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Parents' Bulletin

Dear Parents

Year 11 Additional Mocks

I wrote last term of how well our Year 11 students approached the additional mock exams in English and Maths. These exams were produced by PIXL (Partners in Excellence), an organisation working with over 1500 schools to improve outcomes for students. 98,309 students across the country sat the mock English exam and 90,520 students sat the Maths exam and this means we can gain an idea of where we stand with the new grades. The results for our students are encouraging – 80% gained grade 4 and above in English (the equivalent of a C grade or above) and 84% the same in Maths. In English and Maths 7% of our students gained grade 9, the very highest, compared with 3% for all of the students sitting the mock nationally.

We have to be aware that these results might change. There will be, for example, many private schools who do not enter the PIXL mocks. For now, they offer our students a great deal of encouragement, not to mention our teachers in English and Maths who put in a great deal of extra effort into supporting our students with these mocks.

Mopeds

Each year we remind our Year 11 students that they are not allowed to bring mopeds into the school site. Experience has told us that young and inexperienced moped riders and the large numbers of students leaving school at the end of the day do not mix at all well. Therefore, for health and safety reasons, the convenience of a few has to be sacrificed.

Summer Uniform

This starts on the 2nd May, after the Bank holiday. Hopefully, the snow will have stopped by then.

Sky Sports Celebration Day

Each year, Sky Sports work with our Year 8 Gifted and Talented boys and girls. This was organised by our Mr Plummer and mentored by Kate Grey, a Paralympic swimmer who represented Great Britain for ten years. The students learn a new sport, Handball and then coach Year 7 students in the game, managing a team in a tournament. This takes place over a period of six weeks training and on Monday, the celebration day and tournament took place. Kate Grey was extremely complimentary about our students and Mr Plummer was extremely pleased with the progress, enthusiasm and attitude of our Year 8 students.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

We received two certificates from the D of E manager at Hampshire County Council. One informed us that 66% of our students completed their award from April 2016 to March 2017 – well above the National Average. That's not to say that the other 34% won't complete it at some point in the future either. Our students also completed 507 hours of volunteering in their local community. This was given the social value of £1,962.10. This is calculated by working out the value saved by volunteering at minimum wage.

Incorporated Society of Musicians (ISM)

They sent us a certificate – the ISM trust Bronze certificate in Music 2017. This recognised the fact that more than 10% of all Year 11 students achieved an A* - C in GCSE Music last year, putting us in the top 424 schools in England.

Our thanks go to all our Music teachers who have served our students so well.

Mr M F Jackman
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

27 th April	Junior Maths Challenge Year 7 and 8
27 th April	Year 7 Subject Review Evening – Starts 5.30pm
1 st May	May Bank Holiday
2 nd May	Students can wear summer uniform
3 rd May	GCSE Drama Parents Performance
4 th May	GCSE Drama Parents Performance
4 th May	CAMP International Parents Presentation – 7pm Main Hall
8 th May	Yr 9 Exams Start
10 th May	Yr 12 Parents Information Evening UCAS and Apprenticeships – 7pm
11 th May	Year 8 House Cricket / Rounders
12 th May	Year 7 House Cricket / Rounders
15 th May	Year 8 exams start
15 th May	External exams start
19 th May	Year 8 and 9 exams finish
19 th May	Year 9 House Cricket / Rounders
22 nd may	Year 7 exams start
25 th May	Yr 11 Maths (Foundation / Higher Tier Paper 1)
29 th May	Bank Holiday

SKI TRIP 2018

The Ski Trip 2018 has now been opened up to all students in current year 8 (next year's year 9). The deadline has now been adjusted to aid this. Can I ask all letters, or online deposits are in by Wednesday 26th April 2017. We can be flexible with deposits so please feel free to contact me regarding payment, the information on the application letter (previously sent out by Schoolcomms or available from reception) is a basic guide.

Mr Plummer, Trip Leader

POLAND 2017 TRIP MEETING 7TH JUNE 5.30PM – 6PM IN THE DRAMA STUDIO.

There will be a meeting for all students and parents attending the Poland trip in the summer. It will be an opportunity to discuss the itinerary and address any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Bristow, Head of Religious Studies & Trip Leader

DANCE AUDITIONS FOR BERKSHIRE COUNTY DANCE COMPANY YOUTH AGES 13-21

BCDCY offer professional level contemporary dance training for those dancers who are preparing for full time training and offers a bridge from school and after school club dance sessions to the full time discipline and technique required to undertake professional training, as well as offer guidance on how to successfully audition.

The company meet on Sundays during term time and during some half terms in order to create new performance pieces and often perform alongside professional dance companies at South Hill Park. Artists the company have worked with and performed alongside include Rambert Dance Company, James Cousins Dance, Joss Arnott Dance, James Wilton Dance, Tavaziva, Luke Brown Dance, Experiential, Anna Watkins Dance, EDIFICE Dance Theatre and many, many more...

If you have a child who would be interested in auditioning on Sunday 4th June, please email Lena Dee to receive an application form at lena.dee@southhillpark.org.uk

For more information about the company:

Visit www.bcdcy.org.uk<<http://www.bcdcy.org.uk>>

Visit www.youtube.com<<http://www.youtube.com>> and search BCDCYouth

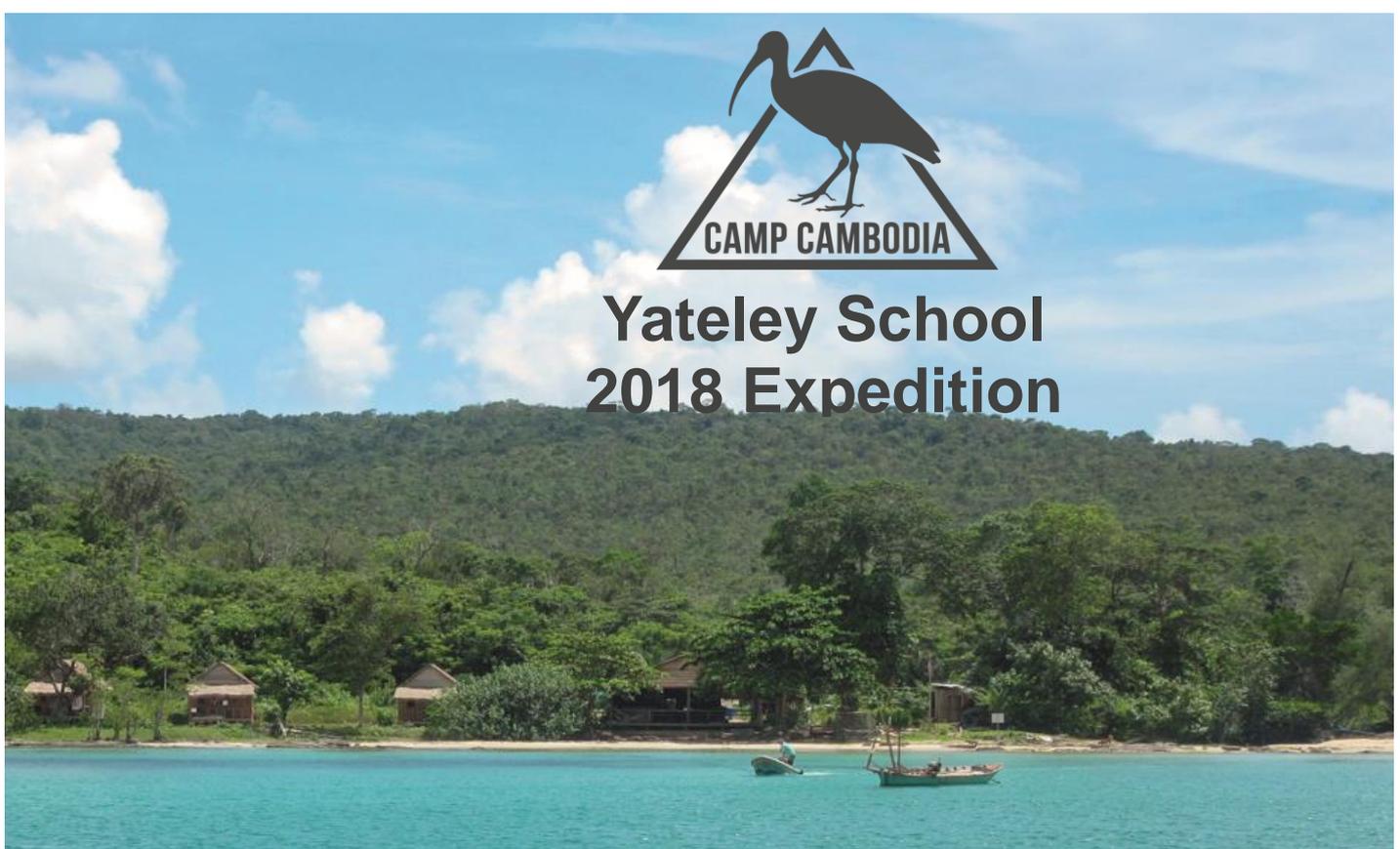
www.facebook.com/BCDCY<<http://www.facebook.com/BCDCY>>

Mrs Wearing, Joint Head of Dance

CAMPS INTERNATIONAL – PARENTS PRESENTATION EVENING 4TH MAY 7PM

We are very excited to be partnering with Camps International to offer our Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to travel to Cambodia during the summer of 2018. Here students will be working on a range of sustainable and meaningful community and conservation projects before scuba diving their way towards a PADI Open Water Qualification. Parents and interested students are invited to attend our **Parents Presentation Evening**.

This will be taking place on **Thursday 4th May at 7pm** in the **Main Hall**.



CAREERS INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Many students in this year group will now be planning ahead to the autumn term, when they will be making college applications. Some will also be considering applying for an apprenticeship alongside college applications.

The school careers adviser is available to help students make some often challenging decisions around post-16 options.

Each student in this year group will be asked to fill in a 'Year Ahead' form which will be used to prioritise them for careers interviews.

Any parent may also request a careers interview for their child by emailing Chris Jones at:

chris@questcareerconsultants.org.uk

Please provide full name and tutor group.

Careers interviews are typically 1:1 meetings, but please state if would like to attend the meeting (during school time on a Monday or Wednesday) with your child and provide your availability on these days.

Mr Jones, Yateley School Careers Adviser

YATELEY LIFE SAVING CLUB

Yateley Life Saving Club are looking to recruit new members.

We meet on a Thursday evening from 7.30 pm at Yateley School Pool, School Lane, Yateley. Our club teaches children survival skills, water safety, rescue skills, lifesaving sport, first aid and life support. We offer a variety of RLSS Rookie Lifeguard & RLSS Survive and Save courses. Our courses can help towards the Physical, Skills and Volunteering elements of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

If you are interested and your child can swim at least 100 metres please contact the club to register for our trials night taking place on the 8th June

Contact details: email: yateleylifesavingclub@hotmail.com

Website: www.yateleylifesavingclub.co.uk

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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

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