

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Dear Parents

**Open Evening** As most bulletin readers will be well aware, we hosted our Open Evening for prospective students and families on the evening of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Despite the best efforts of the weather, our visitors arrived in vast number and we had nearly 600 people through the doors! This only goes to emphasise the enormous interest in our school and visitors had travelled from far and wide to see us in action. I was absolutely bowled over by the quality of work in departments and especially – as always – by the extraordinary ability of our students. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and conveyed their enthusiasm and interest brilliantly. This applies both to the students helping in departments and to those in Year 11, 12 and 13 who were leading tours around the school. The picture shows the full hall for the first of the talks, where I was joined to speak by Cheyenne Hull and Elliot Casselton in Year 8, Joe Lynskey (Head Boy) and Rhiannon Baldwin (Head Girl) and Miss Redman the Headteacher at Westfields Junior who spoke on behalf of the partner schools about the value of our secondary transition programme. May I extend my thanks to our current parents who did battle with traffic and long hours to transport the children to and from the event?



## Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.



This hugely important event is almost upon us and we are looking forward to welcoming all the prospective Sixth Formers, both from our own school and from other secondary schools in the area. Publicity for this event is every bit as important as the main school open evening and I would really appreciate parent help with this – 'liking and sharing' Social Media posts and ensuring that any families with year 11 students within travelling distance come along to see what life in an outstanding sixth form is really like. I hope it goes without saying that we're looking forward to seeing all of our own Year 11s and their families.



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**Diana Award – Anti Bullying Ambassadors.** We were extremely proud to be chosen to play host to the training of 131 students from 13 separate secondary schools on Thursday. This long established and high profile award scheme trains students to provide a vital role in spearheading the work to eliminate bullying in schools and

celebrate and encourage the positive

behaviour that makes it increasingly rare and unlikely. Named in honour of the work of the late Princess of Wales, the purpose is to empower student leadership and develop further a culture where bullying cannot happen. The day was hugely successful and the visitors had an extremely positive experience of our school; the ambassadors now have important work to do in embedding their training.



| Darwin   | Nightingale  | Pankhurst   | Wilberforce  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Y8 – Noah Heath<br>Y9 – Grace Dias<br>Y10 – Jake Sorrell | Y8 – Molly Jacobs<br>Y9 – Archie Adams<br>Y10 – Will Merry | Y8 – Tom King<br>Y9 – Daniel Sharkey<br>Y10 – Rochelle Nkhata | Y8 – Cheyenne Hull<br>Y9 – Lizzy Overton<br>Y10 – Harry Jarvis |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> Adam Duke, Isabelle Holmwood  |  |   |  |

We were also delighted to welcome Elevate Education back into school also on Thursday, this time to support Year 11 parents in helping the students to make the best and most productive use of this challenging year ahead. Thank you to the many attendees and to Mr Hill for coordinating the evening.

**Sixth Form Freshers.** The Freshers' Party at The Ely was sold out more than a week before the event. The enthusiasm amongst the students was clear to see and the party certainly lived up to the billing. The dance floor was packed all evening and it was a truly great event and they are already looking forward to the Christmas party!

**School Walk.** Following our second open evening in as many weeks, is our inaugural sponsored walk to raise funds for the house charities and the wider school. This will take place on Friday 11 October. As you will appreciate a 'whole school' event of this nature takes a great deal of organisation, *consequently the walk will take place unless the weather is so poor that it would be unsafe – and if that is the case we would aim to give as much notice as possible.* The walk is approximately 5 kilometres and follows a sign-posted and marshalled route around Yateley Common.



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This is the only event in the school year where everybody connected with the school takes part; teachers, students, caretakers, office staff, learning support assistants.

**On the day of the walk students are not required to wear school uniform but must wear clothes and footwear suitable for walking and appropriate to the weather conditions.**

For students to take part in the event they must return their permission slip to the main school office. We are really excited to initiate a new tradition at Yateley School and looking forward to appreciating the beautiful local area.

**Student Star of the week** is Grace Illsley in 8WN for demonstrating the outstanding kindness and compassion that we hope would be the hallmark of all of our students. On her way from school recently, she came across a 92 year old lady who'd fallen and was in distress. She ran to her assistance and managed to support her into her home and look after her. The lady needed hospital attention, but after her discharge two days later, Grace returned to check in on her and find out whether she needed any further help. Well done Grace – a model citizen!

Yours sincerely

Paul German

**Headteacher**



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## ACADEMIC SUCCESS



**FOUR  
CONSECUTIVE  
YEARS OF  
RESULTS GROWTH!**

## % OF STUDENTS ACHIEVING

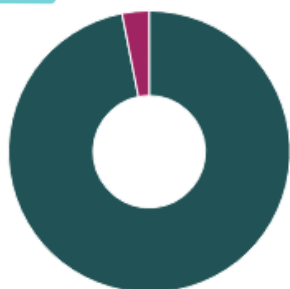
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|------|------|------|------|
| 2019 | 71.3 | 47.9 | 10   |
| 2018 | 67.3 | 40.8 | 11.3 |
| 2017 | 66.5 | 40.6 | 9.8  |
| 2016 | 66.1 | 40.5 | 9.5  |

Grades 4-9 Grades 5-9 Grades 7-9

## STUDENT VOICE

Our school council has over 60 student members from Y7 to Y13 and students are consulted on and contribute to all major school decisions. We proudly awarded over 240,000 house points to our students last year and parents can always see their child's progress via our dedicated SchoolGateway app!

## PARENT VIEW



- ✓ 94% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child is happy at Yateley School.
- ✓ 92% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child makes good progress at Yateley School.
- ✓ 92% of parents strongly agree or agree our pupils are well behaved at Yateley School.

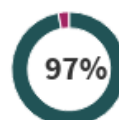
## WHO WE ARE AND... HOW WE COMPARE!



With over 1000 students our growing school and welcoming friendly atmosphere means your son or daughter will be joining a thriving school community!



We have four houses; Darwin, Nightingale, Pankhurst and Wilberforce. Each student has a specialist tutor and a head of house who will look after all their pastoral needs.



Great progress needs great attendance and our current school attendance is 97%, above national targets of 96%!

## OUR SIXTH FORM

We are the only Ofsted graded "Outstanding" School Sixth Form in Hampshire - awarded this badge of honour in 2018. We are proud of our diversity and inclusivity amongst our 200+ students.

**Sixth Form results  
are in the top 15%  
in the country**



34 Sixth Form courses available to students

**"At other colleges you're a number; at Yateley you're a person" Ofsted - 2018**



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## SIXTH FORM EVENING

This hugely important event will take place on Thursday 11th October starting at 7pm. The talks (taking place in Drama Studio) are at 7:15pm and 8:15pm. This evening will be vital for all of our Year 11 students and families and I look forward to seeing you. I'm also looking forward to welcoming prospective students from other local schools.

After all, we're unique in the area with our outstanding Sixth Form offer and class leading results on both attainment and progress. Come and take a look.



## ELEVATE EDUCATION



Thank you to parents of Y11 for attending the amazing (yet again!) Elevate Education session for parents on Thursday night. Our speaker for the evening was Tashy who explained superbly how parents can support their child best in the coming months! The Parent seminar covered the key

points from the seminars that Y11 students have attended at Yateley School along with strategies for how the skills can be reinforced at home. Elevate also provided web links to their study support online, so if you missed the talk please feel free to head over to <https://uk.elevateeducation.com/parents/download-guidebook> or scan the QR code shown here with your camera!



*Mr P Hill, Deputy Headteacher*

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## CAREERS FAIR

We are once again holding our annual Careers Fair to help young people make decisions about their future career and training choices.

The Fair is visited by students and parents from all year groups, but is most immediately pertinent for year 11 students and year 13 students who will be moving to the next phases in their education or training this summer. Our Careers Fair takes place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 – 8.00 pm**, I do hope you are able to join us at this important event. If you would like to be part of this evening representing your business please get in contact with myself.

*Mr Tidd, Careers*

## Maths Corner 5



### Sofa so Good!

A sofa usually sells for £600. This weekend the shop is having a '25% off everything' promotion. Jimmy buys the sofa and also gets his 15% staff discount knocked off the sale price.

How much does the sofa cost Jimmy?

**1 house point to all parents/student who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.**

**Answer to Maths Corner 4 – Flag up a problem!**  
13 metres. (Using Pythagoras' Theorem)

## Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was bring out the queen, placing the king in check. The defence of this by black costs them their rook, only costing white a knight.



This week: find the best move for white.



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



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## HOUSE DANCE SHOW 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER AT 7PM

The annual House Dance Show is fast approaching on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm in the main hall. This is a very popular event and tickets will be sold at £5 per person and on a first come, first served basis so do not delay in ordering yours. This is guaranteed to be a great night out and shows our talented dancers doing what they do best (please note that judging night is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you would like tickets, please complete the reply slip and return it to Reception in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs K Ellis – tickets will be sent out via your child's register.

*Mrs K Ellis, Front of House*

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

Well Done 6<sup>th</sup> Form Students.

Mrs Quick is very impressed at the standard of work produced by her Sixth Form students. In particular the skills and imagination shown by Eve Dickens. Very well done!



## MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Following auditions last week, the Main School production of My Fair Lady has now been cast! 48 students (ranging from Year 7 to Year 13) will be taking part in this production with many taking lead roles. Examples include Katie & Sophie Green as Eliza Doolittle, Zak Madge as Henry Higgins, Will Moores & Archie Westland Rose as Alfred Doolittle. Rehearsals start this week and the students will be working hard for the next 6 months until March when they will bring this heart-warming, musical classic to Yateley!



With so much talent in the cast, we have a lot to look forward to!

*Miss Tottman, Director*

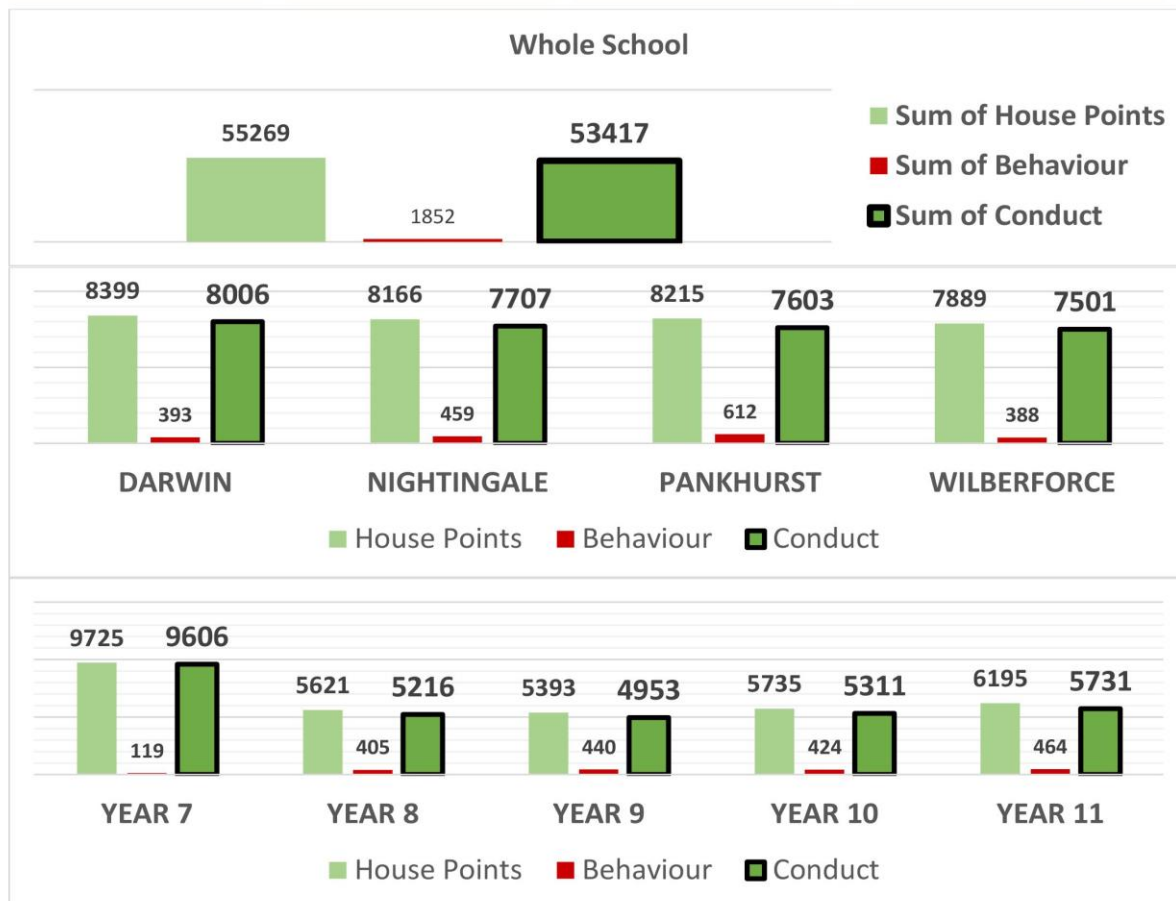


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 27.09.19



Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2019 due to the new Prom Points initiative for Year 11 this year, and therefore why they have more than any other year group.

## Tutor Groups With The Highest Conduct Points (House Points – Behaviour)

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7DN    | 8PN    | 9NN    | 10PS    | 11PN    |

## Tutor Groups With The Highest Average Conduct Points (House Points – Behaviour)

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7DN    | 8WS    | 9NN    | 10PS    | 11WS    |

## House With The Highest Average Conduct Points (House Points – Behaviour)

| Year 7 | Year 8    | Year 9      | Year 10   | Year 11     | OVERALL   |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Darwin | Pankhurst | Nightingale | Pankhurst | Wilberforce | Pankhurst |

Whole School Attendance: 96.99%

## Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 7NN    | 8DS    | 9WN    | 10NN    | 11N     |
| 7WS    |        |        |         |         |



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International Astronomy Day is Saturday the 5th of October 2019. This week students have had an assembly showing them some of the things we have learned by looking up at the sky. Take the time this weekend to look at the sky. Unfortunately the forecast is for clouds on the 5th. I have therefore chosen to share what might be visible between the clouds on Sunday evening:

Saturn will be low in the night sky, towards the south west. It will set just before 2300. With the naked eye it is a yellowy orange circle that will not twinkle like a star. It will be the brightest thing visible apart from the moon. With good binoculars you can make out its rings and its largest moon, Titan. At the moment Saturn happens to be at an angle that allows you to see the space between its surface and its rings with the sort of telescope you may have gathering dust in a shed.

The International Space Station makes a brief and low appearance sweeping across the south west horizon from 2021 to 2024. It will appear to pass between Saturn and the Moon. If you are keen to see the ISS it makes very clear passes early in the mornings from 30th October to 1st November.

As well as the ISS 18 other artificial satellites will make visible passé from 1900 to 2100. Most of these are empty rocket boosters. At 1915 the Chinese YAOGAN-1 will be overhead taking photos and later in the evening two of the US Military's new Starlink Communication Constellation will pass over at 2007 and 2026.

If you wish to know more about what is in the sky there are plenty of websites that can help. I use [www.heavens-above.com](http://www.heavens-above.com) to check which satellites are due in any given evening, but plenty of others are available.

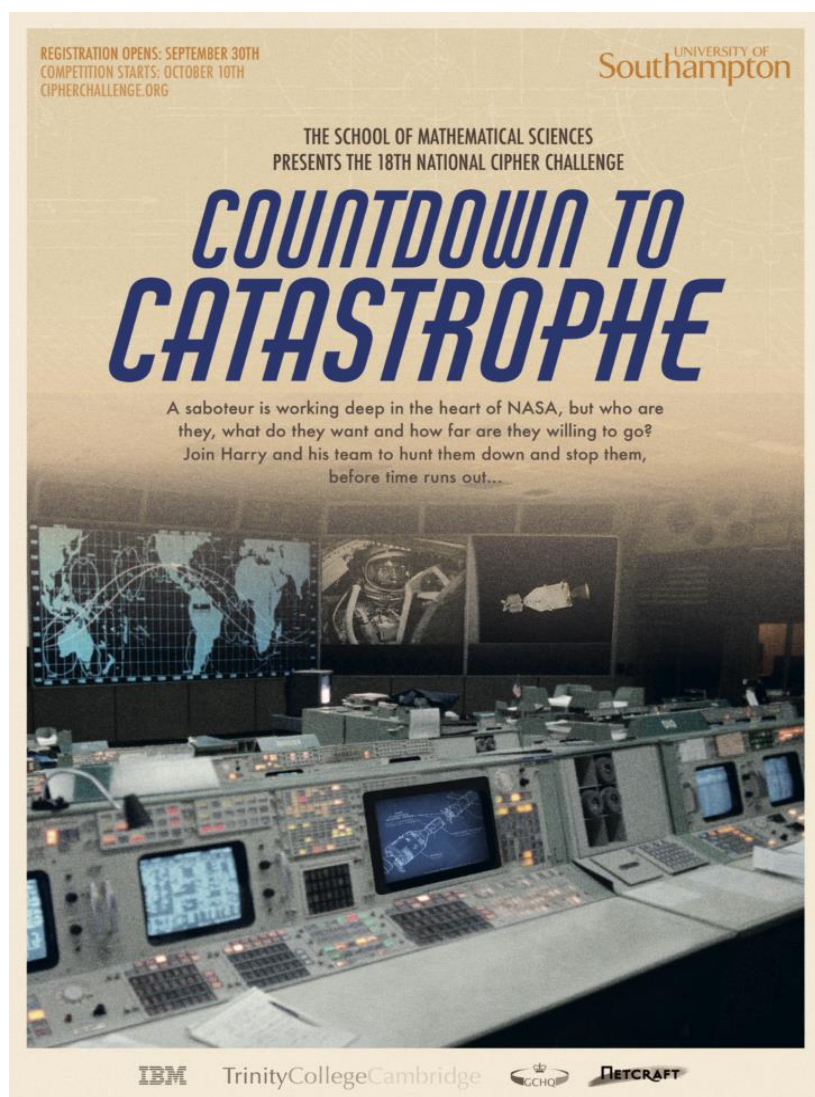
*Mr Glendinning*



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## CALL ME HARRY

I am a codebreaker. I am an engineer. I work at NASA.

Since 1958 we worked to get Alan Shepard into orbit, Jim Lovell behind the moon and Neil Armstrong to step on it. But we were not perfect. We came close to failure on many missions. Can you unlock our secrets? How close were we to losing our heroes?

Join me. Find the truth.

The National Cipher Challenge is back! Visit **[www.cipherchallenge.org](http://www.cipherchallenge.org)** to enter. Ask Mr Glendinning for more details.

There are cash prizes for the best teams and for the best individuals so you can enter a team or as an individual. Last year the winners received £1000.

Skills in mathematics, computing, puzzles and languages are all useful.

Come to **C27** afterschool on the following dates for help cracking:

- **October: 10th, 17th and 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **November: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **December: 5th and 12th**



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## HUMANITIES TRIP TO Krakow & Auschwitz-Birkenau

13<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

The Humanities Faculty is organising a fascinating trip to Krakow & Auschwitz-Birkenau, the locations of some of the most important events in history. The trip will visit the city of Krakow in Poland and use the city as a base to explore the area. The trip will include a full day guided visit to the camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest death camp in Europe. Students will be given a tour and the opportunity to consider the events which took place. As part of this experience we will have a very unique opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor and have a question and answer session. The trip will also visit the historic Jewish quarter of Krakow and visit the Oscar Schindler factory used in the film 'Schindlers List'. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the ancient Salt mines and have independent time exploring the city of Krakow.



The cost will be approximately £695. The price includes transport (coach and flights), Hotel, all entrance fees and a guide. Full details and letters will be released shortly.

*Mr Bristow, Head of Religious Studies*

## Reply Slip House Dance Show

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October | Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of tickets at £5 each |                                  |                                    |



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