

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,

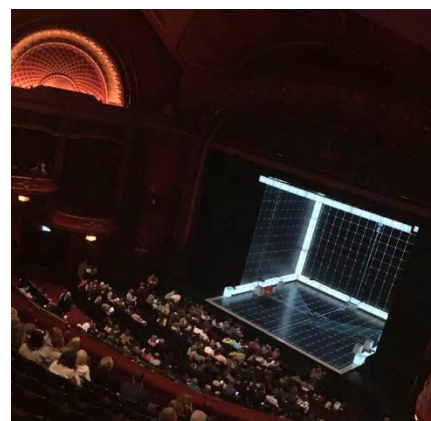
With slightly longer days and cautiously good news on the Covid front, it does feel like we're turning a bit of a corner and emerging from some of the constraints that have restricted us a bit recently. We're continuing to take a moderate and sensible approach to the wearing of face coverings – i.e. wearing them in the crowded indoor spaces such as the refectory and corridors for the time being. This is an operational decision that works for us in our setting and which we'll keep under constant review. We are bringing assemblies back shortly (see item below) and if case numbers and transmission allow us, I'll take a further decision about face coverings soon.

A welcome return to the Theatre!



One super indicator of improving times is the ability to watch live performances. Miss Tottman (*Head of the Drama Department*) writes that 'after a long 2 year break away from running trips to the theatre it was lovely to be able to host the first return trip last night. The Drama department took 54 students (studying GCSE and A level Drama) to The

Mayflower Theatre in Southampton to watch 'The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night-time'. The students were a credit to the school with excellent behaviour and they all had a great time - evidenced by their comments and singing repertoire on the journey home!! Thank you also to Emma Hall, Matt Davis and Lynne Goldwater who attended the trip with us. All in all, we had a great time and look forward to many more trips out!' I couldn't agree more and our thanks to Miss Tottman for getting the ball rolling...



Over the last week Satchel:one has undergone some excellent and improving updates. Use of the App is now huge and when you look at your child's homework on the App, you will now also be able to see their timetable, their attendance and their achievement points. If you are not able to log in to Satchel:one please contact admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk and we will help you get set up. There are also some help guides [HERE](#) to support you with this app.

satchel:one



Meet Rex, our newest member of staff! The adorable Rex is a Cavapoo – a breed which tends not to shed fur, are small and very even tempered. He joins us as a therapy dog. Therapy dogs in schools have a long track record of being amazingly helpful and children who are struggling can often find that contact and time with the dog can be the difference maker that enables them to cope. We have been doing work in recent months with therapy dogs and a number of children have really benefitted, sometimes spectacularly; discovering new found confidence and sometimes addressing other underlying worries and concerns. Don't be surprised if you see Rex around the place and your child may very well meet him in class.

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Calling stargazers... Budding astronomers at Yateley School will have a chance to learn more and hone their skills. Mrs McKerlie, ably assisted by Dr Case have acquired a school telescope, alongside their own and are encouraging students to join them and find out more. At the moment, this is being 'road-tested' by the Year 13 BTEC Scientists, but the equipment will be useable by other students from next week. Anyone interested – students or staff – should speak to Mrs McKerlie.



Student star(s) of the week. As long-time readers of this bulletin will know, this slot serves to showcase the amazing talents and wide interests and activities that our students undertake.

Sometimes these are in school; sometimes academic, sometimes sporting or cultural; sometimes outside of school altogether. This week, we are showcasing Henry Neville and Charlie Guttridge. The motocross race season for Hampshire has recently got back underway. At the close of the last season both boys had been racing - MOTOCROSS Club - a series of eleven rounds, racing different tracks around Hampshire and neighbouring counties;

collecting points since March. Henry was racing in the 85cc 'Big Wheel Class' competing against peers within his own age group and finished the season in 3rd place. Charlie raced the season in the Rookie class on a 250cc bike - racing against adults he came 5th in the series - a remarkable achievement for Charlie, especially as he only moved up from the 85CC BW this year. In his first season on an adult bike, he finished in a leading position.



Yours sincerely
Paul German
Headteacher



Time to Talk Day – Thursday 3rd February

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.

Within the school the 'Wellbeing & Welfare' student voice group have been putting up posters around the school, will be sharing resources for tutors to use in tutor time on Thursday 3rd Feb and will also be running a drop-in facility at break and lunch in the Community Room, Drama Block on Thursday where students can simply come to talk.

If you would like further details and resource around this focus day please see below:

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



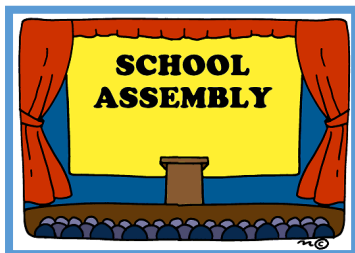
National Citizen Service – Year 11 Monday 7th February

We are delighted that NCS are coming back to Yateley to promote their summer programme. This is a great experience for Year 11 students and we normally have a high number of Year 11 students sign up to this experience each year.

On Monday 7th Feb the students will have a whole Year 11 assembly in tutor time about NCS, an information stand at lunchtime and then the Year 11 Tutors and other key staff will be provide further information on NCS after school.

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There is a parent information evening for any parents of Year 11 that would be interested. This is on the same day (Mon 7th Feb) and begins at 19.00pm in the main hall. If you are interested in attending then please could you complete this quick google form – [CLICK HERE](#)



Assemblies are back!

We are glad to say that from Monday 7th February we will be holding house and year assemblies again in the main hall during various tutor times. The week of 7th February will be house assemblies focusing on the Children's Mental Health Awareness week. It is going to be so good to have these assemblies back to allow the Heads of House to build up the house ethos in their houses while the year assemblies will allow various members of the Senior Leadership Team to speak to year groups as a whole on

various school matters and important topics.

As a special one off, we actually have a Year 11 Assembly on Friday 4th February in the main hall during tutor time lead by Mr Hill with a focus on their mock results and what the next steps are for them.



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:

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.

- UK Safer Internet Day – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Think U Know – [CLICK HERE](#)
- 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. We will also be holding a non-uniform day (as well as many other national schools) on Fri 11th Feb where students can pay £2 . Money raised will go towards the school developing its mental health and wellbeing support. Further details on this will be issued to parents and students next week. Please see below for further resources on the focus week.

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

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Uniform Expectations – recent updates

Based on the changes from the government around face masks as well as some school decisions in particular on coats and skirts, we have updated the guidance to the uniform summary to include the new guidance. We have updated our main school Uniform Policy, but the summary table shows the guidance in a simplified form. Mr Keeble will be speaking to all students next week in tutor time via a video message about the expectations and how they link to Ready Respectful Safe. All staff

and parents/carers are expected to support the students in the school to meet the guidance and expectations.

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have a face mask and wear as required based on updated guidance ✓ When 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 a plain colour ✓ Hair which is neat and natural colours ✓ Jewellery that is either a wristwatch, single small stud in each ear ✓ Make up 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 worn too short, for example 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/branding, not plain 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](#)



Elevate Education – Upcoming Parent Online Seminars

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting a further webinar in its **Parent Webinar Series**. Feedback for the first 5 webinars has been fantastic, so don't miss out on the next instalments in the series.

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.

- Tuesday 8th February @ 18.00pm – Webinar: Time Management - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

In Exam Room Skills, Elevate will show you:

- How your children can fit in study AND sport, hobbies, jobs and a social life and STILL do well!
- How to prevent the inevitable fights over homework;
- Tips for overcoming procrastination;
- The essentials to avoiding last minute all-nighters before exams and assignments.

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Some feedback that has been received from parents:

"I just want to say I used your techniques in my daughter's last year of her A-Level. She went from A, B, C in the first year to A, A*, A in her final exams this year at her school. We focused on tasks and feedback and improving her marks. Grew in confidence and very proud of her achievement. At uni now. Thank you."*

"I've taken more than one strategy or tip from each seminar, applied them and found them a win - planning fun activities first and focusing on tasks (practice that song once on the guitar, study that section) rather than time (20mins of guitar or 1 hour studying) are two of my favourites."

The webinars are 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.

- ☎ 01865 987 732
- ✉ charlotte@elevateeducation.com
- 💻 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>
- 👍 www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/

Auditions for the Chamber Music Concert

Chamber Concert is due on Wednesday, 23rd of March 2022, 7pm start in the Main Hall. The auditions will be held on two separate occasions, either side of the half-term holiday.

1) Audition 1: Monday, 14th of February, M1, 3:15 – 4:30pm

2) Audition 2: Wednesday, 9th of March, M1, 3:15 – 4:30pm

Students are welcome to audition a solo, duet, small ensemble or band pieces. Any further information is available from me, so please ask your child/student to come and speak to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Ms Pejovic, Music Department



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This week's sports results

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A huge thank you and well done to Lauren Woods and Douglas Bardsley who represented Aldershot District on Saturday in Southampton at the Senior Cross country County Championships.

Lauren finished a respectable 54th out of 90, she ran her heart out against the competitors mainly a year older than her. Dougy finished 30th out of 74 again a very strong run on a tough course from him. Both students contributed points to the Districts result. The girls team finished 1st overall and the boy's 2nd. Mr Messenger and I both enjoyed seeing you out there on the course.

Netball -

Year 7 V Bohunt, we won 18-4, POM E.Gray

Next Weeks Fixtures

Tuesday 1st 7&8 x country @ RMS

Wednesday 2nd U13 Basketball Home v Ballard School (Hampshire Cup)

Thursday 3rd Year 7 and 8 Netball Home v Weydon

Friday 4th U13 Basketball Home v AMS

Update for Extracurricular:

All years now welcome on a Tuesday to swimming club, and girls' football is now indoors on a Wednesday.

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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TEAM MEMBER REX

Student support have a new team member called Rex.

He is our Department Therapy dog and will be here to help students in school.

When in school a notice will be put up in reception and Student Support.


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

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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.

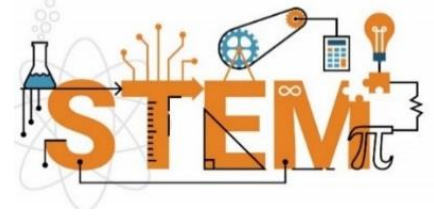
GCSE
Wednesday C2.1

A LEVEL
Thursday C2.6

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STEM Ambassadors Master Class on Rat Dissection

The STEM ambassadors came along to a session this week on rat dissection. We would like say a huge thankyou to Rebecca Rawlinson and Leah Simpkins in year 13 for running this session, supported by Mrs Thorn and Mrs McCarthy. The students really enjoyed exploring the anatomy of a rat and seeing how similar their physiology is to our own.



Below is a reminder of the upcoming STEM Master Classes- please remember to email us if your child is interested in attending a session.

Thurs 3rd Feb 3.10- 4.15pm A24

Mr Stacey

Aeronautical Engineering- How planes fly.....

Thurs 10th Feb 3.10-.4.15pm

Mrs Coakley

Architecture and memory

Tue 15th Feb 3.10-.4.15pm

Jack Huggins/ Miss Williams

Google Sketch up for Architecture

Tue 1st March 3.10- 4.15pm in A21

Mrs McCarthy

Woodlice Behaviour

*Thank you
Miss Williams and the STEM Team*

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Upcoming Important dates

Thursday 3 rd February 2022	Year 11	Year 11 reports issued
Wednesday 9 th February 2022	Year 7	Year 7 Video Parents Evening booking system opens 5pm
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
Wednesday 16 th February 2022	Year 8	Year 8 Video Parents Evening booking system opens 5pm
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Year 8	Year 8 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900
Wednesday 9 th March 2022	Year 10	Year 10 Video Parents Evening booking system opens 5pm
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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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