

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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**Dear Parents**



**X Factor Celebrity.** It's happened. Yateley School royalty Max and Harvey are in the X Factor final. Last year preparing for GCSEs in Year 11 and this year taking the world by storm. We could not be more proud of these excellent former pupils - and weren't they gracious talking about the value of keeping up with their education – to the whole nation after performing last weekend!? So now it comes down to the competition final and a chance at mega-stardom. It is the Yateley duty to vote! Please help these boys on their

meteoric rise and give them your support on Saturday night.

**Year 8 Subject Review Evening.** Thank you to the many parents who joined us on Thursday for the subject review evening. The feedback on this excellent year group was strong and was a mark of how capable they are proving to be, that a very sizeable number joined me earlier in the day for cake and pizza in recognition and reward for the massive efforts they have made to be at or above the demanding targets set in the majority or all of their subjects. Hard work and determination at this school is certainly rewarded.



In similar vein, I have been joined by the fantastic students in Years 7 and 11 who have also made phenomenal progress against their targets – pictured in both serious and after-pizza mode! Well done all.

**Parent Forum.** In a recent bulletin, I mentioned that we plan to introduce a parent forum; an opportunity to enable parents to share views and help the school grow and develop. The plan being to meet periodically and for each meeting to focus primarily around a single theme – in order to make sure attendees are clear about the main topic of discussion and can gather thoughts in advance. I'd therefore like to invite parents to a forum to run on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 6-7pm – in school, room tbc. The theme would be Assessment and Reporting,



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in particular the written reports which parents receive – especially at Key Stage 3 and the value (or not) of this information. We have some significant plans to share with you on that front and would really welcome your feedback on what you'd find useful. I'll be in touch shortly with the means by which you can register your interest if you'd like to attend.

**Lockdown** There has been much talk within school about the newly revised lockdown procedure; an obligation on all schools to both publish and practise. As many will know, it is the effort made in the event of a serious local disturbance and generally on the advice of the emergency services to 'seal' the school internally for the minimising of risk. In essence, it is pretty much the opposite of a fire drill, where students and staff need to be as secure as possible within the building, rather than getting outside and clear of the building.



I have personally spoken in assembly this week to all children in Years 7 to 11 (Sixth Formers are hearing separately) and explained clearly what the signal is for lockdown, how to respond and what to do if it were to happen at movement times or at break/lunchtime. Staff are all clear about the procedures. Unlike a fire drill, which I will do unannounced, the forthcoming lockdown drill is announced. There will be further communication in a Schoolcomms letter from my business manager Mr Tombs shortly. However, for now, please be aware that there will be a drill between 9 and 9.20am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Should you receive any panicked communication from any source, please remember that this is a drill, designed to test the system!

**Poetry Competition** This week, I had the pleasure of presenting certificates and prizes to winners and runners-up in October's poetry competition. The event was organised by the library and this year's theme was 'truth' which tied into National Poetry Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Over 85 entries were received and I had the difficult task of judging the shortlist. Luke Price, 8WN, was the overall winner and many congratulations go to him. Phoebe Bateman, 7NS, took second place and Lily Jefferies, 7PN was awarded third place. The quality of writing was so high that the following students have received a Highly Commended certificate: Mahnam Abid, 8WN, Noah Cole, 8WN, Georgia Connor, 8WS and Olivia O'Reilly, 8DN. The winning poems are displayed in the library so do please call in and have a read of them and Luke's excellent winning poem is copied after my letter in this bulletin.



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**Student Star of the week** You just can't ignore excellence and Ivan Donachev in 8WN undoubtedly warrants his second appearance as student star of the week. His elite level performance as a gymnast goes from strength to strength. He participated in the Horizon International 2019 Artistic Gymnastics competition in Thessaloniki earlier this month as part of an England team of five and competing against teams from across Europe. Ivan came back with a Gold medal and two Bronzes – an absolutely extraordinary achievement. It's always hard to predict the future, but Ivan is definitely one to watch closely! Well done.

Yours sincerely

Paul German  
Headteacher

## Luke Price – Winning Poem

### Truth is like...

Truth is like the sting of a wasp,  
It happens all too fast,  
But don't you worry 'bout that now  
'Cause soon it shall pass.

Truth is like a pack of sweets,  
You don't know what you'll get,  
Is it good or is it bad,  
You won't know; not yet.

But a lie is like a winding path,  
With many ways to go,  
Make one wrong move, and trust me now,  
Punishment you'll know.

A lie can break trust,  
That took years and years to form,  
But tell the truth, come on you must,  
Or the way people see you,  
Will transform.

So tell the truth,  
For lie is a wall,  
But tell the truth and soon you'll find,  
That wall will always fall...

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## SPORTS RESULTS

### BASKETBALL

Year 10	won v All Hallows	23 - 18 (District Cup)	MVP: E. Webb
Year 7	won v FHES	33 - 39 (League)	MVP: F. Kendrick

### DIARY DATES

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 10 Subject Review Evening – 4.30pm Start
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 11 Exams Start
10 <sup>th</sup> December	House Drama – 7pm Start
12 <sup>th</sup> December	House Drama – 7pm Start
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Music Concert – 7pm Start
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 9 Tutor Review Sheets Out
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Form Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes at 12.45pm for Christmas holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return to school

## BRITISH BASKETBALL - League Play-off Final 2020

The Yateley PE department would like to offer your son/daughter a great opportunity to experience top level basketball at this year's BBL Play-off final at The O2 Arena in London on **Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> May**.

After record breaking crowds for the 2019 Basketball Play-Off Finals demand for the 2020 final has become ever increasing and a sell-out crowd is highly anticipated.

There is a significant buzz around the launch of this season's campaign. This will see the last two teams standing in both the men's and women's competition make the trip to The O2 in London for the last piece of silverware on offer during the 2019-20 campaign and to compete as part of a super BBL and WBL Play-off double-bill.

The cost of the trip is £30 which includes travel and ticket. We will look to leave school at **10.00am** and return at approximately **20:30 pm**

If you would like your son or daughter to be considered for participation in the BBL Trip, please complete the consent form found online. Please Pay online at **02 Basketball Finals 2020** £30.00 OR payment (cheques made payable to 'Yateley School') in an envelope clearly marked BBL Trip with your son/daughter's name and return to **Reception between 08.30 and 09.00 or break time ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays by the deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

Trip open to all years 7-11 Players for the Basketball team will be given first refusal on places.

*Mr Plummer, Deputy Director of Sixth Form, PE Teacher*



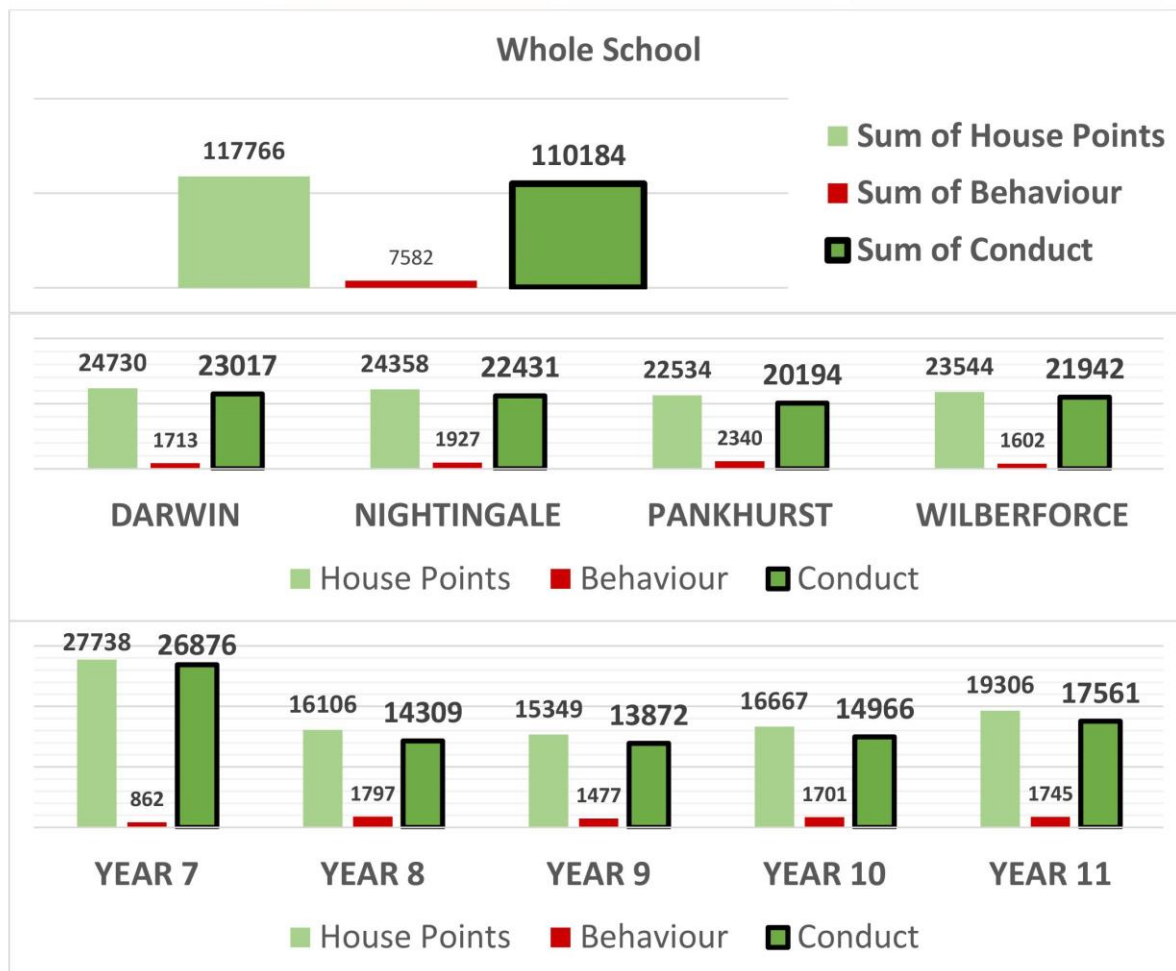
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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 22.11.19



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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## Year 5 Team Maths Challenge

This Monday (25<sup>th</sup> November) we invited teams from primary schools to enter our maths competition. Charles Kingsley, Cove, Cranford Park, Elvetham Heath and Westfields each sent four students to compete. The teams were tasked with a trading problem, trying to find the best items and routes to maximise their profit. They had to trade with our Year 7 Trade Envoys, Madeline Alexander, Jessica Lambert, Lily Jefferies, Alex Townsend and Andrew Jones. After all the trades were complete it was Cove Junior School who had made the most profit. Well done them.

*Mr T Glendinning, Head of Secure Pathway Mathematics*



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## Maths Corner 12



### Shopkeepers Problem

A Shopkeeper prices his stock so that he makes 37% profit. In a sale he reduces the price of all his stock by 12%.

He sells an item in the sale. Calculate the percentage profit he makes.

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 11 – Showing an Interest

£1216.65



## Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution required you to look quite far ahead. By continuing to force check white end up with their rook against a black bishop as the only attacking pieces left on the board.



This week: find the best move for black.



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

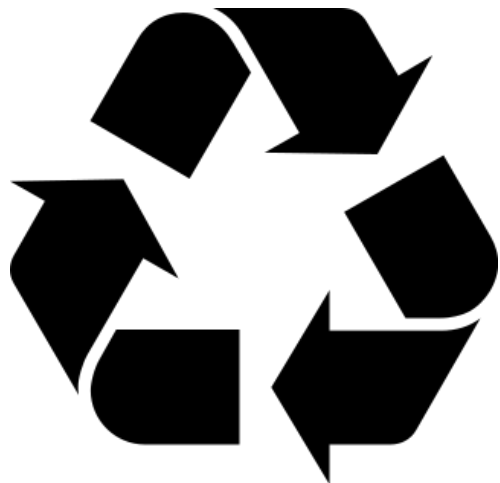


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## HOUSE COUNCIL UPDATE

Students from house council met recently to discuss how to reduce litter on the school site and increase recycling. We have talked through a number of ways to reduce waste in school and completed the School Environmental Review for Eco Schools. We will be increasing the amount of recycling that takes place in school and aim to reduce the amount of plastic waste. Students have also been completing Climate Change posters to input their ideas into the local Yateley, Frogmore and Derby Green local plan.

*Mrs Uttley, Head of Pankhurst*

## HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION 2019

The House Drama Competition is fast approaching on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

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### 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 <sup>th</sup> December 2019		

\*OAP and under 16



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