

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and carers

Before the holiday is upon us, I would like to make you aware of an important notice about student arrivals after half term.

Arrival in the mornings will be through the A block gates for years 8 and 10 and the main gates for years 7 and 9. Students will be sent directly to tutor bases for registration, and all students must be in their tutor bases by **8.45am**. Judging by the current rates of virus transmission in our area and other schools encountering the issue of students having to self-isolate once again, the likelihood is that masks will need to be retained for student movement indoors, going to the toilet and especially for arrival in the morning where there is greatest chance of different year groups mixing indoors. This situation will be kept under continuous review in light of local guidance on the rate of covid transmission.

- Years 7 and 9 will muster on the C Block field at break and lunchtime
- Years 8 and 10 will muster on the A Block field at break and lunchtime

Dismissal times at the end of the day will remain in force until the end of the academic year.

- 3:00pm for Years 7 and 8
- 3:10pm for Years 8, 10 and 12.

Very importantly – please ensure that **all** students returning on Tuesday 8th June have taken a lateral flow test and received a negative result within 36 hours of returning. Students have already been provided with sufficient supplies of the LFD devices to cover the holiday period and the first week back.



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Year 11. It is with genuine sadness that we are 'losing' the majority of Y11 today (although they are returning for the ultimate Leavers' Assembly experience)! The word 'leavers' is, of course, a figure of speech as the majority will be returning to the Sixth Form – but this does mark the end of a very significant chapter in their lives. They have been a magnificent year group, full of character, optimism and resilience and we will miss them dearly. It was a real pleasure that as the sun shone today so many of the students donned their sunglasses and enjoyed some of their final days together as Year 11 students at Yateley School! All being well and restrictions permitting, they'll be looking forward to their Prom on Friday 2nd July too.

Mr Hill's Year 11 Business Studies class capped off the year running a virtual company at SIMcompanies.com. After starting on Tuesday with £12,000 to invest, each student began trading and competing against one another in order to grow the highest company value and therefore win the game. A very (very) tense end to the lesson ensued on Thursday as the three wealthiest students adopted increasingly desperate sales tactics in order to win! Nevertheless – with a company value standing at £126,657 – our eventual winner was Ella Morrison! After winning the competition Ella had to select from three identical envelopes; one with £10 in, one with £20 in and a final "money-can't-buy" signed photo of Mr Hill.



Congratulations to Ella who, after choosing her envelope, won £20! The signed photo is still available...



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This is a tough ask in a normal year, making the achievement of our current Year 11s in gaining their Bronze Award even more remarkable. A total of 26 students in Year 11 completed their bronze expedition in the Yateley area last weekend. The full list of students involved in the expedition can be found [HERE](#). Over the

weekend they covered over 32km during the two days in Hawley Woods and Eversley and displayed outstanding team working skills and resilience throughout. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to the staff who made this amazing endeavour happen in the most difficult of circumstances, especially Mrs Uttley who co-ordinates the whole thing. She is ably assisted by some amazing people who helped with the weekend and in getting the awards verified: Mrs Evans, Alun Evans, Janet Williams, Kevin Williams, Mrs James, Sam James, Mrs Harryman, Mrs Dart, Scott Pollard, Andy Rose and Ian Ferguson.

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Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. On Wednesday 26 May 16 students joined Mrs McKerlie and Mrs Balls for a virtual training session with The Diana Award to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Year 7 Arthur Robertson, Kelsey Shalto

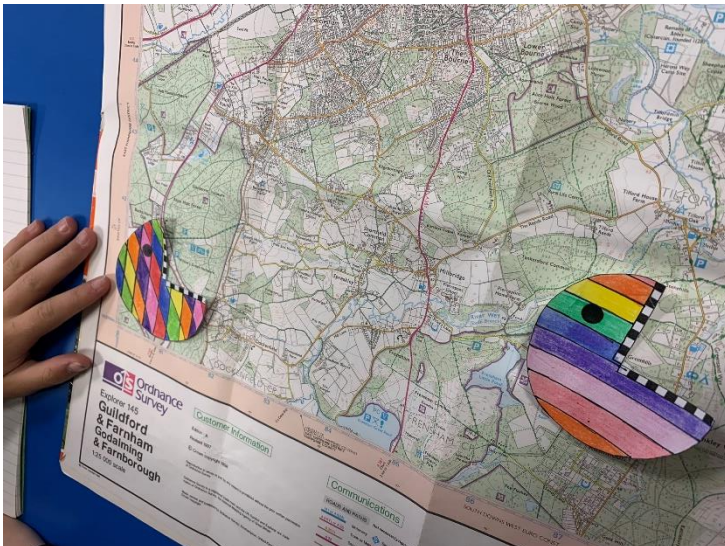
Year 8 Rebecca Lee, Charlotte Chalcraft, Charlotte Swaffer, Lucas Charleton, Millie Stewart, Paula Farcas, Phoebe Bateman, Oliver de la Haye

Year 10 Adam Roche

Year 12 Amelia Cooke, Amy Capp, Katie Green, Marc Bennie, Mark Smith



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are trained passionate young people who will stand up to bullying and believe they can change things for the better. They believe that bullying is not a normal part of life. They support others and take a stand to shape attitudes and change behaviours. They are a pillar of support, look out for others and a strong youth voice for the school community. We are looking forward to working with the Anti-Bullying Ambassador team to promote the Anti-Bullying message across the school and local community.



Amongst the many things Year 7 have been learning about in Geography they have been studying water features and 6 figure grid references. A hotly contested competition has been held to create waterfall creation with Playdough and 6 Figure grid references through Pac-man characters! All winners' pictures have been posted to the Geography Twitter account @Geography_YS



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Year 13 leavers.
With a heavy heart we said a fond farewell today to our Year 13 students, who barring the

support week have all but finished. They have been an absolutely stunning year group; full of life and so much promise. They've been the life and soul of many House events, main school productions and sporting activities to name but a few. They are a determined group of students

who have overcome the challenges that three lockdowns bring but not lost sight of their goals. They have worked really hard and risen to the challenges they have faced – we are proud of each and every one of them. They leave us for pastures new, but well equipped for the challenge ahead, having had such a positive experience of school over the

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last seven years. We wish them well and present to you the well-intentioned advice and final video message, which can be found here - [SUNSCREEN](#).

Reading for pleasure is one of the most important things we can encourage our children to do. There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development. In 2015, The Reading Agency Reading found that reading for pleasure has social benefits as well and can make people feel more connected to the wider community. Reading increases a person's understanding of their own identity, improves empathy and gives them an insight into the world view of others



By clicking this [LINK](#) there are some recommended reading lists from contemporary fiction. All the books are available within Hampshire Libraries and I hope that, as we finish for the half term break, students will have the opportunity to spend some time each day catching up on a good read.

Have a super half term holiday and with a polite request if needed to make sure any uniform issues are remedied before we return (details later in this bulletin). Do remember that Monday 7th June is an INSET Day and (other than by invitation) no students should be present. Term starts again on Tuesday 8th June which is Week B (a blue week).

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher



Year 11 Celebration Events

On Monday we were able to have Year 11 together in a year assembly for the first time since COVID. This enabled us to thank them for being such an amazing year group and explain how things were operating when it came to their assessments and grades (all details published via a letter from Mr Hill). We were then able to let them know how we are going to say goodbye and thank you to them and celebrate in style!

The events and dates for your diaries are below:

1. **Year 11 Group Photo** – This took place on Tuesday. We were finally able to hold back the rain so that Year 11 could have their group photo. They were fantastic and so well behaved that the photo was completed in record time. We now await the photos to come back from the photographers and we will of course update parents once this is confirmed in case you would like to place any orders.
2. **Year 11 Shirt Signing** – We would like Year 11 to return to school on Friday 11th June between 10.20am and 10.45am and come through A Block gates onto A Block field. There they will be able to take part in the shirt signing tradition.
3. **Year 11 Graduation Assembly** – Following the shirt signing on A Block field, at around 11.15am Year 11 will enter the main hall for a celebration assembly. This includes numerous items like a Tik Tok video from Year 11 tutors, a special Social Media presentation from Mr Hill, a Line of Duty sketch from SLT and the Pastoral team, music from a Year 11 band, a video message from Year 11 students, and many other messages. We aim for the assembly to finish between 12.30pm and 12.45pm when Year 11 will then leave school site.
4. **Year 11 Prom** – On Friday 2nd July we are planning to have our traditional Year 11 prom on school site where we will be able to see them out with a bang.

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Year 11 Prom Award Nominations

One aspect of the Year 11 prom is for students to receive various awards. For this we need Year 11 students to vote on the various awards and which of their peers they think should get awards. The Google form has been e-mailed to all Year 11 via their school e-mail, but if you could also please remind them to complete this by Friday 11th June that would be great. [CLICK HERE FOR GOOGLE FORM.](#)



Term 6 Tutor Time – Every Day!

From Tuesday 8th June (Monday 7th June is an INSET day), we see the return of tutor time for every morning of the week. We will also see the return of year assemblies in the main hall every other week (we still however can't run house assemblies as yet due to needing to keep year group bubbles). So there are some changes to alert you all to.

- **Arrival Times:** All students will arrive between 08.35 and 08.45am each morning, and from their entry point (A Block Gates = 8 and 10, B Block Main Gates = 7 and 9) into the school a SLT member of staff will send students straight to tutor rooms for tutor time (or main hall if that year group has a year assembly) ready to start at 08.45am. There will be no morning mustering from now on in the mornings. At 09.05am each day the students will then be sent to their Period 1 and 2 lesson from their tutor rooms.
- **Focus of Tutor Time:** Tutors will continue to get to know their tutees as well as focusing on aspects of attendance, behaviour and achievements. Year 7 will be running a pilot literacy reading programme and there will be one-off focus events around national awareness events, school events, etc.



Year 10 and 12 Student Leadership Process

On Monday 24th May we launched the yearly student leadership process to all Year 10 and 12 students via their school e-mail and SHWM. Student leadership is a massively important part of the school, not just for the four houses but the whole school development. There are numerous roles which students can apply for (and they can apply for more than one role). The deadline for all applications is Friday 11th June and then interviews will take place the following week.

Please can you encourage Year 10 and 12 to make applications. All details can be found in the below:

- **Student Leadership Details PowerPoint** – [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Application Form** – [CLICK HERE](#)



Thank You to Staff

On Monday 24th May in tutor time we provided all students in the school with mini 'Thank You' postcards. We asked them whether they would like to take the time to write a thank you message to a member of the school staff. It was amazing how many cards we had written and we have ensured that they have all been delivered to the relevant staff members. These have brought so many smiles to the faces of staff and made us all reflect why we all do this fantastic profession and work in a school, because of the students we work with.

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Term 6 Celebration Events

As well as the planned Year 11 events in Term 6, we have a host of planned events for other year groups. We were not able to do these last summer, so this summer term we want to celebrate the students as much as possible. There will be a lot more details of these events issued throughout Term 6. These are of course all dependant on the government sticking with their plans for the easing roadmap out of COVID and therefore the plans and dates could change.

- **Year 5 Taster Days & Evening (23rd and 24th June):** Wed 23rd and Thurs 24th June will see the two separate taster days for Year 5 students. We will then be holding the parent evening on Thurs 24th June.
- **Sports Days (1st and 2nd July):** Thurs 1st will see students take part in events throughout the day during lessons whereas Fri 2nd July will see the whole school out on the field for the afternoon to celebrate the events and final out the results.
- **Year 6 Induction Days and Evening (7th and 8th July):** Wed 7th and Thurs 8th July will see the two induction days for our future Year 7 students. We will then be holding the parent evening on Thurs 8th July.
- **Year 7 to 10 Celebration Evening (15th July):** This is new event where we will invite various students and parents from Year 7 to 10 to attend a special celebration evening. There will be awards and recognition for students based on academic, pastoral and whole school nominations.
- **Sports Personality Evening (19th July):** Evening where students will be celebrated for their sporting achievements and efforts by the PE department.
- **Butterfly Day (21st July):** On the afternoon of 21st July we are holding a world record breaking attempt for the number of people gathered on one place dressed as butterflies (including local primaries schools as well as Yateley School). There is a reason behind this! We wanted to use this event to not only celebrate us all being able to come together again following the time we have all had during COVID and the lockdowns but to also launch our new equality and inclusivity charter and creed to ensure that we celebrate all people as individuals.
- **Year 9 Graduation Event (22nd July):** We are looking to hold a special celebration assembly to Year 9 to congratulate them on their positive attitude and hard work in their subjects through Year 9 and then the start of their Key Stage 4 journey from September. The assembly is planned just before lunchtime, and then they will spend the afternoon on the field enjoying activities like a bouncy castle and assault course along with a barbecue. Students will need to earn their place at the event and ensure they continue to work hard and have a positive attitude in all lessons for all the time until this event (those that don't will not be able to attend).
- **Last Day Whole School Awards (23rd July):** Normally at the end of the academic year we run four house assemblies back to back to celebrate achievements and awards numerous whole school trophies. This year we aim (weather depending) to gather the whole school together outside to have one big whole school assembly to celebrate the students achievement, attitudes and effort this year and award the school trophies then.



Uniform Reminders

Because we are going into what looks like a lovely half term with sunshine, we wanted to remind about the expectation of school uniform when students return on 8th June. The link to the full uniform policy on the website is here ([CLICK HERE](#)) however to summarise some important aspect that we need all students to follow please are:

- **Footwear:** Trainers are not allowed at all unless there is a professional medical reason and evidence provided to the school why a student can't wear school shoes. If this is the case the trainers need to be black and not white.
- **Jewellery:** Students are only allowed a single stud in each ear and/or a wristwatch. Bracelets, more than a single stud in the ear or hoop/ring style, nose piercings/studs, rings on fingers are all not allowed in school.

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- **Nails & Makeup:** Nail extensions are not allowed and neither are nail polish or painted nails. Fake eyelashes and heavy makeup is not allowed.
- **Skirt Length:** Skirts should be knee length and never any more than 4 inches above the knee.
- **Mobile Phones and Earpods:** Bluetooth earpods are not allowed in school at all and should be kept away. Mobile phones are not allowed out in school unless permission given in lesson by a teacher for the lesson purpose.

Failure for students to meet the above expectations will result in sanctions be issued until the issue is resolved and items confiscated where possible.

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:

15th June | Motivation - *How to create and sustain motivation across the year.*

6th 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
- 🔗 <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>
- 📘 www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/

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!

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Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance

First Athletics fixture

Thursday afternoon we took 32 year 7 students to their first Athletics Fixture at Farnborough Hill School.

The students were a real credit to us, Not only did they look smart, but they also had some great performances on both the track and the field. Those waiting to compete were excitable and an enthusiastic support team for those participating.



We are very proud of all of you, and we are looking forward to a successful athletics season.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education



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Hampshire County School Athletics Championships

Huge congratulations to all the students that were nominated by the department to represent Aldershot at the Hampshire County Schools Championships, We can confirm the following students have been invited to be part of the team that will compete on Saturday 12th June, at the Mountbatten Stadium.

U/15

Dev Ghambole 200m

Oliver Stephenson 800m

Cooper Shambrook Discus

U/17

Harry Ware 800m

Lisa Duke Triple Jump.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

Last call for budding Actors, Musicians and Dancers in all year groups.....

Don't forget on Wednesday 9th June (first Wednesday back after half term) afterschool from 3.15pm onwards **ACTORS AND DANCERS** will meet **outside the Drama Block** to start showing their performances. We are looking for solo's, duets and small group pieces. You do not need to show the finished piece but enough for us to get an idea! Obviously if it is wet, we will move into Drama Studio 1.

Musicians must go to M1 between 3:30pm and 5pm. You can opt to perform solo, duet, trio, small ensemble piece, either vocal or instrumental or combination of both. This can, of course, be the piece you either play for yourself or that you are currently working on with your instrumental teachers. For this performance, you are also welcome to include the members of your family and/or your instrumental/vocal teacher too. Please, bring your own backing track or an accompanist if the accompaniment is required.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

*Mrs Affleck-Cruise, Ms Pejovic and Mrs Wearing
(Drama, Music and Dance Teachers)*

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Are you a qualified Lifeguard?

Would you like to join our team of Lifeguards at Yateley School and have shifts around your studies or work commitments?



Please contact Jenny or Debbie for more information on

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or email yateleys@yateleys.com

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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 23

6 o'clock train

Terry and Geoff have to catch the 6 o'clock train.
Terry's watch is 10 minutes fast but he thinks it is 5 minutes slow.

Geoff's watch is 10 minutes slow but he thinks it is 5 minutes fast.

Terry and Geoff both leave independently so that they will just make it to the station in time.

Who misses the train and by how much?

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 22 – What is my Number?

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