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# Parents' Bulletin

## Dear Parents

Following on from our really strong A Level results in the summer we had a fantastic 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening yesterday, where a record number of families attended to find out what our 6<sup>th</sup> Form has to offer.

The feedback from parents, students and staff has been extremely positive – more from Mr Mather our Head of Sixth Form later in this bulletin.

## Target Setting

Over the next few weeks students in all year groups will be discussing their targets for the year (in Yr 7,8 and 9) or course (Yr 10,11,12 and 13), with their subject teachers. All targets are created by using prior attainment data and base line testing to predict what a student could achieve at the end of the year or course (in the case of GCSE and A Level)

We use a system devised by the Fisher Family Trust (FFT) to predict the possible outcomes in each subject. We then set the targets based on an estimate of what the top 20% of children with a particular intake profile could achieve in each subject. The targets are deliberately designed to be challenging to encourage students to push themselves to do the very best they can.

Our progress review cycle begins after half term. All details of when you will receive your child's progress review sheet and can meet with subject teachers is detailed below.

Year 9 is a little later to co-inside with the options process which starts after Christmas – more details about this later in the term.

	Progress Review	Subject Review Day	Subject Review Evening
Yr 7	14-Nov	24-Nov	
Yr 8	21-Nov		30-Nov
Yr 9	19-Dec		25-Jan-18
Yr 10	28-Nov		07-Dec
Yr 11	14-Nov	24-Nov	
Yr 12	14-Nov	24-Nov	
Yr 13	14-Nov	24-Nov	

**Mr T Pettengell**  
 Deputy Headteacher



Hampshire  
County Council



## Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome over 160 families to our Sixth Form Open Evening last night, including over 30 from other local schools, all of whom were keen to find out more about 'The Yateley Offer'.

The reports that I have had back, show that plenty of great conversations went on and I hope that everyone found out what they wanted to know. Of course, if you have questions following the evening, or stemming from visits to other colleges, please do hesitate get in touch.

One of the questions that I was asked most was "Whether or not Yateley still offers students the chance to study 4 AS levels?"....the answer is that we most certainly do!. We still believe that 4 subjects at AS level is the best route, even if other colleges are moving away from that.

The reality is that this move is more about college cost cutting than education, however it is dressed up by college principals. Four subjects give flexibility and a higher points haul at the end of it all, which is important. Four are also a perfectly manageable work load for most students. Of course if students would rather study three, we are ok with that too, so long as they understand that they are with those subjects through thick and thin.

The second most frequent question was about subject choices. "Can you swap subjects after you have submitted your application?"....of course you can!. Students often change their minds, it's only natural as they go through Year 11 and then the exams process.

In fact we still have swaps going on into early September of Year 12. The initial choices really give a start point and are something we will explore with students when we meet with them to talk about their subjects in January.

For more information about any of this, please see our website [www.yateleysixthform.com](http://www.yateleysixthform.com) you can access our online application form on there too. Alternatively, as I mentioned above, please get in touch if you have any questions, we would be very happy to talk you through any element.

## DIARY DATES

16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scholastic Book Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr 12 BTEC Travel Trip – Brighton
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	House Dance Show – 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	House Dance Show – 7pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr 7 Tutor/Parents' Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr 12 Geography Trip – Slough

## SPORTING RESULTS

Football

Year 7 v Collingwood Lost 0-7

Year 8 v Bohunt Won 4-0

Year 9 v Calthorpe Park Lost 1-2

Rugby

Year 9, Lost Courtmoor 5-10, Weydon 0-10, RMS 5-25

## Netball

Year 10 Netball team played at the District Tournament in a very tough pool A, on a very cold and blustery evening. The team displayed moments of excellent play. Unfortunately not all the score lines reflected what had been going on, on court.

## **PARTICIPATION IN PE LESSONS- POLITE NOTICE**

Please could we ask for the support off all parents in ensuring that students bring their P.E. kit to EVERY P.E. lesson. Our Department policy states that if a student is injured or ill, they **MUST** still bring their P.E. kit to school. Whilst we understand that they will be unable to take part in the lesson as a performer, we will adapt the lessons to suit the individual needs of the student and there may be parts of the lesson that they can access easily. In most cases they will still be able to participate in the lesson as a referee, scorer, coach, judge or choreographer and therefore the students need to be wearing appropriate P.E. kit for the lesson.

## **PIERCINGS**

Please could we also remind you that even the single stud, allowed in each ear, by the school rules **MUST** be removed for PE lessons. They cannot be covered by tape. Thank you for your support.

## **HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 7PM**

The House Dance Competition is fast approaching and this is a **VERY** popular event with tickets that sell out quickly. For that reason, for the **first week of sales only** (Thursday 28th September and Tuesday 3rd October payment dates), tickets for Wednesday 18th October (judging night) will be limited to 2 per family only to give everyone equal chance to secure tickets for this event. They are priced at £5 per person. After 6<sup>th</sup> October, any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets can be purchased on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from Reception from 8.30am until 9.00am and at breaktimes. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the bulletin and send your payment in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Ellis. Tickets will be sent out via your child's register.

## **MATHS RESOURCES ORDER**

Regarding our recent order for the new GCSE online textbook, I need to identify a student whose parent paid for the higher textbook via the online payment system and signed the reply slip in the space requiring student name. I think it says 'K Bitter'. If that sounds like you, could you please get in touch. Thank you

***Mrs James, Maths***

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the Library Schoolroom from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th October. Arrangements are in place for Year 7 and 8 students to visit the Book Fair during designated English lessons. Students can also visit the book fair during lunchtimes.

There will be a great range of titles available for a teen audience and this note is an invitation for staff to visit the book fair any time during this week. This is an ideal opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early!

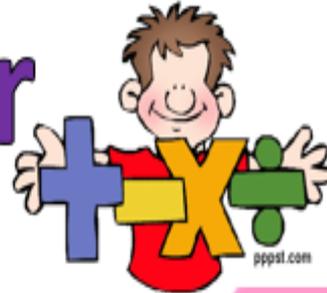
Cash or cheques can be used as payment. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Ltd. Please note that most of the books are not discounted but there are generally some bargains to be had! Commission earned on book purchases will be used to enhance the English Department's book stock.

***Mrs Hood, Library***

## MOBILE PHONES CALLS

This is a polite reminder can we please ask parents not to phone their children during school time as this may result in their mobile phones being confiscated!! If you need to contact your child can you please leave a message at Reception so that your child can come to the House Centre to phone home during break or lunch. Thank you

# Maths Corner 3



## Monkeys and Bananas



Suppose 8 monkeys take 8 minutes to eat 8 bananas.

1. How many minutes would it take 4 monkeys to eat 4 bananas?
2. How many monkeys would it take to eat 64 bananas in 64 minutes?

**1 house point to all parents/student who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.**

**Answer to Maths Corner 2 – Dinner Dilema**



# EB SPORTS CRICKET COACHING

"The days of our youth are the days of our glory" Lord Byron 1788-1824

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2017 AUTUMN HALF TERM CRICKET COACHING DAYS

at

EVERSLEY INDOOR CRICKET CENTRE

EVERSLEY, HAMPSHIRE RG27 0PN

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

3 to 5pm

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EB SPORTS Cricket Coaching, is holding its Autumn half term Cricket Coaching programme for players 9 to 13 from Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. These afternoon sessions are suitable for players who have had some experience of playing cricket at school or club for a season, or who are starting, and will be instructed by Senior English Cricket Board coaches.

**Eversley Indoor Cricket Centre is the venue.** The programme is designed for young players who have some playing experience and want to have some cricket fun. All players are invited to these programmes by recommendation or known ability. It is an open public course and parents may apply if they feel their son or daughter would benefit from these sessions of cricket coaching. The cost of the 5 day programme will be a **very low £140.00 per player** for comprehensive coaching including bowling machine and fielding routines plus playing indoor games. Numbers will be limited. We hope you can come and look forward to seeing you there. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information, or if I can be of further assistance, on 0118 9732079/07944 604310 or email [ebcoaching@hotmail.com](mailto:ebcoaching@hotmail.com). If you would like to enrol your son or daughter please fill out the slip below and send to Tony Porter, Secretary, EBCC, 42 Mornington Avenue, Finchampstead, Berkshire, RG40 4UE.

Please visit facebook [Tony Porter@ebcoaching](https://www.facebook.com/TonyPorter@ebcoaching)

Regards *Tony Porter*

Please enrol my child(ren) in the Autumn half term Cricket Coaching Programme from (The schedule is shown below) (please delete not appropriate). **10% discount for the first 10 players!**

Parents may opt for single afternoon sessions at £50 per session.

NAME.....TEL NO.....

ADDRESS.....

EMAIL ADDRESS (if checked regularly).....

Date of Birth..... CRICKET CLUB(if any).. ..School.....

Any **medical condition**.....

**October 23/24/25/26/27 Please note which days you would like.**

Times are all 1500 to 1700

(Fees payable at the start )



# GROUP TICKETING

Purchase tickets at a **special discounted rate** and **raise funds** for your team or group

Enjoy time with your **family and friends!**

Pick from **Reading v**

**MIDDLESBROUGH**

**Sat 28 Oct, 3pm**

Booking deadline:  
Fri 20 Oct, 12pm

**WOLVES**

**Sat 18 Nov, 3pm**

Booking deadline:  
Fri 10 Nov, 12pm

**SHEFFIELD UNITED**

**Sat 17 Feb, 3pm**

Booking deadline:  
Fri 9 Feb, 12pm

**LEEDS UNITED**

**Sat 10 Mar, 3pm**

Booking deadline:  
Fri 2 Mar, 12pm

**SUNDERLAND**

**Sat 14 Apr, 3pm**

Booking deadline:  
Fri 6 Apr, 12pm

**Ticket Price**

Adults **£15**  
65 and over **£10**  
18-24 **£8**  
17 and under **£5**

**Amount donated to YOUR team or group**

**£5**  
**£4**  
**£4**  
**£2**

To book please call the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote the name of your team or group.

**Please ensure you call before the booking deadline.**

Fixtures subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.



**Reply Slip – House Dance Tickets (Return to Reception)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Performance Date</b>	<b>No of tickets required at £5</b>
<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>	

Tickets sold are limited to 2 per family for the first week of sales only for the Wednesday night show. Priority will be given priority to those taking part in the show. After the bulletin on October 5<sup>th</sup>, tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis for both performances.

Please note: There is no allocated seating in the Main Hall.