

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents,

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Dear Parents and Carers

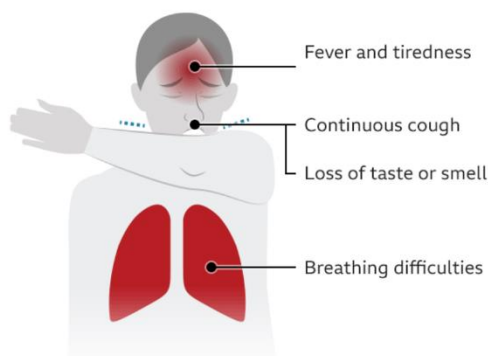
Another full week down – and very successfully too. Certainly, when I watch the national situation, I'm delighted for every day of near normality and that bit more learning that is taking place. My staff have commented very positively both about the new routines and expectations and also about the purposeful and mature way in which the vast majority of students have returned to school. Some even privately rather like the new double lessons and may petition to keep them! This is also borne out by the conversations I've had with students who have shown tremendous resilience and determination – they're keen to learn and equally keen to see their friends again. Long may this continue. I routinely tour the school site and have seen fantastic work taking place.

Those who know me, know my relentless optimism, but even I can't fail to notice that as of Wednesday this week, 30 schools nationally have temporarily closed completely due to COVID and well over 300 have partial closures. We cannot afford to take any chances and I want to work with you collectively and very hard to minimise the risk and threat to our school community and this will involve every single person playing their part.

We all know the importance of full attendance. However even more important is trying to keep COVID out of our school. If you, your child, or a member of your household has these symptoms, stay at home, self-isolate and do not return to normal life until you've received a negative (clear) COVID test:

(source BBC) Most people who feel ill with coronavirus will have at least one of the key symptoms:

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



Source: NHS

BBC

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

If your family is self-isolating, please let us know and also what the outcome of a COVID test is – although I'm acutely conscious of how difficult these can be to obtain. If you receive a positive test result you must please let us know. If it is your child that tests positive and they have been in school, it is vital

that you inform us as we'll need to act immediately on that information. Almost inevitably that would mean a year group, or a part year group being sent home to self-isolate. Not the news any of us want to give or receive! This bulletin is not intended to be a means of issuing instructions; however, I cannot overstate the importance of every individual following the simple precautionary guidance on hand hygiene, social distancing and of course social gatherings. I am very aware that (especially with older students) unless we – the adults - are vigilant and clear (both in and out of school) we will run at increasing risk.

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A further note on COVID testing. You may have heard of schools having self-testing kits. This is misleading, as we only have a handful of these kits. We are not a testing site and these tests are not available to students or families. To avoid disappointment, please do not ask us for them as we'll have to refuse; they are not for public distribution and are intended for use in extreme situations with very vulnerable people.

School Day timings. We're happy that our procedures so far have been robust and straightforward. I have announced to year 7 and 8 parents earlier today that we are finishing the school day 5 minutes earlier for year 7 and 8 only from Monday 21st September. There are a couple of other internal timing adjustments too, adding a small amount of extra movement time for morning break.

Do please also note that we are not intending to initiate indoor wet weather procedures at break or lunchtime until we absolutely have to. We will continue with outdoor mustering for obvious safety reasons for as long as we possibly can. There is some light rain in the longer-range weather forecast, so do please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing and wet weather protection. Clearly when the weather necessitates it, we will move to indoor mustering and that revised plan will be published in due course.



A final point on the new operational systems. Thank you for your support in sourcing masks for your child to wear if they have to leave the classroom for the toilet or any other reason. This has happened without a hitch, so I'm grateful for your help with this. Equally, I'm grateful to parents and carers, who in very large part have heeded the request to not drive onto (or near) the school site before or after school. This makes a huge difference, reduces congestion and makes our lives when supervising children at the front of school so much easier. Thank you also for booking face to face appointments if you have to visit the school site and transacting business by phone or email if at all possible.



As you'd imagine, even in these strange times, we are going to be ready for an open evening with a difference! Obviously, the event won't be face-to-face, so we're planning a virtual extravaganza instead. We're building a web hosted interactive tour, with student and staff introductions to the different subjects, all the informative talks that you'd expect and an opportunity to register for a live Q&A with key staff. The platform will be live by the published date of 1st October and we'd encourage all of our community – new, existing and prospective parents to take a look and see just what's on offer at Yateley School.

Exactly the same principle is being used for the Sixth Form Open Evening – calendared for 8th October. All of our current Year 11 students and families can expect to see the Yateley Sixth form at its 'outstanding' best; also with interactive subject links and a chance to join live Q&A sessions. Further details will come out on both of these shortly, but do please let our own students know and of course young people and their families in other schools who should be considering joining our fantastic sixth form.

Wishing you well and an enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely,

Paul German

Headteacher

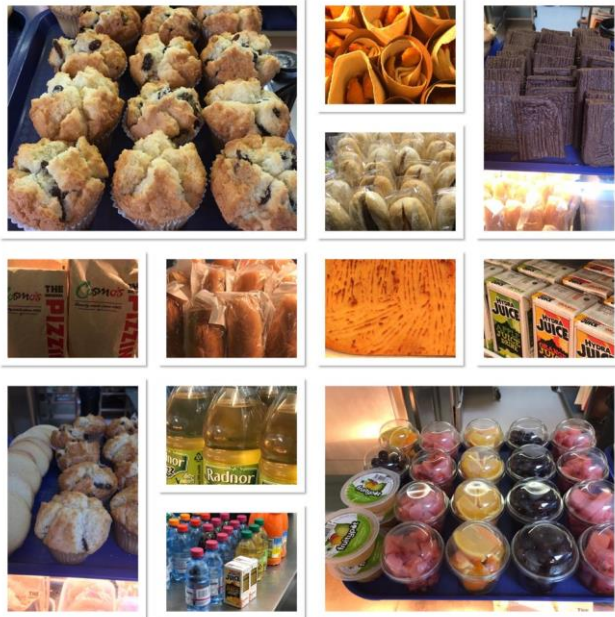
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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Students are getting used to the new way of ordering their lunch. Lunches are ordered using the link or the QR code below and they are delivered to their Year group muster points at lunchtime.

Remember FULL Name, correct form (remember you have moved up a year!) and press 'SUBMIT' at the end of your order.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W1XF1wp-k9uM-GTSVTYnstC56wJhSm-Ojl58iWJPnIM/edit>



In the event of students forgetting to pre-order lunch before leaving for school, at each year muster point a poster will be displayed with the details of how to order and the QR code so the students can scan this and order before school starts.



GEOGRAPHY EGG CHALLENGE

As part of their Geography home learning during lockdown and before the summer break, Y7N and Y8 were set a challenge – The Egg Challenge – as a competition.

They were set the challenge of turning an Egg into a geographical piece of art!!! They certainly egg-celled themselves and rose to the challenge!!

We had a variety of decorated eggs from flags of different countries, to Earth eggs, famous geographers and the Earth's inner structure to edible creations of cakes, biscuits, fried egg whites for cloud formations and even a quiz!! We were so impressed and it made choosing winners very difficult indeed!! Everyone who submitted an entry received achievement points – so well done to all of you who took part!

Miss Self and Mrs Williams chose the winners and prizes will be issued later during this academic year.

Y7 winners are:

- 1st - Leo Alberici for his amazing rainforest inspired cake
- 2nd – Thomas Warne for his amazing Earth decorated cake
- 3rd – Rebecca Lee for her Eggcano creation

Y8 winners are:

- 1st – William McDonnell for his madeira cake in the shape of Maderia

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2nd – Hannah Carpenter for her Cz-Egg-slovakia egg creation

3rd – Cheyenne Hull for her meringue melting polar ice cap

We hope you agree that Y7 and Y8 created some egg-cellent geographical pieces of art!!!

The Geography Department



U14 ALDERSHOT SCHOOL DISTRICT TEAM

Huge congratulations to Isaac McGeachie and Oliver Stephenson for being selected for the U14 Aldershot Schools District team, for this up and coming season. Well done Boys.

Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

Elevate Education FREE Parent Seminars

Elevate Education are offering all Yateley School parents access to FREE online seminars. There are four seminars scheduled and details are below and in the attached flyer. We would really encourage all parents to sign up to these and attend where you can.

[CLICK HERE](#) – to sign up your interest and to register

- Sep 22nd 2020 – Independent Learning (How to know that your child is focusing on the right kind of work that gets top marks.)
- Oct 14th 2020 - Time Management (How to resolve battles over homework and workload, get on the same page and help balance life & academics.)
- Nov 10th 2020 - Exam Prep (Developing a pre-exam roadmap with your child to maximise their chances of success and keep overwhelm at bay.)
- Dec 1st 2020 - Stress & Wellbeing (Understanding your child's stress triggers, symptoms, and a tool-kit for stabilising during tough periods.)

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Year 11 Parent – Elevate Education Seminar – Thursday 24th Sep 2020 19.00pm to 20.00pm (entrance to Zoom from 18.45pm)

Next Thursday we had planned for Elevate Education to come in a run a seminar for all Year 11 parents to provide advice and guidance in supporting Year 11 academically with their studies this year. We ran this seminar for parents last year and the feedback was very positive. Due to COVID-19 we are not able to run this session with people physically being in our main hall. Therefore Elevate will be running the seminar virtually via Zoom. The sessions will begin at 19.00 and be around 1 hour long. Please click on the below link to join the seminar next Thursday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85987846049?pwd=TUw0UmhXdkRwa0gvOUdub2VVUjg3QT09>

Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 21st Sep 2020) - Theme = Democracy; Word = Justice

As we said in last weeks bulletin, because we are currently not able to run our normal tutor time provision, we would like to share with parents our SMSC Theme of the Week so if you find time over the weekend with your son/daughter you might be able to go through with them.

Theme Task: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwypxfr/revision/1>

Use this website with your parents to find the answers to these questions:

- 1.How many MPs are elected to the House of Commons.
- 2.What do we call the transfer of some power to the constituent nations of Britain (Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
3. Name an area of decision making that is still completely controlled by the central Parliament in London.
- 4.How long is it since the Monarch refused to agree to a new law passed by Parliament.
5. What is the “Cabinet”

Extended research. How much are MPs paid (“too much” is not an acceptable answer)

Word: Please see the attached PowerPoint

For Parents'/Guardians of Year 11 Students

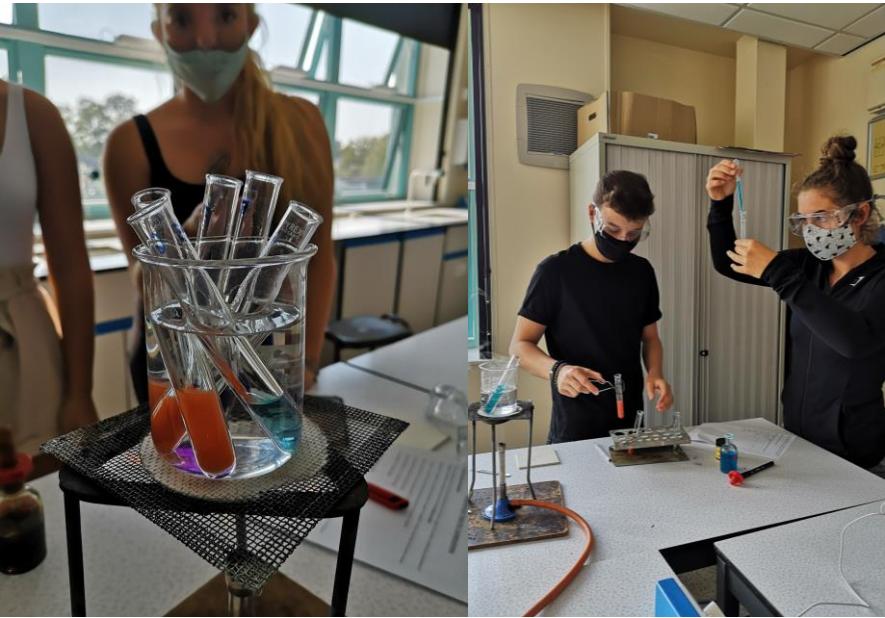
Study tips for Maths - Homework

- The Year 11 homework timetable is a revision plan for the year. Be determined to make the most of it.
- Give yourself enough time, and find a quiet space, to have a go at all the questions in your homework.
- Don't tell yourself that you “can't do it”. You might not be able to do it yet ... but you will be able to do it.
- Use the MathsWatch videos to get help if you need it or use Google/Youtube.
- ‘DO’ rather than ‘READ’ so when you read/watch videos make revision notes and then redo the question.

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Date Set	Date Due	Grades 1 to 5	Grades 4 to 7	Grades
17/09/2020	24/09/2020	Factors, Powers, Roots	Statistics	Measures, Estimation
24/09/2020	01/10/2020	Fractions, Percentages	Construction	Algebra
01/10/2020	08/10/2020	Measures and estimation	Factors, Powers, Roots	Linear graphs
08/10/2020	15/10/2020	Expressions	Fractions, Percentages	Non-linear graphs
15/10/2020	22/10/2020	Linear equations	Measures, Estimation	Ratio, Proportion
22/10/2020	05/11/2020	Quadratics 1	Algebra	Properties of shapes

Many thanks, Mr T I Glendinning



Year 12s getting back into practical work after such a long break.

'We were testing carbohydrates to see which contained reducing and non-reducing sugars. They really enjoyed it despite the covid precautions'