

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, a quick reminder please that as per the calendar, next **Wednesday, 16th March is an INSET Day** and the school is closed for students. Secondly, a bit of further clarity around Cov-19 and self-isolation, just to make the school's position completely clear, given some of the ambiguity surrounding national guidance. Different schools have taken a slightly different stance and so I'd just like to clarify one point from last week's bulletin.

Basically, the Government have removed the *legal* duty to self-isolate, but not the duty to self-isolate. In other words, there's an ethical duty to protect other people and therefore if someone is knowingly Covid positive, they ought to self-isolate for 5 days, or until they test negative. Clearly symptoms are indicative, but equally someone might be asymptomatic and still test positive. Our stance is a logical one we believe and is to protect the school community. If a child or member of staff is knowingly positive following a test, with or without symptoms, they need to protect the community by self-isolating and we will actively promote this stance as a school.

Ukraine crisis. Not for the first time, I have been humbled and heartened by the extraordinary way in which our school community rises to the occasion and shows real care and solidarity with those in need. I have been leading assemblies this week trying to make some sense of a senseless situation and this has all been with the backdrop of our growing



peace wall which is currently located in Reception and which will be moved to a more permanent position in Wellbeing Centre in due course. Mrs Karen James had the initial idea and has been amazing at sorting everything out, with help from Mrs Williams. They have been ably supported by Year 11 House Captains and Charity Captains who have been helping to organise and promote this initiative. The

simple idea being that students could 'buy' a paper brick for £1 and write a message of solidarity and support. There have been some quite extraordinarily generous contributions and the money raised (as of Friday lunchtime) from our warm-hearted school is £3512.50 and this can, of course, grow still further. Thank you!

UCAS Higher Education Fair: Surrey University. On Tuesday, the whole of Year 12 attended the UCAS convention at the University of Surrey, in Guildford. This exhibition is arranged by UCAS and includes over 180 stalls for a wide range of Higher Education establishments, including apprenticeships, with talks and seminars on student finance and selecting the right apprenticeship or course for you. This has sparked much conversation and the Sixth Form has been buzzing with excited discussions of the students' future plans. This work is being supported through students' use of UniFrog, which is an online platform which allows students to compare every opportunity and apply

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successfully and, with tutors in our weekly tutorial sessions where one-to-one conversations will be taking place as well as advice and guidance on applications and personal statements for University and Higher-Level Apprenticeships.

What is UCAS? UCAS is a charity that processes applications to study full-time courses at universities and colleges in the UK. Their aim is to help students make informed choices that are right for them by guiding them through the entire higher education application process and beyond. To support this, they provide a wide range of valuable information and services for applicants, their parents, and teachers. Students can use www.ucas.com to find out how to get started, research options, make an application, and track its progress. There is information for parents at www.ucas.com/parents, including details of the application process and a host of helpful video guides.



"The launch of the **Yateley school committee programme** has already made such incredible changes: (including) our student-run committees, safe space initiative, fundraisers, and mentor volunteers. At Yateley, prioritising the wellbeing of our students is a legacy we intend to uphold" – Sophie Green, Head Girl of Yateley School. These words by Sophie form the opening statement of an [extraordinary article](#) by Evie McDonnell in 11WN. This wonderful piece of work needs no introduction from me as it speaks so warmly and eloquently of the culture and support within the school and offers suggestions for further development with mental health and wellbeing. Thank you Evie for this exceptionally helpful article.

Exams! Our year 11 students have been busy preparing for their March core assessments which have started this week. Already they have challenged themselves with biology, chemistry and English language. Lots of marking for our teaching staff!!

Next week the Y11 students will move onto maths, English literature and eventually physics in order to complete their series of core exams. We are so proud of how they are all working at the moment (under immense pressure) and we know that their hard work and diligence now will lead to fantastic exam results in the summer. Well done year 11... Keep going!



Student(s) of the week. Eagle-eyed Twitter followers will have seen George Crane and Hannah Bardsley both in year 7 featured on our @YateleySchoolPE account for their fantastic efforts at the Junior county cross country competition on the Tuesday. Both have them have been selected to run for Hampshire. It is such a pleasure to welcome such talented young athletes into the school and we have really hopes of them in the future. Congratulations!



Yours sincerely

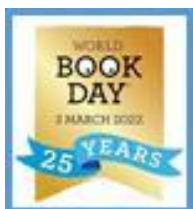
Paul German
Headteacher

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Student Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

On Friday 11th February we held a non-uniform day as part of the national Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. We are so thankful for all the donations that have been received from the community. We can confirm that we raised **£1503.50** in total! The plan now is for the Student Welfare Committee to meet in school along with lead staff to look at how best we can use this money to support our students Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will of course keep you all updated on the planned developments.



World Book Day

We had various activities taking part in school last week for World Book Day. One of these was a tutor time quiz. A massive thank you to all those tutor groups that took part. It was a tough quiz, but well done to **8DS** who were the winners. We would also like to congratulate **Thomas Gudgeon** and **Isaac Edwards** from **9DN** who completed the quiz together and were only half a point behind 8DS. 8DS, Isaac and Thomas were deserved winners of their sweet treats. A big thank you to Mrs Hood for organising everything.



County Lines

County Lines is an extreme and serious issue for our young people today. It is a form of criminal exploitation. It is when criminals befriend children, either online or offline, and then manipulate them into drug dealing. The 'lines' refer to mobile phones that are used to control a young person who is delivering drugs, often to towns outside their home county. We are thankful that this is not an issue which Yateley School or

Community need to be extremely worried about, however we need to be open to the fact that this might be happening to some of our young people now and in the future, therefore we need to be as aware and educated on the subject as much as possible and not ignore it. Hampshire Police have asked schools to draw attention to this topic with some guidance around it.

We have therefore attached to the bulletin an information leaflet for parents on the topic and the link to a very useful website – [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any concerns around this matter and your child then please do get in contact with the school so that we can support.



Term 3 Student Awards

Attached to the bulletin are all the names of students that met various achievement thresholds from Term 3 and also from Term 1 to 3. These are things like House Point thresholds, 100% attendance, zero behaviour, tutee of the half term, etc. These names are also on display in school via our TV screens and will be praised in tutor time and house assemblies. Please do congratulate your child at home if they are mentioned.



Lunch time Table Tennis

As part of the summer school programme last year, some of the money which was provided to us by the DfE was used to purchase some professional table tennis tables for the school. These are for the PE department but also for students to use at lunchtimes. We now have this provision up and running. Students can use the table tennis tables every lunchtime in B1.2/B1.3 on a first come first served basis. Each year group is assigned a day that they can use them. We have already seen lots of students using them this week, so it is great to see how successful they have been.

To confirm the access for Year groups:

- Mon = Year 7; Tues = Year 8; Wed = Year 9; Thurs = Year 10; Fri = Year 11

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Year 11 Prom Decisions

Each year we really look forward to our Year 11 students attending the prom as well as their final graduation assembly in the summer term. As we know the Year 11 students need to meet criteria to attend both events. One is to have an attendance of at least above 90% during Year 11. The second is to have 100 or more conduct/prom points at the end of Year 11 (these are their house points minus their behaviour points minus the amount of lates they have recorded). We have identified some Year 11 students from the Term 1 to 3 data that are either not meeting both or one of these criteria and therefore will be getting a letter from the school just to point this out to them (and if the decision were made now would not be attending the events) but they still have time in Year 11 to address the issue. If a Year 11 student does not get a letter then currently they are meeting criteria.



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](#)



Themes of the Week

During tutor time each week we like to have a theme that tutors can focus on with their tutees and have various discussions around. We also sometimes thread these into the house/year assemblies that week. Because there were a few important issues this week we decided to share all the below themes with tutor and students and therefore wanted to share these with you as well for further discussion at home.

International Women's Day

This week we celebrated International Women's Day. There were numerous activities which were created and lead by Phoebe Shea in our Sixth Form. Tutors were issued resources around the IWD website (one example being introducing a 'gender light bulb moment' which is when you become aware of being treated differently because of your gender), reading resources, classroom discussions, etc to share with their tutor group's (some linked below). Phoebe also asked all female staff in the school to share their recommendations on books, podcasts, films and other media that are either written by women or based on the lives and experiences of women. To see a sample of some of the female staff replied, please visit the link below.

- IWD Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Sample of female Yateley School staff recommendations – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Books about women in history who made a significant impact – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Books about pioneering women in their fields – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Article on how 'girlhood' has been redefined in recent years – [CLICK HERE](#)

British Science Week

Our head of PSHE shared the following resources with tutor for awareness and discussion around British Science Week

- [SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH - why science is so important - YouTube](#)
- [10 Reasons Why Science Is Important - The Important Site](#)
- [Why Is Science Important? - YouTube](#)

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Ukraine

We organised the 'Peace Wall' charity campaign in school this week to raise money for Ukraine (donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal). Many thanks to Mrs James and Mrs Williams for organising this. Students were invited to sign a paper 'brick' that was then stuck onto a display of a 'Peace Wall' which was based in main reception for the week and we will now find a more permanent place for. As of Thurs 10th March we have raised

£3400.00

We also provided tutors the following resources that they could use in tutor time to aid discussions:

- [Ukraine invasion: Videos show locals confronting Russian forces - BBC News](#)
- <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/map-explainer-ukraine/>

Online Safety Resources – Anna Freud

There is a secondary toolkit been made available from Anna Freud to support secondary school students and parents around the topic of on-line safety. Please do have a look at these and the resources available which you might want to use – [CLICK HERE](#)



Elevate Education

Year 11 Seminar: This week we had Elevate Education come in and delivery a seminar to all Year 11 students called 'Ace Your Exams' which was focused on giving them tips and guidance on how to learn lessons from their mock exams and prepare for their finals. There will now be 5 weeks of follow on tutor time activities for Year 11 to do in tutor time and using the techniques shown to them in the seminar.

Parent Webinar: We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting a further webinar in its **Parent Webinar Series**. Feedback from the other 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 22nd March @ 18.00pm – Webinar: How to help your child with their stress & wellbeing - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)**

In this parent webinar, Elevate will show you:

- how to spot your child's stress symptoms early
- how to start a conversation about emotional wellbeing
- and techniques your child can use to self-manage stress.

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/

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This week's sports results

Cross Country

The junior county cross country championships took place on Tuesday, and we have 3 runners selected to represent Aldershot and District. They all put in a fantastic performance contributing to the teams' totals. Year 7 girls came in 5th out of 13 teams, and the year 7 boys 2nd out of 16 teams. Our individual runners' results were:

Hannah Bardsley 11th out of 110 and received aa selection letter for Hampshire

George Crane 5th out of 119 and received aa selection letter for Hampshire

George Wealleans 88th out of 119.

Well done we are so proud of you all.

Football

Year 7 won 2-0 against Weydon

Netball

Year 7 lost 14-16 against Farnborough Hill POM I. Mathe

Year 8 lost 33-1 against Farnborough Hill POM: U. Wearing

Next week's fixtures

Monday 14th Year 9 Rugby v Court Moor (Away)

Tuesday 15th Year 9 Football v Frogmore (Away)

Thursday 17th Year 7 Netball District tournament @ Wavell

We do have a number of clubs in the sports hall that will not be able to run next due to the year 11 core exams taking place in the sports hall on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Tuesday Cricket and Thursday Athletics will be moved outside if the weather is suitable.

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Monday 28th February 2022

	After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15	Year Group	Venue
Monday	Football training/fixtures	Year 7	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Netball Training Indoor Cricket Recreational Basketball club Swimming club	All Years Years 9&10 Years 7-9	Courts Sports Hall Gym Pool
Wednesday	Indoor Rounders Indoor Cricket Rugby Club GCSE Period 7	All Years Years 7 and 8 All Years Year 11	Gym Sports Hall Sports Hall B11
Thursday	Netball Fixtures Indoor Athletics Yoga/Mediation and Stretching	All Years Years 7 -9 Year 11 & 10	Sports Hall Sports Hall Gym
Friday	Badminton Football Club GCSE PE Clinic	All Years Years 7-9 Year 11	Sports Hall Sports Hall B11

LOST
KIT
If
your
child
has
lost
any



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items of their PE kit, please send them to reception as there is a lot of unnamed PE kit waiting to be reclaimed by its rightful owner. Please can we encourage you to label your child's PE kit so that it finds its way back to them.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

Request – Firststeps Nursery

We would also like to ask for lots of loose parts if you have anything or can get hold of any, for us please?

Things like palettes, bricks, planks of wood, logs, crates, guttering, pipes etc for the children to explore with & for staff to use to create amazing activities with & for the children. This image shows these sorts of items.



If this is something you can help with, please liaise directly on childcare@yateleys.com or 01252 746963 to arrange getting them to the setting.

Tara, Firststeps Nursery

Cannon Ball Run



Task: To build a paper ball run

Challenge: Never mind how fast it can go, how can you make the ball's run take as long as possible???

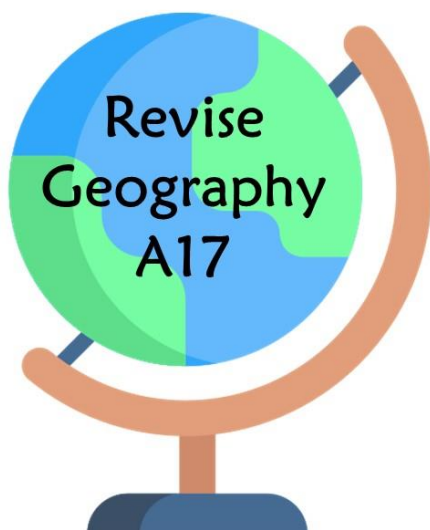
Location	Date	Contact
Upstairs in BG2, Design & Technology Dept, Yateley School	Wednesday 30th March	Mrs Coakley or Miss Williams to register your interest Teams welcome!

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Music Chamber Concert Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm

Hot on the heels of the Dance Show is the Music Chamber Concert on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in the Main Hall. Can you tell we are a little bit excited to be able to have live events again? We have such wonderful talent in the school and we are always proud to show it off. Tickets are available now via the school payment system and are priced at £5.50 per person which will include a programme and are sold on a first come, first served basis.

Karen Ellis, Front of House



A level and GCSE Geography revision drop-in sessions

Year 12/13 A level Geography	When: Tuesdays after school Where: A17 Who: Miss Self & Mr Tidd
Year 11 GCSE Geography	When: Wednesdays Where: A17 Who: Miss Self, Mr Tidd, Mrs Williams

The Brilliant Club Final Graduation 2022

Students who completed their final essays were invited to a virtual celebration in the afternoon at school consisting of a key note speech and a University session from Wadham College, University of Oxford. They enjoyed a lunch of pizza, nuggets and cookies and received their certificates from Mr German. I am so proud of this group. They had to produce a 1500 word essay which was marked at KS4 standard on top of the work they do at school. They were



marked with a degree grade and all achieved between a 1st to 3rd. The group of students are Finley Irvine, Nicolas Olmos, Moki Elhaggagi, Harry Findlay, Jayden Gascoigne, Kai Harrison, Kian Davies, Anthonie Smith and Sophie Kirk.

Mrs Cobbold, Pupil Premium Champion

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Intermediate Maths Challenge Results

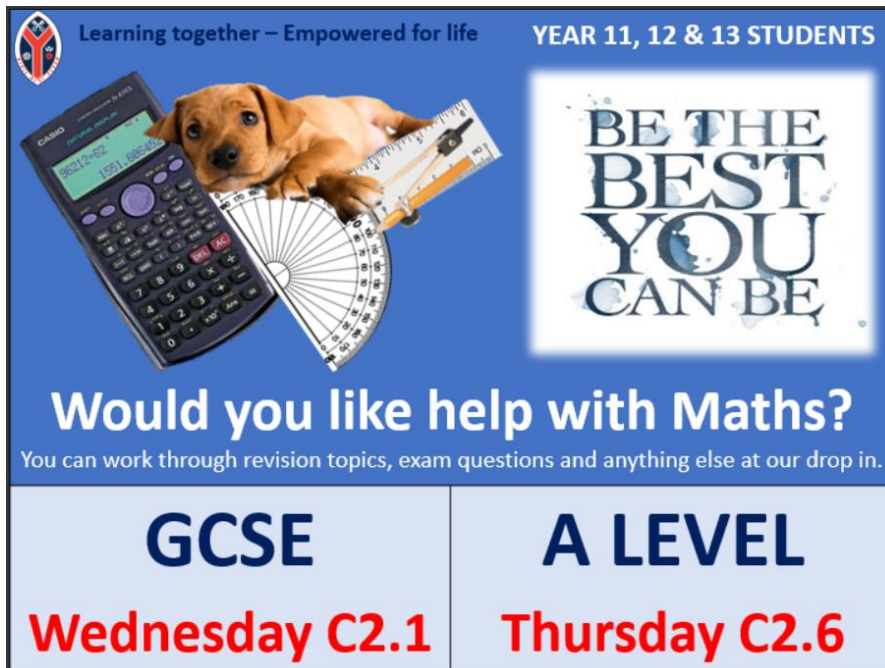
This competition was for our top mathematicians in years 9 and 10.

We had 17 Bronze (including 9 from year 9), 5 Silver and 2 Gold awards.

Our two golds are for Elliot Casselton and Matthew Jarratt-Walker in year 10 who have also qualified for the follow-on rounds, which is for those who scored highest. Elliot has qualified for the Olympiad along with 1500 students nationally, and Matthew for the Kangaroo, which is for 8000 students.

Well done to everyone who took part. Certificates will be presented soon.

Mrs James and Mrs Perrett.



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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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**Gremlin Dance Challenge
Secondary Event
10th March 2022**



This academic our **Year 9 Twilight Dance Class** had the challenge of creating their own piece to the theme of 'and the world stopped'. The dance was choreographed by the class in weekly lessons after school and performed at The Princes Hall in Aldershot last night!

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From left to right: Jessica Lambert, Isla Poole, Olivia Doe, Violeta Sandu, Charlotte Chalcraft, Phoebe Bateman, Isaac Edwards, Gracie Henderson, Holly Ryan and Leila Stickland.

Holly Ryan wrote the programme note for the piece

'Look to the light'

People have gone through a lot especially during the pandemic. The dark side in our dance represents the worries, fears and doubts that take control of us sometimes. Whilst the light side represents the hope, positivity and the light at the end of the tunnel. Sometimes it can feel like there is no light and just dark, but when you persevere you can overcome these thoughts and find harmony within yourself.

I am **delighted** to announce that the piece came 3rd Overall in the Key Stage 3 Competition and won overall best performance skills.



Well done, I am super proud of you all.
Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

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ENGLISH Year 11 drop-in Period 7 from Monday 7th March

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Day	Week A	Week B
Monday	Unavailable	Unavailable
Tuesday	Mrs Meadows D1.2	Mrs Robinson D1.8
Wednesday	Miss Ford D1.1	Miss Williams D1.4
Thursday	Mr Fraser D1.7	Mr Fraser D1.7
Friday	Unavailable	Unavailable



Upcoming Important dates

Thursday 10 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
Thursday 11 th March 2022	Year 11	Drama Exam all day
Monday 14 th March 2022	ALL	House Dance and Annual Dance Show 2022. 1900 – 2100
Tuesday 15 th March 2022	ALL	House Dance and Annual Dance Show 2022 & Judging night. 1900 – 2100
Wednesday 16 th March 2022	ALL	INSET day
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Year 10	Year 10 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900
Wednesday 23 rd March 2022	ALL	Chamber Music Concert

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Wednesdays 6-7pm (term time).
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Monday 28th March, 7:30pm
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All profits go to Vision 4 Youth including commission from all purchases on the night

Contact support@vision4youth.org.uk to book
All age 16+ welcome!

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Maths Corner

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What a Bargain!

Six costs £0.35, seventeen costs £0.70
and three hundred and sixty costs
£1.05.

What am I buying?

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 19 – Who are we?

21 and 81

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Teen Fitness Membership



To be a Teen Fitness Member, you must:

- be at least 13 years old
- abide by the club rules
- be courteous to other members
- adhere to your allocated membership times
- complete a gym induction with one of the fitness team

13-15 years old you may only use the cardio equipment.

When you turn 16 you will need to book a second induction to be shown how to use the weights safely. You will not be charged for this second induction.

These are the times you can use the gym:

TERM TIME

WEEKDAYS: 15:15 - 17:30

WEEKENDS: 08:00 - 19:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult after 13:00

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WEEKDAYS: 06:30 - 17:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult up to 15:15

WEEKENDS: 08:00 - 19:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult after 13:00