

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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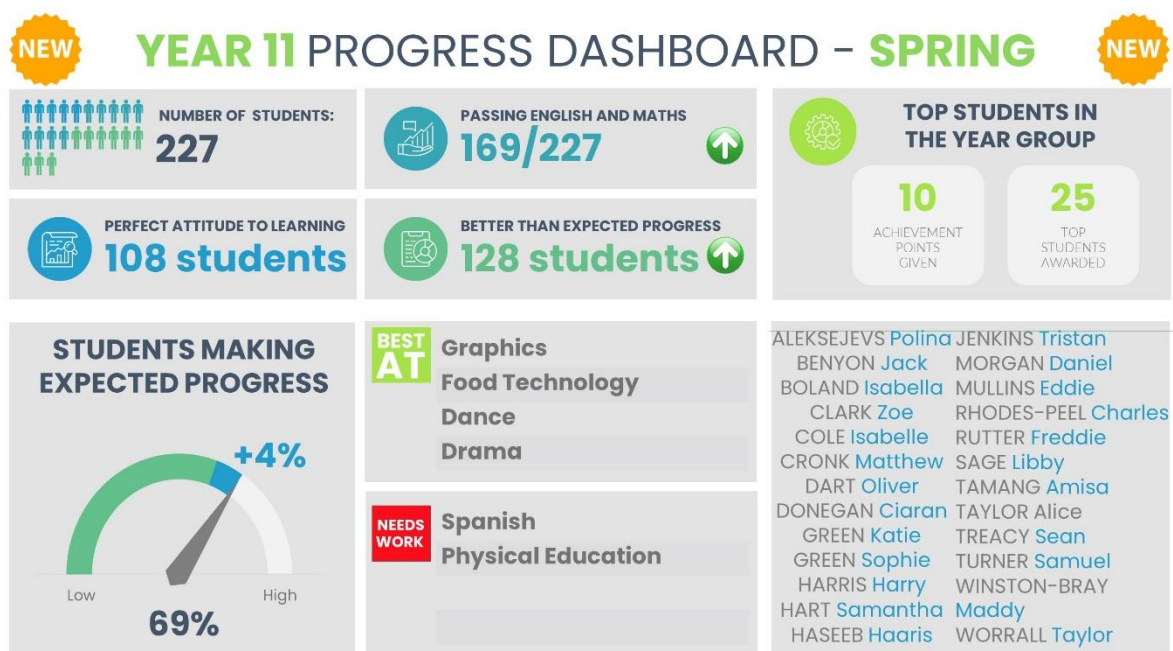
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**Learning together – Empowered for life.**

**Dear Parents**

**Year 9 excellence.** After Christmas, we decided to have a focus on our Year 9 students and sought to reward those who were working well in their various subjects. For one week only teachers were able to give a blue card to any student they recognised to be trying hard and doing well in their lesson. At the end of the week the cards were collected and collated and letters sent home. I am delighted to report that we sent out letters for **143** Year 9 students to acknowledge that they are doing well in one or more of their subjects. I hope their Parents were as pleased to receive them as we were to send them. Well done Year 9, a spectacular achievement and thank you to Mrs James for leading this excellent initiative!

**Year 11.** I have already shared some of the excellent prospects facing our diligent Year 11 students, following strong performances in the mocks and some individually stunning results. It is perfectly clear that as well as academic excellence, we've also got a very significant number of students who are working diligently and well across the board – and this is measured in great progress scores against demanding targets whatever their starting points. We were also really pleased and grateful for the superb support received from parents,



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who arrived en masse for the subject review evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. In places there were some tough messages, but for the large part the message was reassuring and encouraging the students to make best use of the next 13 weeks and supporting them to manage stress and anxiety constructively and well.

Year 11 have also had the benefit of receiving the 'ace your exams' seminar from Elevate education. As before, this was a huge hit. The students were captivated and furiously writing notes. As before, the real gains will now be made in the follow up material which will be covered in tutor time.



**Debate Club** A real buzz grabbed D15 after school on Thursday for the first debate club. The Year 8 and 9 students who came along all had a chance to be heard without having to shout! An ordered, but lively discussion followed on the motion of lowering the voting age to 12. Watch out Parliament! We may have found our next leaders! My thanks to Miss Robinson for getting this underway and we certainly

look to start entering regional competition shortly and also create an inter-house event.

**Student Star of the week** is Daniel Morgan in 11WN. Observant followers of this section will have seen Daniel's name in the prestigious position of student star of the week once before and he has been pictured in numerous bulletins. Daniel's academic endeavour and success is extraordinary and he has already shown us a glimpse of his potential at GCSE with an exemplary set of mock exam results. However, when he undertook the senior Maths challenge – normally only tackled by Sixth Formers, he really came into his own. The challenge tackles the problem solving, application of principles and logic that stretches candidates well beyond the conventional exam syllabus. Daniel was in competition against very talented mathematicians in our own school and across the country – and he came top; best in school! Our sixth formers were generous in their praise and well-done Daniel.



Yours sincerely

Paul German  
**Headteacher**

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## DIARY DATES

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

U16 Girls lost	v	Court Moor	36 - 24	POM: I. Callaway
U16 Boys won	v	Tomlinscote	69 - 33	MVP: J. Day & M. Collins (District Cup - R2)

Good luck to the U16 girls' basketball team who have reached the District Cup final and are playing Court Moor on Wednesday 12th February at Calthorpe Park school. Tip-off is at 4.15pm. All spectators are welcome.

### NETBALL

Year 8	won v	Alton School	13 - 6	POM: K. Holloway, H.Wanyona & M.Jacobs
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### HOUSE BASKETBALL

After some very competitive matches in the House basketball competition last week, Wilberforce came out on top.

Well done to all the students who took part and represented their House.

1st - Wilberforce

2nd - Darwin

3rd - Nightingale

4th - Pankhurst

### HOUSE MUSIC - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The House Music event is fast approaching and this year will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February in main hall. We have many talented students here at Yateley and this is a great opportunity for them to showcase their abilities as well as representing their house and competing for the coveted overall house winner's trophy.

Tickets are priced at £5 each and are now available to purchase online and will be sent out via your child's register.

*Mrs K Ellis, Front of House*



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## Year 11 Elevate Education Seminar ('Ace Your Exams')

Thursday saw Elevate Education come back to Yateley to run their 'Ace your Exams' seminar with Year 11. This seminar has been running for a few years now with Year 11 and helps them focus on the mistakes they might have made within their mock exams and gives them tips and resources in how to learn from these and improve for their finals. The feedback from previous Year 11 students is that this seminar is highly useful as are the follow on sessions. Following the seminar are 5 weeks' worth of tutor time activities which tutors will lead with the students. Students will be given hard copies of all the resources for the tutor sessions, but this year we have also sent all the resources electronically to students via Show My Homework, so if parents are able to, please do look through them with your son/daughter via SMHW. Elevate Education has a proven track record of improving student progress, however it is only as good as the effort and time that students put into it.

## Year 11 NCS

As well as the Year 11 assembly last week, this Wednesday we had the pleasure of NCS coming in to speak to the parents of Year 11 students that are interested in this opportunity.

NCS have been working with Yateley for the past few years and it is a great opportunity for our Year 11 students. Not only is the cost minimal at £50 for the 3 or 4 week experience, but it also helps towards UCAS University applications and life skills. There is a bursary discount of £25.00 for any students receiving Pupil Premium. Every year we have seen more and more Year 11's sign up and take part, which is fantastic. It is even more pleasing to note that our school has been awarded the Bronze Award from NCS due to the amount of students we have had taking part. If you would like further details about the opportunity and how to sign up then please visit <https://wearencs.com/>. The spaces are on first come first served basis so don't wait too long.

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**Children's Mental Health Week (3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020) & Time to Talk day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020)**

The week of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Find your Brave'. As we know, young people's mental health and wellbeing is a serious issue and one that we must all be aware of and help support (teachers and parents).

In school we will be running the year assemblies around this theme and there will be resources shared for use in tutor time.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February is also 'Time to Talk' day and we will be discussing this with students and its importance via extended tutor time.

There are a host of school resources which we will be using, however there are also a host of resources that are useful for parents to be aware of and use at home. We have downloaded and attached some to this bulletin as well as the links below:

- **Place2Be (Children's Mental Health Week)** - <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>
    - Parents Information - <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>
    - Parent Top Tips - [https://562edcf5b67b66a14900-eeae90731f7ce1cd156ac7b02c7dd8f.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/Top\\_Tips\\_Parents\\_Carers\\_2020.pdf](https://562edcf5b67b66a14900-eeae90731f7ce1cd156ac7b02c7dd8f.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/Top_Tips_Parents_Carers_2020.pdf)
  - **Time To Change (Time to Talk Day)** - <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/time-talk-day>
    - Resources - <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/time-talk-day/resources-your-event>
- Tips for talking - <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/time-talk-day/tips-talking-about-mental-health>



When: **Mon 10th February 2020** Time: **7.00pm –10.00pm** (There will be time to chat in the tea/coffee break & at the end) Please book your place at: [www.cedartree-mhw.co.uk/events](http://www.cedartree-mhw.co.uk/events)

Note:

**This is a presentation not a training course and due to the content discussed the age limit: 16+.**

**Venue: Westfields Junior School-School Ln, Yateley GU46 6NN**



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## ICT

### Year 7 ICT and Computing Micro:Bit topic

In ICT & Computing we are just completing a topic where students have been programming a Micro:Bit. Programs have included rock, paper, scissors, a Harry Potter sorting hat and a compass for some classes.

Oliver De La Haye enjoyed the topic so much he persuaded his dad to buy one for Christmas together with a Freenove Micro:Bit Rover.

A number of hours on Christmas day was spent getting it working, this was a real achievement as they are tricky to program, well done Oliver and dad!



## STEM- Talk from Dr Helen Charman from the Victoria and Albert Museum

The STEM Ambassadors were very fortunate this week to have a visit from Dr Helen Charman, Director of Learning and National Programmes at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and alumni of Yateley School. Helen talked to the students about her career progression and passion for design and creativity.

The students were involved in a creative challenge and learnt about a range of opportunities in the design and creativity sector. We would like to thank Helen for giving up her time to come and work with us and look forward to further projects in the future.



*Miss Williams, Head of Design and Technology*

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## YEAR 10 GRAPHICS PACKAGING PROJECT



Following a recent assessment of our year 10 Graphics work, students produced creative packaging solutions to house chocolate eggs for a Christmas promotion. Students used Techsoft 2D Design and Adobe Photoshop to design, develop and manufacture their products. Well done to all students. A wealth of creative talent @Yateley School.

*Miss Williams and Mrs Coakley*



**Models from Graphics classes 10D, 10B and 10C**

Starts  
Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> January  
2020

Year 8 and 9  
**DEBATE CLUB**

In room D15  
with Miss  
Robinson

Every  
Thursday,  
3:15pm –  
4:15pm

Please sign up with your English Teacher if you are interested and you are always welcome to come to D15 for more information or questions about it.



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## HOUSE COUNCIL NEWS

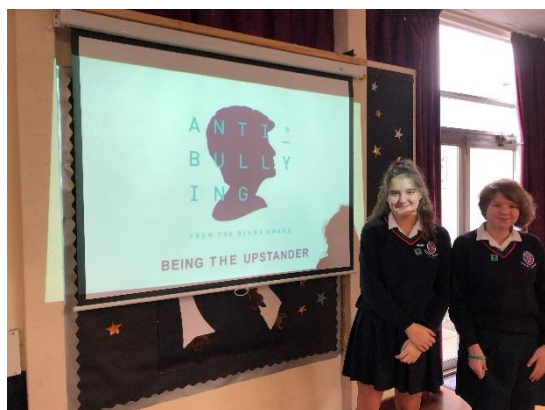


This week house council have been running house assemblies on Climate Change and action we can take in school. They talked about the impact of climate change and how we can minimise waste in school. Each tutor group has made a pledge to support our environment campaign and we have seen a large number of students litter picking on our site at lunchtime during the last two weeks. House council were keen to encourage students to stop dropping litter and Mujtabaa Kashif (10PN) was

the star of a short film highlighting this. The short film was also expertly written, directed and performed by Archie Westland-Rose, Gabe Hogben-Stephenson, Louis Double and Cobi Shambrook.

Well done to Thomas Gudgeon, Erica Reynolds, Dakota Tassinari, Charlotte Swaffer, Olivia O'Reilly, Freddie Sharkey and Leo Bonte who talked during the assembly. We will be continuing to collect crisp packets and pens for recycling.

## ANTI BULLYING



As part of our Anti-Bullying initiative our Ambassadors are working on a Community Badge. On Monday 27 January two of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Grace Dias 9DN and Lizzy Overton 9WN, attended Potley Hill Primary School to lead an assembly about standing up to bullying.

This was very well received and the students are signing a class pledge to speak up and tell an adult about bullying. Another assembly has been arranged for Westfields Junior School and the same message is being given - be an Upstander not a Bystander.

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Are in constant need of empty plastic chocolate/sweets tubs (e.g. Heroes, Celebrations etc.) and metal biscuit tins. Thank you for your continued support.



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## Maths Corner 20

What a Bargain!

Six costs £0.35, seventeen costs £0.70  
and three hundred and sixty costs  
£1.05.

What am I buying?



**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 19 – Who are we?**

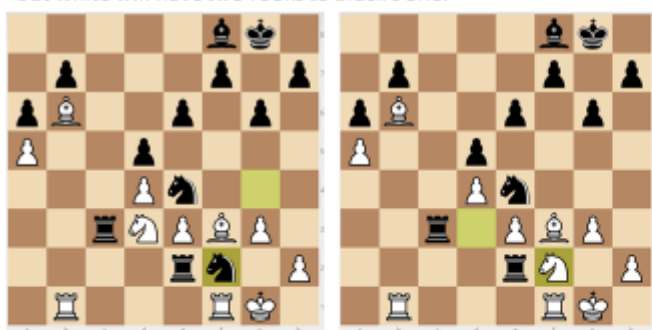
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## Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was to use the knight to start a series of exchanges. After the carnage both sides have one rook remaining but white will have two rooks to black's one.



This week: find the best move for white.



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



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NSPCC

Number  
Day

**On Number Day (7<sup>th</sup> February 2020)  
Year 7 students will be playing Bingo!**

In return for a donation to the NSPCC, students will receive a bingo card and will be looking for teachers' favourite numbers.

Achievement points and prizes to be won!

**If you have any change to donate to NSPCC, please send this in with your child.**

***HINT: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February we'll put up the list of clues on the SMHW noticeboard so you can start puzzling out who's taking part!***

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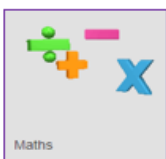
**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**



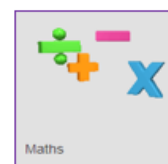
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## Mathematics Gifted and Talented



During last term a group of Sixth Form students and one Year 11 student took part in the Senior Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust. The Senior Challenge is aimed at all 16-19 year olds studying mathematics and involves answering 25 multiple choice questions. Students in the top 40% nationally receive certificates and an opportunity to progress to further Challenges. The following students achieved a Bronze Certificate: Samuel Keys, Alex Harrison, Younes Al-Ahmad, Chloe Bradley-Turner and Joseph Harrison. JK Jordan, Sofie James and Daniel Morgan all achieved Silver Certificates. Best in Year certificate's went to Joseph Harrison Year 13, Sofie James Year 12 and Daniel Morgan Year 11, who also achieved the Best in School Certificate. Well done to everyone who took part.

The UK Mathematics Trust also held a Girls Mathematical Olympiad. This is a National Competition whose aim is to encourage and inspire girls to get involved in advanced mathematical problem solving, as well giving them the opportunity to experience a Maths Olympiad. Lauren Woodman, Chloe Pimblett, Natalia Kenrick and Chloe Bradley-Turner all took part. This is a very challenging competition so well done to both girls for taking part.



## Mathematics Tutor Times Tables

Congratulation go to the following students all won the Tutor Times Table Challenge Autumn 1st half term.

### DARWIN

7DN Leila Strickland and Thomas Gudgeon  
7DS Fletcher Kendrick and Louise Seymour  
8DN Isaac McGeachie and Ella Arnold  
8DS Hayley Wabyone and Jacob Russell  
9DN Benjamin Cuninghame  
10DN Alexander Norris and Lucy Scott  
10DS Jake Sorrell

### PANKHURST

7PN Finlay Wood and Ellie Mansell  
7PS Neve Millar and Ethan Moxham  
8PN Zara Bonner and Tom King  
9PN Natasha Atkinson and Oliver Ginn  
10PN Samuel Harrup and Joe Cracknell  
10PS Isabella Stockton and Noah Price

### NIGHTINGALE

7NN Jasmine Williams and Thomas Bingham-Wilson  
8NN Lexi Hogben-Stephenson  
9NN Emma Jaskiova and Edward Cole  
9NS Thomas Hurst and Keeley Griffiths  
10NN Gabe Hogben-Stephenson and Keira Green  
10NS Kirsten Matthews  
11NN Benjamin Kirwin  
11NS Oliver Fowler and Rachel Plowman

### WILBERFORCE

7WN Jake Spencer and Layla Curran  
7WS Paula Farcas and Jack Anstey  
8WN Amy Gray and Jonathan Lai  
8WS Benjamin Seaborn and Cheyenne Hull  
9WN Kushal Vadicharla and Cerys Parkes  
11WS Lewis Lanek



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**Can't sing?  
Cant dance?  
Can't act?....**



...Then we have the perfect job for you!!  
Yateley School's production of My Fair Lady requires stage crew to pick things up and put them down in a different place.

If you think you have these skills then don't delay!

Sound  
Scenery  
props

Get in contact with  
Mr Davis

[matt.davis@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:matt.davis@yateley.hants.sch.uk)

Lighting  
Costume  
Stage Management

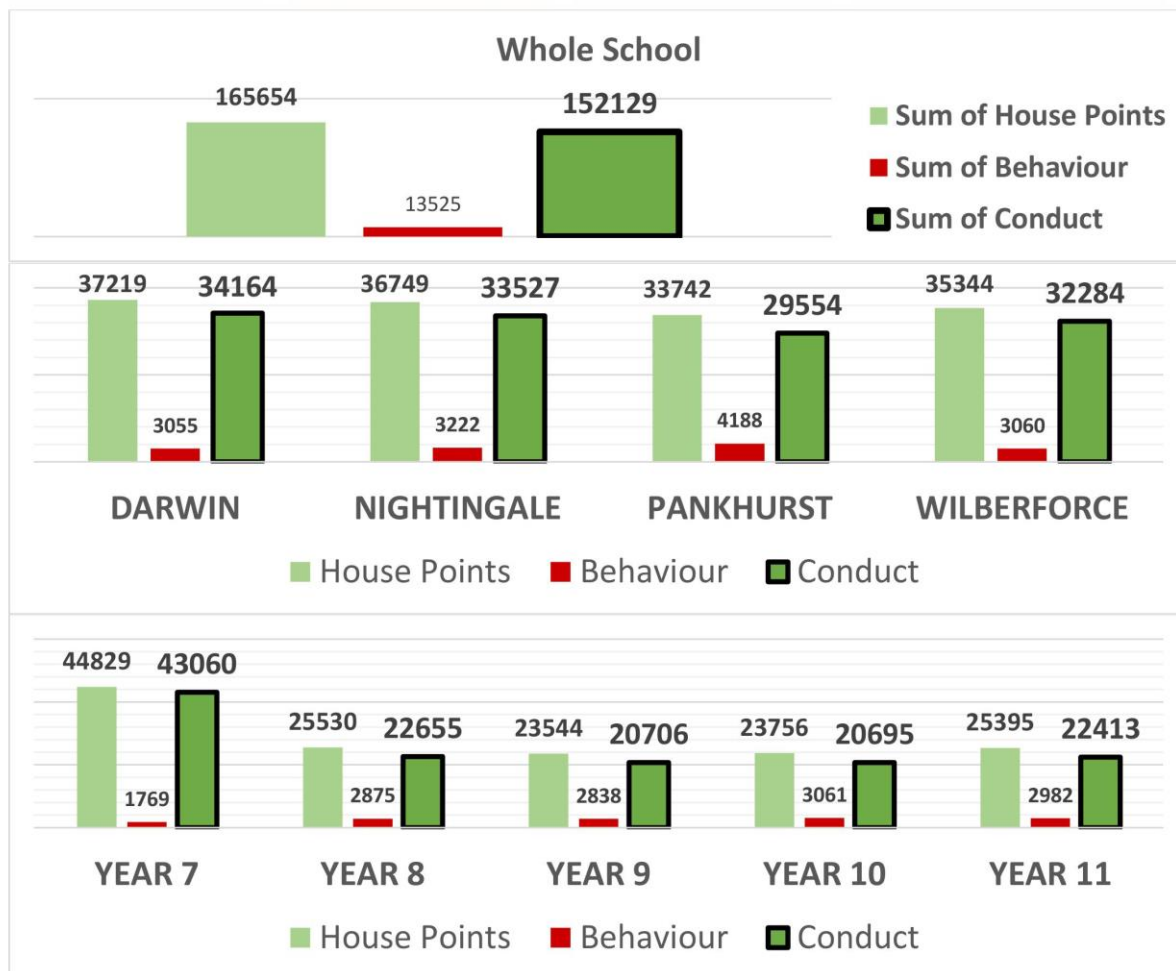


## NO AEROSOLS

Parents can you please remind your children that they are not allowed to bring into school spray aerosols. This is for Health and Safety reasons. Students are allowed to bring in roll on deodorants.

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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 24.01.20



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	11PN

## 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: 95.85%

## 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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## BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION – SPONSORED SWIM

**Invitation to take part in the British Heart Foundation Swim on Saturday 7th March.**

Would you or your son/daughter like to be involved in a local charity swim event?

Once again, I am running the local *British Heart Foundation* sponsored swim this year and it would be great to see students (and parents!) from Yateley School taking part. You can swim anything from 1 to 50 lengths- no experience needed!! It is a real family event and has children and adults locally taking part each year. All ages welcome. It would be great to have a Yateley team this year!



It takes place on **Saturday 7th March** at **The Farnborough Leisure Centre** from **5.30pm**.

If you are interested please ask at reception for a letter/sponsor form **or** ask me, Miss Tottman directly.



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