

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,



With a non-uniform day to round off the week, it really feels like another step in the journey to building back even bigger and better than before. We hosted House Assemblies this week (the picture shows Wilberforce House in full flow with Mrs Williams) and it is wonderful to be able to gather together like this once again and the Houses are such a vital lifeblood of our school. Year assemblies will follow next week, where Mr Hill, Mr Keeble and I will jointly speak to all of the students. Whilst there is a much-celebrated relaxation of restrictions, NHS staff are administering the Covid vaccinations next Monday and Tuesday for those students whose families have chosen to take it up. This is a timely reminder that transmission is still happening regularly and schools are inevitably a place where people mix in close proximity. Caution and common sense will continue to be advised. We will confirm shortly our response to the removal of national measures anticipated for the end of this month.



Dance Live 2022. It has been a privilege to watch the preparations and then performance of our school's contribution to the Dance Live show in Portsmouth Guildhall on Wednesday, which I had the pleasure of watching. Mrs Wearing has produced a full and detailed report which is included later in this bulletin, so it just remains for me to say how delighted I am with our talented and committed students and to thank our wonderful staff who once again have given up huge amounts of their time and expertise to support our school and the team. Particular mention and thanks of course go to the incomparable Mrs Wearing and our very own prize-winning technical wizard – Mr Matt Davis.

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In the Sixth Form. The workplace and indeed Higher Education is changing. With the challenges of taking the traditional degree route, the popularity and quality of apprenticeships is growing and improving all the time. The credibility of apprenticeships is at an all time high and they can accommodate students at a number of levels – up to and including degree level.

This week saw our Sixth Form students engaging in National Apprenticeship Week. The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 was 'build the future'. Virtual opportunities throughout the week provided our students with seminars, talks and fairs to reflect on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and for businesses to share the apprenticeships opportunities available. It was great to see our students exploring the fantastic opportunities that Degree and Higher-Level apprenticeships can offer. Some of the available apprenticeships can be found here: [Higher & Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



Food Technology. Our Year 11 Food Technology students have spent significant time this week producing their amazing practical products as part of their overall GCSE assessment. As always, the degree of involvement and the end results are stunning and we can expect great results in August from these very capable young people.



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. From 7 – 13 February 2022, it has been Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme for this year is growing together; this is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other out. There is further detail later in the bulletin about activity in the main part of the school. However, within the Sixth Form, students have been participating in Random Acts of Kindness, as a way to celebrate the small things we do that can really make a difference. Additionally, the Sixth Form Pool competition is being hotly contested with the winner announced next week...

Student Star of the Week

Academic endeavour is, of course, at the heart of what we do as a school and especially so when a student makes exceptional progress from a relatively humble base. None more so than Toby Taylor in 11PN. He wasn't especially content – and rightly so it turns out – with his recent working grade of a 4 in Biology. With that as a spur and with meticulous revision and practice, he has just learned of his exceptional achievement of a grade 8 in the mocks! Just to put that in context, a more typical uplift from the mock to the real thing for a suitably well motivated student would be two whole grades rather than four! With this level of endeavour, the sky is the limit for Toby and certainly a glittering Sixth Form career and beyond is beckoning. Well done!



Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Children's Mental Health Week & Non Uniform Day – Monday 7th to Sunday 13th February

This year's theme was 'Growing Together'. It was to encourage young people and adults to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. All four house assemblies focused on this national week and had special assemblies and messages from the Heads of House as well as members of the Wellbeing & Welfare Student Committees attending. Various resources used can be found below for parents to access.

We also ran a non-uniform day on Friday to help raise money to further support students mental health and wellbeing in Yateley School. Thank you to everyone that donated, and so far we have raised **£1371**. The plan going forward will be for the student and staff representatives to plan how to use this money to best impact and support for our students. We will of course keep you informed.

Non-Uniform Day Donations (if not already kindly donated)

We can no longer process cash on site, so please use Scopay to donate. 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.

Awareness Week Resources

- 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](#)



National Citizen Service – Year 11

It was great to have NCS come in and speak to Year 11 on Monday about the summer opportunities that were available from NCS. This is a great experience for Year 11 students and it is great to hear that there are some Year 11's that have already signed up for Summer 2022. If your child is interested in going or you would like more details then please do look through the below resources:

- ncscc@catch-22.org.uk – please e-mail this address if any parents would like to know

more about the residential programme that is being run this year (the first week of the experience is residential with 5 days a 4 nights in total)

- NCS Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Register interest online – [CLICK HERE](#)



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.

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




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. 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](#)

Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture

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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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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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Basketball

U13 won 30-6 v Ash Manor POM Z. Johnson

U13 won 40-6 v Oakmoor POM F. Edwards

U15 won 40-4 v Oakmoor POM. L. Fontaine

Netball

Year 7 won v RMS

Year 8 Lost v RMS

Year 7 drew 13 all v Alton POM; E.Gray

Year 10 Drew 20 all v Alton POM: S.Aumonier

Next Weeks Fixtures

Wednesday 16th Junior District cross country @ Farnborough hill school

U15 Basketball v Frogmore (home)

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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Россия 2022

Year 12 Students

22nd to 26th October 2022

We are very excited to announce we will be running a trip to visit Moscow and St Petersburg in Russia during the half term of October 2022. The trip will last five days, visiting a number of cultural and historical sites key to western history. The first night will take us to Moscow, visiting Red Square and Lenin's tomb. We will then visit sites near the Kremlin including the Fallen Statue gallery and then take an overnight train to St Petersburg. On day three we will have a city tour of St Petersburg visiting the Church of Spilled Blood which commemorates the political history of Russia. The following day we will visit the Hermitage Museum and see a folk show and then visit the Yusupov Palace before we transfer back to the UK. This is the first trip of this kind run at the school and we are very excited to launch it this year.

Letters will be able available next week. Students will be able to sign up after half term.

**связитесь с г-ном Бристоу или мисс Винчи для
деталей**

Mr Bristow and Miss Vinci



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This academic year has been a challenging, creative and vibrant for those who have taken part in the new Dance competition called 'Dance Live'. For those of you with children in Years 10 and above you may have remembered that the school took part in the Rock Challenge regional and a national competition for many years. This year, we took the next step to experience a new adventure, one

that would allow students to lead from the top and create a performance piece accompanied with an interactive LED screen as their backdrop. A team of eight 6th form students took on the role as Dance Live Captains and in the Summer of 2021, held production meetings to put forward ideas and share out roles for a new team in 2022. Our Dance Live Captains are: Daniel Harris, Holly Humphries, Lauren Jones, Abi Millington, Rachel Plowman, Rebecca Rawlinson, Megan Scotford, Libby Smith. This team of students embraced the challenges and stresses of creating a 7minute performance for a cast of over 40 students in Years 7 to 13. This year our school took on the story of Romeo and Juliet and transported the audience to Verona where the plot unfolds. Daniel Harris took on the role of Romeo and Grace Hampshire as Juliet.

Each Monday evening the team have rehearsed in the studio together embracing different dance styles including Ballet, Street and Contemporary to tell their own version of the popular tragedy. The team travelled to Portsmouth and took the stage at The Guildhall on Wednesday 9th February, opening the show with an array of technical skill, artistry and a passion to perform. The panel of judges described the performance as emotional and commented on the high level of performance skill. The judges also praised the team for the embellishments on particular costumes and a special thank you must go to Mrs Jones for the hours she personally spent sewing on individual sequins and ribbons to make them look eye catching. On the night, the school achieved a 'Video Journey Award' which was played before the performance. This was a 2-minute video where members of the team gave a personal insight into the dance, what they had enjoyed about taking part in the process and included snap shots of rehearsals taking place. We were also awarded the highest points for using the LED Screen. This was an exciting achievement as this was something new for us. Mr Davis managed to capture the beauty of the story with images that depicted different locations and feelings for each section without dominating the audiences' attention from the choreography. I would also like to thank you Dr Case, Jo Buttle, Juliet Balls and Lynne Goldwater for helping behind the scenes with costume making. Special thanks to Mrs Danelutti for volunteering on the day of the competition in Portsmouth too.

I am very proud of everyone that took part in the Dance Live Competition. These events and opportunities are what shapes our children's future, help build friendships, tenacity and confidence. I have seen these students have a determination to want to be their best, support one another and to do something positive. I am sure that this will be a wonderful memory for them all. Now, we hope to see the team take the stage once more and perform their piece in the Dance Show which will be held in the **Main Hall on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March at 7pm**. If you did not get an opportunity to come and see it in Portsmouth, hopefully you can make this one; and for those who did come and watch thank you for your wonderful

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support and hope you can relive it again closer to home! Tickets will go on sale after half term. Now we hope we have inspired the next group of 6th formers to want to become Dance Live Captains and enter the competition in 2023!

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

Dance Live gallery attached to this Bulletin

World Book Day Results

The £1 WBD tokens will be distributed to students next week. Students can use the token in one of **two** ways:

1. Take it to a participating bookshop and swap it for one of the **TWELVE** (exclusive, new and **completely FREE**) World Book Day books.
2. Or, if they'd prefer, they can use their book token to get £1 off any full price book or audio book of their choice, just as long as it would normally cost at least £2.99, in participating stores only and subject to availability. Please note that the token cannot be used online.

Further information can be found at www.worldbookday.com

World Book Day

World Book Day is a charity funded by publishers & booksellers in the UK & Ireland. Our mission is to give every child and young person a book of their own.

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The WBD tokens are valid from 17th February to 27th March 2022 (inclusive).

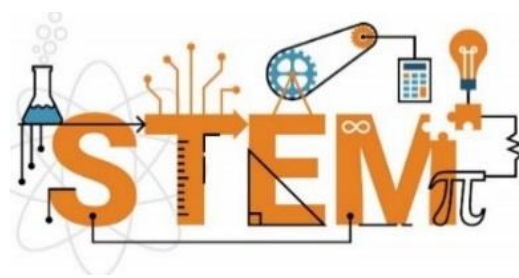
Janet Hood, School Library Manager

STEM Ambassadors Master Classes on Architecture and Memory

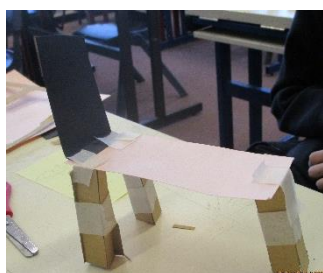
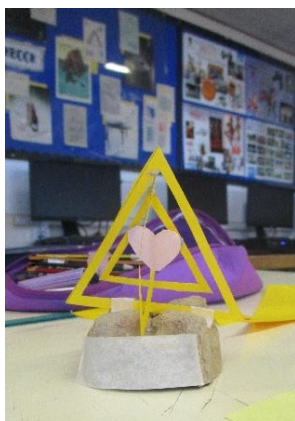
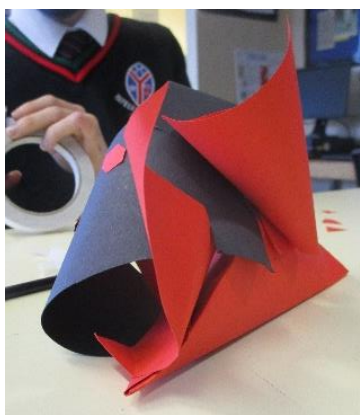
On Thursday evening the Stem Masterclass series continued with a session on Architecture and Memory. The students learned about how memory can be translated into material objects including architecture and how it can be interpreted and utilised in diverse and sometimes politically motivated ways. We looked at the Jewish Museum in Berlin, the 9/11 Memorial and the Neue Wache in Berlin to see how the architects created spaces that represent cultural memory and history. The students then embarked on creating their own memory space using the memories they share with their families. These were all great concept ideas and each had a lovely story behind it! Many thanks to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Mrs Coakley

Design Technology / Graphics



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Below is a reminder of the up coming STEM Master Classes- please remember to email us if your son/daughter is interested in attending a session.

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

Miss Williams and the STEM Team

Upcoming Important dates

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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Maths Corner 18



Prime of your life!

My age is a prime number. 2 years ago my age was also a prime number. Six years ago my age was an odd square number. I am old enough to vote, but I am not a pensioner.
How old am I?

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 17 – Maths Lunch

£5, £1, £7, £3