

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the long, bank holiday, we also conclude a busy and highly successful week. Although we are still quite some way from full normality and a lot of our restrictions and protective measures remain in place, it certainly feels like there's a rush of very welcome energy around the school. Year 11 and 13 can see the end in sight and have been absolutely amazing with their attitude and approach and have been extremely motivated and diligent in completing what must sometimes seem like an endless raft of assessments. It is worth remembering too that staff have an overwhelming amount of marking and grading too, so please be patient with us over the next few weeks.

### NTP National Tutoring Program

We have registered with National Tutoring Partner "Smart Teachers" and booked 1:3 online sessions in blocks of 15 hours. The sessions are delivered by fully qualified subject specialist teachers, with in-depth knowledge and experience of the national curriculum. We will provide tutors with all the necessary data for each student (along with the topics to cover) to ensure that they can make a flying start and that the time is well-spent!



We have successfully registered 117 students from year 7 to 10. We are offering these individuals the opportunity to develop their skills and refine their learning by working in a small group of 3, focusing on developing key skills and any gaps in their curriculum knowledge with fully qualified subject specialist teachers. Mrs Jeyakumaran is working closely with the allocated tutor from NTP, Heads of Department and the

students in order to ensure that they are able to improve their progress. This opportunity is a significant investment of time and resource, but we see immense value in supporting individuals to close any gaps caused as a result of time spent away from school!



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We're elbow-bumping on an industrial scale here! In the pictures you'll see some of our amazing Year 8 students receiving completion certificates having worked fabulously through lockdown with the Brilliant Club.

The Brilliant Club graduation event was held this week for our students who completed the program. This was held in partnership with the University of Cambridge. The event included a key note speaker and a University session. In addition the students received a certificate from Mr German and (very importantly), pizza!



The y8 students involved were: Jorja Ballentine, Tommy Bingham-Wilson, Frederick Blair, Harry Brown, Kallon Clarke, Oliver De La Haye, Daisy Hurst, Daniella Kusi-Agyapong, William Scanlan, Joshua Turner.

Mrs Cobbold, who leads the program in school said 'we are extremely proud of our Brilliant Club students. The program is aimed at KS4 and the final essay is marked at that level. All the sessions were held on Zoom and the students showed great perseverance and resilience in attending all the sessions and doing the challenging work required.'



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## Food Technology – Year 11

Mrs Quick and Mr Scanlon have been really pleased with the outstanding standard of all the practical work carried out in their NEA 2 exam. The task was to produce dishes which would be 'suitable for a picnic in the park'. This is a great testament to all their dedication in practicing at home in lock down. We would like to thank parents for all the help, support and encouragement they have given and for allowing their children to practise at home. Below is a photograph of exquisite student work; a trio of desserts by Nicole Harding and prawn vol-au-vents by Jade Bedin.



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## Give back to your local community – teach!

Teaching remains one of the most varied, challenging and rewarding careers of all. No-one would pretend that it's easy, but worthwhile things often aren't. As well as young graduates emerging from universities, many people are turning to teaching as a mid-life career change and there are many ways of joining the profession. If you are interested and unsure about the possible routes into teaching, come and talk to us in Yateley School and we can give you a point in the right direction. The following text comes from one of the local providers with whom we are associated, but in true public service fashion, I should advise you that there are other service providers in the market too!



Krissy Taylor, Recruitment & Marketing Lead at the i2i Teaching Partnership SCITT reflects on the past eighteen months and the incredible work our teachers do.

*No-one could have predicted the devastating consequences of the Covid-19 virus, and as I look back on the past year and a half I am so humbled by the way communities pulled together and in particular the amazing work of the NHS and our teachers. Working within the education sector I witness first hand the incredible strain on teachers, and the phenomenal way they have reacted with speed, compassion and drive to the ever-changing challenges thrown their way. The number one priority was, and continues to be, to ensure the ongoing education of our young children, shaping the lives of the next generation and indeed the communities in which they live.*



*Our local area is fortunate to be home to so many great schools. There are, however, no great schools without great teachers, and no other profession is as important to the fate of the next generation, or as uniquely rewarding as teaching.*

*The COVID pandemic has, without a doubt, raised the profile and importance of our teachers, and has created an opportunity for many to reflect upon and reassess their 'purpose'. For those looking for a more rewarding career, a greater sense of purpose, and the opportunity to give something back to the community, teaching represents an attractive option.*

*I am immensely proud to be part of the dedicated and passionate team at the i2i Teaching Partnership SCITT. i2i is an alliance of secondary schools across Surrey and Hampshire delivering a school based initial teacher training programme. With training hubs at Weydon School in Farnham and Reigate School in Reigate, we are well placed to offer local teacher training opportunities to our community and privileged to play a part in shaping the lives of our young children.*

To find out more about training to become a teacher, please visit our website at <https://www.i2ipartnership.co.uk/> or email me directly at [ktaylor@weydonschool.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ktaylor@weydonschool.surrey.sch.uk)

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## Student Arrival Times

As we reminded last week, all students should arrive at school at the times and entrance points shown below. On Mondays, students are sent straight to their tutor room by Senior Staff as they arrive at their entrance location. Tuesday to Friday students still be sent from their entrance point by Senior Staff to gather on their morning muster point where they are collected by their lesson teacher. This is being monitored closely with a view to reinstating tutor time fully as soon as possible.

Please note that due to the Bank Holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May will be tutor time, so all students on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May should arrive for 08.35 and go straight to tutor time for a 08.45 start.

Year Group	Entrance Point	Mondays	Tuesdays to Fridays
		Arrival Time, Tutor Time	Arrival Time, P1 & 2 Lesson Time
7	Main Gate	08.35, 08.45  <i>Students sent to P1 &amp; 2 lesson at 09.05 from tutor)</i>	08.35, 08.55
8	A Block Gate		08.40, 08.55
9	Main Gate		08.45, 09.00
10	Bus Bay Gates		08.50, 09.00
11	A Block Gate		08.55, 09.00
Sixth Form	Bus Bay Gates		08.55, 09.05

## Summer Uniform



From Tuesday 4th May students are able to wear the optional summer uniform if they wish. This consists of a polo shirt without a school tie and school jumper. The polo shirt is plain white with the school name and house name on the chest. For further details of our uniform policy – [CLICK HERE](#)



## Term 4 Achievements

A huge well done to all the students that met the various achievements in the pastoral system during Term 4. All names can be found in the attachment to this bulletin, these include:

1. House Point Threshold – those students that met the various house point thresholds by the end of Term 4
2. 100% Attendance – those students that had 100% attendance from the start of the academic year to the end of Term 4.
3. Zero behaviour points – those students that had zero behaviour points from the start of the academic year to the end of Term 4.

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## Year 11 Photo

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May we will be taking our Year 11 group photo. We have ensured with the photographers that it will be in keeping with all our health and safety measures which we have in place in the school and the students will only remove their masks for a minute when the actual year group photo is taken.

Due to the time taken to get students ready for the photo, we need all Year 11 students to arrive at A Block playground via the A Block gates between 08.15 and 08.30am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. They will then be organised as required for the photo to take place at around 08.50am to enable the students to go to their lesson from 09.05am.

All Year 11 must be in their normal school uniform (the summer school uniform option is not allowed). Students that are not in smart uniform or those that arrive late will not be in the year group photo.



## NCS – Year 11

NCS are coming into school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May to present an information stand on A Block field for the Year 11 students during lunchtime. We do encourage as many Year 11 students as possible to take up this fantastic opportunity to enquire more about the opportunities NCS have to offer them this summer and to sign up.

For further details please see the below:

- Year 11 follow up video – [CLICK HERE](#)
- NCS Website – [CLICK HERE](#)



## Anti-Bullying Training – Student Signup

In October 2019 we trained 15 students as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors through the Diana Award. We now have the opportunity to train more students as Ambassadors on Wednesday 26 May. This will be a virtual training session in school via MS Teams led by a trainer from the Diana Award and supervised by school staff. This is a great opportunity to get involved and support others. More information can be found at <https://www.anti-bullyingpro.com>.

If any students from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are interested then please do email Mrs Balls ([Juliet.Balls@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Juliet.Balls@yateley.hants.sch.uk)) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (we have extended this deadline by a week).

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## Elevate Education – Parent Webinars

We're excited 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 schedule for this term begins on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and is included below:

- 27<sup>th</sup> April | Exam Preparation and Skills - *Optimising the final weeks before exams and maximising exam-room performance.*
- 11<sup>th</sup> May | Memory Skills - *More effective memorisation techniques that will save time and you won't forget!*
- 25<sup>th</sup> May | Time Management - *Aligning family expectations on homework while maintaining a school-life balance.*
- 15<sup>th</sup> June | Motivation - *How to create and sustain motivation across the year.*
- 6<sup>th</sup> July | Technology - *How to self-regulate technology usage use technology to enhance learning.*

Registration is essential and is free for you as a parent of the school. You can register for free at:

<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.

- ☎ 01865 987 732
- ✉ [ukcoaching@elevateeducation.com](mailto:ukcoaching@elevateeducation.com)
- 🌐 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>
- 📱 [www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/](https://www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/)

## Maths Corner 19



**Who are we?**



We are two numbers less than 100.

When we are divided by 2, 4 or 5 we have a remainder of 1.

If you divide us by 3, there is no remainder.

Who are we?



**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 18 – Prime of your Life!**

**31 years old**

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What's going on at your local

# YOUTH CENTRE

@ the Tythings Youth Suite, Reading Road,  
Yateley, GU46 7RP

## CREATIVE CLUB

TUESDAY 6.30-8.30pm  
Age 11-18 years (term time) £1

*Come and hang out with friends  
whilst taking part in a variety  
of fun activities on offer each week.  
All welcome join us and try something  
new!*

Booking essential  
via Eventbrite -  
the link is updated  
each week please  
contact us  
[office@vision4youth.org.uk](mailto:office@vision4youth.org.uk)  
for the latest details.  
(admission paid on  
arrival not in advance!)



**VISION4YOUTH**

[www.vision4youth.org.uk](http://www.vision4youth.org.uk)

Tel: 07540660866 (only available during Youth Club times)

Providing Youth Services for the local Community at  
The Tythings Youth Suite, Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7RP  
Charity No. 1172352

### ABOUT VISION4YOUTH

The Youth Clubs provide an engaging space where young people can socialise with friends, use the excellent facilities and take part in arranged activities in a safe and supervised environment. We are always looking for adult volunteers, please visit our website for more details.