

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

Sixth Form Taster Days. It has been an absolute pleasure to run two taster days for prospective sixth form students on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our 'home grown' Yateley Year 11 students were immersed in sixth form life on the first day and the level of interest, ambition, excitement and competition for places was palpable. The unique nature of our offer, coupling an exceptional curriculum, great outcomes and genuinely personal care (and therefore the reason it's judged outstanding) was made clear. Year 11s should be well aware that although Sixth Form study here is an extension of their year 7-11 experience, it is distinctively and positively different, with a very clear identity in the Sixth. On Thursday, we then ran a modified version of the day for well over 60 very welcome prospective applicants, largely from Frogmore College. By all accounts they had a super day and I trust that the vast majority left motivated to apply. We haven't had that level of interest from external candidates before and this all bodes extremely well for next September. Sticking with the Sixth Form, huge congratulations to Anny Cros for her invitation to interview to read Law at Oxford and we'll all wish her well for that nerve-wracking experience.



Year 8 students were treated to an excellent and stylised performance of the very familiar Christmas Carol from the Ginifcent Theatre Company on Thursday of this week. The performance was strong and clearly the students enjoyed it very much and were completely engaged. They also got a time at the end of the afternoon performance to ask questions of the actors and the questions were thoughtful and perceptive.



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Year 11 Celebration Evening. We were delighted to welcome back a number of our Year 11 class of 2019 – some of whom are in our Sixth Form and some of whom are elsewhere, to the celebration evening on Thursday. In front of an audience of parents, governors, family and friends,



exam certificates were awarded alongside special recognition awards from the



Governing body and for progress in the form of the Headteacher awards. Christiaan Munro, a former pupil, who has had an extraordinary career, first in the Army and then latterly as an entrepreneur in the Music industry, gave a fascinating address which reflected both on his interesting and unusual career and

also on the many and varied forms in which success can occur and possibly be measured. The awards then concluded with the Simon Brown award, made this year to JK Jordan, in recognition of his exceptional commitment to school life, embodying the spirit of Yateley School and still finding the time for superb academic endeavour. Congratulations.

Governor Award All recipients have achieved 8 or more 7 to 9/A to A*/Distinction to Distinction* grades at GCSE or equivalent.

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| • BICKERSTAFF Georgia | • MALLET Abigail |
| • BROWETT James | • MOSS Jake |
| • DUKE Adam | • OXLADE Amelia |
| • JORDAN Jim-Kennie | • PAYNE Nathaniel |
| • KEYS Samuel | • POCKNEE Lara |
| • LOCKE Daniel | • SHIMONI Ariel |
| • LUPU Illay | • ZAMAN Muaz |

Headteacher Award – Group 1 Students who, on average, had 1 grade higher than their target grades in their GCSE results.

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| • BEALE Oliver | • MARTIN Alexander |
| • BREWER Ellena | • SHAMBROOK Casey |
| • FIELD Connor | • SIMONS Molly |
| • HARRIS Madeline | • TUCK Marcus |
| • KERRY Eve | • ZAMAN Muaz |
| • KEYS Samuel | |

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Headteacher Award – Group 2 Students who, on average, had 1.5 grade higher than their target grades in their GCSE results.

- BIRD Megan
- DAVIES Ryan
- DURRANT Leo
- FRANK Liv
- LUPU Illay
- MITCHELL Chloe
- MOSS Jake
- PARR Rosie
- SHIMONI Ariel



Student Star of the week is Oliver Sweeney in 9PS. Oliver has competed in the British Gymnastics Championships over a number of years as part of Team Gym. Team Gym is a team competition which includes routines being performed on three pieces of apparatus: floor, trampette, trampette vault and a tumbling track. Oliver has won a vast array of medals from competitions in which he has taken part, including a number of Golds.

We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the dedication you have for gymnastics.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher

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YR 11 YATELEY SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY



This week was a very busy week with two sets of taster days for both our Yateley Yr11s and Yr11 students from Frogmore Community College, Cove School and Maiden Erlegh School. The purpose of the day was to assist students with their post-16 subject options and to give them a taste of what life is like at our Outstanding Sixth Form. Nearly 50 taster sessions were held with students having the opportunity to take part in six each.



This gave students an insight into a Sixth Form lesson, the depth of knowledge covered and the bespoke support which comes from a smaller college provider.

From performing arts to the sciences, English to vocational subjects: there was really something for everyone at the Yateley Sixth Taster Days. The students had a great time!

Applications close on 6th December and with over 323 students visiting the college over the past two days and more external interest, competition for the 150 places is going to be exceptionally high so we advise that you get your application in early. Please [click here](#) for your application.



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THE SNUG IS NOW OPEN!



It is with huge gratitude and pride we have been able to open our sensory room, The Snug, at Yateley School this term.

Last year, in the Learning Support Department we had a large cupboard, packed full of various resources, which looked quite shabby and really wasn't useful for anything other than storage. With the support of the Woodward Family and their wonderful Christmas Lights display, we now have an incredible sensory space, to support our students who experience a wide range of difficulties on a day to day basis.

As you may know Keith and Jenny Woodward transform their house each year, with the help of their two sons, Ryan and Luke, into a Christmas Light extravaganza, raising money for charitable causes. Last year we were chosen as one of those lucky causes and with Keith and the whole family providing their time and skills, as well as the money donated by the community, we now have 'The Snug.'

It is used by a wide variety of students, to support them with managing their day, feeling calm and going back into lessons, when previously they might not have felt able to. We are extremely lucky to have this resource and it will continue to support our students for years to come.

As of Saturday 23rd November the Woodward Family will be putting on their Christmas light shows once again to raise money for a local cause- this time the focus is training school staff from around Yateley in young people's Mental Health First Aid.

Please support this wonderful family in their aim, by attending the light shows and giving generously.

Mrs L Goredema, Head of SENco

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

U16 Girls won v RMS (League) 35 - 8 POM: April Ellis
Year 10 won v FHES (League) 21 - 12 MOM: Jack Holmwood
Year 8 lost v Courtmoor (District Cup) 48 - 6 MOM: Fin Reilly

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GEOGRAPHY – GCSE URBAN FIELDWORK SOUTHAMPTON

Our 3 GCSE classes successfully completed their urban fieldwork in Southampton last week. They investigated how the quality of life varies between three contrasting areas – Bassett, Bevois and Bargate. Students used a variety of methods to test the quality of life in each area: litter counts, environmental quality surveys, decibel readings and questionnaires. We were extremely impressed with the maturity of our students and the quality of their fieldwork.

They can now complete their write ups in class which will prepare them for their exam. A special thanks to Mr Tidd and Mrs Williams who ensured the smooth running of each trip – your help was greatly appreciated!



Miss N Self, Head of Geography

DIARY DATES

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

Become a STEM Ambassador for Yateley School

Do you enjoy Design and Technology, Maths, Science and Computing?

- **Represent the school**- looks great on your CV
- STEM is a huge National initiative- we need more **designers, engineers, scientists** for **Britain** to continue to be successful.
- **Support us** with challenges, activities and events
- Find out more about **STEM careers**




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If you are interested please give your name to Mrs Utley or Miss Williams.

Maths Corner 11



Showing an Interest



Gary invests £1000 in a bank account which pays 4% compound interest per annum. Gary plans to leave the money in the account for 5 years. The Bank Clerk tells him that he will have £1200 in the account after 5 years. Explain why the Bank Clerk is wrong. How much money will Gary actually have?

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

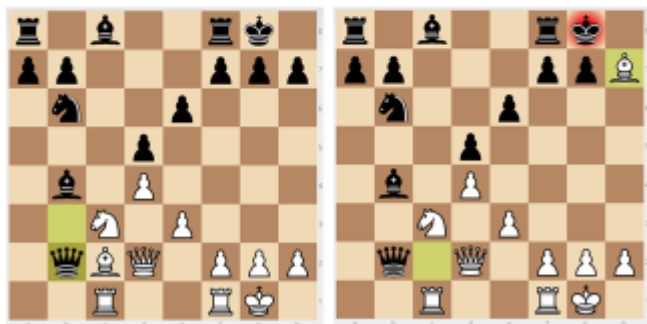
Answer to Maths Corner 10 – Find the Goal
32 Goals



Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was to use the bishop to put the black king in check. This prevents black from looking after their queen.



This week: find the best move for white.



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



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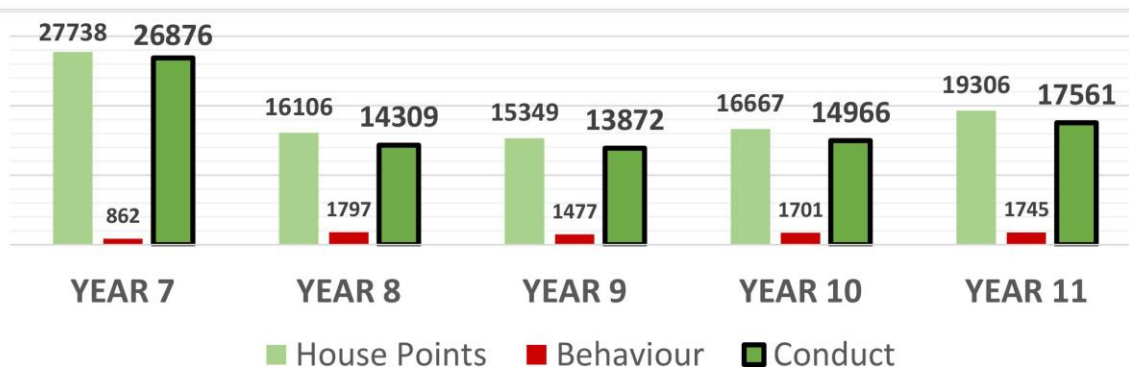
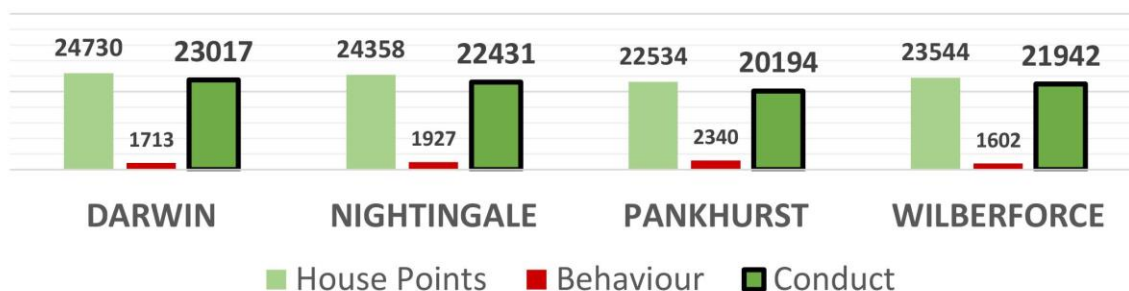


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 15.11.19



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	9NS	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	11WN

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: 96.16%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

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



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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 (£5.00)	Concession* (£3.00)
Tuesday, 10th December 2019		
Thursday, 12 th December 2019		

*OAP and under 16



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