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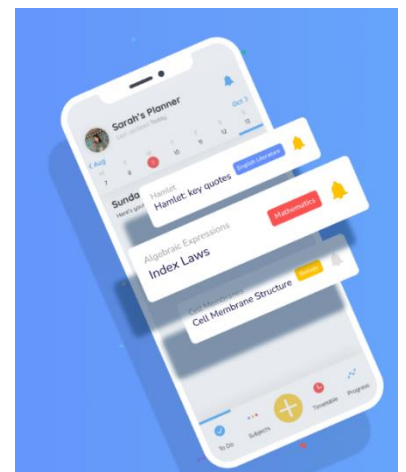
Dear parents and carers

I hope you were able to enjoy an excellent Easter break, with a chance to rest and recharge. The better weather certainly helped to lift spirits and we're able to look forward to the summer term ahead. Of course, there is the huge challenge of the public exams for Years 11 and 13, but there's also proms ahead and all the fun events of the summer term as well as all the hard work! These students would be well advised to spend their time rigorously and productively on revision and the deliberate practice of exam questions, but also remember – even at this stage – to build in time for relaxation and exercise. Teachers are very busy supporting these students and there is regular support and advice from the school, which will intensify over the forthcoming weeks.

And so it begins! On Thursday, the 28th of April we began the GCSE examination season for the first time in three years. Kicking us off were the French and Spanish speaking exams involving 34 students who have worked very hard to prepare for their assessments yesterday. Well done to all involved - we know it can be stressful having one-to-one speaking assessments, but also hopefully it also felt incredibly rewarding to be able to 'wow' Mrs McCabe and Madame Rives. In addition to this, our Art and Design students have now completed their GCSE course (via submission of coursework) as the subject does not have a written exam element this year. Well done to all our Art and Design students for their hard work, we hope you all get the final results you richly deserve.

From Monday 16th May the full written GCSE examination season truly gets going and to help our Year 11 students are bringing back "GCSE week ahead," our weekly publication that shows our students all of the opportunities they have to prepare for their final examinations. We are looking forward to the famous GCSE revision breakfasts (think bacon rolls and exam tips), our special one-off lessons before examinations and a raft of after-school support sessions designed to help all of our students to achieve. The first iteration of GCSE Week Ahead will be with students and parents on Tuesday 10 May - so do look out for this.

Meanwhile, a little heads-up to any parents/carers who are trying to motivate their child to get revising even at this late stage - the fantastic free [Adapt App](#) will work out a full revision timetable and has each day broken down into Exam board-specific topics to cover. It will do this intelligently by knowing when the exam date is for each subject and what content still needs to be covered before that date! The students have known about this since March, but a little reminder from home might not hurt if it's a helpful way to approach revision. If you want to go 'full parent' then you could consider Adapt Plus, which means you can see all of your child's revision progress on your phone; not even remotely controversial! All of this is explained in this handy 3 minute [video](#), so do give it a watch to find out more.



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RS and Social Sciences. Two Surrey Police officers came in to discuss careers with Year 12 Criminology (organised by Mrs Rampton) and also gave an excellent demonstration on 'the big red key', the device to break down doors. Plus, students were breathalysed and handcuffed! RS students were also able to joined in part way through.

On Tuesday we also had the pleasure of welcoming Reverend Rob Young in school to speak to the Year 12 RS students about Philosophy and faith. They were joined by some keen year 10 students to join the discussion and benefit from the stretch and challenge of working with the A' Level students.

Uniform. Please take particular note of the section later in this bulletin on uniform expectations. I would also like to draw your attention to a particular section and alert you to a reinforcement of the school rule on coats indoors. Namely, there was a relaxation of the rules during the covid restrictions, meaning that students were allowed to wear outside coats on top of their school uniform in classrooms. This was to accommodate the obvious discomfort of having windows open for ventilation, even on the coldest days. However, these restrictions have now been lifted, plus of course the weather is much improved. Students who are too hot will not be able to concentrate. Therefore, with the arrival of summer uniform next week, outdoor coats will not be allowed to be worn in class.



Student Star of the Week. Our star of the week this week is Aiden Bundy in 11WN. Mr Sibbald writes about him, "Aiden has shown himself to be uniquely talented at CAD/CAM. From initial ideas he produced a CAD model of a drinks dispenser for a theme park in the style of a Wurlitzer. What was amazing is that he THEN produced a file in 2D Design which, when laser cut, worked first time! The final product is a real jewel, perfect in every detail. We look forward to welcoming Aiden to the A Level course next year." On occasions, we use this position in the bulletin to showcase a student whose academic endeavour has really distinguished them and Aiden is a case in point. He has overcome problems to get this far



and I'm sure will use this as a spur towards success in the GCSEs.

Yours sincerely
Paul German
Headteacher

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Nails Extensions, Eye Lash Extensions, Ear Rings, Mobiles, etc

We are sorry again that we have to write to all parents about this matter, because we know that the majority of our students do follow the school uniform guidelines and expectations, but we still have a few students who are not meeting expectations.

We have given numerous reminders and guidance to students throughout the school year about what is and is not allowed. As of next week, we are now going to have to stop the reminders and begin enforcing the expectations with consequences. This could mean that students could have items confiscated and held in school for parents to collect or students removed from lessons and placed into internal isolation until they can meet expectations. As we said we know this is a small number of students, but please can we ask all parents to support us with this. The full school uniform police and guidance can be found here – [CLICK HERE](#) and the summary guidance found here - [CLICK HERE](#). To summarise again:

- **No nail extensions or polish; No eye lash extensions/makeup** – not allowed. If student can't remove/correct them they could be placed into internal isolation
- **No jewellery except single small plain stud in each ear and/or wristwatch** – all other items (rings, bracelets, earrings, nose studs, etc) that students choose to wear they will be asked to remove and will be confiscated for parents to collect
- **No mobile phones out on school site and no ear pods (unless teacher given permission to use in lesson)** – if student has them out items will be confiscated for parents to collect
- **No trainers (unless medical reason in writing)** – if students come to school in trainers they will be expected to wear plimsoles from the house centre

Any student in the school that refuses to follow the guidance or refuses staff requests when they are spoken to about the above could then face further consequences like detention or exclusion (whether internal or external).



Summer Uniform & No Coats in Classrooms

As from Tuesday 3rd May students are allowed to wear the Yateley School Summer Uniform if they wish. The change with the summer uniform is being able to wear the school white polo shirt. Also, from next Tuesday students will no longer be allowed to wear coats during lessons/assemblies/tutor time. The only reason we have allowed coats in lessons was due to

COVID and us having to have windows open for ventilation. This is now no longer required and therefore students must go back to removing coats during learning.



EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance)

EBSA is a term used to describe children and young people who experience challenges in attending school due to negative feelings (such as anxiety). EBSA is commonly associated with emotional and physical distress, and a reluctance to attend school, which can lead to reduced attendance and further anxiety regarding school. It is also the case that COVID and the disruption

caused to education has increased this negative impact.

Hampshire have put together a resource for parents and carers to enable them to support their child if they feel they might have EBSA. As a school we have also been given guidance in how to support, so as parent/carers please do contact us if you want to discuss your child and feel that EBSA might be a concern around their poor attendance to school.

- **Hampshire Parent EBSA Guide – [CLICK HERE](#)**

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Student Leadership – Year 10 (Year 7 to 11 Tutor Group Rep Roles)

Just before the Easter break, Year 10 had their Student Leadership Opportunity assembly from the Heads of House (this is in connection with the great work that the senior students have done with their four student committee developments this year which we plan to continue into 2022/23). This is a great chance for any Year 10 student to apply for the various student leadership roles in the school. Examples of these roles are house captains, prefects, dance/drama/charity/sports captains, etc. To see further details please do look at the below assembly presentation and also an application form. **Deadline for application is 6th May.** The presentation also details the roles for Year 7 to 11 for the tutor group rep roles.

- Assembly Presentation – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Application Form – [CLICK HERE](#)



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](#)



Term 4 Well Done

Fantastic to see the number of students during Term 4 that reached various house point thresholds, having zero behaviour points, 100% attendance and being awarded tutee of the term. A massive congratulations to you all and the full list of students is attached to this student bulletin.



Year 11 Prom Decisions

Each year we really look forward to our Year 11 students attending the prom as well as their final graduation assembly in the summer term. As we know the Year 11 students need to meet criteria to attend both events. One is to have an attendance of at least above 90% during Year 11. The second is to have 100 or more conduct/prom points at the end of Year 11 (these are their house points minus their behaviour points). We have identified some Year 11 students from the Term 1 to 4 data that are either not meeting both or one of these criteria and therefore will be getting a final warning letter from the school next week to point this out to them (and if the decision were made now would not be attending the events) but they still have time in Term 5 to address the issue. If a Year 11 student does not get a letter then currently they are meeting criteria. The final decision on who is not allowed to attend the prom is made after May half term.



Theme of the Week – 25th April

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.

Curiosity

- 4 Reasons Why Curiosity Is Important - <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/4-reasons-why-curiosity-is-important-and-how-to-develop-it.html>
- The Important of Curiosity - <https://slant.manifest.group/the-importance-of-staying-curious-and-asking-why-59c2bb35549f>
- Why Curiosity Is Power - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAfrspW1O9c>

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Elevate Education

Year 10 'Study Sensei' Seminar – Monday 25th April

On Monday all Year 10 were involved in the 'Study Sensei' seminar during Period 1 and 2 with Elevate Education. They were given guidance and tips on how best to study while at school and during KS4 ready for their final exams next year.

There will now be 5 weeks of follow on tutor time sessions from this seminar where Year 10 students in tutor time will try out these strategies and guides on their actual studies and subjects. The first follow on session will be on Monday 9th May and then the following 4 Mondays after that all in extended tutor time. We will share the resources with all Year 10 students and parents in next week's Parent Bulletin.

Parent Webinar – How to Help Your Child's Memory

Elevate are excited to announce that next week they will be hosting their next Parent Webinar. Feedback to the series so far has been fantastic, so don't miss out the next instalment 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 3rd May (6-7pm)

How to Help Your Child's Memory

[Register for free here](#)

Here's what they will be showing you in this session:

- How you can set up your child's study space to maximise attention;
- The best techniques for improving memory;
- The 7 most common mistakes which actually reduce memory retention.

I've also taken more than one strategy or tip from each webinar, applied them and found them a win - plotting fun first and doing tasks (practice that song once on the guitar, study that section) rather than time (20mins of guitar or 1 hour studying) are two of my favourites!

The webinar is run **live online from 6 – 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.

[Register for free here](#)

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

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👍 www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/

Adapt App

We recently introduced all Year 11 students to the Adapt App (through elevate Education). This is really useful app for students to help their revision, but it seems that Elevate have been asked by parents whether this is a version for parents to help them support their child, well there is! Elevate have **created two resources specifically for parents this term.**

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- 1. Adapt for Parents – [CLICK HERE](#):** This is a companion app to Adapt for students, which keeps parents up to date with what their child is revising, the progress they've made, and where they might need additional support.
- 2. Understanding the Exam with an Examiner sessions:** Their CEO, Maud Millar, is also a GCSE English examiner. She's running regular sessions on GCSE English Literature AQA ([CLICK HERE](#)) and GCSE English Language AQA ([CLICK HERE](#)) for parents and students to talk them through the structure of the exam and how the mark scheme works, so they know how best to revise together.



Year 11 Photo

On Monday 9th May we will be taking our Year 11 group photo. 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 08.30 and 08.45am on Monday 9th May. They will then be organised as required for the photo to take place at around 09.05am to enable the students to go to their lesson from 09.20am.

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, not following the expected school uniform guidance or those that arrive late will not be in the year group photo.

Mr R. Keeble, Deputy Headteacher - Culture

MFL GCE Speaking Exams

The Year 11 GCSE French and Spanish speaking exams took place on Thursday and yet again our students have shown what a credit to the school they are. The hours of revision, period 7 sessions, and emails over the weekends and holidays asking for extra guidance absolutely paid off. We could hear every word of hard work they put in. It is such a joy to sit opposite a young person and realise the real-world potential they are showing, as it was evident that every one of them could find themselves confidently conversing with a French or Spanish speaker and being well understood. I have to admit, that despite only being allowed to use clearly audible communication on the recording with no gestures, I was found to be punching the air, nodding furiously and beaming from ear to ear upon hearing their beautiful language. Super proud teacher moments! Let's hope that the examiners believe they are as fantastic as we clearly do and award them accordingly. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Ms Karen McCabe, Head of MFL

UNIFORM – SUMMER POLOS -

Apologies for any confusion caused recently, we can confirm that students **ARE** able to wear their summer polos from **Tuesday 3rd May**.

90% of orders placed are now available to collect from reception by students or parents, and we expect a delivery next week of any remaining stock required to fulfil orders.

Any queries on orders can be emailed to uniform@yateley.hants.sch.uk

Size exchanges will be subject to availability once all initial orders have been fulfilled.

Mrs Rachel Tindall

Volunteers for Summer Reading Challenge

The Library is looking for volunteers aged 14+ to help children with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which runs from 16th July to 17th September.

This is a great opportunity for students to gain new skills and experience and help boost young readers' literacy. Students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award will be able to use this activity to complete the volunteering element of the award.

If interested, please call in to the Library for further information.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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Class of 2020

Oliver Williams, class of 2020, dropped in to see me with some hardware bits and an update on what he is currently doing. Oliver is working on a Software Engineering degree apprenticeship with Qinetiq. He did extremely well getting 1 of the 4 places on offer and puts it down to a combination of his Computer Science A level, love of Computer Science and external activities such as Cadets. He spends one day a week at University and the rest of the time working on projects which have covered a number of programming languages such as C#. His next project is an AI (Artificial Intelligence) project using Python! It was so good to see Oliver so happy in what he is doing!

Mrs Cobbold. Head of ICT & Computing

This week's sports results

Sports results



Easter saw the end of our winter leagues, and we are pleased to announce all the final results are in.

Basketball

U13 Div 3 League Winners

U15 Div 3 League Winners

Football

Year 7 - League runners up

Year 8 - Div 1, 6th place

Year 9 - Div 2, 3rd Place

Year 10 - Div 2, 5th place

Netball

Year 7 - Div 1, 4th Place

Year 8 - Div 1, 7th Place

Year 9 - Div 2, joint winners on points, 3rd place on GD

Year 10 - Div 1, Joint 3rd on points 4th place on GD.

Next weeks fixtures

@Eggars School

Wednesday 4th May Senior (Year 9 upwards) Field only friendly @LWC

Thursday 5th May U13 Track Knockout @Eggars school

Tuesday 3rd May U15 Track knockout

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

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Year 7 End of Year Assessment

Week of 23rd May

Two papers, 45 minutes each:

- Non Calculator Paper
- Calculator Paper

Revision lists will be available on SMHW the week of 16th May



The banner features the Yateley School crest on the left, the text 'Mathematics Assessment' in large white letters on a dark blue background, and the slogan 'BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE' in a stylized font on the right.

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

Upcoming Important dates

Monday 2 nd May 2022	ALL	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 9 th May 2022	Year 11	Year 11 year group Photograph arrive 08.30
Thursday 12 th May 2022	Year 9	Reports Issued
Monday 9 th May – Friday 24 th June	Years 11, 12 + 13	External Exams GCSE, AS + A2
Friday 27 th May 2022	ALL	Last day before Half Term break
Monday 6 th June 2022	ALL	Start of Term

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Yateley May Fayre

Bank Holiday Monday

May 2nd 2022

The Green, Yateley

10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Featuring:

Stannage Stunt Team

Family Fun Races

Yateley Vehicle Show

Sandhurst Corps of Drums

Open Fun Dog Show

Jubilee Charity Prize Draw

All the usual stalls & attractions

No Car Boot Sale Sellers before 8.00 a.m.

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