

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents and carers

Reeling from torrential rain after blistering sunshine within the same week, we have been reminded just how much change is part of our lives and love it or loathe it, we have to deal with it. I have used this as a backdrop to my assemblies to years 7 through to Year 10 this week. I've suggested to them that pressure is a fact of life, but how we respond to it is largely if not exclusively a matter of choice. Much is made in the media about lost learning and young people being left 'high and dry'. There's truth in that, of course, but I have suggested that, as a school community, we can choose to control the way that we respond to this pressure and view the same thing very differently depending on whether we take a positive perspective or a negative one. Unsurprisingly for anyone who knows me – I recommended choosing a positive outlook, it generally seems to work!

I mention all of this as we've had to respond, once again, to the alteration of government guidance on national unlocking and now of course the expected day for removal of restrictions is 19 July. Although the announcement was much anticipated, it did leave us concerned about the array of activities that we normally do in the summer term – Year 5 tasters, Year 6 transition days, Proms, celebration events etc. Quite a lot of rethinking and re-scheduling has been forced upon us and the programme of major events now looks as follows:



Term 6 Events – Date Changes

Due to the updated announcement from the government on Monday this week delaying phase 4 until 16th July, we have made alterations to some of our plans and events for Term 6. We will be issuing a lot more detail about each event and the updated plans throughout Term 6, but for a quick summary of the changes please see below:

- **Year 5 Taster Days & Evening (23rd and 24th June):** These days are cancelled as face to face events and we are unable to have the Year 5 students visit the school this term. We are however working on a very exciting virtual alternative for our primary schools and Year 5 parents and students which we aim to send in the week beginning 12th July.
- **Year 6 Induction Days and Evening (7th and 8th July):** These days are postponed. We are now looking to run the two days on Fri 3rd and Mon 5th Sep (therefore the school will just be open to Year 7 on these days). We are working on an alternative virtual transition programme in the meantime for our primary schools and Year 6 parents and students, which we aim to share in the week beginning 5th July. On this side of the summer holiday, we will undoubtedly look to address some of the fears and concerns that Year 6 pupils may have about coming to secondary school and make sure that they are put at ease, alongside meeting some of the key staff virtually. It's great to know that about 190 of our 220+ new Year 7s are coming to the summer school activity weeks, so this will also help with transition.
- **Year 7 to 10 Celebration Evening (15th July):** This event has been cancelled for this year.
- **Butterfly Day (21st July):** This event has been postponed. We will look to re-schedule to Term 6 (July) in 2022 (we will however still have a tutor time focus in Sep around the reasons for the event to celebrate equality and inclusivity).
- **Year 13 Prom (20th July)** - a re-scheduled event. Further details coming from the Sixth Form team

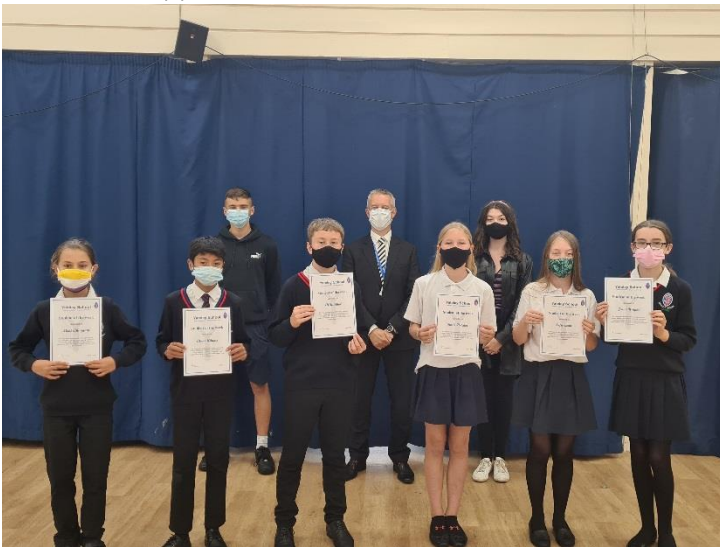


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- **Year 9 Graduation Event (22nd July):** This will still be going ahead as planned with a special Year 9 assembly to congratulate students on their hard work and positive attitudes with graduating Key Stage 3 and moving into Key Stage 4, followed by fun and food on the field after lunchtime.
- **Year 11 Prom (22nd July)** – rescheduled from 2nd July. Year 11 parents have already been notified. We are planning to run the prom normally with the opportunity for families and well-wishers to attend and view the arrival.
- **Last Day Whole School Awards (23rd July):** This will still be going ahead with the whole school together to celebrate student and house achievements.

The Secretary of State for Education has written a [LETTER](#) to secondary school parents/carers to reinforce the importance of continued vigilance over Covid safety procedures and stressing how vital it is that every student continues with the twice weekly LFD testing at home. I endorse this message and have made the same points to the students in assembly.

Student Star(s) of the week.



Every year, Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service send a senior inspector into school for a full day to monitor standards, improvement and the overall effectiveness of the school. This inspection took place yesterday – Thursday 17 June. Although the report has obviously got to be written and proofed, I think it's safe to say that following a rigorous day's observation, lesson walking and interviews they are very happy with the progress and ambition of our school. Our stars of the week are from either end of the school in Years 7 and 12, who met with the inspector and in the most eloquent terms talked enthusiastically about the Yateley School, their issues around lockdown learning and importantly about ways in which the school can improve further in the future. Pictured are: Rosie Fletcher 7PN, Moki Elhaggagi 7NN, Jenna Wright 7DN,

Alfie Fittal 7NS, Oliver Adams 7WN, Sofie Lean 7WS, along with Tom Branch (Head Boy) and Sophie Green (Head Girl).

With best wishes for a super weekend, whether you love the football or not!

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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:

6th July | Technology - *How to self-regulate technology usage use technology to enhance learning.*



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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.

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Well done to all the athletes that competed at the Hampshire County event on Saturday, it was a very hot day for everyone that attended.

Huge congratulations and special mentions must go to our County Champions: Samuel Keys who came 1st in the Senior Men's Pole Vault and Harry Ware who came 1st in the Intermediate Boys 800m, and also to Lisa Duke who came 3rd in the Intermediate girls Triple jump. We are all very proud of you.

Mrs Kerrie Evans
Head of Physical Education

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Jake bakes Cakes



Jake bakes cakes. He bakes more cakes than there are days in June. He bakes less cakes than the seventh square number. If he sells the cakes he bakes in fives there is one left. If he sells the cakes in threes there are two left.

How many cakes did Jake bake?

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 24 – Football Problem

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