

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

Anti-bullying week. Across the UK, schools have had the opportunity to mark Anti-bullying week. We seek to be a school where bullying cannot happen. A bold statement - yet we believe that we have the ethos and environment in school where bullying is very rare and that the culture of the school is such that it is seen as unacceptable. Nevertheless, if anyone at any stage in life has their wellbeing or life chances damaged due to bullying, that's one person too many. Therefore, our recently trained anti-bullying ambassadors who received their training from the Diana Award (in honour of the late princess of Wales) have been leading assemblies to highlight and clarify the issues and publicise the way in which they, as student ambassadors, can help. They will receive the full support of staff and I'm sure the students.



Oxbridge applications Alex Harrison, Anny Cros, Laura Staves and Lauren Woodman joined Mr Conway in the hallowed grounds of Wellington College for a thorough introduction to applying for Oxford and Cambridge. Led by Oxford University, they got to see how the demanding interview process actually works and then had a practice interview for themselves. This, alongside feedback on their applications will have set them up superbly for the challenge. Good luck!



RAG week Throughout this week our Sixth Formers have been involved in a wide array of fundraising activities, all to raise money for the fantastic BBC Children in Need appeal. A number of these activities involved food – of course - and the picture shows some of our current sixth formers dressed in their old school uniforms or a variation on the correct uniform at least! At the time of writing, we are anticipating the annual fancy dress onslaught on Yateley that comes in the form of the 4-legged race! More on this later in the bulletin. Huge congratulations to all involved and also to our indomitable sixth form staff who've supported, led and encouraged throughout.



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Careers and Futures Fair was held on Thursday evening and with an invitation to all year groups to attend. The turnout was splendid and we had well over 40 exhibitors from industry, commerce, higher education, local employers and organisations. We were pleased and impressed by the calibre of our visiting exhibitors and it certainly felt like students and parents found it a worthwhile and encouraging experience. Mr Tidd's superb leadership ensured that the event ran smoothly and above all, created just the right buzz and sense of ambition.



Year 7 Progress: There are not many days in our lives that we do not forget, but starting at secondary school is definitely one of them. Just imagine the pressure of starting secondary school now with greater expectations, harder exams, higher targets and more competition! Of course, this is all set alongside the familiar challenge of navigating such a complex and large set of buildings just to arrive at your lessons and remember the names of multiple teachers! We have been over the moon with our Year 7 cohort so far and we're very impressed by their hard work and application since joining us. After sending out our first set of reports we want to warmly congratulate the students below who have achieved the highest results in the year group based on their targets and we hope that all Year 7s feel they have settled in superbly to life at Yateley School.

Top Year 7 Students

Elliot Selby, Douglas Bardsley, Tyler Rees, Symond Bk, Elliott Bray, Francesca Britten, Harry Brown, Lucie Charlton, Olivia Doe, Lucy Hill-Clarke, Eilidh Hooper, Andrew Jones, Lucas McMullen, Daniel Papworth, Cleo Pignon, Gabriella Stephenson, Cherie Wells, Miller West, Jasmine Williams.



Student Star of the week is Harry Ware in 10DS. Harry makes Yateley School history by being appointed student of the week for the second time. However, as many will know, Harry's achievements are truly exceptional. I have had the pleasure of awarding him the Hampshire Schools' Athletics Association, Mary Watkin Cup. This cup is awarded annually to the athlete demonstrating the best endurance performance, in this case for his winning 800m time of 2minutes and 6 seconds; a massive 4.2s ahead of the second-place competitor. In short, this means that from across all of the Hampshire Schools and from the 17 other endurance performances on the finals day, Harry's was the best – the elite athlete in Hampshire! Huge congratulations from all of us and from Aldershot and District schools whom Harry was representing.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher



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RAG WEEK



This week we hosted the Sixth Form's annual Raising and Giving (RAG) Week. Each day has been packed with activities but is also an opportunity to raise money for Children in Need. This year, £430 has been raised for this great cause!

Throughout the week, the students have sold freshly made cakes, pick 'n' mix and ran competitions such as 'weigh the cake' and 'how many jelly beans in the jar?'



There was also music playing outside of C Block and Raffle tickets on sale all week, where students had the chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

On Wednesday, we had the Student vs Staff bleep test during lunchtime (whereby you run from one point to another in time on a beep which progressively gets faster) with the last person standing as the winner. Mr Tidd was a hot favourite for the crown with his impressive marathon C.V. however he got waylaid in supporting students in geography. Mr Conway gave the students a good run for their money but there was no beating all round sport's man, JK Jordan (Y12) who stole victory by some margin.

The week culminated in our annual 4 legged race which is now in its 30th year. Students made donations and were highly competitive in trying to win the coveted 4 legged race. This prize went to Sam Keys, JK Jordan and James Gan (Y12). Special mention goes to students Luke Woodward, Oliver Williams and Taylor Haines (Y13) who received best fancy dress - well done to all.

RAG Week 2019 was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who made a donation and well done to all those who put the week's activities together.

Mr Conway, Head of Sixth Form

CHARITY PASTRY SALE BY 10WN - Subject Review Day 22nd November 2019

Please come to the main hall on Subject Review Day and sample some scrummy cakes and pastries courtesy of 10WN. All contributions will go to Wilberforce house charities. The stall will open from 8.30am until we run out of food! Tea, coffee and other soft drinks will also available in the main hall.



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DIARY DATES

19 th November	Yr 12 Behind Bars Trip
20 th – 22 nd November	Yr 11 Sixth Form Taster Day
21 st November	Yr 8 Tutor Review Sheets Out
21 st November	GCSE Celebration Evening – 6.30pm Start
22 nd November	Yrs 7/11/12/13 Subject Review Day
22 nd November	Yrs 8/9/10 Home Study Day
26 th November	Yr 10 Tutor Review Sheets Out
5 th December	Yr 10 Subject Review Evening – 4.30pm Start
9 th December	Yr 11 Exams Start
10 th December	House Drama – 7pm Start
12 th December	House Drama – 7pm Start
18 th December	Christmas Music Concert – 7pm Start
19 th December	Yr 9 Tutor Review Sheets Out
19 th December	Sixth Form Christmas Party
20 th December	School Finishes at 12.45pm for Christmas holiday
6 th January	INSET Day
7 th January	Students return to school

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

U16 Girls won v All Hallows (District Cup) 52 - 27 POM: Caitlin Ryan

NETBALL

Year 9 lost v Alton School 7 - 2 POM: Elena & Daisy Mitchell

Year 10 lost v Alton School 28 - 5 POM: Kirsten Matthews & Grace Hampshire

X-COUNTRY

On Tuesday we hosted a senior cross-country friendly that was well attended, Over 60 students ensured a very boggy and cold course, but all with big smiles on their faces.

Date for the Diary:

Cross-country District Event and LWC on Thursday 21st November

Sporting success:

On behalf of all of the PE department, I would like to say a huge congratulations to Harry Ware for being awarded the “Mary Watkin - Best Endurance Performance Cup” by the Hampshire Schools for his achievements this summer.

Mrs Evans, Head of PE



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Maths Corner 10



Find the Goal



Blyth Spartans centre forward scored 40 goals this season. That is 25% more goals than he scored last season.

How many goals did he score last season?



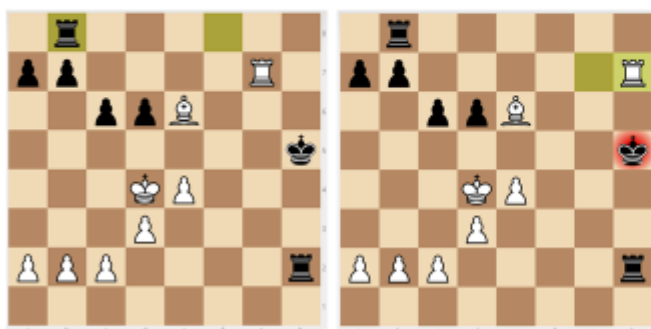
1 house point to all parents/students who presents the correct answer



Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was to place the black king in check. As it flees white can take the unguarded rook.



This week: find the best move for white.



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



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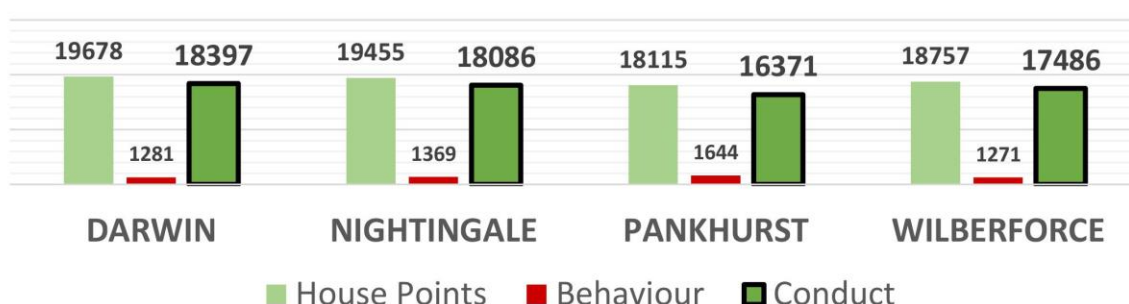
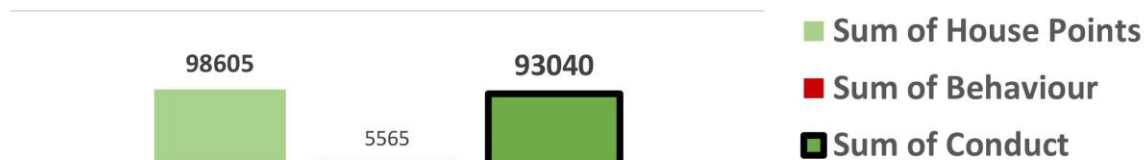


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 08.11.19



Whole School



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	10WN	11NN

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

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7DN	8PN	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	Wilberforce

Whole School Attendance: 96.27%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7WS	8DS	9NS	10NN	11NS



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HOMEWORK DROP IN

Homework drop-in after school in the library schoolroom will NOT be available on Tuesday 19th November, however the library is open until 5pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION 2019

The House Drama Competition is fast approaching on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December 2019. All performances are written and directed by the students themselves and it is a wonderful opportunity to see the talent we have in school. It is a great night out and tickets will be priced at £5 and £3 for concessions (OAP's and under 16's) and sold on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the bulletin and send it into reception with your payment in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Ellis. Note that this is not available on scopay and your tickets will be sent out via your child's register.

Mrs Karen Ellis, Front of House

Reply Slip – House Drama Tickets

Name		Form	
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Performance Date	Please indicate the number of tickets required below	
	Adult	Concession*
	(£5.00)	(£3.00)
Tuesday, 10th December 2019		
Thursday, 12 th December 2019		

*OAP and under 16



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