

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents



Welcome back to the new school term and a very happy New Year. I hope you've enjoyed a restful and pleasant Christmas holiday and that the students have 're-charged the batteries' ready for the term ahead. Certainly, the students have largely made an excellent and purposeful start to 2020 which bodes well.

Monday of this week was, as you know, a staff training day and in the main we have been trying to give as much of this vital time as humanly possible over to the individual subjects to plan and work on the curriculum. At the moment, this is especially true for Key Stage 3 (years 7-9) as we continue to develop the quality, depth and challenge in the various subjects – giving time where it's most needed.

**Parents' Forum.** Closely linked to the curriculum development indicated above, we were delighted to welcome a number of key stage 3 parents to our advertised parent forum on the evening of Wednesday 8 January. Mr Hill and I were able to explain some of the rationale behind modifying and improving the quality of reporting to parents and this naturally follows any changes and improvements to the taught curriculum. Relatively soon we will be able to show each 'key stage on a page' on the website and formal reports will be more about formative comments and opportunities and advice for improvement.



We are very grateful to the parents who attended; for giving up their time and for offering such helpful advice. Clearly, the format of the meeting works, so we will be offering up other such evenings in the future to discuss developmental topics of interest.

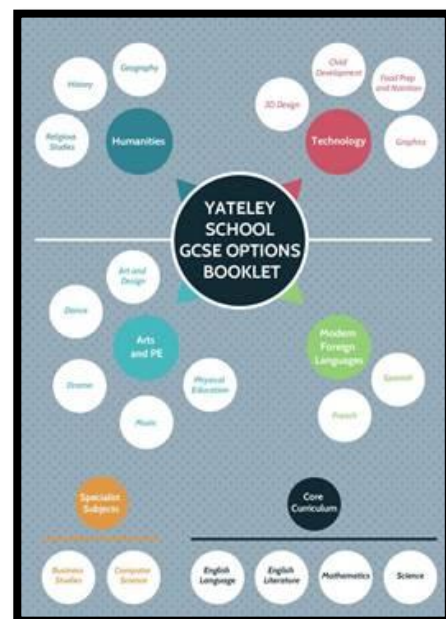


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**GCSE Options** We are very excited to have launched our GCSE options process for Year 9s yesterday! As with previous years we are incredibly proud of maintaining our diverse curriculum offer allowing students to choose from a wide range of subjects that best suit their talents and areas of interest. Students and parents will have received an electronic version of our Options booklet and we are looking forward to welcoming parents of Year 9 students on Thursday 16 January at 7pm for our Options Evening. Year 9 students have already had the first of three specialist assemblies to help them with their options and have also recently received their personality quizzes (taken on the Unifrog platform) which supports them in finding out more about careers and subjects. There is a huge amount of help and support available before students will make their choices on the week beginning Monday 27 January. Watch this space!



*Please click image above*

**Parking** on the school site, as most of you will know is at an absolute premium and I would be very grateful for your support in minimising the number of cars on site, particularly at busy times – namely the start and end of the school day. Even more important, obviously, is reducing the risk of an accident. Parking in the yellow marked bus bay is not permitted and causes immense difficulty when trying to manoeuvre double-decker buses on site. Also, the inner/main car park is reserved for staff and registered users of Yateleys Health and Fitness – so that also precludes Sixth Formers! I am not unaware that Yateley School parking is sometimes used by parents from the other schools and we are asking for their assistance in reducing this problem.

**Student Star of the Week** Noah Joyner in 11NN is an excellent and accomplished student during school time. Outside of school and having been playing and training in Futsal since the age of 10, he has been selected to play in the first team for Reading Royals Futsal Club. Reading are currently riding high at the top of the national league and therefore Noah is playing for a premiership team! For those not in the know, futsal has some similarities with five-a-side football and is played indoors, although there are important differences too. At this rate it is highly possible that Noah can play at international level too. He is a delightful young man, very talented and we are hugely proud of him.



Yours sincerely

Paul German

**Headteacher**

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## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT REMINDER

As you will remember before Christmas we wrote in the parent bulletin about the expectations for uniform. As of next week (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January) we will be enforcing expectations and therefore issuing sanctions and confiscations where needed (following this past week of reminders within school). We are confident that there are only a small number of students that decide to push the rules when it comes to these expectations, but we need to ensure consistency from everyone. Please can parents remind students about this and the below:

- **Trainers** – these are not allowed. Only exception is if a student has a professional medical note (not one from parents). If a student is in trainers then they will be confiscated and plimsolls issued (from the wellbeing centre) or we will ask parents to bring in the correct shoes.
- **Earphones/Earpods** – the Bluetooth earpods (without leads) are not allowed in school. Students are allowed wired earphones to use in lessons on the school PC's or BYOD when asked by the teacher (they must be given permission). If students are seen wearing Bluetooth wireless earpods at any time (or wired earphones when walking around school) they will be confiscated and put in reception for parents to collect.
- **Skirt length** – girls must be wearing their skirts at the correct length above the knee (hem of the skirt no higher than 4 inches from the top of the knee). We are aware that mainly the skirt length itself is fine but some girls decide to roll them up. Any girls that continue to refuse this expectation will be sanctioned and possibly required to wear school trousers for the remainder of the academic year if they become a repeat offender.
- **Trousers** – black (or any coloured) jeans are not allowed at all.
- **Jewellery** – students are allowed a single stud in each ear and nothing else. They are allowed a wrist watch. They are not allowed rings or bracelets. If students are wearing things they should not then they will be confiscated and handed into reception for parents to collect.
- **Makeup** – students are not allowed eyelash extensions or nail extensions/false nails. Students will be asked to remove them if wearing them and if they can't the appropriate sanction issued until they can be removed (this could include internal exclusion or being sent home to have them removed).
- **Mobile phones** – students are not allowed to have their mobile phones on/out/being used during the school day at all. The only exceptions are in lessons if teachers ask students to use them or in their tutor rooms at lunchtime. If students fail to follow the expectations the mobile phone will be confiscated and handed into reception for parents to collect.

If any student fails to comply and work to the above expectations then the appropriate sanctions will be issued. As said previously, there are only a small number of students that try to push against the expectations, but we want to ensure consistency and clarity. We really appreciate all parents' support with this. If you would like further detailed guidance on the uniform policy and expectations, this can be found on the school VLE via the link below:

## Uniform Guidance

[https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod\\_page/content/117/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf](https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod_page/content/117/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf)

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## DIARY DATES

13 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 13 Mocks start
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 9 Option Evening – 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> January	House Basketball
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Yr 11 Review Sheets out
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Yr 9 Subject Review Evening – 4.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 11 Parent Information Evening – 4.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Yr 7 Disco – Borneo Fundraising
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations
12 <sup>th</sup> February	House Music – 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 12/13 Review Sheets Out
17 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ski Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half Term

## SPORTS RESULTS

### BASKETBALL

Year 10	v	Salesian	won	28 - 7	MVP: Jack Holmwood
U16 Girls	v	FHES	won	8 - 38 (District Cup)	POM: Sophie- Ella Tzanetis
Year 9	v	Eggars	won	30 - 28	MVP: Luke Kennedy

## RECYCLE YOUR CRISP PACKETS!

Every year countless pieces of crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK. We are working with TerraCycle\* to put an end to this enormous loss of resources.

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## HOUSE COUNCIL UPDATE

We will be having a 2 week focus on litter in school in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January. We will be asking all students to think about how they could reduce the amount of waste produced on the school site during the school day and focus on recycling/reusing. As part of this project, we will be collecting crisp packets and old pens for recycling. There will be collection points in reception and around the school which we will all be encouraged to use.

There is a very keen group of year 7 students ready for litter picking duties during the 2 week period as well. House council will also be delivering an assembly about the impact of litter on the environment and the importance of reducing waste.



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## Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was to advance the a file rook. It's protected by the pawn, which can be promoted. Do not worry about white checking you as the knight will save the king and win the rook.



This week: find the best move for black.



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

**CHESS CLUB** continues to be popular with 24 ranked matches completed this term and the number of members reached 50. Michael Clark was the most active member, while Ciaran Donegan saw the greatest improvement in rating, increasing by 98 points in across his five matches. Chess club will continue on Thursdays at lunchtime in C21 and new members are always welcome.

*Mr T I Glendinning, Head of Secure Pathway Mathematics*



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## Maths Corner 16



### First Day at School



It is your first day at school. The teacher suggests that it would be a good idea for each child to meet every other child in the class. The teacher said, "When you meet, please shake hands and introduce yourself by name."

If there were 20 children in the class, how many handshakes was there in total?

**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 15 – Snail Problem**

**End of Day 13**



## Maths Period 7 ...



HIGHER ROOM  
**C2.2**

FOUNDATION ROOM  
**C2.1**

- Maths teachers will be available every Wednesday from 3:15-4:00pm to help
- Bring your Mocks or Skill-Up papers along to work through
- Bring your revision resources and work through them
- Exam questions will be available in each room, if you do not have your own resources to revise from

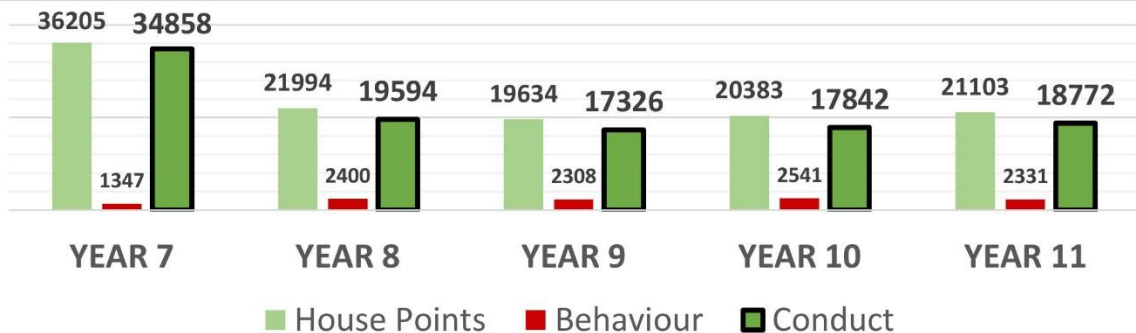
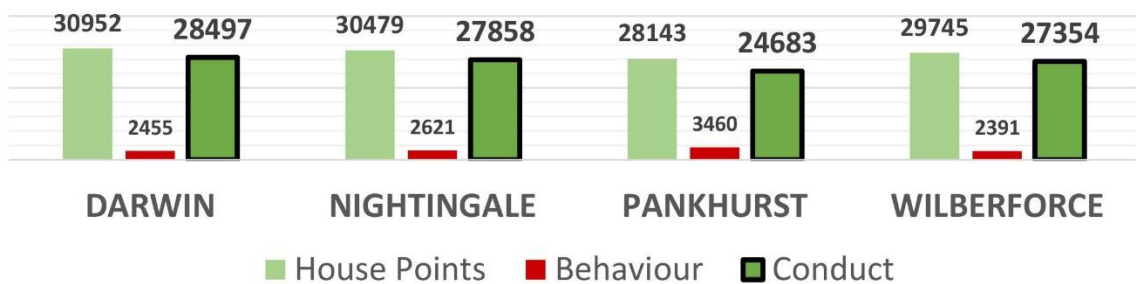
**NOTE: C2.7 WILL NO LONGER BE USED FOR MATHS PERIOD 7**

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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 20.12.19



## 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
7NN	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: 96.00%

### Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

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

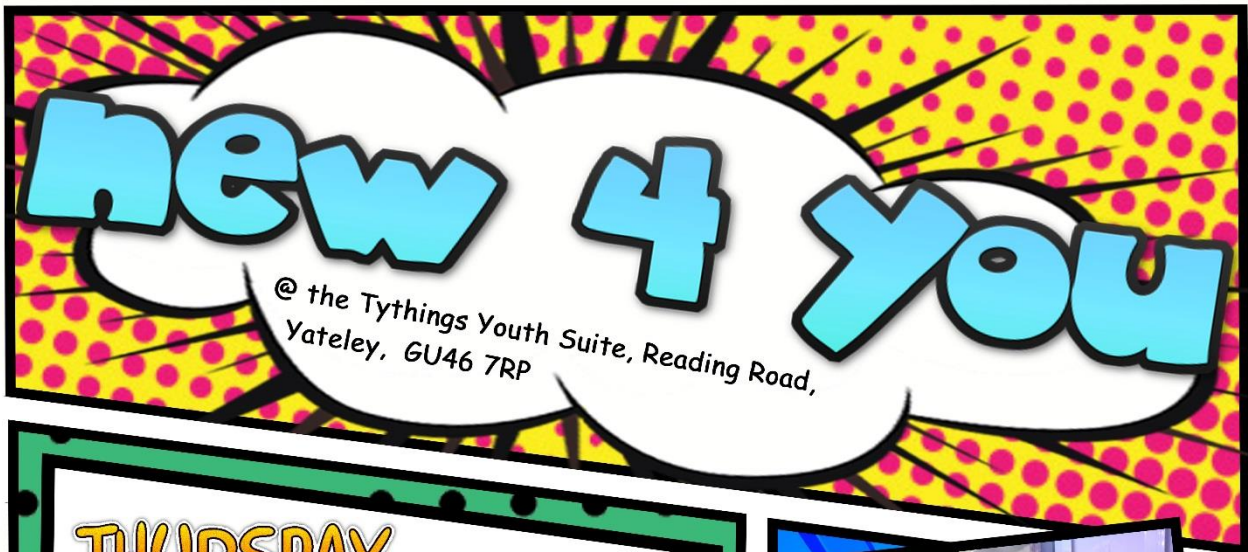


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## THURSDAY CLUB

6.30-8.00pm  
Age 10-13 years (term time) £1  
New for 2020

Come and hang out with friends whilst taking part in a variety of fun activities.

- POOL TABLE
- TUCK SHOP
- CHILL OUT AREA
- OUTSIDE SPORTS COURTS
- TABLE FOOTBALL
- ACTIVITIES
- AIR HOCKEY
- MUSIC
- Wii GAMES
- TABLE TENNIS

Attendees must complete a registration form at their first session, and stay for the duration of the evening.



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