

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

**Issue:** 6

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018



www.yateleyschool.net



@yateleyschool



@yateleyschool



admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk



School Lane, Yateley  
GU46 6NW



(01252) 879222

## Learning together – Empowered for life.

Dear Parents

I hope you've enjoyed a happy and restful half term break and that the students have come back refreshed and ready for an eight week half term! It is often said that this run up to Christmas is the key time for teaching content, so there is much to do for all year groups and especially those preparing for public exams. The new term got underway for staff on Monday with a training day and students, of course, returned on Tuesday



We're particularly grateful to the staff who have led fantastic trips over the half term holiday and very appreciative of our wonderful students who make these things so worthwhile and are appreciative of the opportunity. Miss Self and Mr Bristow led a group of upper school students to Iceland, where the

'living landscape' of a constantly changing country gave our Geographers plenty of first hand field work and experience.

Also running over the half term holiday was our annual expedition/trip/adventure to Bude for students in Year 8. Miss Hunt, along with Mrs Short, Mrs Evans, Mrs Moffett and a wider team braved the high wires, kayaks and even a dance off to give our students an excellent and memorable experience. Even allowing for the journey time and the joy of the A303, a good time was had by all.



Hampshire  
County Council



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



It has been an absolute pleasure to meet and welcome the parents of our (relatively) new Year Seven students to the parent tutor evening. A significant proportion of the parents took the opportunity to come and meet their child's tutor and find out how well they've been settling in. Overall, we're delighted with this year group and the early signs are very promising. We'll be looking forward to great things from them in the future!

Ghoulish goings on in the Sixth Form – in characteristic form, many of the Sixth Form got into the 'spirit' of things on Halloween and appeared in a variety of terrifying fancy dress.

## Student stars of the week

The stars of the week award this week goes to two of our super Year 8 students, Rhys Owen and Chloe Draper who were absolutely superb in all aspects of the Bude trip. Mrs Hunt tells me that Rhys smiled all week and would be the first to volunteer to do everything. Chloe worked exceptionally well throughout the week, supported her team mates and encouraged everyone to give of their best. Joining me in the picture are Chloe and Rhys and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Jo Howlett.



With my very best wishes.

**Paul German**  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**8<sup>th</sup> November**

**12<sup>th</sup> November**

**14<sup>th</sup> November**

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

**16<sup>th</sup> November**

**20<sup>th</sup> November**

**21<sup>st</sup> November**

**21<sup>st</sup> November**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**27<sup>th</sup> November**

**29<sup>th</sup> November**

Yr 10 Geography Trip

Camps International Parents Evening - 6.30pm

6th Form RAG week

Yr 12 Trip 'Behind Bars'

GCSE Celebration Evening

6<sup>th</sup> Form 4 Legged Fancy Dress Race

Year 8 Review Sheets Out

6<sup>th</sup> Form Taster Day

Year 11 Post 16 Parents Evening

Yr 7-13 Career Evening

Subject Review Day Years 7/11/12 and 13

Year 10 Review Sheets Out

Year 8 Subject Review Evening 4.30pm



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Year 7 Parent Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Y7 parents evening on Thursday 1 November. Along with the opportunity to meet the tutors and find out how students were settling in, we also reminded parents of our two helpful services to support teaching and learning – SchoolGateway and ShowMyHomework.

If you weren't at the evening then to access the support materials used electronically simply visit:

ShowMyHomework <https://t.co/WTsy7vr9Hb?amp=1>

SchoolGateway Guide <https://t.co/va0K1QrADv?amp=1>

## To download the apps:

To download the ShowMyHomework app:



[For Android](#)

[For iOS](#)

To download the SchoolGateway app:



[For Android](#)

[For iOS](#)

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Football

Year 7 Lost 2-1 V Ash Manor POM Oscar Jones

Year 9 Won 4-0 v Springfield

### Netball

Year 9 Lost 22- V St Nicks POM Zoe Bingham-Wilson

Year 10 Won 10-7 V St Nicks POM Caitlin Milsom



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Remembrance Commemorations

This is a special year for the Royal British Legion Remembrance Commemorations as it is one hundred years to the day since the Armistice was signed signalling end of the Great War.

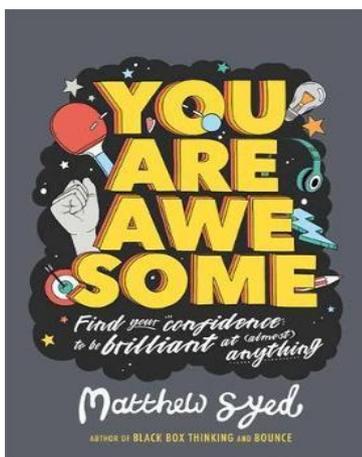
The Remembrance Day Parade in Yateley will take place in the morning of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November from St Swithun's Church to the Yateley War Memorial near St Peters Church. Yateley School will be represented in the church service and also laying a wreath in remembrance.

We invite any student who would like to join the parade to meet at St Swithun's church car park at 10am dressed in school uniform. There will be a short service at the War Memorial and a two minutes silence at 11am followed by the church bells ringing, something that the Royal British Legion has arranged country-wide. Parents are advised to line the route of the parade and join at the back as it passes.



Next week, House Assemblies will be reflecting on the sacrifices that Yateley men and women made during the First World War.

House Charity Captains will be visiting all forms selling poppies. These will also be available in Reception.



## You are awesome – by Matthew Syed

This positive and empowering guide, by bestselling mindset author Matthew Syed, will help boys and girls build resilience, fulfil their potential and become successful, happy, awesome adults. If you would be interested in this book for your son or daughter it is currently selling at £4.99 on Amazon. A great and well worth while early Christmas present.

## Social Media

We are very aware how amazing and powerful social media can be when used in the correct way. Recently however there have been a couple of comments from parents on these type of sites about negative student activity in and out of school.

These types of activity could have been acted on more quickly and directly if the school was contacted in the first instance. Therefore if you have any concerns about students and their negative behaviour in or outside of the school then please do contact the school directly. We want to work in partnership with parents and encourage parents to raise any concerns appropriately with a member of school staff, or Governing Body, and not in a public domain e.g. via social media.



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

elevate  
education

## Rahan's Top Tips to Memorise Effectively

*"Memorising is usually the part of exam revision that students find the most challenging. My degree was in English Literature, which meant that for every university exam I did, I had tens of books and literally thousands of pages to memorise from...although luckily I didn't have to memorise every single word! In the beginning I found memorising so much content a real challenge, so I looked into techniques to help me memorise more effectively. The following tips really helped me during my exams at uni, so I hope you find them as useful as I did!"*



### 1. Organise your notes

Our brain tends to store information using 'Semantic Networking' – essentially this means ideas are easier to remember when we relate to similar, connected ideas. So you can speed up how quickly you memorise information on your notes before you've even started memorising simply by ordering them correctly. Order your notes by topic in a folder – this can either be a real folder or a folder on your laptop. Keeping all that related information together will ensure you won't need to constantly flip through your notes, meaning you'll already be memorising more efficiently.

### 2. Sometimes, less is more

A lot of people think that the longer you sit at a desk memorising, the more marks you'll get. This isn't true. If we work continuously on the same task for too long, we actually end up remembering very little. Instead of memorising for two hours straight, split-up your revision into four 25 minute blocks, with five minute break in between. This is proven to keep us more focused, which help our fact retention.

### 3. Cramming doesn't work

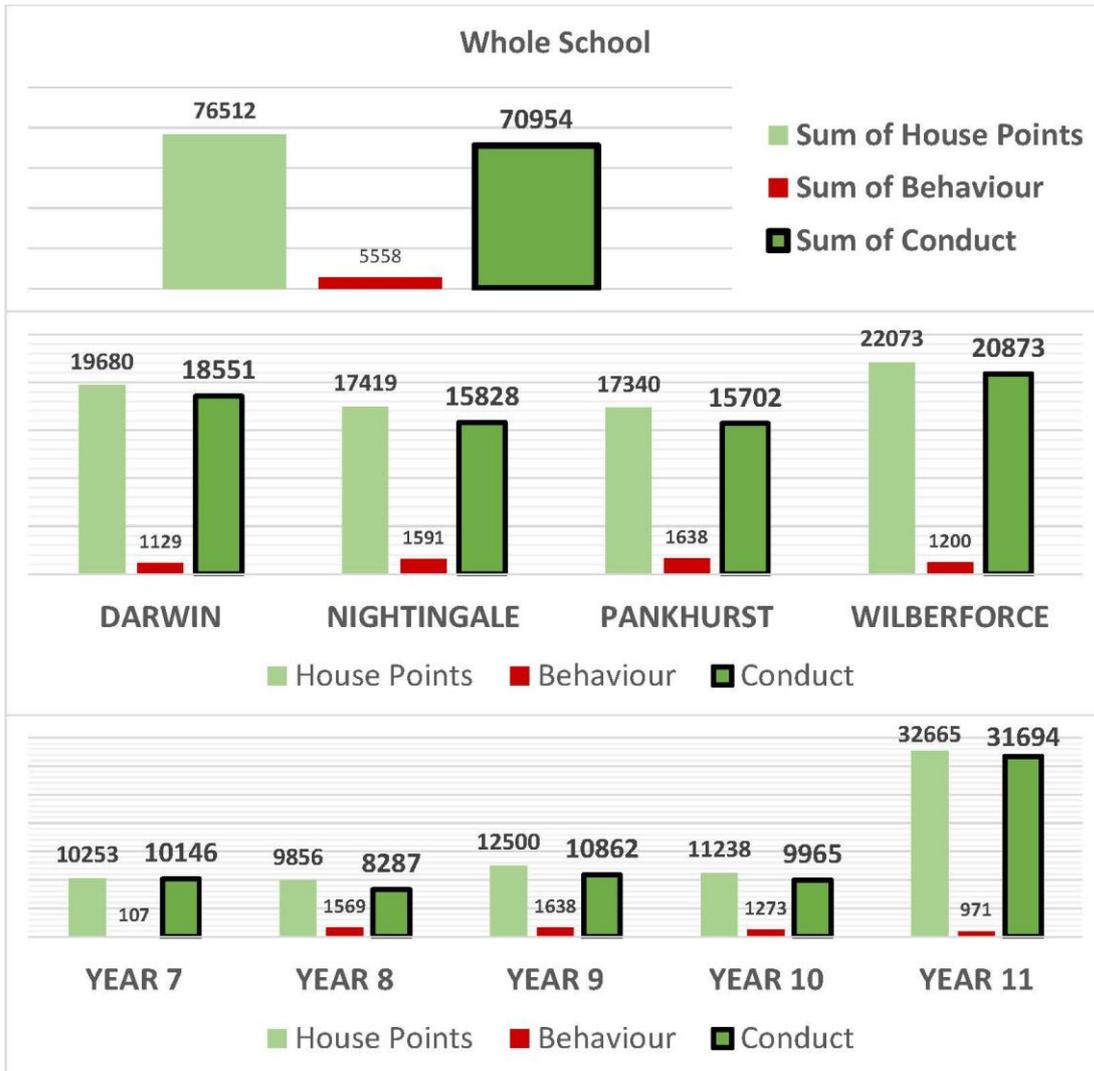
It might be tempting, but leaving all of your memorising to the last week before your exams rarely works. It's not an efficient way of storing information, and it's usually a guarantee to make us super stressed. At uni, I took the philosophy of 'Little but Often'. Instead of revising and memorising loads right before my exams, I revised manageable amounts steadily across the year. This helped store information in my long-term memory, not to mention lowered my stress levels.

### 4. Use your imagination

To be honest, a lot of what we revise isn't exactly exciting. But that doesn't mean we can't use our imagination to make it more interesting. We can turn our revision into songs, pictures, stories and mini movies in our heads. Making the information more interesting and a lot more memorable.

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 19.10.18



Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2018 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	8WN	9DS	10PN	11WN

Whole School Attendance: 96.37%

### Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7PN	8NS	9WN	10DE	11NS



Hampshire County Council



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Geography – Iceland 2018



Students had an early start on Monday but this did not dampen their moods- arriving in their walking boots, thermals and warm coats – they were ready to brave the 2 degree temperatures of Iceland!

We met our guide Runa at Keflavik airport and set off on our Peninsula tour– visiting The Bridge of Two Continents, Gunnhver hot spring and the Blue Lagoon. After arriving and settling in at our hotel, we took a walk into the country's capital – Reykjavík.

On our second day, we had the opportunity to swim in the Secret lagoon, naturally heated by a hot spring. After lunch, we went on a tour of the Golden Circle visiting the famous Gullfoss waterfall, Geysirs and ended our day at the Þingvellir National Park.

Wednesday took us on our South Shore tour where we visited Hvalsvollur Black beach, Skogafoss waterfall and the stunning Solheimajokull Glacier where the students were able to take some excellent photos. We even drove past the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano responsible for the 2010 eruption.

By night, the clouds cleared and our guide informed us that it was a good opportunity to see the Northern Lights. Not wanting to miss our chances, we ate dinner and took a walk down to Reykjavík harbour. We were in luck - the spectacular Aurora Borealis made an appearance - students were delighted – as was I. What a brilliant way to end our trip!

A fantastic trip. A special thanks to Mr Bristow for your excellent twitter updates and caring support to our Yateley students throughout. Many thanks Mrs Baldwin for sorting out the trip admin and to our two airport drivers – your help was greatly appreciated.



*Miss Self, Trip Leader*

### Uniform

Due to the colder weather coming, we just wanted to remind all parents and students about the uniform policy for the school. This can be found at the following link on the VLE. Please especially look at the guidance on footwear, outer coats, etc.

Uniform Guidance:

[https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod\\_page/content/24/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf](https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod_page/content/24/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf)

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Attendance

Just a reminder to all parents and students about the importance of having good attendance at school (ideally 100%). It is so important that students are in school on time every day and for all lessons/tutor time/assemblies. Failure to attend lessons/tutor time/assemblies or be late to them will cause a negative impact on a student's progress. Of course if a student is very ill then we do appreciate that they might stay at home when we are notified by parents. We do have a school nurse in school and if she deemed a student to be very ill while in school we will contact parents to ask for them to be collected. If a student is ill for more than 3 days we do request that they have seen a medical professional and we are advised of the outcome or recommendation. More details about attendance can be found in the schools attendance policy on the VLE at the below link.

### Attendance Policy:

[https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod\\_page/content/96/Attendance%20-%202018%20Update.docx](https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod_page/content/96/Attendance%20-%202018%20Update.docx)

## House Point Thresholds

We have been working closely with the student body to agree on a suitable house point threshold system which would award students with various levels of certificates and recognition. We have now finalised our system for this year and hopefully the future ahead. Details of the new threshold can be found on the VLE at the below link.

### House Point Thresholds:

[https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod\\_page/content/24/Yateley%20School%20OHP%20System.pdf](https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod_page/content/24/Yateley%20School%20OHP%20System.pdf)

## GCSE Mathematics Update

FOUNDATION

Higher



Maths

Students in Years 9 & 10 will shortly be sitting their Autumn maths tests. They will take place in class in the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Their Maths teacher will suggest some topics to revise and resources to use. A full revision list has been published on Show My Homework. Please encourage students to revise so that they are ready for the test.



Revision

Students will need a full set of maths equipment for these tests: pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, protractor, pair of compasses and calculator.

Mrs K Colloff  
Head of KS4 Mathematics

Year

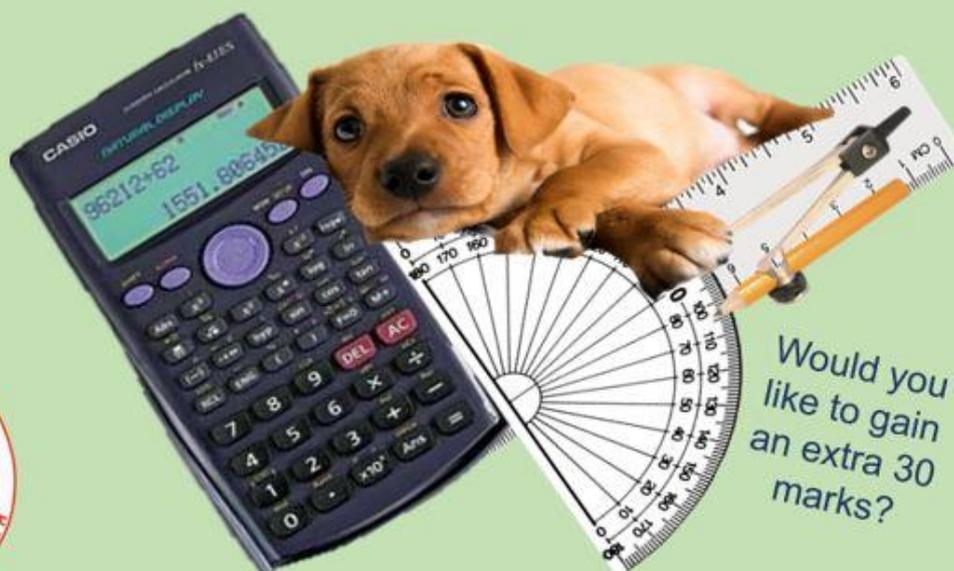
9

Year

10

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Year 11 Maths Homework/Period 7 Timetable



**Year 11 Homework Schedule**  
Homework help is available  
**Wednesday in C2.7 from 3:15**

**Year 11 Revision Sessions**  
**Wednesday in C2.5 3:15-4:00pm**

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Linear Graphs	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Algebra 1
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ratio & Proportion	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Algebra 2
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Construction	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sequences
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Shapes	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Mock Prep 1
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mock Revision 2	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mock Prep 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	MOCK EXAMS	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	MOCK EXAMS
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	MOCK EXAMS	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	MOCK EXAMS
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Break	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Break

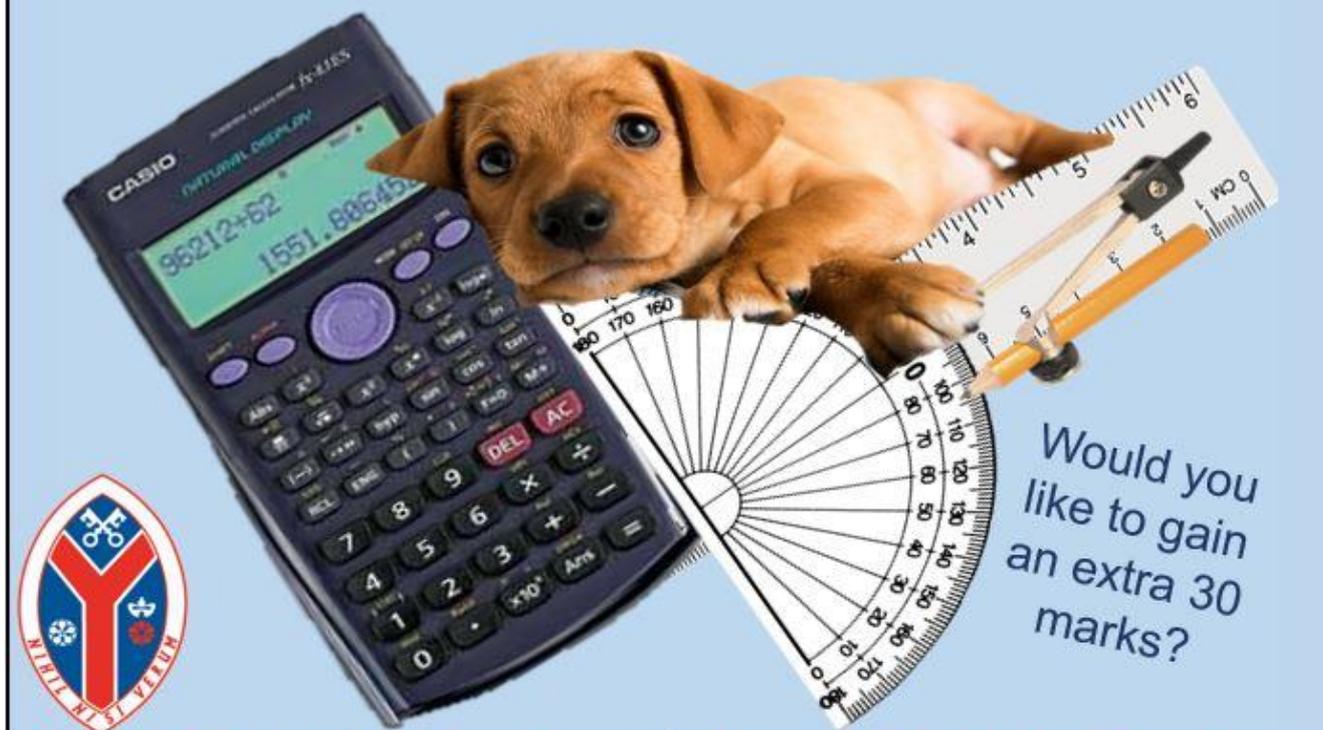
Year 11 **Drop-in** is also available every **Wednesday in C2.1 from 3:15pm** for anyone who wants help with any GCSE Maths topics.

**Everyone welcome - Learning together – Empowered for life**



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

## Years 12 & 13 Maths Booster Sessions 2019



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

**Year 12 Revision Sessions with Mrs Weakley**  
**Wednesday in C2.4 3:20-4:00pm**

**Year 13 Revision Sessions with Mr O'Neill**  
**Wednesday in C2.2 3:20-4:00pm**

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Quadratics (Chapter 3)	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Proof (Chapter 1)
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Circles/Lines (Chapter 6)	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Binomial (Chapter 6)
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Polynomials (Chapter 4)	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trigonometry (Chapter 8)
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Graphs (Chapter 5)	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Differentiation (Chapter 9)
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trigonometry (Chapter 10/11)	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Differentiation (Chapter 10)
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Binomial (Chapter 9)	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Probability (Chapter 20)
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mock Prep 1	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mock Prep 1
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mock Prep 2	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mock Prep 2

**Year 12 and 13 Drop-in** available every **Wednesday in C2.6 from 3:20pm** for anyone who wants help with any Maths topics.

**Everyone welcome - Learning together – Empowered for life**



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



## Chess Puzzle

Last week's solution requires you to notice that the rook on rank 8 is not protecting the rook on rank 2. It is required to prevent an easy mate of the trapped king. This makes the exchange on b2 more favourable to white that it first appears.



This week: find the best move for white.



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

### The National Cipher Challenge - Week 3 Results

Well done to these students for completing week three of the national cipher challenge.

Their national ranking and team names are listed below:

- 1= Yateley
- 1= Cryptic Coders
- 1= MrG
- 1= Further Maths /YSF
- 1= OliviaOR
- 7= The usses
- 7= Josh Potter

Competition Challenge 4 is active until midnight on 7<sup>th</sup> November. It is still possible to enter the full competition up until that date.



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



## AUTHOR EVENT AT WINCHESTER

Before half term, I accompanied a group of year 9 students to an event organised by Hampshire's School Library Service at the Middle Brook Centre in Winchester. The event had been arranged to present the winner of the Hampshire Book Award 2018 to author, Tamsyn Murray, for her winning book 'Instructions for a Second-Hand Heart'. The students who attended the event were some of the group who had read, evaluated and discussed the six shortlisted books during the spring and summer term.

The event is a great way of rewarding the students for their commitment to reading all six books. The students enjoyed the experience, which is demonstrated in the following comments:

'Tamsyn's presentation was great, especially the part when she talked about her research with all the medical people. It makes the book more realistic and enjoyable.'

Overall, it was great fun and a different experience.' – Jonathan Lupu, 9DS.

'I found the Tamsyn Murray talk very enjoyable. I thought she was very interesting and engaging. Overall I had a fun experience.' – Cobi Shambrook, 9WN.

Tamsyn also signed copies of her book for the students.

*Mrs Hood, School Library Manager*

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



## **YATELEY SCHOOL WADO RYU KARATE CLUB**



**SENSEI PHIL SEARS 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan  
HEAD INSTRUCTOR-JAPANESE  
TRAINED AND CERTIFIED**

**CLASSES HELD IN THE  
B BLOCK GYM**

**ALL YEARS WELCOME**

**PARENTS AND STAFF ARE  
ALSO INVITED TO LEARN AND  
TRAIN**

**DEVELOP RESPECT,  
PERSONAL FITNESS,  
DISCIPLINE AND  
COORDINATION**

**AND MOST OF ALL  
HAVE FUN !**

**CAN BE USED TO FULLFILL  
PART OF THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH  
REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS  
FROM 6:15 PM  
UNTIL 7:30 PM**

**LOOSE FITTING WORKOUT CLOTHING  
SUGGESTED**

**ALL CLASSES  
ARE FREE**



Hampshire  
County Council



INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



Paralympic Champion - Sascha Kindred CBE

**EVERYONE** CAN KEEP ACTIVE

## ACTIVE FOR ALL AFTERNOON

HART LEISURE CENTRE  
SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER • 1-4PM



[facebook.com/HartLeisure](https://facebook.com/HartLeisure) [@everyoneactive](https://twitter.com/everyoneactive)

Emerald Avenue, Fleet, GU51 6EE



# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin



Course	Venue	Day	Starts	Wks	Times	Price	Con.
Basic First Aid for the Family (inc certificate)	Yateley School	Wed	14 <sup>th</sup> November	1	18.00-21.30	£41	£20.50
*Christmas Baking	Yateley School	Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> November	2	19.00-21.00	£28	N/A
Emergency First Aid at work L3 (inc Certificate)	Yateley School	Tues	6 <sup>th</sup> November	1	09.30-16.00	£48	£24
Watercolours for Beginners	Yateley School	Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> November	1	09.15-15.15	£38	N/A
Dressmaking and Sewing All Abilities	Yateley School	Tues	15 <sup>th</sup> January	10	19.00-21.00	£92	N/A
Authentic Indian Cooking	Yateley School	Tues	15 <sup>th</sup> January	5	19.00-21.15	£77	N/A
Makaton for Beginners	Wavell School	Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> March	2	09.00-15.30	Free	Free

\* These courses carry extra cost for materials.

Concession rate applies to those in receipt of state pension or means tested benefits.

**For all enquiries call 01252 877190  
or visit**

**[www.adultandcommunity.co.uk](http://www.adultandcommunity.co.uk)**