

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parents and carers ,

As I write this, we've got triumphantly to the end of Week 4, a little careworn perhaps, but otherwise unscathed. It might not sound much like a proud boast, but in the circumstances... Students and staff are in good spirits and we've been fortunate so far in not having to send individuals or groups home to self-isolate, which sadly has not been the fate of a great many secondaries by the looks of it. So, thank you for all you are doing to keep yourselves and your families safe. Clearly, the longer we can continue, the better and more consistent the learning will be. At the point at which any group or year group bubble were to be sent home to self-isolate, we'd be in touch immediately and let you know the procedures which are dictated by Public Health England and our own internal risk assessments.

Thank you also for your great support on the wearing of face masks. I know they're not to everyone's taste, although I'm finally getting used to my rather deranged reflection looking back from any mirror I happen to pass. With your help, the students have been excellent and the numbers without a mask have been tiny and swiftly dealt with. It is an important part of our risk reduction strategy and as the national situation continues to deteriorate, we should take every measure we can.

If you haven't yet seen our virtual **Open Evening** presentations, feast your eyes and ears! The flier below is a 'clickable link' and I think you'll agree that this is a great insight into our wonderful, characterful and successful school. As always, the students are the best ambassadors and there are a lot of great cameo roles in each of the department videos. Do take a look also at our head boy and head girl – JK Jordan and Chloe Mitchell, who are just superb and they are joined by the wonderful Olivia Doe and Jonny Moores in Year 8. **Please pass this on** to friends, family and prospective families who might be interested. The links can be found on our Twitter and Facebook pages and direct from the Yateley School home page.



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Shortly following on its heels will be the Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening, where Mr Conway and I will be joined by students to introduce the range of subjects and wider opportunities that our outstanding Sixth Form offers. The plan is that this presentation will go live on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. So, calling all year 11s, both in Yateley School and elsewhere....



I am conscious that a number of the distinctive items that really identify this school and its ethos are in abeyance at the moment: tutor time, House events, extra-curricular activities, face-to-face evening events etc. We're not just accepting this as an inevitable and unavoidable consequence of the current restrictions. Many of these things are the 'glue' that holds this school together and make it so distinctive. In a measured and safe way, we are generating plans to reintroduce tutor time in a planned way for after half term and are investing in software that will enable an online parents' consultation evening platform. Similarly, with academic intervention and extra-curricular activities that can be limited to a particular year group, we are seeking to make a measured reintroduction in the next few weeks. Obviously, we won't do anything that will contravene our own safety procedures and risk assessments, but by the same token, it will offer a bit more of a glimpse of normality.

I'll finish where I started – with pride. The students have been absolutely astonishing. When I conferred with staff today after a damp and dismal Friday lunchtime, they all separately commented on how mature, co-operative and supportive the students have been. What a team!

Your sincerely

Paul German

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## Year 10 Elevate Education – Study Sensei – Monday 5th October

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October all Year 10 students will be spending Period 1 and 2 (new Lesson 1) in their tutor groups. The session is for Elevate Education to deliver a seminar called Study Sensei. The purpose of the seminar is to support them with tips and techniques in how to get the most out of their academic studies during Key Stage 4. This seminar is normally presented to Year 10 when they are all together in the main hall, but due to current restrictions, Elevate will be presenting this to the tutor groups live and online. We have been running this for many years now with positive feedback from the students.

Following the seminar students would then normally have follow on tutor sessions for 5 weeks. Because we currently are not able to run tutor time, we will be issuing these follow on sessions to student via their Show My Homework (Satchel 1) accounts each Monday (starting from 12<sup>th</sup> October).

Please can parents ensure that the students are looking at these sessions weekly and undertaking the tasks. All resources for the seminar and sessions will be shared with students via Show My Homework (Satchel 1).

## Year 7 Parent and Head of House Evening – Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October

Each year in October we hold a Year 7 parent evening where parents and Year 7 students can come and have a meeting with their tutor and/or Head of House to see how they have settled into secondary school life. Because of the current restrictions we of course can't invite parents in like we would normally, so this year we are going to hold it online over two nights with the Heads of House. Parents will be able to book an appointment and have a 5 minute meeting with the relevant Head of House about how their son/daughter has settled in.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> will be for the North tutor groups (7DN, 7NN, 7PN and 7WN) while Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> will be for the South tutor groups (7DS, 7NS, 7PS, and 7WS). Timings of the 5 minute appointments will range between 15.30 and 18.00 on both nights.

Further details of how parents can book a session and a parent user guide will be sent next week.

## Coats

Now that the weather is getting colder and we have students outside during free time it is so important that students have a warm coat with them. Can we please remind parents on the guidance for suitable coats as per our policy:

- *Denim jackets, "hoodies", tracksuit tops, body warmers are not allowed. An outdoor coat with sleeves in a plain, dark colour. No obvious badges or slogans.*

For further details on our uniform policy [CLICK HERE](#)

## Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020) - Theme = Teachers; Word = Enrichment

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.

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## Theme Task:

It is World Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Using the websites below, consider the following questions:

- What is the best part of a teacher's job?
- What is the worst part of a teacher's job?
- What do you think are the THREE top reasons people become teachers?

Next week, ask a teacher what were the main reasons THEY became a teacher.

Think carefully about the following two questions.

- What can teachers do to make students' lives better?
- What can students do to make teachers' lives better?

Website 1 - <https://experience.com/advice/careers/professions/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-teacher/>

Website 2 - [https://youtu.be/j-Yvyu\\_tNh0](https://youtu.be/j-Yvyu_tNh0)

## Word

Please see the attached PowerPoint

## COVER SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Start – Immediately or as soon as possible

Part time – must be available 8.30am – 3.10pm

Interviews – date to be agreed

Salary Type: Grade C £18,933 - £19,941 FTE

Working Day 8.30am – 3.10pm

This role is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to join a dynamic educational environment. You must have experience in working with people or with students and wanting to gain or continue Secondary School awareness. Alternatively, you may be a qualified Teacher and seeking a position which will not require planning, marking and assessment.

Applications are welcome from those who have a good standard of education and have proven communication and organisational skills. They must have a sense of humour, be confident and be adaptable to the changing needs of work colleagues. Applicants must be able to work under pressure, independently and have a firm but fair non-confrontational approach towards discipline. We believe that every student is an individual and that proven techniques in praise and encouragement are key. Experience in classroom management and any presentation skills are a clear advantage.

## Duties will include:

- Independently supervising classes having presented the work set by the subject teacher
- Invigilating exams
- Support teachers in the supervision of Students on off-site visits
- Some general administration duties



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This would be an ideal opportunity for someone who is considering a career in teaching or someone who is searching for a rewarding position in the support of a young person's education. The successful applicant will receive a comprehensive Induction and Continuous Professional Development Programme.

Be part of an enthusiastic team within a school who firmly believes that:  
For a full application pack please email [applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk).

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## A BLOCK OAK

It's with great sadness we mark the felling of this beautiful tree which, by looking at the rings, must have pre-dated the school and nearby houses by 100 years at least. My guess is that it was part of the park surrounding Yateley Hall. It will be much missed.

*Mrs Phelps Jones*



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## OCTOBER POETRY COMPETITION



**OCTOBER POETRY COMPETITION 2020**

THE THEME IS **VISION**

Words in boxes: Marv, Spectac, Foresia, Sia, Spectr, Observatio, Inspiratio, Deliah, Perceptio, Hallucinatio, Creativit, Phanto, Innovatio

- Write your poem on the theme of 'VISION' in a style of your choice, ACROSTIC OR A WITTY LYMERICK, A RHYMING SONNET OR SONG LYRICS, HOW ABOUT A RAP OR A JAPANESE HAIKU, YOU CHOOSE A STYLE, IT'S UP TO YOU!
- Illustrate your poem if you can
- Include your full name, form and your teacher's name at the top of the page
- Email your poem to [School.Library@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:School.Library@yateley.hants.sch.uk)
- by end of school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- The winners will be announced after half term

**PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS**

October 1st is National Poetry Day and we are running our annual October Poetry Competition for students in celebration of this day. Students in all year groups are welcome to enter

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and to celebrate this event there is a display of Teen fiction by black authors or featuring black characters in the library teen zone.

Whilst students cannot independently visit the library during the week at this time, the library is open on Saturday mornings 10am - 1pm. Please issue books using your library card and the self-service machines.

*Mrs Roaf, School Library Assistant*

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WITH ITS FIRST STEP.

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