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### Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,



With any luck, Spring is now in the air and the school is looking resplendent in the sunshine as the plants come back to life. Suddenly, breaks and lunchtimes outdoors have become a positive pleasure. It should be possible to open the field soon too, provided that we're assured that it has properly dried out and that we're not taking half of it away on the soles of our shoes!



Transition I have had the pleasure (albeit with a slightly aching hand) of signing 240 plus letters of welcome to our rising year seven students, joining us in September. We are already planning the induction days and activities for them and are in discussion with our partner primary schools to amass all of the transfer information needed to make transition as smooth as possible. If you have any questions about this, or would like to enquire about in-year transfers into Yateley School, please contact Mrs Lynne Goldwater at the school and she'll be able to help.

#### PE (KS4 Core PE)

We have re-shaped our Key Stage 4 core PE curriculum and our students now select to follow either a competitive pathway or a recreational pathway each term.

The feedback we have had from our student voice survey, has been overwhelmingly positive. Students are feeling confident and enjoying really positive experiences in their lessons. We are promoting a Healthy and Active lifestyle for all.

This week we hosted a challenge from two of the competitive pathway classes who challenged each other to a netball game. The afternoon was full of high intensity activity, lots of laughs and smiles, in a loud but encouraging atmosphere! We even had a few public spectators walking past our courts and cheer on the teams.



We look forward to developing our curriculum further and we will keep you updated about any further student challenges.















House Dance and Dance Show



There is a full round-up from the incomparable Mrs Wearing of the spectacular House Dance and Dance Show later in this bulletin. Suffice it to say from me that this was a truly spectacular show – one of the very best. There was a huge variety of dance styles on show and immense talent and dedication from all of our performers. Darwin House emerged as deserving victors on the night with a rich, varied and demanding competitive piece. As always, it was an example of the House system at its best; mutually supportive, healthily competitive and with role models from our students for the younger students to aspire towards. My sincere thanks to Mrs Wearing, Mr Davis and the house teams, along with all the backstage

support for your brilliant work. The audience loved it and we were delighted to be holding such live events once again. The Chamber Concert, 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our next chance to see the talented students in action on stage – this time in a musical capacity.



Train to Teach Have you ever fancied a career in teaching? Arguably, the most varied and rewarding of careers and a chance do good and to work with our fabulous young people. We are delighted to be partnered with BASCITT – the Basingstoke Area School Centred Initial Teacher Training. This type of training enables you to train on the job, with real life school experience from the start. If you think you'd like to find out more, please look into the BASCITT information evening – and perhaps take the first step towards a career as a teacher...

**Student Star of the Week.** This week's exceptional star is Ana Olmos in 7PN. This dedicated and determined young lady has just come back with a silver medal in the National Judo

competition in Sheffield! Having trained for many years with the Pinewood club, she was entered as a member of her club, although listed as a Yateley School student and reached this exceptional level. Unsurprisingly she trains for hours each week and has her sights set on further glories in the future. We wish you all the very best Ana and many congratulations.



Yours sincerely

Paul German **Headteacher** 

















### Safeguarding & Child Protection - Updates

During our staff INSET training day this week we refreshed with all the staff the importance of student safeguarding and child protection. It especially focused on the very important topic of peer on peer abuse (including sexual harassment and online bullying) and that we should not accept any form of abuse and saying things are 'banter' or 'just having a laugh' is not acceptable. Following the staff refresh

training, we are also speaking to all students via year assemblies in the next few weeks on this important topic and how we can all support each other and actions that can be taken. Once the assemblies have been completed we will be sharing with all parents some useful material on these matters (as shared with staff and students) so that you are all fully informed. We are also reviewing our tutor time and assembly schemes for the future to ensure all our students get the correct and suitable level of safeguarding education in partnership with their PSHE/RSE lessons.

# CRAFT

#### Craft Time in the Library

We are resuming the student craft sessions in the Library for those who are creative as well as benefitting student well-being. There are normally around 5 to 6 sessions held like this for key events during the year.

The next one to be run is for Mother's Day and Easter. It takes place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at lunchtime in the Library School Room. Please see the details in the poster which are attached to this parent bulletin.



### Year 7 Disco – Save The Date

We are holding a Year 7 Spring Disco on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April after school. We look for it to start at around 18.30pm and end at 20.30pm. The tickets will be £5 per student. Students can then bring their own money to buy refreshments and also a raffle entry. All the proceeds from this event will go towards the students and house charities. Further details on the actual events, how to purchase tickets and signup etc will be in next week's bulletin, so for now save the date

if your child is interested.



#### Year 11 - NCS Summer Event

So far, we have 40 Year 11 students that have signed up to the NCS summer event this year. This is the best signup in the whole Farnborough area.

If any other Year 11 students are still interested it is not too late. Please see all the details in the NCS letter which is attached to this bulletin.



#### **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















#### Theme 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.

### **Happiness**

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the UN International Day of Happiness. With our world facing unprecedented challenges, wellbeing matters more than ever. When we choose to take action to help others, they benefit, we benefit and we set an example of kindness that can ripple out into the world too.

There are some useful website and resources below that we would encourage you to look at home with your child for further discussions on this topic:

- Action for Happiness CLICK HERE
- Action for Happiness International Day of Happiness CLICK HERE
- Choose To Help Video CLICK HERE
- What Makes You Happy? | 0-100 YouTube
- Robert Waldinger: What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness | TED YouTube
- Science Says These 5 Things Will Make You Happier (verywellmind.com)
- 10 Scientifically Proven Ways to Be Incredibly Happy | Inc.com



#### Elevate Education – Parent Free 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 18.00pm – Webinar: How to help your child with their stress & wellbeing - <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE</u>

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
- <u>la https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register</u>















### Dance Show Featuring the House Dance Competition



### Opening Number 'The Greatest Show' performed by Year 7, 8 and the BTEC Dance group

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Dance was back with a bang! It has been the first time we have had a live audience in the school since 2019 and Mr Davis did a tremendous job in transforming the space into a theatre with a large projected backdrop for the audience to enjoy. We had over 90 students take part in this event, which included students across all year groups including the House Dance Teams and the Dance Live Team which was successfully led by our 6<sup>th</sup> form captains. It has been a joy to watch these students grow in confidence and see their passion for Dance develop as we got closer to the evening performances. The standard of dance was exceptionally good and everyone who wanted to perform, did! It was wonderful to hear how amazing the show was and how it was an enjoyable show by the audience.

It is a great opportunity for our younger students to see work performed by our GCSE and BTEC Dancers. This show brings together everyone and celebrates a love of performing.

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Daniel Harris, 6<sup>th</sup> form BTEC Dancer













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Dance Live Team 2022, with Grace Hampshire as Juliet

The show was jammed pack with pieces choreographed by myself, exam pieces, student's own choreographies and a particularly stunning modern solo performed by Olivia Moore in Year 7.

In the second half of the show, Pankhurst, Nightingale and Darwin competed in the House Dance Competition and had the opportunity to receive awards in recognition for performance skill, effective costume choices and well-designed soundtracks that supported their concept.

We were delighted that **ex-student; Amy Rumble** judged the competition and was wowed by how much our school had changed! Amy took part in many dance shows during her time at Yateley School including Rock Challenge Dance Competitions and House Dance when 'Arnold' House was here. Amy now teaches Ballet, Tap, Modern, Acro and Conditioning for the Knight School of Dance and Demeric School of Dance. Alongside this she works in a secondary school as a Senior Learning Support Assistant and is currently studying for her qualification in Speech and Language Therapy. All three houses were awarded excellence in costume designs, Nightingale and Darwin were awarded for their choice of soundtrack and Pankhurst House achieved excellence in performance skill. All three houses put on spectacular pieces and **Darwin House won the House Dance Competition**.

















Most committed performers...

This year House Dance Captains nominated students who have shown excellent commitment to the House

Dance rehearsals. Awards were given to:



Darwin House Dance Team: Freya Wright, Cara Burnett, Zoe Boorman, Livia Biddell (Captain), Charlotte Bench (Captain), Chloe Draper, Poppy Vandensteen, Hollie Billhardt, Micah Blignaut, Sophie Heard, Zhen Chow, Heidi Shacklock, Hayley Wabyona, Jacob Russell, Ella Arnold, Paige Summerhayes, Maisy Manley and Issy Kortlang.

Pankhurst House: Amelia Smith (Year 7), Mary-Kate Ayres (Year 11) and Gracie Henderson (Year 9, Wilberforce House)

Nightingale House: Katie Fuchs (Year 7) Adelaide Joyner (Year 8) and Maia Field (Year 11)

Darwin House: Issy Kortlang (Year 7), Paige Summerhayes (Year 8) and Sophie Heard (Year 10)

Finally I would like to say a special thank you to all the wonderful students and colleagues that helped behind the scenes: Mr Davis our Performing Arts Technician, Liam Coxhead who helped as a Lighting Assistant on both nights, Mrs Ellis for ticket sales and Front of House, Miss Parish for Photography, Megan Scotford and Rachel Plowman for being runners and the following members of staff who help supervise backstage: Mrs Affleck-Cruise, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Breen, Mrs Brinkman, Mrs Clint, Mrs Cobbold, Mr Glendinning, Mrs Goldwater, Mrs R James, Mr Messenger and Mr Wills and to Paul on the site team for helping us take the set apart after the show had finished!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the event. It was lovely to see you.

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance







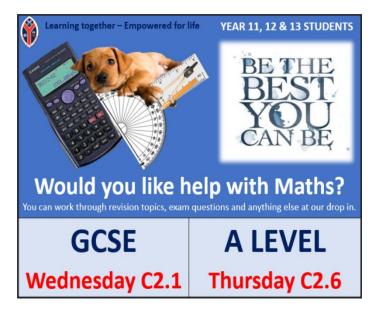


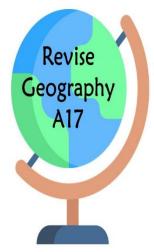




### Social Sciences - Revision Sessions

Criminology	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> June 8:30 to 9:00	D1.8 (Speak to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Rampton for further details.
Psychology	Year 13 Drop in sessions afterschool. Details on Satchel One.	A.18
Sociology	Year 12 – Drop in Sessions 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 3:15 pm  Year 13 Thursday Drop in sessions in Sixth Form.	A1.8 (See Miss Short for details)  See Mr Conway.
Religious Studies	Afterschool every Friday	A1.1 (See Mr Bristow for details)





#### A level and GCSE Geography revision drop-in sessions

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













#### **Spring Concert Arrangements**

Firstly, I would like to send my gratitude and praise to all the lovely students that have auditioned for the event above over the last couple of months. It has been a pleasure to listen to them rehearse and perform. Large numbers of students have auditioned so I felt I had to change the original name of 'Chamber' to 'Spring Concert'.

The list of successful students is now displayed at the front of the Music Block entrance doors, so please encourage your child to come and check. We shall have a tech rehearsal on the day of the concert, Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, in the Main Hall. Students should arrive to school at 8:15am to help us set up. They should be in school uniform and should bring their instruments, performing equipment, sheet music, backing tracs etc. Students will be out of lessons and their teachers are aware. Break and lunch will happen as normal. Rehearsal will finish at 3:10pm so that everyone can go home to rest and change for the evening concert.

In the evening, students should arrive at 5:45pm and their performing attire is ALL BLACK, smart and elegant; no jeans, t shirts, logos or trainers. Tickets can be purchased via Scopay. Concert will start at 7pm and will have an interval. At the end, students will stay 15 minutes longer to help us dismantle performing equipment and safely return it to the Music Block where selected year 10 students will distribute the equipment in its normal places. Please, help us by waiting a little at the end.

This is our first live event since February 2020 so naturally, we are just a tad excited about it! We hope to bring you some joy and to see as many of your there on the night.

Ms Pejovic

### This week's sports results

#### Football

Year 9 drew 2-2 v Frogmore

#### Netball

Year 7 played in their first ever District tournament they finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams this is a huge achievement. Well done to all of the players that attended.

#### Rugby

U14 - played their first ever fixture in a friendly v Court Moor school, The boys gained some great experience

#### Next week's fixtures

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 10 V Frogmore (Home)

Mrs K Evans, Head of PE

Upcoming Important dates			
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	ALL	Chamber Music Concert	
Friday 1st April 2022	Year 11	Draft Timetable issued for exams	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Year 10	Geography Trip - Littlehampton	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Year 10	Geography Trip - Littlehampton	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Sixth Form	Sixth Form Easter Party	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Year 10	Geography Trip - Littlehampton	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	ALL	Finish for Easter Holidays 15.10	



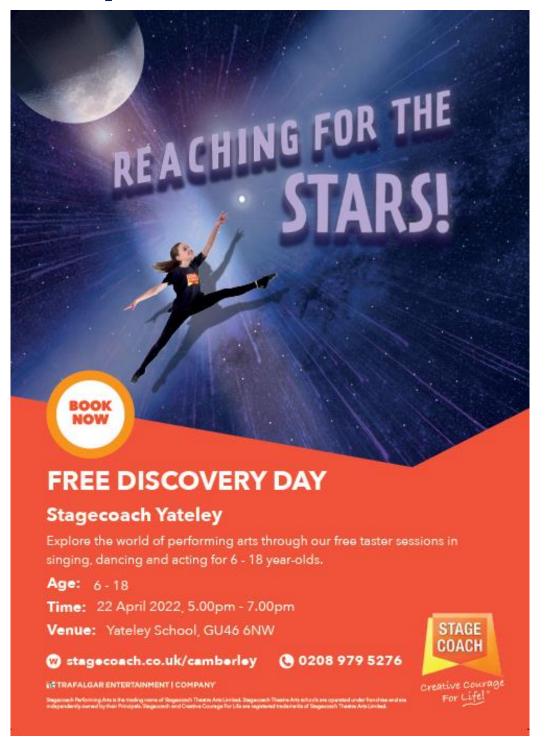




























### UKRAINE REFUGEE DONATION POINT



Ukraine Refugee Donation Point will be open at the former Red Cross Hut, off Monteagle Lane GU46 6LU at the following times:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 4 7pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am 1pm
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am 4 pm
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2 4 pm
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9am 1pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 4 7pm
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9am 1pm

They are collecting the following items ONLY:

- Pushchairs
- Torches
- · Dried and canned food
- Special diet food (gluten/ lactose free, vegan etc)
- Sanitary products
- Nappies, nappy sacks and wipes
- Baby products
- · Baby food products (including toddler food)
- Medical supplies
- Blankets and towels
- Bottled water

They are unable to take any other donations.

Please do not leave donations outside of the opening hours – any donations left outside will not be able to be used.



















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.

> <u>Answer to Maths Corner 20 – What a Bargin!</u> Numbers to stick on doors at 35p each.











