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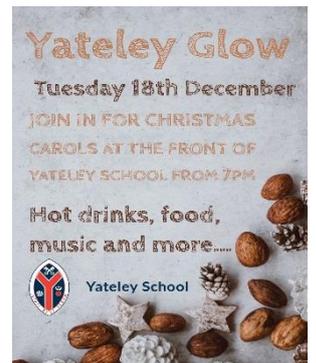
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Dear Parents



As I write this and the dust settles on the end of term, the car park is emptying and we reflect on an accomplished term and a very enjoyable last day. The four houses were treated, if that is the right word to a very dubious performance of Dickens' Christmas Carol, with yours truly type-cast in the role of miserly, miserable Scrooge. With plenty of Panto banter, a good time was had by all – well certainly by my wonderful staff crew. On everyone's behalf I'd like to thank my super staff for all that they do for the school and the wider community, so often going 'above and beyond' for others.

The 'Yateley Glow' was a new event on our calendar, which took place on Tuesday 18th December. A mixture of performances and join carols were expertly accompanied by a band of our students with a bit of staff support. It was a real treat to also be joined by the Westfields Junior School choir who sang beautifully and who really helped make the evening. It was a super event and expertly led and choreographed by Mr Matt Davies



Perhaps one of the most encouraging aspects of our school is that amongst all the academic achievement, there is also a really caring heart.

I am immensely proud that the youngsters have raised £1000 to send to 'Step by Step' based locally in Aldershot, who do amazing work with young people in homelessness prevention. This hard work and generosity will undoubtedly make a significant

difference to a large number of young people who would otherwise face a bleaker time this Christmas. As before, I am indebted to Mrs Williams who works tirelessly to support school charitable giving.



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On Tuesday 18 December we had 16 plucky students from Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 tackle the MENSA test at Yateley School. The students had several rounds of complex logic testing under strict time conditions and looked quite exhausted by the end! The MENSA requirement for membership is a score at or above the 98th percentile on a standardised IQ test and having sent their test papers off we're tremendously excited to see if any of our students can claim their MENSA membership in the coming weeks. If not we'll try and buy some on eBay!



~~Student~~ Staff star of the week

In a one-off break from tradition, the star of the week this week is the irrepressible and much-loved Mr Matt Davies. Teacher, Performing Arts technician, impresario; the list goes on... The amount of work and support that he has put into this school always and over the last few weeks in particular is just extraordinary. He is exceptional at what he does and we couldn't operate as we do without him. Well done and thank you.



We return to school for students on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Do please ensure that any issues with uniform and equipment are remedied, ready to make a strong start in the New Year. It just falls on me to wish you all a very happy, restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you for your kind wishes, cards and emails, which I so appreciate. I'll be looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2019, but wish all students, staff and families a well-earned break in the meantime!

Happy Christmas

With my very best wishes.

Paul German

Chair of Governors Christmas Message

As the end of the autumn term draws to a close and we are looking forward to the prospect of Christmas festivities it is a time to reflect on our achievements. Not only did we welcome a new Year 7 cohort, we also welcomed new specialist teaching staff; I trust that you have all settled well into life at Yateley School.

We began the term celebrating the fact that our school turned 50, a truly momentous occasion and a time for nostalgic reflection. We had a wonderful celebration evening for the Year 11's and a very well attended recruitment evening for Years 7 and 12. This term has also seen many different house events, such as drama and dance. These events give so many children access to extra-curricular activities and teaching and support staff dedicate so much time to ensuring these are successful.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the teaching staff and support staff who really do make a difference to each and every student.

I would also like to thank the Governing Body who give their time freely and so generously to support the students of Yateley School. Each of our students faces the challenge to perform to the very best of their ability so most of



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all I would like to say thank you to them for all their hard work and determination throughout this term. Hard work really does pay off!

So, all that remains is for me to wish all the students, staff and parents a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing our pupils return refreshed and eager to learn in the New Year.

Mrs J Howlett, Chair of Governors



Christmas Gift Bag

The goodwill of Christmas time has been embraced by the year 7&8 Students at Yateley School. Over the past 3 weeks they have been appreciating the spirit of Christmas and working tirelessly in their classes to produce Christmas Gift bags for our elderly neighbours. The residents at Fiske Court, Hanover House and Hedgecroft. Each class were given the task of organising Christmas Gift Bags. A mix of male, female or couples bags. The students were given a rough idea, by the wardens of the residences, what they should put in the bags. From that moment on it was all down to the students to create the gift bags. The team work was fantastic and gifts included a number of handmade items and decorated bags.

Over 100 Christmas bags were expertly prepared with care and attention and each gift bag included a Christmas message thoughtfully written by the students. The gifts were delivered in person by selected students, who had made an extra special effort, staff and Mayor Spencer. Mayor Spencer commented 'I value what gestures like this project brings to both age groups and I think everyone, including the Nightingale House children, had as much fun preparing and giving, as the Fiske Court folk had receiving and poring over their presents afterwards. I am sure that every time they use those little gifts they will remember the exchange for some time to come'.



The look on the faces of the ladies and gentlemen receiving the gifts in thanks and appreciation will stay with all who attended. They were overwhelmed by what the students had done for them. The Students we took were a credit to the school and spent a while chatting with our elderly neighbours. It was a pleasure to see our students taking the time out of their busy lives to give back to a part of the community who have already given so much themselves. Christmas is a time for sharing and this was certainly achieved with this community activity. We all look forward to doing this again next year.

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So, it's the end of term! And our diligent Sixth Formers are sad to be leaving their studies for a couple of weeks as they rest-up before their mock exams. One unexpected joy at this time of year is so many of our ex-students popping in for a chat; it's great to see them come back and tell us all about their new lives and adventures. We tease them with 'haven't you grown' and 'which is your favourite lecture' when they recount tales of parties and expeditions.

I popped into Waitrose earlier in the week and was faced with ex-students in shop uniforms everywhere I looked: also a sure sign that the universities have broken up. But again, it's the range of things that they are doing that gets me every time.

So have a great break year 12 & 13, before you know it you will be the returners as a whole new crop sixth formers look on in wonder at the things you are doing. Buon Natale.

Over the last few weeks Yateley Sixth Form has been working towards a few charitable goals, and we are very proud to be able to list our latest contributions: we donated £300 to Children in Need following our four legged race, and for Christmas followed this up with 3 crates of food items donated for local homeless as well as Christmas vouchers. The students also wanted to help our local homeless Big Issue vendor (seen at Waitrose) so we were glad to donate lunch and a bag of food items to him this week.

We have also had CACHE students supporting local nurseries and pre-schools in their Christmas events and several of our students have returned to their own primary school for Christmas nativity activities.

In school Sixth Formers led House Dance, House Drama and the fresh and lovely Yateley Glo. It's been busy! Next term we have the delights of Celebration Evening, Yr 11 interviews, UCAS Fair the Easter Bunny and a new Easter Party. As mentioned before: Yateley Sixth Form never sleeps!



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Year 9 High Achieving Students

With our all-important Y9 options evening coming up it is so pleasing to see how well our Y9s are performing across the board... what a talented bunch! There have been some exceptional subject performances as well with French, Art, Religious Studies and Maths students performing significantly above their target grades. The students who are shown below are the very highest achievers in the year group, but the list has been created using very strict criteria to get it down to a manageable number to celebrate! Well done to all students in Y9 for making such a great start to 2018-19 and a particular nod of recognition to Georgia Woods who has come out on top of the elite... what a star!

Have a smashing Christmas, you've earned it!

Mr P Hill, Raising Standards Leader

Y9 Highest Achieving Student
WOODS Georgia
Y9 Top Performers
BARNES Katie
BARTLETT George
BEACHAM Olivia
BRYANT Macy
DAVIES Ethan
ELLIOTT Eliska
FURNEAUX Jack
HARDING Nicole
HARRUP Samuel
NICHOLSON Claudia
NKHATA Rochelle
OSBALDSTONE Aimee
PALIN Spiro
PRIOR Sophie
SALES Emily
SEAVERS Rachel
STAINES Emily
TICEHURST Katie
WELLS Jolie

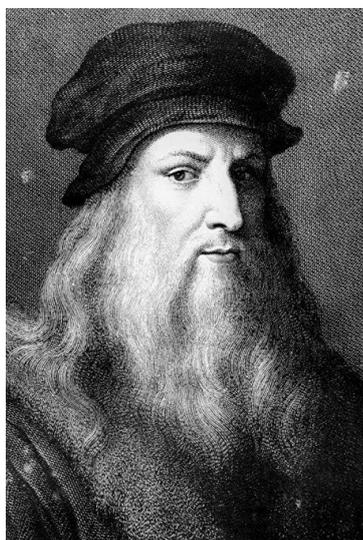
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STEM Icons

Over the next few months we are 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 Mr Pettengell, Deputy Head teacher and Graphics Teacher.

STEM icon – Leonardo da Vinci



A 15th Century super star Leonardo da Vinci was a Painter, Scientist, Philosopher, Inventor, designer, Architect, Engineer, Musician and much much more. The Ultimate Renaissance Man and polymath, a genius, a man before his time, my hero!

It was written of him 'he was like a man who woke up too early, in the darkness while everyone was still sleeping'. If I were to ever be given the opportunity to work with someone from the past it would be with Leonardo da Vinci.

Did you know that, in addition to his most famous works, the Mona Lisa, the Last Supper and the Vitruvian Man, Da Vinci had a really impressive list of inventions to his name (admittedly some of them didn't work)?

For example:

A Flying Machine/glider, a helicopter, the ball bearing, a self-propelled cart, the parachute, a machine gun, an Armoured 'Car', a type of harpsichord, the flip-flop! Diving suite, a Portable Bridge, the mitre Lock on canals (still in use today), a variable transmission system, and even a Robot! He also managed to work out why the sky was blue! He was such a creative and inventive mind, he never stopped coming up with new ideas.

Leonardo was primarily known as architect and a painter in his lifetime, he was also left handed, largely self-taught, a vegetarian and gay. My fascination grew from his work as an inventor and engineer and when I came across a book of his graphics work; his sketches and designs, I was hooked.

My two favourite Da Vinci Quotes are:

'Simplicity is the ultimate Sophistication' and.....

'Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets'

Terry Pettengell, Deputy Head and Graphics Teacher

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Sports Results

Basketball

Year 8 boys won 26-10 v Courtmoor POM: Luke Kennedy

Year 10 boys won 57-18 v Courtmoor

U16 Girls lost 10 - 8 v Fernhill POM: Abi Mallet

The PE Department Extra-curricular timetable starts back on the first Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you all there. Have a great Christmas.

Year 9 Programming Challenge

Some of our year 9 students this half term have been working independently on a coding programming project, set out by the North Hampshire Stretch and Challenge Consortium. Our students have had to create a code for a programme that's main aim is to help other students in a variety of topics with their studies. Once they had created their final programme it was submitted to the judging panel and they had to attend a finals day where they had to present their idea. It was a tough competition, but our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and finished fourth. Well done to Yoav Shimoni, Jonathan Lupu, Kezia Chacko and Zoe Bingham-Wilson.



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

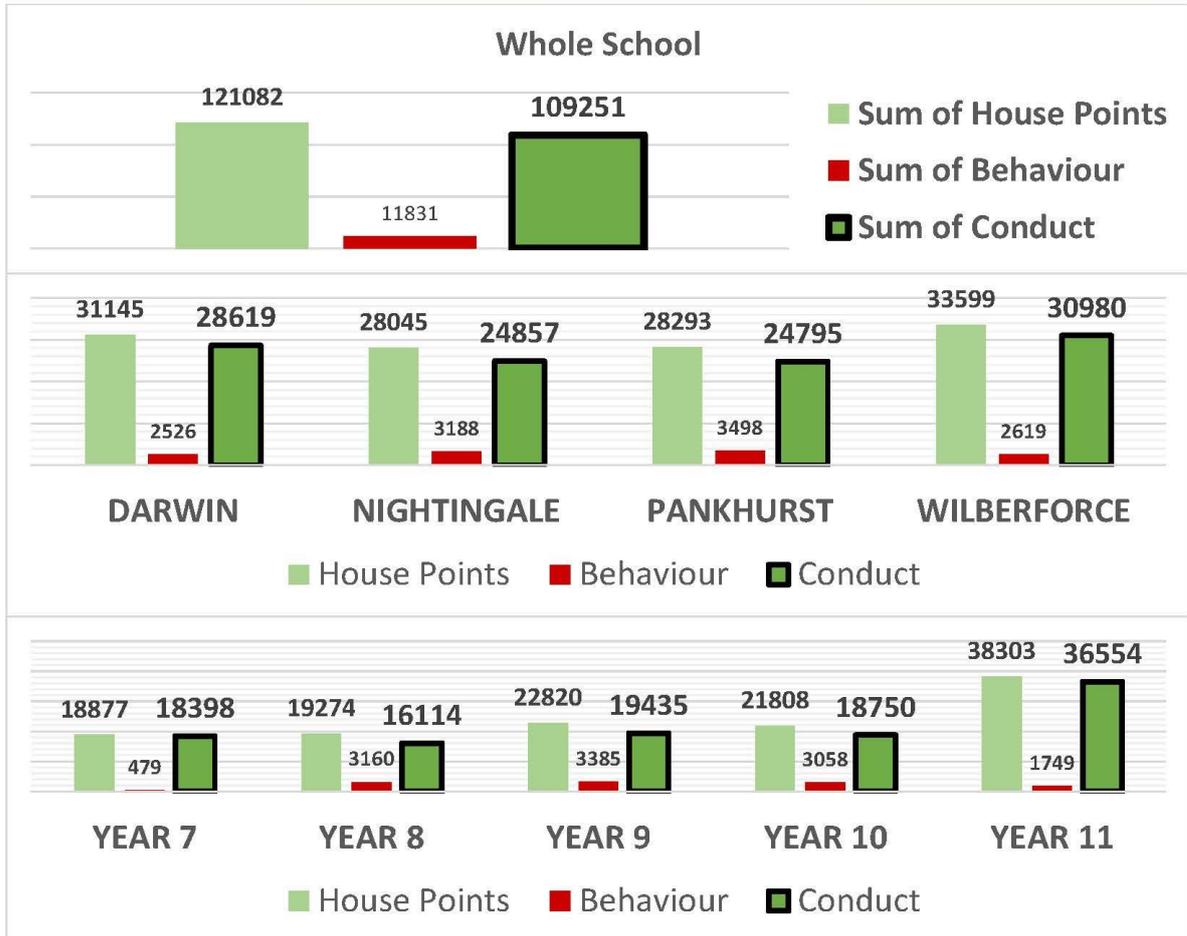


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 14.12.18



Please note that all Year 11 students were given 100 House Points at the start of Sep 2018 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	8WN	9DS	10PN	11WN

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

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

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

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	OVERALL
Darwin	Wilberforce	Wilberforce	Darwin	Pankhurst	Darwin

Whole School Attendance: 95.60%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

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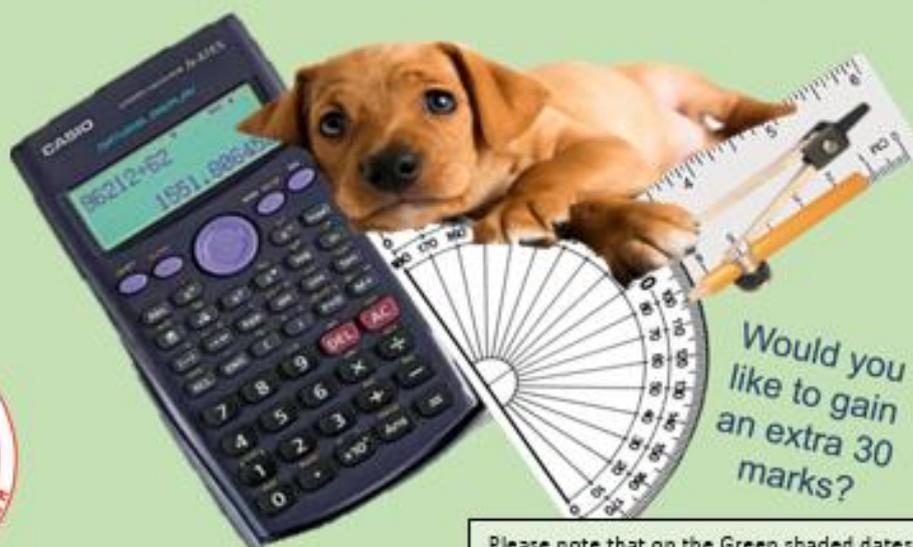
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Year 11 Maths Homework/Period 7 Timetable



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

Please note that on the Green shaded dates Science have a priority on Period 7. Maths sessions are available for others

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
9 th Jan	Angles	9 th Jan	Linear Graphs
16 th Jan	Area & Perimeter	16 th Jan	Ratio & Proportion
23 rd Jan	Transformations	23 rd Jan	Construction
30 th Jan	Vectors	30 th Jan	Shapes
6 th Feb	Probability	6 th Feb	Angles
13 th Feb	Statistics	13 th Feb	Area & Perimeter

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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Years 12 & 13 Maths Booster Sessions 2019



Would you like to gain an extra 30 marks?

Year 12 Revision Sessions with Mrs Weakley		Year 13 Revision Sessions with Mr O'Neill	
Wednesday in C2.4 3:20-4:00pm		Wednesday in C2.5 3:20-4:00pm	
Date	Topic	Date	Topic
9 th Jan	Differentiation (Chapter 12)	9 th Jan	Integration (Chapter 11)
16 th Jan	MOCK 1 EXAMS	16 th Jan	MOCK 1 EXAMS
23 rd Jan	Differentiation (Chapter 13)	23 rd Jan	Mock Paper 1 Review
30 th Jan	Vectors (Chapter 15)	30 th Jan	Mock Paper 2 Review
6 th Feb	Probability (Chapter 21)	6 th Feb	Numerical Methods (Ch 14/15)
13 th Feb	Integration (Chapter 14)	13 th Feb	Probability (Ch 20)

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 Club

"This term saw an increase in platers completing chess matches, with 24 students playing a ranked game. The students who played the most games this term were:

Elliot Casselton, Cerys Parkes, Luke Price and Daniel Barker. Elliot Casselton and Luke Price also gained the most ranking points this term. Well done them.

Chess club will continue on Thursday Lunchtimes in the new year in C21."



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Rowhill School & Hart and Rushmoor Family Support Service

Are you a parent/carer of a teenager aged 12-19 years who needs support with understanding your child's emotions and managing behaviour?

This a **4 week FREE Course**, which provides strategies, which will help, enable you to:

- Maintain boundaries, motivation and support for younger people in an emotionally healthy context.
- Guidance on the foundations of positive parenting such as providing warmth and structure
- Give you an understanding of the teenage brain and how to deal with sleeping habits handling difficult issues such as drugs and alcohol, social media, sex sexuality, staying safe and boundaries and problem-solving

If you are interested in attending this course, please speak to any professional linked to your family such as a health visitor, midwife, teacher, social worker

Enrolment 29th January

5 February 1-3pm, 12 February 1-3pm, 26th February 1-3pm 5 March 1-3pm

Venue:- Rowhill School

York Road, Aldershot

GU11 3JG

Contact Outreach Team - 01252 367500

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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 25th, 26th December and 1st January

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