

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning together – Empowered for life.

Dear Parents

In the last bulletin, I mentioned that we would be holding a parents' forum on the evening of Wednesday 8th January 2020, to which you are warmly invited. The theme will be assessment and reporting, in particular the written reports which parents receive – 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. A google form will be sent your way to register interest should you wish to come. Following up on the last bulletin, you may also be aware that we conducted our lockdown practice during tutor time on Thursday morning and this essential safety procedure was conducted effectively and sensibly. There are refinements to be made, of course, but we have reassured ourselves that it can be done!



University Interviews. Over the past two weeks a number of our Year 13 students have completed mock interviews with members of the Fleet Rotary Club, Firgrove Vets, Davies, Blunden and Evans Solicitors and our Head Boy and Oxford graduate of Law 2010, Chris Phillips-Hart conducted a mock, Oxford interview.

Each student was interviewed within a single and or group scenario. Students were then graded on different criteria including their presentation skills, body language and articulation of ideas. The students learnt a huge amount from the experience.

A huge thank you to the Fleet Rotary Club, Firgrove Vets, Davies, Blunden and Evans Solicitors and Chris Phillips-Hart for giving up their time to conduct the interviews.



House Drama is almost upon us with performances on Tuesday and Thursday of next week and the judging on Thursday night. The house teams have been 'working their socks off' so you'll have a treat in store. Do make sure tickets are secured in advance to avoid disappointment.



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Year 10 Subject Review Evening.

Many thanks to the huge number of parents of Year 10 students who came along to the subject review evening on Thursday. There is a strong and very positive work ethic amongst this year group and they are a pleasure to work with. The vast majority of conversations were encouraging and complimentary and we have high expectations of these students. Where there are individual matters to address, we can do this with confidence and we're grateful for all the parental support.



Mayor's Visit. The Mayor of Yateley, Mr Gerry Crisp, came to talk to our Year 10 Prince's Trust pupils this week. They are currently working on a Community Project module which has a section on 'understanding the needs of our wider community and how they can be met'. The Mayor talked about what the word community means and how it motivates him to serve Yateley as mayor. He explained how important it is to support each other and work together in a team, acknowledging the individual skills and strengths of each individual to achieve an aim which may seem difficult to start with!

Year 10 outstanding progress. Starting GCSEs is hard – the step up is significant and the subjects are invariably more complex. We're over the moon with the start our Year 10 have made and even though we celebrate our best achievers it is worth acknowledging that almost 70% of our students are meeting/beating their targets. These targets are set to be in the top 20% in the country if they are achieved, so having almost three quarters of a year group making such progress is phenomenal. Well done to our top achievers (in relation to their individual targets) and congratulations on starting Year 10 so well everyone! Jamie Adams, George Bartlett, Olivia Blaser, Macy Bryant, Darcy Coultrip, Julie Cros, Nickolas Double, Richard Escreet, Matthew Flook, Keira Green, Leah Harris, Jonathan Lupu, Joseph McGovern, Rochelle Nkhata, Aimee Osbaldstone, Charlotte Payne, Sophie Prior, Leo Radcliffe, Emily Sales, Lucy Scott, Cobi Shambrook, Yoav Shimoni, Emily Staines, Katie Ticehurst, Grace Varley.



Student Star of the week this week is Lewis Payne in 11DE. After having trained and had day release with Southampton FC, Lewis has just had the fantastic news that he has been offered a two-year scholarship and will join them full time from August of this year. Only three of the sixteen players in his team were offered the scholarship and the rest were released, so this represents a massive achievement. Perhaps a premiership career beckons – certainly all the signs are positive. Well done Lewis.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher



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SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

Year 8 lost	v	Ash Manor	6 – 28 (League)	MVP: J. Lai
U16 Girls lost	v	St. Nicholas	26- 22 (League)	POM: A. Ellis
Year 9 lost	v	Tomlinscote	31 – 43 (League)	MVP: L. Kennedy

NETBALL

Year 8 won v Wavell	7 - 3	POM: K. Holloway, M. Jacobs
Year 7 lost v Weydon River	0 - 9	POM: Lucie Charlton

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

The Year 7 'A' team recently took part in a District 5-a Side tournament against Collingwood, Tomlinscote and Frogmore Schools and performed admirably just failing to progress to the finals by 1 point.

Results - Yateley 3 Frogmore 2
Yateley 7 Tomlinscote 4
Yateley 2 Collingwood 3

Well done to Zak Stenning, Elliott Bray, Finley Bonte, Lewis Hanson, Tony Jack Collins, Jake Scully Davis and James Atkinson.

Two Year 7 'B' teams took part in a 7-a-side tournament at Calthorpe Park School, Fleet, last Monday, competing against 6 other teams. On a bitterly cold early evening under lights they gave a good account of themselves with one of the teams losing just 2 of their 7 games.

LOOKING FOR A FEMALE GOALKEEPER

We are a girls under 15's football team based in Sandhurst that is looking for a new goal keeper to play in our lovely squad. We are currently at the top of our division, however sadly due to injury our goal keeper is going to be out of action for a while. We have 2 great coaches that can show you the skills and confidence needed to develop and learn, as well as a great squad of girls that are supportive and friendly. If you would like any more information, please call or text Phil on 07747113225 or myself on 07788581049.

COSTUMES FOR MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION

If you have any clothing that could pass as Edwardian for our production of My Fair Lady that you are willing to donate to school, we would be very grateful. We are particularly in need of dresses (daytime and evening wear), skirts and blouses. Also, any hats, shoes, ties, or accessories such as parasols, shawls and jewellery.

Mrs R. James and Mrs Affleck-Cruise



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DIARY DATES

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




CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 7PM

The annual Christmas Music Concert will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm in the Main Hall. This event showcases the enormous musical talent we have here at Yateley School and there will even be a carol or two for audience participation to get your Christmas off to a rousing start!


Tickets are now available to purchase online for the price of £6 per person which includes a programme. It will be sold on a first come, first served basis and tickets will be sent out via your child's register.

Mrs Karen Ellis, Front of House


Maths Corner 14



Estate Agents Problem



Ann purchased a house for £135000.
She wants to sell it for a profit of exactly 12%.
However, she does not want to sell it herself. She wants an Estate Agent to sell it for her. The Agent must make a commission of exactly 5.5% (in addition to Ann's 12% profit). How much must the Agent sell the house for? Give your answer to the nearest Pound.



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 13 – The Pole in the Lake
66 feet



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Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution uses a fork on the white king and rook to win the rook at no expense.



This week: find the best move for black.



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



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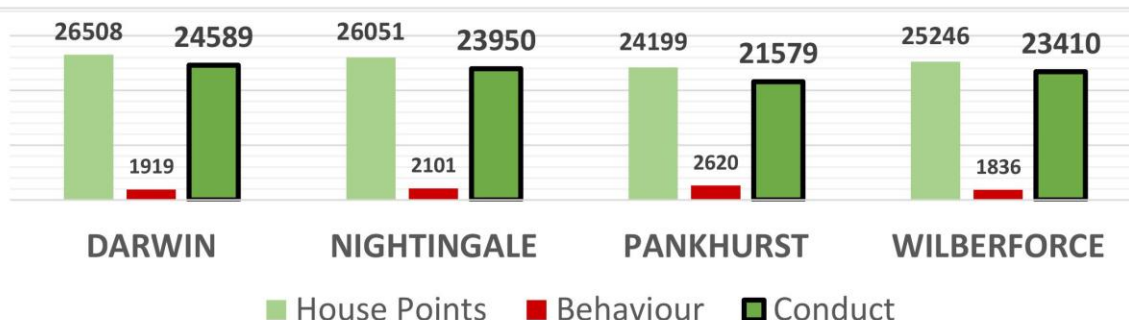


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 29.11.19



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	8DN	9WN	10WN	11NN

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

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



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