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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and carers

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday – which probably seems like a distant memory now. This half term has got off to a strong start in the main, with the better weather very welcome. At the moment, we are planning our events calendar as published, but are very mindful of the expected push-back on national unlocking, which has the capacity to put some plans in jeopardy, or at least force an un-scheduled delay.



Year 11 leavers. So... We wished a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 11 students today. Although they finished lessons on the Friday before half term, we have had some in this week to complete assessments and the work is now administrative, namely uploading the huge volume of data to the exam boards. Everything has been moderated and checked and we're ready to go.

Farewell may not strictly speaking be true. The vast majority will be planning to return on July 2nd for

Prom – national restrictions permitting and well over 150 will be joining Year 12 in September. More of a pause than a farewell. However, it has been the opportunity to celebrate 5 great years so far, with cheers and tears and the hope that these extraordinary young people have been equipped to go on and lead extraordinary adult lives.

The Year 11s joined us mid-morning for the annual shirt signing ritual and a catch up with staff on the A Block field. We then went to the Hall for an extravaganza of an assembly with a student band, dubious performances from staff and even a heartfelt message from yours truly.



Thank-a-Teacher (or another member of staff!) Day

<https://forms.gle/NneNsxq4ZBssZnGs7>

You turned my hatred of the subject into love and enthusiasm and I enjoyed our lessons so much all year. You are hands down my favourite teacher and now I'm carrying it on to A-Level! Thank you for everything and for never stopping believing in me :)

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Last year we launched "Thank-a-teacher" day; Yateley School's first ever digital attempt at this national event. Seven days after stepping into the unknown and launching our form to parents, staff and students we were able to send out over 700 messages of gratitude to our teaching staff!

Based on the success of last year... we're going even bigger! So if you want to thank-a-teacher, a member of our fantastic support staff, an LSA or any of our catering assistants who've been working hard all year then please just click on [this link](#) and take a minute out of your day to express your gratitude! There's no limit how many people you can thank and we will handle the distribution and tears of joy/pride at our end! Go on... you know you want to!

Important notices

Please continue to ensure that your child is rigorously conducting their lateral flow test, twice a week every week. They have been provided with a further 10 tests this week, which (with the two that they should still have remaining at home) will last until the end of the summer term. Please make sure that the test result is also registered on the NHS app or on the website. Registration is equally important as Public Health England are tracking cases closely by locality and they need as full a picture as possible

Please make sure that your child knows that tutor time starts at 8.45am every day. They must arrive in advance of that time in order to make sure that they are present in the tutor room ready to start at a quarter to nine. Having given a bit of slack over the last few days, persistent poor punctuality will be logged and then sanctioned.

Student Star of the Week



It is an enormous pleasure – after well over a year, to reinstate the student start of the week feature. It is hugely important to for us to acknowledge the amazing things that our students do and to make sure that the wider school community get to hear of just how accomplished our students are and in such a wide range of arenas.

Pictured here is the very talented footballer Cale Richardson in 7DS who has just signed a 2-year contract with Southampton FC following a successful trial period. He's a goalkeeper and having been playing throughout his childhood, he has been talent spotted whilst playing for Rushmoor. We wish him well for exciting and accomplished times ahead.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Term 6 Tutor Time – Every Day!

Arrival Times: All students must arrive between 08.35 and 08.40am 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.



Lateness

Because tutor time has returned to every morning, it is expected that all students will be in their tutor room (or year assembly) at **08.45am** ready. Any student that is entering the room after 08.45am will be marked as late in the register by the tutor. If a student gets 3 lates they are then issued a school detention. Another 3 lates (6 in total) is another school detention and then another 3 lates (9 in total) is a senior leadership detention. The process then begin again with another 3 lates (12 in total) is a school detention, etc. These late reports will be run daily. Please can you encourage your child to attend school on time and ensure that an alarm clock is set. It is a massively important life skill to be on time!



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 Monday 14th 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](#)



Road Safety

We have seen some cases where students are not really paying attention as they walk along the roads near school or are paying too much attention to their mobile phone instead of where they are walking. Can we please ask parents to remind their children

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the importance of being careful around roads and especially looking up from screens when they are walking around. Some videos you might find useful to show them are:

Video 1 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Video 2 – [CLICK HERE](#)



Online Safety and Cyberbullying

Technology and social media are fantastic resources when they are used in the correct way and the way they were intended. Unfortunately there are times when young people decide to use these methods for the wrong purposes like bullying, posting inappropriate images, etc. We know that this happens a lot with young people outside of school and therefore we are planning to run some year assemblies in a few weeks to cover this topic with all year groups to make them aware of the dangers of using resources for negative reasons, and that anything we do on the internet is there forever (their Digital Footprint). To help support parents with this we wanted to point out some useful resources which are available online for everyone:

- ThinkUKnow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- Diana Award - <https://www.antibullyingpro.com/>
- InternetMatters - https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw8laGBhCHARIsAGIRRYo6meS6-WksUW2149qkVMA9dLD4zHswzoMXFE48_nYA5JZX1PAyyNcaAjqkEALw_wcB
- Bullying UK - <https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>
- Safer Internet - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>
- Unicef - <https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>
- NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>



Term 6 Celebration Events

We have a host of planned events for Term 6. 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 (we will know more about this on Monday 14th June) and therefore the plans and dates are subject to 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.

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- **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

Once again just a gentle reminder about uniform. 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.
- **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.

Reminder about lunches next week

Following the successful reintroduction of students to the school refectory this week, we would like to remind parents it's the turn of **the year 8 and 10's from Monday**. Those students will receive their lunch cards during their tutor group session on Monday morning, a reminder to students in year groups 7 and 9 that will need to order their food via the online app or google form for next week

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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 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/

Maths Corner 24

Football Problem

At the start of a football Match the 11 players of Blyth Spartans shake hands with each of the 11 players of Bedlington Terriers. All of the players also shake the hands of the referee and his two assistants.
How many hand shakes are there in total?

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 23 – 6 o'clock train
Terry by 15 minutes