

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,



Year 11 results and... The whole point of doing mocks is to have a run through of the exam season to prepare – a “mock up” of the real thing. Our Y11 students have had an experience of juggling revision and preparation for multiple exams over a short period of time, and of the demands of the different examinations within the strict conditions and time constraints that they will eventually face over the summer. These are all valuable life experiences, and our students will need to build on their mocks as

they prepare for the real thing. Well, after collecting their results at the end of the day on Thursday our students arrived today fresh and ready for their mock results assembly. After hearing from the headteacher, deputy headteacher and heads of Maths, English and Science they will have hopefully picked up some really useful insight into how to prepare for the summer in the remaining weeks (9 of these in school!). At the moment the cohort look to be in a really strong position with 58% of students achieving English and Mathematics grade 4 and above already; a figure that typically rises by around 20-25% by the time the real thing comes around! Congratulations to Lisa Duke, Kushal Vadicharla, Edward Cole and Scarlett Heaton for being our highest attainers. High praise also goes Harriet Jacob, Maya Sharkey, Amelie Davis and Natasha Atkinson for making the best progress overall in the cohort. Just nine school weeks to go! Let's get there together #learningtogether

Time to Talk Day. To coincide with Time to Talk Day on Thursday, our Wellbeing Student Committee held a drop-in session at both break and lunchtimes where students had a quiet place to talk to each other and have a cup of hot chocolate. Rex, our newly appointed Therapy Dog, popped in at breaktime with Mrs Moffett to meet some of our students. There was also an opportunity to chat to some of our 6th Formers. It is planned to run similar drop in sessions throughout Children's Mental Health Week next week and with regular sessions moving forward.



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Going green(er) Watch this space for future updates. However, in a major step forward for the school in reducing our carbon footprint and in an attempt to cut the utility bills in a time of sharply rising prices, we are starting a major investment by the local authority in green energy. If you look closely at the picture you'll see the scaffolding appearing on A Block (and in other places) across the school. Behind this the frames are in place ready for the installation of approximately 450 separate solar panels! This is a very important and exciting development for the school and we'll keep you up to date as the project progresses.



Student Star of the week. This week, the award goes to Arthur Robertson in 8PN. In an era when people's behaviour both in public and in private is being questioned; doing good – just for the sake of it – should be acknowledged and praised. As C.S. Lewis wrote, "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching". Without expecting to be noticed, young Arthur was walking home last week past the war memorial opposite St Peter's church. He noticed that the whole area was unkempt and dishevelled, with the wreaths blown around. Rather than walk past, he set to and tidied the whole area and returned it to its previous smart appearance. That sort of selfless act definitely warrants a mention in this bulletin – well done Arthur.

Yours sincerely
Paul German
Headteacher



Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 7th to Sunday 13th February

This year's 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. As part of the national focus of this week we are doing numerous things in school. These include all four house assemblies having their focus on this national topic, tutors going through resources and information (some of which has been created by the Wellbeing & Welfare Student Committee in the school), Friday non-uniform day, etc. If you would like access to some of these resources and further information then please see below:

- PowerPoint About Managing Stress for tutors to show (created by Amy Capp) including details on the non-uniform day on Friday and donations– [CLICK HERE](#)
- Talk To Your Friends about Mental Health – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Place2Be – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mind – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Young Minds – [CLICK HERE](#)
- BBC Resources for Teaching and Support – [CLICK HERE](#)

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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 and an information stand at lunchtime. The Year 11 tutors and other relevant staff will then have further information videos issued for them to support any Year 11 students that are

interested. 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](#)**



Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 11th February

As part of the national Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, we are joining lots of other schools around the UK in encouraging all students, for a minimum donation of £2 to wear non-school uniform on Friday 11th Feb. The money raised will go towards the further support of mental health and wellbeing in the school. Please note that what students choose to wear should still be suitable for a school environment.

We can no longer process cash on site, so please use Scopay to donate before Friday morning. Instructions can be found here - [CLICK HERE](#). There is also a listed guidance below...

How to make a Charity Donation on Scopay:

1. On the main screen of Scopay, select 'products'
2. Next, select the + next to Charity Donations
3. Enter the amount you wish to donate (minimum of £2 please) then select 'add to basket'
4. Go to your basket and select 'checkout'. Follow the prompts from that point.

Thank-you in advance for your kind donations.



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February

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](#)
- Parent Zone (advice for parents around digital life) – [CLICK HERE](#)

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

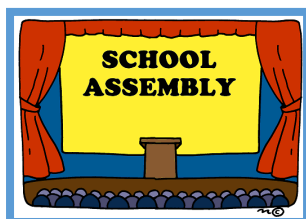
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Yateley School Student Committees

We just wanted to remind about the four student committees we have in the school. They have so far been amazing with the work and ideas they have for the school. They have a great representation of students in all four committees, but there is always room for more to join if students are interested. Please see below for further details on them.

- Promotional Video – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Student Committee PowerPoint Details – [CLICK HERE](#)



Assemblies are back!

Just a reminder that assemblies are back as of next week. The week of 7th February will be house assemblies focusing on the Children's Mental Health Awareness week (Tues = Wilberforce, Wed = Darwin, Thurs = Nightingale, Fri = Pankhurst). Then the last week of this half term will be year assemblies as lead by Mr German, Mr Hill and Mr Keeble. It is going to be so good to have house and year 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.



Uniform Expectations – Thank you

Thank you to everyone that has supported the uniform expectations of the school. I know there have been some questions and discussions with school from parents and students around this but we are glad that it is being supported. We have also made some clearer guidance around trousers in that skinny or tight fit are not allowed. Please can we encourage everyone to keep up the consistency around the guidance as well as the guidance on mobile phones and BYOD which has

also been followed very well.

- Summary Slides on Uniform and Mobile Phones – [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;

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- Tips for overcoming procrastination;
- The essentials to avoiding last minute all-nighters before exams and assignments.

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/

Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture

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

This week's sports results

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Basketball

U13 V Ballard school in the first round of the Hampshire cup, we won 56-2, POM B.Pomfrett

Next Weeks Fixtures

Wednesday 9th - U13 and U15 Basketball Home v Oakmoor

Thursday 10th - Year 7 and 10 Netball Away v Alton

Friday 11th - U15 Basketball Home v Alderwood and Year 9 Netball District tournament

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


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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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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.

<p>GCSE</p> <p>Wednesday C2.1</p>	<p>A LEVEL</p> <p>Thursday C2.6</p>
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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
Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th February 2022	ALL	Immunisation Team issuing covid vaccine
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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A promotional poster for Hart Swimming Club. The background is a blue-tinted image of a swimming pool. The title 'HART SWIMMING CLUB' is in large, bold, white letters on a green rectangular background. Below it, the text 'NATIONAL | REGIONAL | COUNTY | DEVELOPMENT | MASTERS' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A central message in white, italicized font says 'Has your swimmer achieved ASA Level 6+ and would like to progress further - come join us for a free Trial!'. Below this, the phrase 'COME JOIN OUR TEAM!' is written in large, bold, white letters. The bottom section features a collage of four photos: a swimmer in a pool, a group of swimmers on a pool deck, a group of swimmers in a pool, and a group of swimmers celebrating. Below the photos, the text 'SQUAD TRAINING | AGE 7+ | OPEN MEETS | STROKE CAMPS | FIRST CLASS FACILITIES' is written in bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'CONTACT US: membership@hartsc.org' and 'www.hartsc.org'. Social media handles are listed: Facebook '@HartSwimming', Instagram '@HartSwimClub', and Twitter '@HartSwimClub'. Logos for The National Arena Swimming League, Arts Council England, and Swim England are also present.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRONG SINGERS IN SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE

Farnham Youth Choir is a family of upper-voice choirs that supports children to achieve extraordinary things through a shared love of singing. FYC has won gold medals at international competitions and sung in the Vatican, Notre Dame de Paris and on the live X-Factor final. We are a charity and have a Bursary Scheme to ensure the widest possible participation in our choirs.

Each September, we audition singers from school years 6-10, however, we currently have opportunities for singers to join our Senior Choir mid-year from school years 7-10 as we prepare for the World Choir Games in New Zealand in 2024. Along the way there will be other exciting opportunities to perform closer to home as we will also be celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2024.

Do you have students who **LOVE TO SING** who would benefit from choral training? Whilst our repertoire is mainly classical, we sing a broad range of contemporary choral music as well as the occasional pop song! Our members have diverse musical interests, ranging from classical harp to drumming in a pop band, and most stops in between.

We rehearse weekly, on **Wednesdays during term-time**, in central Farnham. Auditions are normally held in June for entry into the choir in September, but we are happy to welcome interested singers to a rehearsal, so they can get a feel for how we work. A brief audition would then be arranged with our director, Patrick Barrett. If you have a student who you think would be interested, please get in touch at joinachoir@fyc.org.uk

fyc.org.uk/joinus

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Maths Corner 17

Maths Lunch



Each day at noon, four mathematicians meet for lunch at the Prime Rock Café. Although each of the four eat a differently priced snack, they share the bill equally.

Yesterday this resulted in one mathematician paying £1 less than the cost of her snack, another paying £3 more, another £3 less and the last mathematician paid £4. What was the actual price of each snack?

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 16 – First Day at School

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