

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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**Dear Parents**



As those of you lucky enough to be in the audience for House Drama on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week will testify, this was once again an extraordinary event and a testimony to the skill, talent and ambition of our students. The Sixth Form captains did an absolutely sterling job of writing, producing and directing their House performances and this has involved many hours of rehearsals and maintaining the enthusiasm and drive with their younger actors. Nightingale House were worthy winners on judging night, although all of the houses can look with real pride on their performances and we really saw the school at its best; self-motivated, independent and with a

powerful message. Although the themes were often rather sombre, the overall effect was exceptional and each house had stand out performances and actors who had huge stage presence – even teasing the Head in public!

It is a real pleasure and privilege at this time of year to be invited to the Christmas services and performances at a number of our partner primary schools. It is great to see and to foster the partnership between our schools. Equally we become ever more aware of the talent out there ready to head into secondary education soon! I know that a number of staff and parents from the partner schools read this bulletin, so thank you, it is much appreciated.

The students will know that it is mufti/Christmas jumper day on Monday and details of this have been published in this bulletin and via schoolcomms. Importantly this raises much needed money for our nominated charities as well as giving the youngsters the chance to get into the festive spirit and enjoy their Christmas lunch which is also on Monday. We also look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the Yateley Glow, from 7pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – if the weather stays the same, it will be a wrap up warm occasion.



From the Sixth Form, Mr Mather writes - Yateley Sixth Form never sleeps! I had a visitor in last week who asked if we were enjoying the 'Christmas wind-down'. This isn't a concept that seems to exist in schools, and we certainly have a great deal on between now and the big day. Monday evening sees our Sixth Form Christmas Party and I know that dresses have been purchased and shoes polished for the event already. It's a great way to send our students off after a hard term's work. But that alone would be too easy! We also have the cuddly warmth of Christmas Jumper Day and the red-nylon-white-fur suit of the Christmas Lunch to fit in on Monday too. Festive times indeed and being a nice petite college means that every single

student can be involved too.



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Looking ahead into January, Yateley Sixth Form is proud to be part of a pilot scheme involving 13 of our year 12 students (and two staff) being trained as Mental Health First Aiders. This is a project aiming to improve general awareness of mental health and to make sure people are aware of what help is on offer and where to access it. The First Aiders will not only become champions of the importance of considering mental health, but will also be able to offer real support and advice to people in need. Of course none of this replaces the counsellor we fund, or the other support we offer, but it is an important democratisation of that duty.

If our lead is replicated widely it will mean a gradual awakening of the issues in society, in college and in the workplace as more and more young people arrive well informed and committed to making a positive change. Student agency in action to address a badly neglected concern: lovely stuff!



## Student star of the week

Joshua Potter in 13ONL. Joshua is an exceptionally gifted Mathematician. Along with a number of his peers, he competed in the Senior Maths challenge.

Having been ranked in the top 1000 nationally, he has now qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad. His excellent achievement also means that he has won best in year, best in school and the Gold award. Exceptional achievement for a very able and determined young man – congratulations.

With my very best wishes.

**Paul German**

## DIARY DATES

**20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 9 Review Sheets Out (Revised date was Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

**21<sup>st</sup> December**

School Finishes at 12.45pm

**7<sup>th</sup> January**

INSET Day

**8<sup>th</sup> January**

Students Return to School

## Christmas Lunch – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

A Christmas lunch with festive music and crackers will be available for students on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The lunch will be priced at £2.30 and will be deducted from your son/daughter's lunch account on the day. A limited number of lunches will be available so get there early – first come, first served.

Alternative snack items will still be available for students to purchase if they do not wish to order a Christmas lunch.



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## FUNDRAISING – 35 Home Park Road Yateley

Firstly, we are raising money for two little boys aged 6 and 4 from Yateley. Their mum, Kim Feast, has spent the last four years raising awareness and fundraising for her cancer charity after she discovered she had terminal breast cancer. Sadly aged 34 she has very recently lost her brave battle. We would like to send her two boys to Lapland UK to help try and make a very difficult time a bit more special this Christmas and give something back to them after all she did for charity.

Secondly, we are raising money for Yateley School who would like to create a sensory room. At the school they endeavour to provide high quality education for every child. In order to achieve this they have to provide equality in classrooms and learning spaces. A sensory room will help to meet the needs of all children in their care and provide a positive impact on their learning and therefore other students too. The sensory space can support children with many different needs including autistic spectrum conditions, ADHD and social, emotional and mental health issues.

Thirdly, we are raising funds for Vision For Youth in Yateley who provide assistance, educational programmes, training and physical activities for 11-25 year olds. We would like to provide consumables for them to continue to provide activities to local people in the area.

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE - Work Experience Week for Year 10s 15th-19th July 2019

The Work Experience Private Placement form and payment needs to be returned to me for processing by 5th April 2019 (as per the letter sent out on 14th September). This deadline seems like a long time in the future but the time will go quickly and in order for our students to get the best work experience placements they need to apply now. Can I please encourage you to discuss work experience ideas over the Christmas break and start contacting companies, organisations or charities that your children would like to pursue for their work experience for 15th to 19th July next year.

The students had an assembly on 28th November and were handed a booklet to guide them through the process of applying for work experience and given a Private Placement form.

I am sending Tutors regularly information on placements and meeting with students on a Thursday morning individually to help them with their placement applications.

If you need any help please do contact me. Email: [sarah.dethick@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.dethick@yateley.hants.sch.uk) /01252 746923

*Mrs S Dethick, Work Experience Co-Ordinator*

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## YEAR 10 TOP PERFORMERS

As we draw closer to Christmas (I may be counting down how many teaching hours are left) it's lovely to have that warm Christmassy feeling by seeing who has excelled this year at Yateley School! I'm confident in two things, firstly that Christmassy is a word – I googled it – and secondly that starting your GCSE year is very, very hard. There's huge expectation on all of our students combined with a significant workload involved if they want to be the best achievers in the year group. It is with great pleasure that all teaching staff at Yateley School can celebrate our students in Y10 who are showing best personal progress who are shown below. Well done to Mia Stephenson who is top of the top, I hope that your parents have got their cheque books ready this Christmas!! Have a wonderful Christmas break and well done to everyone in Y10 for starting the year so positively. All the best for a restful and relaxing Christmas.

Mr P Hill, Raising Standards Leader

<b>Top Y10 student:</b>
STEPHENSON Mia
<b>Other top performers in Y10:</b>
ALEKSEJEVS Polina
BENYON Jack
CHERRY Ellina
CLARK Zoe
CUNINGHAME Grace
DAY Joseph
GREEN Sophie
HARRISON Grace
HASEEB Haaris
JACKSON Theo
KENNEDY Daniel
PETERSON Lexie
RAWLINSON Rebecca
RUTTER Freddie
SAGE Libby
SIMPKINS Leah
SINCLAIR Anya
TURNER Samuel
WORRALL Taylor



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## HOUSE MUSIC 2019

House Music, our popular annual competition is fast approaching! House Music is run by Mrs Pejovic with help of the House Music Captains, usually students from our year 12 and 13 or year 11 and 10 as co-captains. Rehearsals will start on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

This competition is inclusive, as everyone is welcome to take part. Solo/ensemble performances will be auditioned in front of Mrs Pejovic and the House Music Captains. Auditions will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, in M1 between 3:15pm and 5pm.

However, for participation in the choir item and backstage help no audition is required at all. Please encourage the members of your house to attend the rehearsals and to make contact with Mrs Pejovic and their House Music Captains asap, particularly if they have already been involved last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to taste the music Yateley School can offer, enjoy the music-making and even form everlasting friendships while rehearsing. We would like to see as many students take part as possible.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**RULES**....House Music must feature:

1. All House Choir – 2 songs (all 4 houses)
2. 1 rock or fusion band entry (individual house)
3. 1 original composition (individual house)
4. Varied representation of music styles/genres and student's ages (individual house)

<p><b>CAPTAINS:</b></p> <p><u>Darwin House</u></p> <p>Zack Madge, Harvey Mills, Matthew Collins</p>	<p><b>CAPTAINS:</b></p> <p><u>Nightingale House</u></p> <p>James Gan, Sophie Tulip, Luke Cherry</p>
<p><b>CAPTAINS:</b></p> <p><u>Pankhurst House</u></p> <p>Johnny Gan, Moira Rennie, Eleanor Thomas</p>	<p><b>CAPTAINS:</b></p> <p><u>Wilberforce House</u></p> <p>Sophie Harding, Tara McGloin, Amy Chau, Isabelle Hickey, Lucy Baxter, Harry Harris</p>

## REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are scheduled during lunch times in the Music Block in the following order (this is where and when HM captains can be contacted too). Please note that the time-table below includes all other music rehearsals Music Department has at the same time!

MONDAY + THURSDAY: 12:45-13:25 - M1- ALL HOUSE CHOIR/ THE ALL HOUSE ROCK BAND

MONDAY: 12:45-13:25 - M2 - PANKHURST (solo/ensemble rehearsals)

TUESDAY: 12:45-13:25 - M2- WILBERFORCE (solo/ensemble rehearsals)

TUESDAY: 12:45-13:25 - M1 - PERODUCTION REHEARSAL (Mrs Pejovic/Mrs Graham)



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WEDNESDAY:	12:45-13:25 - M2 - NIGHTINGALE (solo/ensemble rehearsals)
WEDNESDAY:	12:45-13:25 - M1 - PRODUCTION REHEARSAL (Mrs Pejovic/Mrs Graham)
WEDNESDAY:	12:45-13:25 - M3 - BRASS ENSEMBLE (Mr Atkins)
THURSDAY:	12:50-13:30 M1 PRODUCTION REHEARSALS (Mrs Pejovic/Mrs Graham)
THURSDAY:	12:50-13:30 M2 ALL HOUSE CHOIR/ALL HOUSE ROCK BAND
FRIDAY:	12:45-13:25 - M2 - DARWIN (solo/ensemble rehearsals)
FRIDAY:	12:45-13:25 - M1 - PRODUCTION REHEARSAL (Mrs Pejovic/Mrs Graham)
FRIDAY:	15:10-17:00 - M1 - PRODUCTION CHORUS REHEARSALS (Mrs Pejovic/Mrs Graham)

In addition to the above rehearsals, inter-house JAZZ BAND rehearses on TUESDAY, after school in M1 and inter-house YATELEY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA rehearses after school on WEDNESDAYS in M1.

## TECH REHEARSAL AND THE COMPETITION

House Music tech rehearsal is due on Wednesday, 8th May 2019 and the House Music Competition itself will take place in the evening concert on the same day.

Set up: 8.10am-9am House Captains to set up with Matt Davis.

Tech rehearsal and competition start at 9.00AM!

- Period 1: Pankhurst and Darwin soloist/ensembles
- Period 2: Wilberforce and Nightingale soloist/ensembles
- Period 3: Jazz Band and Brass Ensemble
- Period 4: Yateley School Orchestra
- Period 5: All House Choir/All House rock Bands
- Period 6: Blocking/walk through

After School: 5:30pm Charley Kingsley Choir

CONCERT/HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION: 7pm- 10:30pm, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## DRESS CODE

Our performing dress code is ALL BLACK AND SMART, boys with ties of House colour/design and ladies with a splash of own House colour in neck scarves/hair bows, belts etc. No jeans, t-shirts, logos, high heels or trainers, please. Black, sensible shoes only. Our music is amazing so we aim to present it equally well in visual terms.

## TICKETS

Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the time via Mrs Ellis, our Front of House so please, keep an eye for her advert in the school's Parent's Bulletin.

*Ms Tanja Pejovic, Head of Music*

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**CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 17th**



Last year, our students elected to support a local charity, Step-By-Step at Christmas. We would like to assist them again this year. This is an organisation that helps young people in our local community with many types of support; from offering counselling services to sheltered accommodation for 16 - 21 year olds who find themselves unable to live at home.

Step-By-Step are based in Aldershot and provide outreach work and services to many Yateley families, so this is a worthy charity close to home.



**Phyllis Tuckwell**  
Hospice Care



...because every day is precious

Over Christmas, they will have 239 young people in residential care. Rather than sending money, we would like to buy 'All4One' vouchers as a gift for as many of their residents as possible. These would be purchased in denominations of £10.

To raise funds for this worthy cause, we are holding a Christmas Mufti Day on Monday 17th December. We would like to encourage the wearing of Christmas Jumpers, tinsel, Christmas colours etc for a donation of £1. (Please make sure no large slogans or beachwear).

We look forward to starting the last week of term in a festive mood!



*Mrs Williams, Head of House, Wilberforce & Charity Lead*



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## ***STAGE CREW WANTED FOR ROCK CHALLENGE!***

Stage Crew are responsible for the construction of the set, placement and movement during the performance. The stage crew get awarded points during the competition for team work, co-operation, planning and problem solving, safe movement of the set and communication.

### **YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE ON**

**Thursday 17 January afterschool**

**Thursday 24 January afterschool**

**Thursday 31st January afterschool**

**Thursday 7 February afterschool**

**Tuesday 12 February—All day at**

**Portsmouth Guildhall showcase**

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## STAGE CREW NEEDED PLEASE – ROCK CHALLENGE

I am contacting you to encourage your daughter or son to be involved in the school community. I am sure you are aware that as a school, we have celebrated lots of success at the Rock Challenge Dance Competition over the years. This success is only achieved by a strong team effort. Whilst the dancers play a huge part in bringing the piece alive, it is the stage crew that are key to providing the right location and feel to the piece by moving set and transporting the audience into the concept. We have a small number of students who have already signed up to be part of the stage crew team for Yateley School, **but we do need more!** Students can be part of the set building team that meet every Wednesday afterschool to help Mr Davis construct flats, paint and make props. In addition to this, if students would like to be part of the performance, they would need to attend a number of Thursday rehearsals afterschool in the studio to work in the space, practicing moving the set in time with the soundtrack. On Tuesday 12th February the team travel by coach to Portsmouth and showcase their piece. This is a full day and evening event. After half term, the team will rehearse again ready for the Southern Premier Competition (in Portsmouth) on Saturday 27 April.

It would be lovely to have more support in this school event. Please discuss this with your child if they have interest in designing, volunteering and being creative. If your child is interested, please contact me at [dance@yateley.ants.sch.uk](mailto:dance@yateley.ants.sch.uk) with the subject title: stage crew.

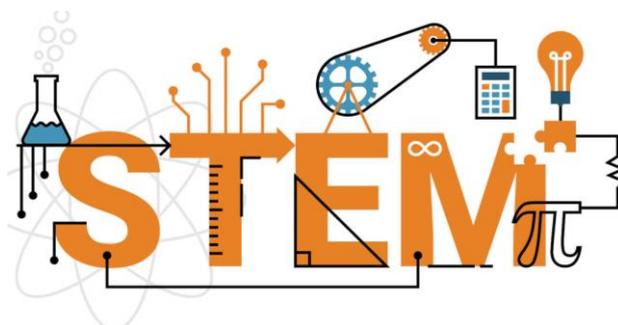
*Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance*

## STEM Icons

Over the next few months we are going to be sharing with you our STEM icons. STEM stand for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and is a focus for us this year. Staff have been asked to identify the person or product that has amazed, inspired or had a positive technological impact on their life!

Our next STEM icon is from Mrs McKerlie, one of our Science teachers, who worked in Genetic Research prior to Teaching.

### STEM icon – Dr Kary Mullis



For his discovery & work on PCR (the Polymerase Chain Reaction), which allows the amplification of small quantities of specific DNA sequences (DNA being the recipe book of life) to be amplified. He won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work, the process has been called “one of the monumental scientific techniques of the twentieth century”. This has allowed DNA fingerprinting, Genetic Screening, Forensic analysis and all manner of other DNA based technologies to now be available as ‘routine’ in the lab. He’s also a pretty cool surfer dude!

Please look out for the next STEM icon next week....

*Ms Williams, Head of Design and Technology*

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## CIPHER - Challenge Update!

Well done to these students for completing week nine of the national cipher challenge. Their national rankings are listed below:

1= yateley

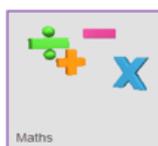
1= MrG

1= Cryptic Coders

1= Josh Potter

7= Further Maths/YSF

With only one week to go, how many teams will complete the full challenge?



## Mathematics Gifted and Talented



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November a group of Sixth Form Students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Senior Maths Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to stimulate mathematical problem solving and the students spent an hour and a half after school working on the papers individually and the results were very impressive.

Joshua Potter achieved the Best in Year and Best in School scores and a Gold Certificate. He also qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad. This is an fantastic achievement as only the top 1000 students throughout the county who sat the Senior Maths Challenge qualify for this. Josh has recent sat the paper and we are awaiting the results. We

Oliver Ross achieved a Gold Certificate and qualified for the Senior Kangaroo, which is run by the Kangourou Sans Frontières (KSF). Another amazing result as the top 25% of entries go through to this competition.

Silver Certificates were awarded to: Lauren Woodman, Younes Al-Ahmad and Laura Staves

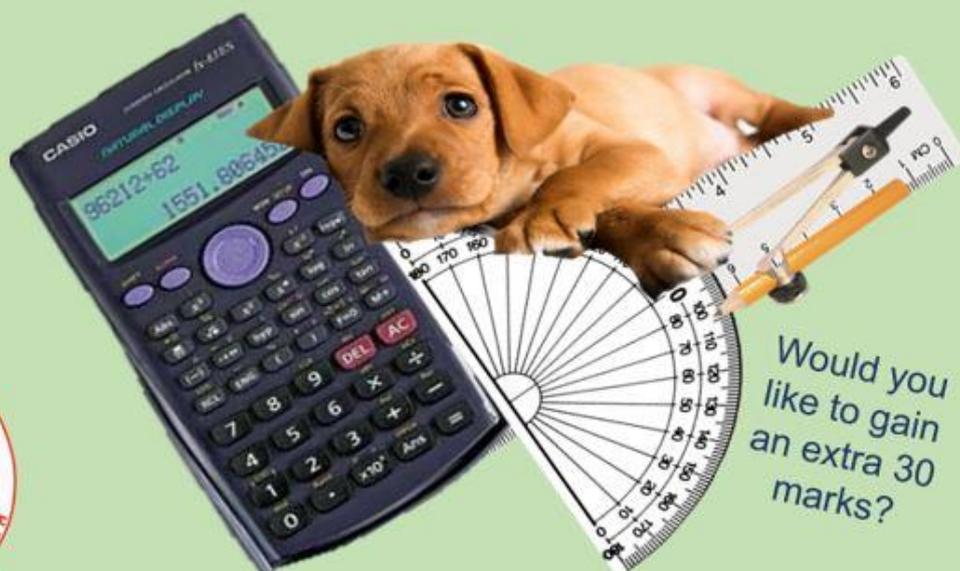
Bronze Certificates were awarded to: Shereena Davies, Luke Woodward, Daniel Allen and Chloe Bradley-Turner

Certificates of Participation were awarded to: Ben Smith, Darcy Bates and Alex Harrison

Well done to everyone who took part.

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## 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.

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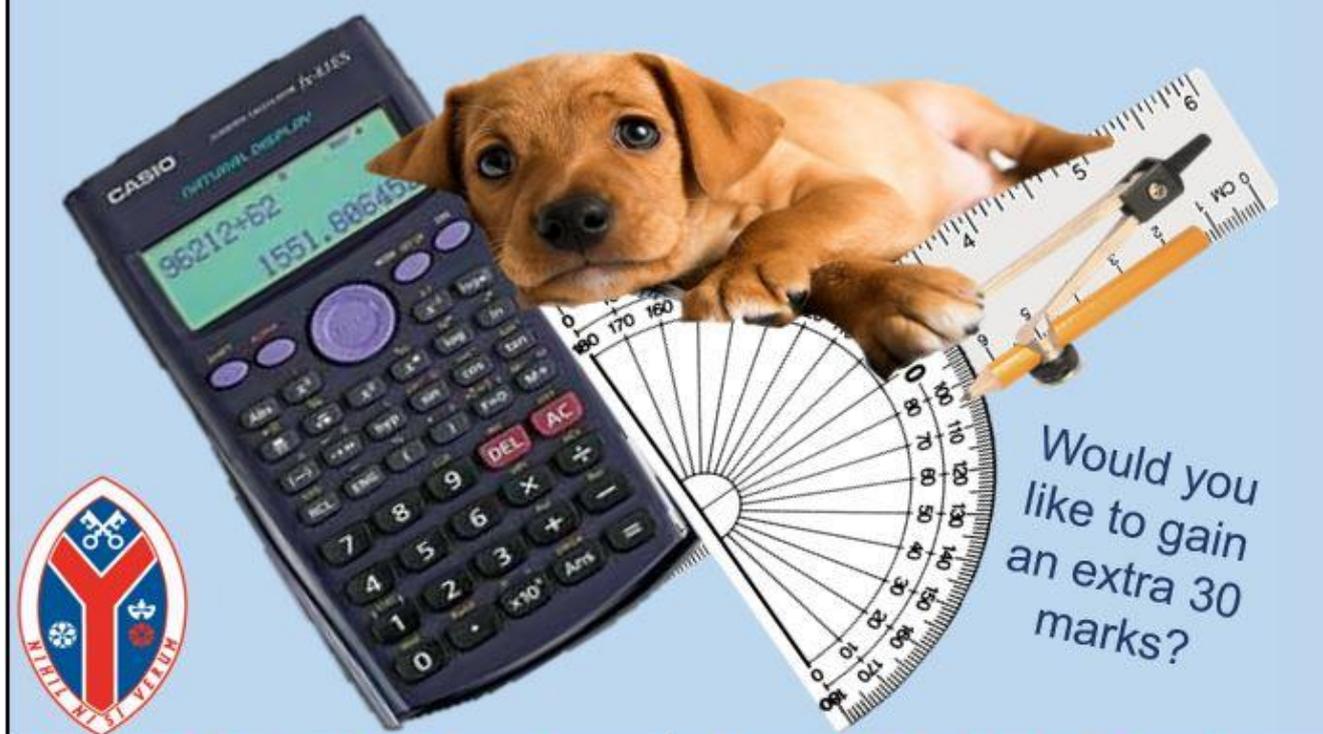


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## Years 12 & 13 Maths Booster Sessions 2019



**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.

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## Chess Puzzle



Last week's to use your queen to interfere with the attack white is launching in the g and h files. After some exchanges white loses both the bishop and the queen eradicating that threat.



This week: find the best move for white.



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

## Maths Corner 15



### Snail Problem



A snail creeps 6 ft up a wall during the daytime. After all the labour it does throughout the day, it stops to rest a while... but falls asleep!! The next morning it wakes up and discovers that it has slipped down 2 ft while sleeping. If this happens every day, how many days will the snail take to reach the top of a wall 54 ft in height?

**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 14 – Estate Agent Problem**  
**£160000**



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## Christmas Swimming for the whole family!

Need to wear out excitable kids this Christmas?  
Then let them expel their energy by bringing them for  
a Christmas swim

**11:00 – 13:00**

**22nd December – 6th January**

Closed 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January

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