

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very conscious that our time with extraordinary Year 11 and Year 13 students is coming towards a close. They have worked extremely hard - sometimes to the point of near exhaustion to fulfil all the assessed tasks that they've needed to do in order for teachers to input an accurate and authentic grade for their GCSE and A' Level subjects. We will be talking to students in person about the arrangements for the last two weeks of this term and for the targeted support week in the first week back after the half term holiday. Some students will be required to attend during targeted support week, but not all. By Friday 11th of June, we will have all the assessed information that we need for each student. The picture shows Mrs Rampton in Business Studies doing what teachers have been doing a huge amount of recently – marking! It will be worth it on results day.



However, we will not be abandoning our Year 11 and 13 students in the next few weeks; there will be a programme in place for them for the remainder of June. This exciting summer transition programme for both Year 11 and Year 13 starting from 14<sup>th</sup> June which will get our students ready for their next steps into Sixth form, University, an apprenticeship or the world of work. This will keep their minds active and engaged with a programme which will develop their personnel skills. We have continued our partnership with Eton College and are delighted to be running their online Resilience Course and Interview Skills Course. In a rapidly changing world, students need to be great communicators, great collaborators, adaptable, resilient and creative. EtonX delivers courses that bridge the gap between academic success and life in the real world. For Year13, we are running practical sessions from cooking on a budget to how to obtain a mortgage. We also have our face-to-face getting ready day for Year 11 going into Year 12 on 6<sup>th</sup> July – we look forward to welcoming them back!



You will hopefully have seen my earlier message on Schoolcomms about **face coverings** and the changing requirements from the government in schools. It is unquestionably true that wearing face coverings in class has an impact on effective communication and some students and staff will have struggled. This is particularly true for someone with speech and language difficulties or with hearing loss. However, as you will have gathered, we want to move to a hybrid model for the remaining two weeks of this half term, where a very limited amount of face covering wearing could still have a significant impact on

reducing potential transmission. Namely, moving to an expectation similar to that in the autumn term, where face masks are worn for movement in corridors and when using the toilets. These are the only times when students are likely to have any in-school contact with others in different year groups. This system would be in place for the remaining two weeks of this term and I would anticipate being able to review this rule for after the half term holiday.

Our **PE department** is working alongside SPORT ENGLAND and some other local schools on a project to provide further opportunities to our students. We will be asking our students to complete an anonymous online survey for Sport England. Attached is a letter and parent information sheet from Sheffield Hallam University, who will be collating the survey information and sending it back to school.



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Our students will complete these surveys in school, in the week after May half term, however we are giving you notice of this with a request to read the information sheet and then inform us if you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey.

**Extracurricular activities - The Music department.** Excitingly, we are now able to start running the following extra-curricular activities:

1. Year 11 Rock Band, Tuesday, after school in M2 (repertoire: variety as chosen by the students themselves).
2. Year 9 Jazz Band, Wednesday, after school M2 (repertoire: Thieves in The Temple, Welcome to the Jungle, Libertango, Papa Was a Rolling Stone). We are preparing for the Autumn events. At present, year 10 and 11 members of the Jazz Band rehearse Jazz Band repertoire in their lessons as for them, this is both, their coursework and a curricular enrichment.
3. Year 9 Rock Choir: Tuesday and Thursday lunch times in M1 (repertoire: Kiss From The Rose and I Say A Little Prayer For You). This ensemble will hopefully soon grow to accept many Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students who have expressed a desire to sing with us - but at present, we are limited by the bubbles and the numbers that are able to participate.
4. Solo/duets/trios in year 7,8 and 10 bubbles are welcome to book rehearsal spaces for the forthcoming Performing Arts Showcase in the Music Block (Monday and Friday lunch times). Repertoire is chosen by students themselves.
5. Performing Arts Showcase. Music Auditions are scheduled on: Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June in M1, from 3:25pm until 5pm.

For any information, please see Ms Pejovic. It's time to bring back live music!

Parents and carers will be delighted to see the school fully back in action and the collage below shows just what varied and exciting activity was under way just this morning (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May). A snapshot in time of a thriving school!



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Many parents and carers will be aware of the benefit that we've been able to draw from the National Tutoring Programme, which has been expertly led and co-ordinated by Mrs Jeyakumaran. This programme has been devised to help students who have particular gaps in their learning from covid and the lockdowns to get expert and individualised support to close the gaps and get their learning back on track. The feedback from parents and students has been stunning and we thought that it would

be appropriate to share some of the feedback from the tutors too, who have taken the trouble to write to us about the calibre of our students.

*"It is a pleasure to see how enthusiastic the pupils at Yateley School are about their work and I have been amazed at how welcoming they have been and how accountable they are for their learning. A special mention to group 17, where Isobelle, Michael and Toby have been a pleasure to tutor and their personalities are highly infectious. Also, good luck to the year 10s for their exams. I look forward to seeing them all next week."* Mr James Barfield. NTP Tutor

*"I am extremely pleased to be working with three (3) amazing Year 9 students from Yateley School through The National Tutoring Programme (NTP). These students have been extremely receptive and have demonstrated particular focus and resilience during our online sessions. So far, I have been especially impressed with their positive work attitude, as well as their willingness to undertake even challenging tasks. They have produced some impressive results. Well done Kayla, Erica and Skye!"* Mrs F. Persaud. NTP Tutor

*"The students have grasped some hard concepts very well, I am impressed. For me, Jack has really stood out. He has been truly engaged in all the lessons and worked really hard."* Amanda Poll. NTP Tutor

*"Zara appeared to have really enjoyed our Quick-Fire Retrieval Quiz on cell structure and was very good at it too!"* Yvonne Lau NTP Tutor

*"I couldn't be prouder of our students at Yateley School who started NTP tutoring this term. We are successfully ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of tutoring today. Right now, I'm feeling the extra sense of pride and purpose as I do my work. I can see how hard our students have been working and to read the quotes from the tutors echoing that has made my day."* Mrs K Jeyakumaran Associate Senior Leader/Teacher of Mathematics

Wishing you all an excellent weekend.

Yours sincerely

Paul German  
Headteacher

## CAMHS

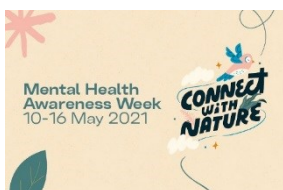
Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

### Boys' Views – CAMHS

Hampshire CAMHS would like to hear from all boys aged between 11 to 18 years. They would like to collect their views on mental health, masculinity, lifestyle and attitudes to drugs, relationships and more. For further details on how young boys can take part in this survey please see the attached poster from CAMHS. The online survey can also be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBN3XVR>



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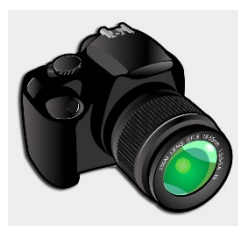
## Mental Health Awareness Week - Library Resources and Books

As part of this week's focus on Mental Health awareness, the school library has been fantastic in putting together a reading canon of suitable literature for students which are available from Hampshire's libraries. Some of these have been on display in the library this week, but we wanted to share them with parents and students as well, so please take a look at the attached list which details the books, subject relevance and synopsis.



## Tutor Time – The Return!

This half term has seen us start to return tutor time by having Monday mornings in tutor groups. We are pleased to announce we will be bringing tutor time back to every weekday morning after half term for the whole of Term 6. This will also allow us to bring back year group assemblies, however we will still have to hold off house assemblies due to year group bubbles. More details about the timings and structure of tutor time in Term 6 will be issued to all before half term, but it is great news that our tutors will be able to spend more time with their tutees.



## Year 11 Group Photo – New Date

Unfortunately, the Year 11 group photo was cancelled on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May by the photography company, however we have been able to book a new date. It will now take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. 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 Tuesday 25<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.



## The Big Ask Student Survey

The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children, aimed at those aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, and the results will be shared with the government. Please do share with your children the below link and see if they wish to complete this for the government.

To find out more about the survey, and then if you wish to take part – [CLICK HERE](#)



## Elevate Education Parent Seminars

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 remaining schedule for this term 5 and 6 is below:



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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.*

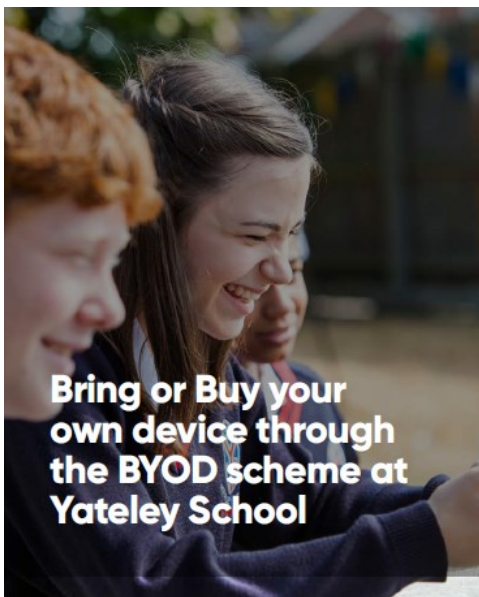
Registration is essential and is free for you as a parent of the school. You can register for free at:

<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/)



## BYOD

Since we embarked on the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme we continue to receive very positive feedback from both parents and students alike who have commented on how valuable they feel having their own device is when in lessons and working at home. However with such an important resource we need to ensure we are offering the best possible solutions to aid the excellent teaching and learning at this school.

We have taken the opportunity this year to review our range of products to ensure that they continue to offer excellent value for money whilst ensuring that we remain at the forefront of IT technology when it comes to devices specific for the education sector. So for the new academic year we will continue to offer the 2 HP devices which are suitable to all students studying in years 7 to 9 along with a further enhanced option for those students progressing into 6<sup>th</sup> form and beyond into higher education. Please note that the higher spec device would also be suitable for those students in year 10 and above who are working towards their GCSEs.



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Please **find attached the new product catalogue** and user guide, if you would like to take the opportunity to purchase a new device then please go to the online portal and follow the instructions detailed below, the portal is now live.

Please log onto [www.tech4learners.co.uk](http://www.tech4learners.co.uk), you will be asked to enter your email address, along with the following username **Yateley21** followed by the password **S3cure02!**. You will then be greeted by a welcome message from our Headteacher Mr German before continuing to the device selection page. Please then select the device of your choice along with your preferred repayment period, once complete you will then move onto the checkout steps before final confirmation that process is complete.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 01252 879 222 or email [admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

Chris Tombs, Business Manager

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## CALLING ALL YEAR 7 DANCERS

After half term, I will be starting an afterschool club for all Year 7 students who enjoy dance, enjoy performing, enjoy creating dances and would like an opportunity to work with other dancers in our purpose-built dance studio. There will be an opportunity to perform in our Performing Arts Summer Showcase on Tuesday 20th July if you are keen to take part. If not, just come and take part, keep healthy and have fun.

Time: 3.10-4.10pm

Kit: Yateley School PE Kit

**The club will start on Monday 14th June** (as the 7th June is an Inset Day!).

I look forward to seeing you there!

*Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance*

## PROM INFORMATION



Looking for someone to do your make up for the prom on July 2nd, see below the prom packages provided by one of our ex-students, Amy Robinson, Please support her in her new venture.



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Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services



## BOYS' VIEWS SURVEY — 2021

ARE YOU A BOY AGED 11-18 YEARS ?

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) would really like to hear from you. We are interested in hearing your views about mental health, masculinity, lifestyle, and attitudes to drugs, relationships and more.

THE SURVEY WILL BE RUNNING THROUGHOUT  
2021, UNTIL 15TH DECEMBER

To take part go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBN3XVR>

or scan the QR code above.



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DO YOU LOVE  
TO ACT,  
SING OR  
DANCE?



**THE DRAMA, MUSIC AND DANCE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE HOLDING A TASTER SESSION ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 3.15-5.00PM OUTSIDE THE DRAMA BLOCK FOR SOLO, DUET AND GROUP ACTS TO PERFORM IN AN EVENING SHOW ON TUESDAY 20TH JULY! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO. ALL YEARS WELCOME.**



## Maths Corner 21

### Weight a Minute!



You are given twelve coins which all look identical. The only difference is that one coin is slightly heavier than the other eleven. The difference is slight and cannot be noticed by holding the coins.

You are given a set of balancing scales. How can you find the heaviest coin with only 3 separate uses of the scales?

**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 20 – What a Bargain!**  
Numbers to stick on doors at 35p each.