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Parents' Bulletin

Dear Parents

Teacher Shortages

I have written in the past about teacher shortages. These are affecting all schools – private as well as maintained. Whenever a teacher leaves or is ill for the long term, we do our absolute best to make sure that the education of our students does not suffer. While we are mostly fully staffed, we have three members of staff on long term sick leave and have not recruited yet for two posts, one vacant since January and the other since Easter.

We adopt a number of strategies. We of course try to employ the best cover teachers we can. Failing specialist cover teachers we swap teachers about so that any one class has a specialist teacher for at least part of the time and we try and focus on examination classes as a priority. If we can draft in capable teachers for at least some of the affected lessons, we do so. We have also doubled up two classes, with one teacher (+support) so that students have access to their specialist knowledge. All of these measures place an extra strain on those specialist teachers remaining – they have to set work for their absent colleagues, deal with the issues that inevitably arise when cover teachers, unused to our systems, take over a class and often, mark important pieces of work for their absent colleagues.

All parents of students affected by these absences will want reassurance about their child's education under these circumstances and we understand this and would want to offer this. However, to do this on an individual basis simply adds to the stress that remaining specialists are already under.

Please accept our assurances that we are doing all that we can under the circumstances.

We have met with the view that somehow we have failed in not supplying appropriate teachers as and when, as if such disapproval will magic up the right teachers. Googling 'teacher shortages' will provide dozens of articles such as the one below and perhaps create a little more understanding that we are one of many schools suffering the outcomes of forces, unfortunately, beyond our control. An email or letter to the DfE or relevant MP would be much more useful.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/teacher-shortages-to-hit-crisis-point-2020-mps-warn-neil-carmichael-education-select-committee-a7590481.html>

Rock Challenge

I attended the Southern Premier final for this completion. The standard was extremely high – many schools had adopted a number of features we brought to the completion in 2015 and



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we will no doubt learn from the winners of this and subsequent years. We did very well and although we were not amongst the winners, our students performed an excellent piece and, on the basis of this performance, we remain in the Premier league.

Our students and staff, particularly the BTEC group in Year 13 and our Dance teachers, have worked incredibly hard to reach this level and all the performances and stage crew excelled. Mrs Wearing writes at greater length later on in this newsletter.

Mr M F Jackman
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

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

SPORTS RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Eve Long 8PS who played her first game of cricket for the Yateley Ladies Cricket Club First XI. 12 year olds are not normally allowed to play in the adult league. She usually plays as a wicket-keeper in the Under 13 and Under 14 teams, but in this match she bowled and took a wicket. Yateley Ladies went on to win the match. Well done what a fantastic achievement.

POLAND TRIP – POLITE REMINDER PLEASE

That the final instalment will be due on the 9th May.

Deposit		£100
Tuesday 6 th December	2016	£155
Tuesday 24 th January	2017	£120
Tuesday 14 th February	2017	£100
Tuesday 4 th April	2017	£100
Tuesday 9 th May	2017	£100

Mr Bristow, 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

ROCK CHALLENGE 2017

Southern Premier Rock Challenge Finals – Saturday 29th April

On Saturday night a cast of 59 Performers and 15 Stage Crew represented Yateley School at this year's Southern Premier Final at the Guildhall in Portsmouth. This year our Year 13 BTEC Dance students Phili Fahy, Adam Hughes, Heidi McLeish, Rebecca Stoneman and Katie Wilder took on the challenge of creating the concept, choreography, soundtrack, costume and set designs as part of their BTEC Dance assignment.

The piece was called 'Fallen Star' and it followed the life of Norma Jeanne Mortenson, more widely known as Marilyn Monroe, portraying the pressures of stardom and how this eventually ended her life.

Students who participate in Rock Challenge dedicate over 7 months of the year to create the piece, including some weekends. This is an incredible commitment and I would like to congratulate everyone who was involved in the event. On the night of the competition, 11 of the best schools across the Southern region took part. Yateley School gained Awards of Excellence for Performance Skill, Soundtrack, Stage Crew and Video Performance. The Judges said Yateley School "pulled off a great performance". Each performer showed "great conviction in their characters". The set "complimented each stage in her life very well, it was an accomplished performance".

I would also like to thank the staff who supported the team getting to the Premier Competition, Mrs Kerrie Evans for supervising and supporting ideas in rehearsals, Mr Matt Davis for set construction with the aid of student Will Hitching (who also took on the role of Lighting Designer), Mrs Alix McWilliam for helping with the huge task of the administration of the event and Mrs Goldwater and Mrs Dixon for supporting at the day events.

Performers in 2017 were:

Grace Austin, Poppy Bunton, Tosca Danelutti, Phili Fahy, Tate Farman, Ava Fontaine, Naomi Gray, Ellie Green, Grace Hampshire, Tia Hanbury-Hughes, Nicole Harrup, Cameron Hayward, Emily Holden, Adam Hughes, Cerys Goddard, Amelia Jarvis, Lauren Jones, Joe Kilbane, Lewis Ledlie, Ethan Lord, Jack Lord, Emily Maher, Isaiah Mallet, Lily Marr, Heidi McLeish, Kimberley Nolan, Ashlie Pascoe, Ellie Park, Danielle Piegeler, Isabella Phillips, Alyssa Philpott, Phoebe Pollard, Megan Prior, Sophie Prior, Charlotte Prendiville, Erin Prendiville, Holly Osbaldstone, Rebecca Stoneman, Grace O'Sullivan, Jessica O'Sullivan, Sophia Ramos, Kayleigh Robelliard, Jasmine Roberts, Jack Roriston, Emily Ross, Eli Sage, Evie Saunders, Megan Scotford, Lara Shacklock, Amy Sparrow, Ellie Spencer, Charlotte Stacey, Rebecca Stoneman, Abigail Thatcher, Bethany Watkins, Amelia White, Katie Wilder, Jasmine Windsor and Lauren Woodman.

Thank you to Amy Smith who has supported the event as our Student Co-Host this year.

Stage Crew in 2017 were:

Hannah Bevan, Harriet Cannon, Jemima Cannon, Jasmine Carr, Lily-Mae Ealing, Chloe Holman, Jessica Honour, Dan Kennedy, Lucca Kershaw, Olly Mason, Gabi Poliwka, Emily Sales, Rachel Tickell, Georgia Woods and Helen Wilcockson.

I am delighted that Yateley was placed as one of the top 8 schools in the competition and will remain in the Premier Division for 2018. Another great year for Yateley School at Rock Challenge and one we should all be proud of.

Mrs Wearing, Joint Head of Dance and Director of Rock Challenge

SKI TRIP 2018.

We finally have our resort confirmed for 2018. We will be travelling to Zell in Austria which is one of the most sought after resorts. We are extremely lucky to have been given this chance, and it is one we might not be lucky enough to get again. Because of this I have opened up the trip intake for the final time. The basic cost of the trip is £899, this does include though

- *Coach travel to and from resort*
- 6 nights full board and accommodation
- Hire of skis, poles and boots
- 5 hours of instruction per day (6 days).
- Ski breakage insurance
- Ski lift pass

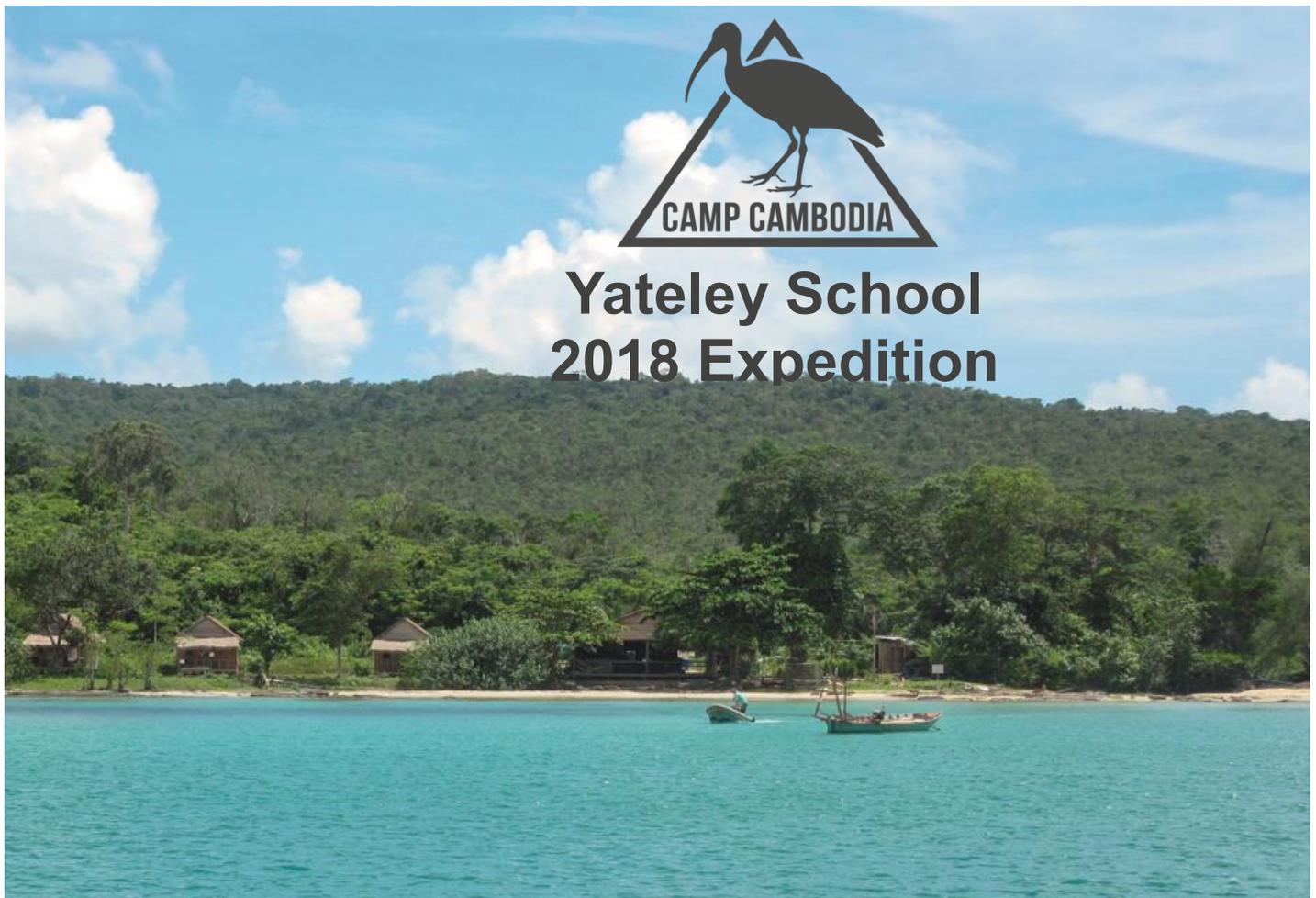
The trip is available to any student in the current year 8 and above. Please pay the online deposit, or return the relevant paperwork by Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Mr Plummer, Trip Leader

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**.





Community Safety News



Summertime Soccer

The popular Soccer at Six sessions run by Aldershot Town Football in the Community Trust and supported by Safer North Hampshire and local councils return to Hart and Rushmoor from Tuesday 2 May to Friday 25 August (excludes bank holidays).



The sessions are open to boys and girls of all skill levels aged five to 14 years (participants are grouped accordingly). There's no need to book— they can just turn up on the day. Sessions run from 6pm to 7.15pm and cost £3.



As well as learning new skills and taking part in games, the youngsters will make new friends, develop an interest in sport and healthy living, learn to work as a team and spend time with positive role models.

Venues are as follows:

- Mondays:** Peter Driver Playing Fields, Church Crookham
- Tuesdays:** Oakley Park, Fleet
- Wednesdays:** King George V Playing Fields, Farnborough
- Thursdays:** Manor Park, Aldershot
- Fridays:** Basingbourne Park, Fleet

For more information, please visit www.aldershottownfitc.co.uk, email fitc@aldershottownfitc.co.uk, or follow on twitter @SoccerAtSix

Find that Bike



Hampshire Police recommends this useful site, www.findthatbike.co.uk

If you have had your bike stolen, you can enter the bike details on this site and any bike put up for sale on Gumtree or eBay which matches the details given will be emailed to you. Over the last year, more than 1000 stolen bikes have been identified.

The website also has a section to check bike serial numbers (for those thinking of buying to check if stolen) and to report stolen bikes.

The Water Safety Code

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.

Spot the dangers! Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot dangers and keep away from them. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- Very cold temperatures and hidden currents
- It can be deep and it is difficult to estimate depth
- There may be hidden rubbish like shopping trolleys or broken glass and it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- No lifeguards and water pollution may make you ill

Information and advice on water safety in the home and on holiday can be found at www.rospa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/children-young-people



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