

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning together – Empowered for life.

Dear Parents

We've had an excellent start to the new academic year; all years have settled well, including our superb bunch of new Year 7 students along with the new arrivals into the Sixth Form. I am also very proud and delighted to announce the excellent new colleagues who have joined us on the teaching staff of the school. No doubt you've heard some new names already – they are: Mrs Amanda Affleck- Cruise (Drama), Mrs Elaine Williams (Geography), Mrs Karen McCabe (Head of MFL), Mrs Leonie Coakley (Design Technology), Ms Michelle Stella (MFL), Mrs Georgina Williams (English), Mrs Cindy Robinson (English), Mrs Lucy Thorn (Science), and Ms Sue Coffey (Design Technology). I am absolutely delighted to retain great staff and recruit excellent new colleagues. All of the new teachers are highly qualified subject specialists and I have high hopes and expectations. I am also delighted to announce that following the retirement of Mr Pettengell at the end of the last academic year I have appointed both Mr Keeble and Mr Hill to the well-deserved and promoted position of Deputy Headteacher. As I'm sure parents will agree, their service to the school has been outstanding and to extend their impact and status makes perfect sense.

Yateley School & Sixth Form

Hear from our Headteacher

Meet our students

Try activities in Science, Design, Maths, Computing, Food and Drama, Plus many others.

Open Evening

1st October 2019 6:15pm - 9pm

LEARNING TOGETHER - EMPOWERED FOR LIFE

Open Evening. Our open evening for prospective students and families is fast approaching on Tuesday 1st October starting at 6.15pm. This has to be a really exciting time to be joining our school and we're looking forward to welcoming visitors both on the evening and for the subsequent



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Open Mornings. Thank you in advance for your support and for 'lending us' your child for help in departments and as guides. Anything you can do to spread the word would be much appreciated - likes to the Facebook posts and Twitter for example.



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Sixth Form Whilst many of us were enjoying the rare moments of sunshine over the holiday, our Sixth Form Centre was a hive of activity. Led by Mr Conway, our recently appointed Head of Sixth Form, work has been ongoing to transform the look of the Sixth Form Centre in preparation for this academic year.



The improvements have been a huge hit with the students, with one student commenting, "I cannot wait to show off our new Sixth Form at our open evening".



Remaining works are expected to be completed in time for the Sixth Form open evening, which will take place on 10th October 2019. All students and parents are invited to join

us for the open evening, where you will see the wealth of subjects on offer, be able to get an insight into the experiences of our students and see the fresh look of our Sixth Form Centre. You can, of course, expect a flurry of publicity for this important event too!

We have also enjoyed some very welcome refurbishments in other areas of the school site, ably led by Mr Lee Beetham our site manager and his amazing team. The boys' toilets in B Block have been completely rebuilt to a superb standard – and it is vital that they stay that way! Similarly, the girls' changing facilities up in the Sports Centre. The dilapidated House Centre has been closed for the time being, pending refurbishment and a new wellbeing centre has been opened next to the nurse's room. Mrs Penman and Mrs Danelutti operate from there and in due course this will have space for the counselling services too.



Student Star of the week in our first full week of term is Lauren Woodman in Year 13, Deputy Head Girl, who is part of our Oxbridge programme. She had a fantastic experience whilst at the Cambridge Summer School. Whilst there, Lauren experienced life at Cambridge University and was taught by some of their senior professors. She also entered the Cambridge Essay Prize for natural sciences. Despite having hundreds of entrants, we are delighted for Lauren who came third. The title of her piece: how intermolecular forces have influenced the evolution of Geckos. Extraordinary opportunities ahead for an extraordinary student!

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher



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HOUSE DRAMA auditions are next week
(3.10-5pm in Drama Studio 1)

Tuesday 17th	Darwin
Wednesday 18 th	Pankhurst
Thursday 19 th	Nightingale
Friday 20 th	Wilberforce

MAIN SCHOOL auditions are the following week

Tuesday 24th	Acting audition in Drama block	(3.10-5pm)
Thursday 26 th	Music audition in Music block	(3.10-5pm)
Friday 27 th	Recalls in Music block	(3.10-7pm)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

This past week, all students in Year 7 to 11 have been present in assemblies led by Mr German and Mr Keeble. One of the messages that we have delivered is around the importance of attendance and being punctual to school and all lessons. The message is simple, 'Every day/minute/second counts and school success starts with attendance'.

Regular school attendance is **essential** for all of our students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. Ideally we want all students to have an attendance figure of 100% and zero lates. We understand that sometimes there are legitimate reasons for a student to be absent which we do mark as authorised. The minimum expectation for a student at Yateley is to have an attendance figure of 96% and no lower. If there are any personal reasons why a student doesn't want to come to school they must speak to their form tutor or Head of House as soon as possible and we're here to help.

Every student at Yateley School is expected to maintain an impeccable record of attendance. It is the responsibility of everyone in our school community (parents, students, and staff) to ensure they achieve this. Each year there are **190** school days which leaves **175** days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical and dental appointments, therefore the school is very unlikely to authorise absence for any of these reasons. We ask students that they only take a day off if they are genuinely ill – and they **must** catch up with missed work when they return. Family holidays are **not** permitted during term time and all such absences will be noted as **unauthorised**.

Form tutors are made aware of their tutees attendance and lateness figures weekly and it is the responsibility of students to find out these details from their tutor. Parents should also be able to see the figures via the school gateway application on their smart device. The school will inform

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parents in writing at the start of every term if there are any concerns with attendance or lateness. We will be rewarding and praising students that achieve 100% attendance each term as well as yearly, this is in addition to those students that improve their attendance throughout the year.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder to ensure that all students are meeting the uniform expectations at Yateley. Students are looking very well presented which is pleasing to see, but there has been the odd pair of trainers and nail extensions appearing here and there. Please can we remind and ask all parents to support the school in ensuring that all students are **READY** for their school day and wearing the correct uniform and having the correct equipment.

Details of the uniform expectations can be found on the parent section of the VLE: https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod_page/content/33/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf

YEAR 11 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AND PROM

Last week Year 11 students had an assembly from Mr Keeble and Mr Hill focusing on the year ahead for a Year 11 student including what they can expect.

We know that Year 11 is a challenging and sometimes very stressful year for students, and we will of course support and encourage them at all points along the way. It is also a time when we will seek to praise and reward students wherever possible. One of the biggest high points in the year is the graduation assembly and then the prom.

We have informed Year 11 that we do have high expectations of them all (as we do all students) and we look forward to them attending these events. However to attend the events Year 11 students must have a high attendance and punctuality record as well as a good behaviour record throughout Year 11. Details of these expectations have been sent to all Year 11 parents via schoolcomms last week.

YEAR 9 CELEBRATION EVENT

This year Yateley School would like to recognise the hard work and positive effort that Year 9 students put into their work and lessons. For the first time ever, we are planning to hold a special celebration evening at the end of the Summer Term just for Year 9 students. This will include a special assembly followed by a party on the school field with inflatables and a barbecue.

Year 9 students will need to earn a place at the event but ensuring they have positive attitude, effort and behaviour in all of their lessons throughout Year 9. All Year 9 students have been informed of this event and the expectations through a Year 9 assembly from Mr Keeble this week.

Further details of this event and expectations has been sent to all Year 9 parents via schoolcomms.

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Maths – Help is at hand



Every Wednesday from 3:15pm

Year 11 Maths GCSE		Year 12 Maths A Level		Year 13 Maths A Level	
Homework help	C2.7	Classwork and Homework help	C2.6	Classwork and Homework help	C2.6
Targeted Revision/ Exam practise	C2.1	Booster/ Targeted revision	C2.4	Booster/ Targeted revision	C2.5
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EQUIPMENT SHOP

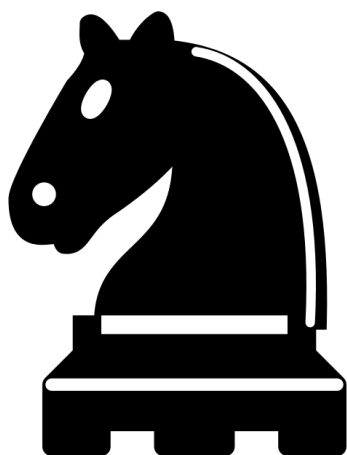
Students can buy stationery at break time from the window of C1.6 (C block). Black pen, green pen, pencil, 30cm ruler are 10p. Protractor is 15p. Pair of compasses and empty pencil case are 30p. Pencil sharpener, eraser and 15cm ruler are 5p.

Calculators

Are available to buy online on the Tucasi website. Our current stock is priced at £6.40. The newer model is £8.04

Cash or cheque should be paid into reception at the collection point. Depending on whether stock is available or needs to be ordered, it could take up to two weeks to receive goods.

Mrs James, Maths



CHESS CLUB

Players of all abilities are invited to play chess in **C2.1** on **Thursday Lunchtime**. Casual stress free games are available for beginners. Coaching is available for those who wish to improve.

Experts can test their skills against each other and track their progress.



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Find the best move for black. The solution will be published in the next bulletin.

Bring your solution to Chess Club on Thursdays at lunchtime in C21.

LIBRARY MATTERS

ENTRY TO LIBRARY CAR PARK

As this is the start of the school year, I would like to remind parents that entry into the small car park next to the Library is via the entrance near Westfields School only. Please do not enter the Library car park via the main school car park, observing the No Entry sign located at the school car park exit.

HOMEWORK/STUDY DROP IN

This is a reminder that the library schoolroom is open after school until 4:30pm during term time for students to call in to complete some or all of their homework. All year groups are welcome.

As this is the start of the school year it is the ideal time for year 11 students to get into the habit of using this time to consolidate their notes and practice exam questions.

The schoolroom is an ideal place for students to undertake their studies complete in a quiet environment and the room is supervised by a member of the school library staff.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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YOUNG PERSONS'S SAFE HAVEN

Drop-in service for emotional wellbeing support for people aged 10 - 17

North Barn, 4 Hillside Road, Aldershot, GU11 3NB

Open 18.30-20.30 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday

Subjects

All subjects will run from 10th September – 27th October 2019

📅 **Every Tuesday** ~ CAMHS Anxiety booklet we will go through, discuss and fill out the booklet provided by CAMHS.

📅 **Every Wednesday** ~ Anger buster looking at what triggers and how to control anger.

📅 **Every Thursday** ~ Opening your mind various topics will be discussed to enhance social interaction and skills.

📅 **Every Friday** ~ My ideal Island A fun evening creating an imaginary safe Island which can be used as a tool when in emotional need.

Mindful Art every Sunday

One to one crisis support offered throughout the evenings we are open

For more information please email s.glaister@justwellbeing.org.uk



Just Wellbeing

YOUTHQUAKE

...a significant cultural, political, spiritual or social change arising from the actions or influence of young people'...

FROM 10th SEPT 2019

TUESDAYS 7-8.30pm

#time #talk #life #share #tuck

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CENTRE


SCHOOL YEARS 8-13

£1 ADMISSION

We care about young people finding space to relax and enjoy time together.

We also care about young people finding their place in the world and being encouraged to have a positive impact. It all starts with an amazing milkshake bar, you and your friends.

We can't wait to welcome you to St John's!

stjohnshw.org.uk/youthquake  [youthquakehw](https://www.instagram.com/youthquakehw)



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PE Extra Curricular Activities

	After School Activities 3.10 - 4.10	Year Group	Venue
Monday	Boys' Football	Year 7	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Boys' Football Netball Training Boys' Basketball GCSE Swim Assessment	Year 8 All Years Year 7&8 GCSE students	Sports Hall Courts Sports Hall Pool
Wednesday	Gymnastics Girls' Basketball Boys' Football	All Years All Years Year 9&10	Gym Sports Hall Sports Hall
Thursday	Netball Fixtures Boys' Basketball Training Circuits/Fitness	All Years Years 9&10 All Years	Sports Hall Sports Hall Gym
Friday	Badminton GCSE Clinic (3:10-4pm)	All Years Invited	Sports Hall B11



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