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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and perhaps equally important, the shorter working week! In most respects this is really welcome, although it's always tinged with caution when we've got public exams starting in a mere 5 working days. Year 11 and 13 are well set and preparing admirably for the challenges ahead and we're really proud of their attitude and endeavour. If anything, our main task is to manage anxiety and ensure them that they are in a hugely strong position by national comparisons and are eminently capable; it's just a matter of self-belief. It is important to remember that when the last Year 11 group that sat public exams in 2019, our current Year 11s were in Year 8! They haven't benefitted from seeing exams happening all around them and seeing it as a perfectly normal part of school life.



Dr Case has been doing sterling work amongst Year 11 with our 'Excellence' initiative. This has given a significant number of students individual care and attention to detail with focused, individualised, mentoring and support. It is a demanding program designed to foster ambition and self-belief; not settling for second best, but always aiming to reach potential. It is not just aimed at the academically gifted, but to develop great study habits, personal responsibility and deliberate practice of the actual examination questions, so that the requirements become second nature. She has written personal cards to well over 100 of the students (and continues to do so) and the well-wishes have been extremely well received!

I would like to ask for parental support please – where needed – on a traffic congestion problem in School Lane, or more specifically at the lower entrance to the site (by the Nursery/A Block). That area is not suitable for student drop-off from cars and needs to be avoided at all cost. It is a temporary car park for nursery drop off only. There have been a concerning number of cars in this area, particularly in the morning and this has already caused problems. Furthermore, it is an entrance used by hundreds of students and would seem to be 'an accident waiting to happen'. In the past I have suggested that students coming to school by car might be better dropped off further away from the school site avoiding School Lane altogether, which is very congested anyway. If it is essential to drive down School Lane at the start or end of the school day, please use the drop off area in the main carpark.



Student Star of the week this week is Ryan Hooper in 7DN. Ryan is a talented young athlete and a keen member of swimming clubs and a cycling too. He has started to enter triathlons is now performing very successfully in regional competitions (the picture shows the tri-tri event in Winchester). Running competitively is relatively new, but something Ryan does quite a lot of anyway! Triathlons are, of course, a gruelling event and we wish Ryan every success as he develops his talents. Well done!



Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

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Year 11 Photo – Monday 9th May

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.



Year 11 Exam Guidance

As we know the Year 11 students are soon to embark on their final exams.

Mr Hill has kindly put together a guidance document for student and parents around the exam season. This has been shared with Year 11 students and parents before, but we wanted to share again.

- Exam Guidance – [CLICK HERE](#)



Year Assemblies – Kids These Days

This week Mr Glendinning has been presenting to Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 in year assemblies. The topic has been on 'Kids These Days' and that it turns out they are doing OK.

For further details please do speak to your child about the messages they got from the assembly and the assembly presentation and accompanying script/notes are below:

- Assembly Presentation – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Assembly Script/Notes – [CLICK HERE](#)



Mental Health Awareness Week – 9th to 15th May 2022

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place this year from 9th May to 15th May. The theme for this year is 'Loneliness'. It looks at the experience of feeling lonely, its effect on our mental health and how we can play a part in reducing loneliness in our communities. Students can think about their friendships, relationships and support system, about how best to support others, and self-care strategies to employ if they ever feel lonely.

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The below resource from Anna Freud is useful for all schools and parents to look at with their students/children around this topic so please do take a look. We have also listed other links to various other agencies and websites with the focus of this important week.

- Mentally Healthy Schools – Anna Freud, Resource Toolkit – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mind Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mental Health Foundation Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Mental Health UK Website – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Twinkl Resources – [CLICK HERE](#)
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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 – 2nd May

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.

Sun Awareness Week

- <https://careinthesun.org/news/this-sun-awareness-week-be-uv-aware/>
- <https://www.skinhealthinfo.org.uk/sun-awareness/#:~:text=Sun%20Awareness%20Week%202022%20will,2nd%20to%20Sunday%208th%20May.>
- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/national-sun-awareness-week-2022>
- <https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/sun-awareness-week-2022/>

Mr R.Keeble, Deputy Headteacher – Culture

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This week's sports results

Sports results



We have had a busy week of Athletic fixtures, 3 nights in a row, and each day the results came streaming in.

U13 Hampshire Track Knock Out Girls Team - 1st Place

- Lottie Green, 1st 80m, 1st, 150mB
- Hannah Bardsley, 1st 600m
- Sophie Joyner, 2nd 1000m
- Ffion Davies, 2nd 1000mB
- Evie Wilson, 2nd 600mB
- Relay Team (Emily, Kacey, Hannah, Lottie), 1st

Boys Team - 3rd Place

- Rajveer Ghambale, 1st 80m, 1st 150m
- Josh Buck, 2nd 80m, 1st 150mB
- Henry Newell, 2nd 200m, 3rd 600m-
- Louis Dimotzoglou, 1st 600m

Both teams are through to the next round!!

U15 Hampshire Track Knock Out

Despite some heroic performances, the year 8/9 boys came 4th, narrowly missing qualification for the next round by 1 point!

Star performances:

- Alfie Hyatt, 3rd 800m
- Gordan Siow, 2nd 100mB
- Fletcher Kendrick, 3rd 300m
- Relay Team (Dan, Gordan, Fletcher, Dougie), 2nd

U15 and u17 field only event

U15

- George Parson King 1st Shot
- Fletcher Kendrick 1st High Jump
- Elliott Bray 1st Long Jump
- Dougie Bardsley 3rd Long Jump

U17

- Emily Talbot 2nd Shot
- Cara Burnett 3rd Shot
- Emily Thatcher 3rd Discus
- Jonathon Lai 2nd Discus
- Toby Sentch 1st High Jump
- Lisa Duke 1st Triple jump and 1st Long Jump

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Next Week's fixtures:

Wednesday 11th May - U15 and 17 Track Only Event @LWC

Thursday 12th May U13 Basketball in Hampshire Cup final @Kings in Winchester

We encourage all students to attend the extra-curricular clubs we have on offer, please come along and try something new!!

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

Upcoming Important dates		
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
Thursday 30 th June	Year 7	Reports issued
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 5	Year 5 Parents' Evening (7-8.30pm) MH
Thursday 30 th June	Year 6	Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 30 th June	Sixth Form	Sixth Form Prom venue tbc
Friday 1 st July	Year 11	Year 11 Prom (7.00 pm – 11.00pm) MH

Maths Corner 28

Jog your memory

A jogger runs from her home to the shop at an average speed of 12 km/h. When she gets there she finds that the shop is closed. She walks back home at a constant speed of 4 km/h.

What is her average speed?

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 27 – Cubel
1.25cm

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Arborfield Aces trials



Would you like to be a part of a friendly, fast growing, successful football club?

Spaces available on the following teams:

U16 – Current year 10 (1 Sep 2006 to 31 Aug 2008)

U17 – Current year 11 (1 Sep 2005 to 31 Aug 2007)

Saturday 21st May, 10.30-11.30

Arborfield Green Pavilion, Buttenshaw Avenue,
RG29LY

Email fixturesarborfieldaces@gmail.com to register your interest and get more information.

Join us for the 2022/2023 season!