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Dear Parents

I hope you've enjoyed a happy and restful half term break and that our students have come back refreshed and ready for an eight week half term! The run up to Christmas is a particularly important 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.



Bude Over the half term holiday, our annual expedition/trip/adventure to Bude ran for students in Year 8. Mrs Evans – newly appointed to the head of PE role, along with Mrs Short, Mrs Goldwater, Mrs Uttley, Mrs Moffett and a wider team, braved the high wires, kayaks and even a fancy-dress night and grand karaoke to give our students an excellent and memorable experience. Even allowing for the journey time and the joy of the A303, a great time was had by all.

We've spoken at length about STEM ambassadors, but bringing a whole new meaning to the word is our own Mrs McKerlie. For part of this week, Mrs McKerlie has been away donating her stem cells in London. Her stem cells are a match for someone with a serious medical condition somewhere in the world. They are extraordinary and unique cells in that they can grow into any other cell in the body. This means they can be used to treat a wide range of blood cancers and disorders. For some people, a stem cell transplant (also known as a bone marrow transplant) is the only hope of survival. However, matching donors and

patients is extremely difficult. Between 65-75% of those in need are unable to find a sibling match so rely on the generosity of strangers, in our case the fabulous Mrs McKerlie. If you are interested in how you could help, please have a look at this website. <u>https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/.</u>



Remembrance. In assemblies this week, our students have been involved in remembrance of those who have fought and fallen in conflict; both those in the 101 years since the armistice and in every conflict since the 1st World War. As a school we are proud to recognise the importance of remembrance and ensure that the future generation in our care is supported to understand the lessons of the past in order to try and forge a more humane and peaceful future. As a school, we will, of course, be represented in the Yateley Town act of remembrance on Sunday 10th November – from 2pm at St Swithun's and have been asked to lay a wreath at the war memorial.



My thanks to Mrs Williams for all her work in ensuring that this is reflected so prominently in the school.



Thursday 14th November 6-8pm We all know that it is hard for young people to make sense of the range of options available to them when thinking about their future careers. In order to help them with this we are inviting <u>all year groups</u>, parents and the local community to the

Yateley Careers & Futures Fair to be held in the Main Hall on Thursday 14th November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

We have a wide range of employers from the world of business/industry and training providers attending including colleges, universities and apprenticeships. There will also be representatives from the following: banking, architects, parliament, hotels, physiotherapy, care homes, retail, charity, performing arts, childcare, science and engineering, technology, healthcare, gaming, the Army and many more. It is a great opportunity to network and for Y10 and Y12 to make potential work experience contacts.



Student Star of the week is Archie Simmons in 11DE. After five years of extraordinary hard work and commitment, Archie has been awarded with his Black belt in Taekwondo – an exceptional achievement. He routinely trains in Fleet twice a week and more frequently in the run up to the black belt testing – even picking up some Korean in the process! Archie has an exemplary record in school, is humble and hard working and is a most worthy recipient of the student of the week accolade.

Yours sincerely Paul German **Headteacher**















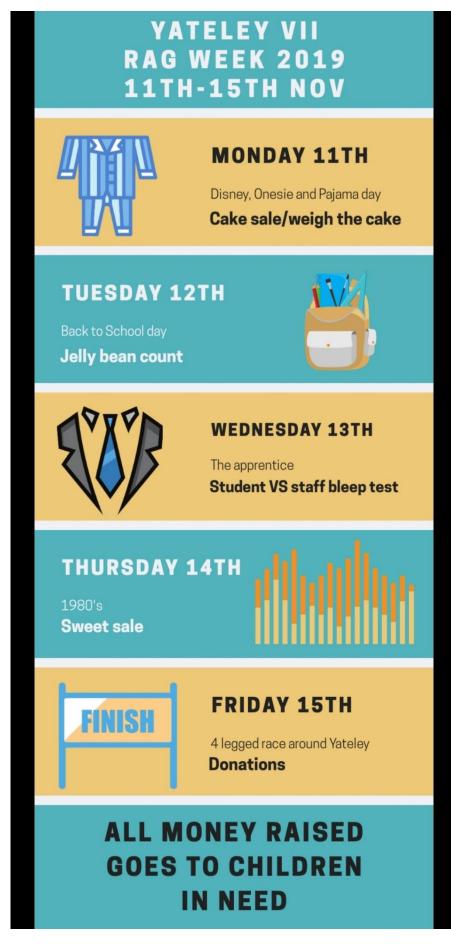


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SPORTS RESULTS NETBALL

Year 8	won v	All Hallows	19 - 0	POM:	H. Woboyna & J. Polikwa
Year 9	won v	All Hallows	7 - 4	POM:	D. Mitchell
Year 10	lost v	All Hallows	6 - 18	POM:	A. Ellis

Rugby Success

Ben Elsey has been selected for Surrey County U16 Squad. A considerable achievement, one of only 4 state students selected for the squad of 32. Over 120 boys attended the trials last weekend.

Maths Corner

Pet Shop Problem!

Andy has just got his pocket money. He goes straight to the Pet Shop and buys 2 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. They cost him £5. Ben was just given £10 for walking his neighbours dog. He went to the same Pet Shop and bought 4 Hamsters and 3 Goldfish. He got £1.50 change.

How much is a Hamster?



How much is a Goldfish?

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

> <u>Answer to Maths Corner 7 – Greedy Girls!</u> Smarties = 37p, Curly Wurly = 25p















This week: find the best move for white.



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



Mathematics Tutor Times Tables

Congratulation go to the following students all won the Tutor Times Table Challenge Autumn 1st half term.

DARWIN

7DN Madeline Alexander and Thomas Warne 7DS Louise Seymour and Jamie Draper 8DN Isaac McGeachie and Cara Burnett 8DS Hayley Wabyone and Jacob Russell 9DN Poppy Vandensteen and Benjamin Cuninghame 10DN Ellemay Dale and Samuel Burnett 10DS Charlotte Payne and Jake Sorrell 11DE Molly Tzanetis and Thomas Parsons 11DS Edward Van Oostum and Sadie Hales

PANKHURST

7PN Ryan Middlebrook and Lily Jefferies 8PN Justyna Poliwka and Matthew Dunwoody

9PN Sam Harrington and Oliver Ginn 10PN Mujtabaa Kashif and Evie Saunders 10PS Isabella Stockton and Noah Price

NIGHTINGALE

7NN Jasmine Williams and Thomas Bingham-Wilson 9NN Alara Turan and Charley MacFarlane 9NS Noah Cherry and Keeley Griffiths 10NN James Stark and Sophie Stenning 10NS Kirsten Matthews and Benjamin Rowlinson 11NN Ella Reed and Benjamin Kirwin 11NS Bailey Cunningham and Rachel Plowman

WILBERFORCE

7WN Harry Brown and Layla Curran 7WS Paula Farcas and Jack Anstey 8WN Hannah Carpenter and Luke Price 8WS Georgia Connor and Kai Murphy 9WN Kushal Vadicharla and Heidi Shea 10WN Edward Webb and Emily Sales 10WS Ruby Cave and Benjamin Miller 11WN Kiran Shome 11WS Prajwal Vadicharla and Lucy Baxter



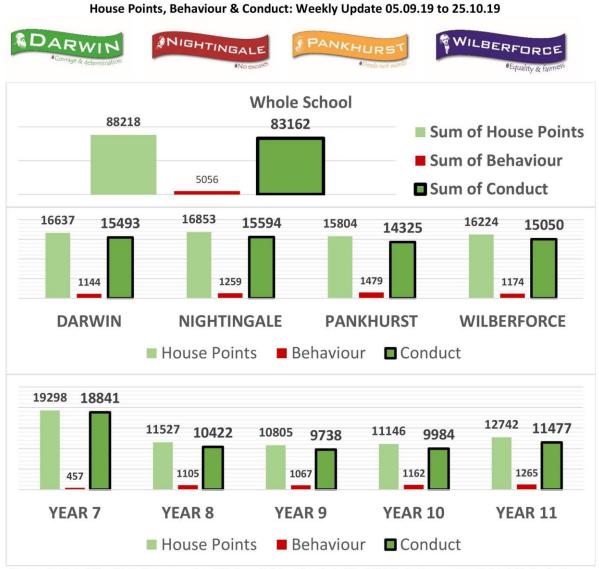












Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2019 due to the new Prom Points initiative for Year 11 this year, and therefore why they have more than any other year group.

Tutor Groups With The Highest Conduct Points (House Points – Behavio	our)
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Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7DN	8PN	9NN	10WN	11NN

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

Whole School Attendance: 96.34%

Tutor Groups With The Highest AttendanceYear 7Year 8Year 9Year 10Year 117WS8DS9NS10NN11NS

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HOUSE COUNCIL PROJECT

One area that our House Council is focusing on this term is the environment within school. We have now joined forces with Yateley Town Council who are currently working on a 'Neighbourhood Plan for Climate Change' and as a result of this we are looking to revitalise the courtyard area, just off from the hall corridor.



Working in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee and Yateley Men's Shed we will be working in phases to create a 'Wellbeing Area' in the courtyard. Phase 1 of this will be starting this week with some of our Prince's Trust/Duke of Edinburgh students preparing the area reading for work to commence. The Yateley's Men Shed will be producing planters for this area in the New Year.















How can you help?

- Do you have a composter in your garden not being used? Can we use it until we have built our own?
- Do you have any plants/bulbs/planters/hanging baskets?
- Do you have any bird boxes/bird baths that are no longer used?
- Do you have any wood that would be suitable for building planters that you no longer need?
- Do you have any outdoor paint no longer required?
- Would you like to volunteer to help?

If the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions can you please contact us via email <u>house.council@yateley.hants.sch.uk</u>

Mrs Uttley, Head of Pankhurst/House Council

PRINCES TRUST

On Tuesday afternoon we were lucky to have two visitors from the Prince's Trust coming in to school to carry out mock interviews with our year 11 Prince's Trust students. Over recent weeks the students have been putting together CV's and looking at careers websites to see what possible careers they may be interested in. These included Wedding planner, Blacksmith, Photographer and many other ideas.

As you will see by the email from Paul Creedon, the students conducted themselves in a very professional manner and were a credit to the school.

The students involved were: Harvey Rentall-Sisk Kevin Kavanagh Mia Spicer Abby Shaw Ben Ayres Harry Cope Louie Hartley Alfie Pepper George Prendiville Luke Holland.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A big THANK YOU to all parents, students and staff who supported the Scholastic Book Fair which was held the week before half term. It was lovely to see so many students excited about choosing books and, hopefully, they were able to spend some time reading them during the holidays. We raised £567 which was a significant increase on 2018 sales. Commission earned on this figure will be spent by the English department on reading book sets for students.

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager











