner, lipstick, etc |

- Summary Guidance – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Detailed Uniform Guidance/Policy – [CLICK HERE](#)

Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture

Yateley School presents...

**Monday 14th &
Tuesday 15th
March
7pm, Main
Hall**

House Dance Competition & Show 2022

**Tickets will
go on sale in
February!**

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Dear Parents, if your child is a keen dancer, this is an opportunity for them to get involved! In addition to the House Dance Team entries to this year's competition 'And the theatre doors opened once more...', I am looking for solo, duet and small group dances to take part in the Dance Show. It has been a long time coming and it would be fantastic to see as many students take part as possible across all year groups including Yateley 6th form. If you are keen to take part, please come to the dance studio on **Monday 7th February at the start of lunchtime** to perform at least 1 minute of what you would like to dance. All dance styles are welcome, the more the merrier! If your child would like to use the dance studio to rehearse at lunchtimes to prepare for this, please tell them they can come on Mondays and Tuesdays starting next week, just bring kit!

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

This week's sports results

Netball -

Year 9 v Farnborough Hill A Lost 20-12

Year 10 v Farnborough Hill A Lost 40-10

Next Week's Fixtures

Tuesday 25th U15 Basketball Home V Alderwood.

Thursday 27th Year 7 and 8 Netball Home v Bohunt



Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Monday 10th January 2022

| | After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15 | Year Group | Venue |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Tuesday | Netball Training Basketball Club Swimming club | All Years Years 9&10 Year 7 Week A Year 8 Week B | Courts Sports Hall Pool |
| Wednesday | Basketball Fixtures Girls Football Club Cross country Period 7 | All Years All Years All Years Year 11 | ? Gym Gym B11 |
| Thursday | Netball Fixtures Basketball Club Rugby Club | All Years Years 7&8 Year 7-9 | Sports Hall Sports Hall Sports Hall |
| Friday | Badminton BTEC Clinic GCSE PE Clinic | All Years Year 10 Year 11 | Sports Hall A13 B11 |



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Homework Drop-In

This is a reminder that the Homework Drop-In runs from 3:10 pm to 4:30pm daily during term time in the Library Schoolroom. Students can stay for as long or as little as they wish. Mrs Roaf or I supervise these sessions and it is a great way for students to keep on top of their homework or revision.

Please note that students wishing to attend on Wednesdays or Thursdays must use back door entry via the library schoolroom.

All year groups are welcome.


Mrs Hood, School Library Manager



The Music department would thank all the students who performed in the Christmas House Music 2022. If you missed it, the video can be view via the link below.


[CHRISTMAS HOUSE MUSIC 2021 YS.mp4](#)

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YEAR 11, 12 & 13 STUDENTS



BE THE
BEST
YOU
CAN BE

Would you like help with Maths?

You can work through revision topics, exam questions and anything else at our drop in.

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| <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">GCSE</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Wednesday C2.1</p> | <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">A LEVEL</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">Thursday C2.6</p> |
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| Upcoming Important dates | | |
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| Thursday 3 rd February 2022 | Year 11 | Year 11 reports issued |
| Thursday 10 th February 2022 | Years 7, 12 & 13 | Years 7, 12 & 13 reports issued |
| Thursday 17 th February 2022 | Year 8 | Year 8 Reports issued |
| Thursday 17 th February 2022 | Year 7 | Year 7 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900 |
| Friday 18 th February 2022 | ALL | Last day at school before half term holidays – 1510 finish |
| Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February 2022 | ALL | Half term holidays |
| Thursday 3 rd March 2022 | Year 8 | Year 8 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900 |
| Thursday 10 th March 2022 | Year 10 | Year 10 reports issued |
| Monday 14 th March 2022 | ALL | House Dance and Annual Dance Show 2022. 1900 – 2100 |
| Wednesday 16 th March 2022 | ALL | INSET day |
| Thursday 17 th March 2022 | Year 10 | Year 10 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900 |

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- Group exercise classes £29.99 with 14 days priority booking
- Premium membership £34.99 with access to gym, swimming and group exercise classes and 14 day priority booking





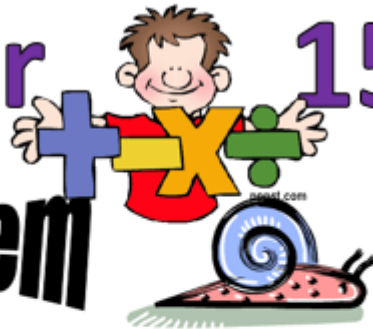
- Swim only available at just £22.99
- Early bird swimming 6.30am-8am Monday-Friday, evening swimming 8.30pm-9.50pm Monday-Thursday
- Family swimming every school holiday

Yateleys Health and Fitness, School Lane Yateley GU46 6NW
www.yateleys.com

Maths Corner 15



Snail Problem



A snail creeps 6 ft up a wall during the daytime. After all the labour it does throughout the day, it stops to rest a while... but falls asleep!! The next morning it wakes up and discovers that it has slipped down 2 ft while sleeping.

If this happens every day, how many days will the snail take to reach the top of a wall 54 ft in height?

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 14 – Estate Agent Problem

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