

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning together – Empowered for life.

Dear Parents

Student assembly. On Monday we watched a number of our Muslim Students perform in an assembly all about Islam. This has been the culmination of a number of weeks of practice. It is difficult to speak in front of your peers and takes a good deal of confidence. Mrs K James, who initiated this work writes. 'They did extremely well and their presentation was very well received by the Year 7 audience. They told us about their prayers, their Festivals, their role models and the teachings of peace at the heart of the faith. I think we all learnt something we did not know about Islam and what it means to be a practising Muslim. Above all, however, it was incredibly heart- warming to see how proud they were of their faith.' Very well done to Firaasha Khan, Arshiya Zaman, Malick Jallow, Azam and Mujtabaa Kashif. Thanks also to Mahnam Abid for helping to put the presentation together.



Excellence 2020 The excellence group has formed again this year, to support Year 11 students in accessing top grades in their GCSEs this summer. The group meets every other Monday during registration in the drama studio to discuss our plans for the fortnight and hear a 'pearl of wisdom' for study. The students decide on their study groups and have committed to meet at least once a week for group study. VI form students are supporting year 11 in their own areas of expertise and are helping them keep motivated in the push to the summer exams.

Top Tip - Stay in touch with Dr Case and your teachers – they can help you get resources, books, space and subject expertise when required.

Top Tip – plan every study session. Share the responsibility of getting resources e.g. past papers and mark schemes etc. Elect a leader for every session so you can keep the pace up in your session – no distractions!



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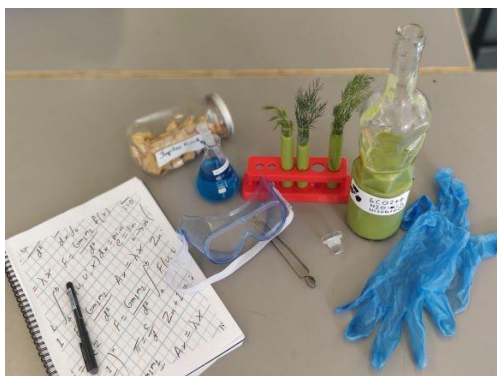
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My Fair Lady - Hat Design Competition.

Before Christmas, 11 students chose to decorate one of our plain hats for use in the Ascot scene in the forthcoming school production. Today we had the pleasure of presenting certificates to Oliver De La Haye and Poppy Rowlinson, and everyone was given a chocolate muffin with an edible hat on top! Oliver's hat will be worn by our

Elizas in the show and her dress will be accessorised to match. Many thanks to the following students for making the effort to take part: Jessica Lambert, Pimer Thuambe, Amelia Szal, Cobi Shambrook, Lilia Bell, Eliska Elliott, Olivia Doe, Charlotte Chalcroft, Jasmine Williams. Thank you also very much to Mrs R James, who has masterminded the whole thing and does such a fabulous job behind the scenes on our productions.



A bit random, but every now and again a piece of student work catches my eye of such merit or originality that it really needs to be shared with a wider audience. Sometimes we forget to celebrate some of the extraordinary things that our students come up with, so here is credit to a certain student who just went beyond our already aspirational expectations. Emily Thatcher, 8WN, wanted a way to display her soup. Behold, a scientific presentation with the actual formula for photosynthesis. #gauntlethrown.

Year 7 disco. Last Friday evening saw the intrepid Miss Ford, Mrs Elder, Mr Conway, Mr Davies and fantastic parent helpers hosting a Year 7 fundraising disco. All of the money raised is going towards the Camps International expedition to Borneo, where our students assist in valuable project work in a deserving part of the world and gain an enormous amount personally from the experience. The youngsters were a credit of course and a good time was had by all. Miss Ford has put in countless hours already masterminding the whole project from the school end and with the disco, she was greatly helped by the wonderful and inventive Mr Davies who turned the whole Hall into the classic school disco.



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Student Star of the week is Maisie Walker in 12JAS. Having attended Sandhurst School, Maisie has been a very welcome presence joining our Sixth Form. We have been notified that she has been awarded the extremely prestigious Sandhurst Community Award. This presentation will be made by the Mayor at the start of next month in what will be a sizeable civic occasion. The reason for her nomination and then success in achieving the award, follows her years of young leading with the cubs. This started as part of a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award and over the subsequent four years has grown and grown. The citation on her award letter says it all, "embodying the spirit and ethos of community spirit, exceptional achievement and selfless dedication worthy of recognition". Well done Maisie.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher



Wuhan Novel Coronavirus

If you have been to Wuhan, China, in the last 14 days ...

Stay indoors and avoid contact with others



Contact NHS 111 for advice



Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus

Do not go to work, school or public areas



Avoid visitors in your home



Avoid using public transport or taxis



Symptoms to look out for:



Cough



Runny nose



Sore throat



Fever



Difficulty breathing

Visit NHS.UK for more information

Text and advice from the Department for Education



Department for Education

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via this link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.



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DIARY DATES

12 th February	House Music – 7pm
13 th February	Yr 12/13 Review Sheets Out
17 th -22 nd February	Ski Trip
17 th – 22 nd February	Half Term
27 th February	Yr 12/13 Subject Review Evening – 4.30pm
2 nd March	Yr 13 Mock Re Sits
3 rd March	INSET Day
5 th March	Yr 11 GCSE Info Evening
12 th March	Dance Competition – All Day
16 th March	UCAS Evening – 7pm
18 th March	Yr 7 Trip to Gurdwara
23 rd March	Yr 12/13 Geog Trip to Barcelona
24 th March	Main School Production – Matinee to Yrs 7/8
25 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
26 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
27 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
2 nd April	Yr 7 Review Sheets Out
3 rd April	Yrs 8/9/10 Subject Review Day

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

U15	lost	v	Fernhill	42 - 30	(District Cup semi-final)
U14	lost	v	Calthorpe Park	32 - 25	(District Cup semi-final)

Good Luck to the U16 boys in their District Cup semi-final v All Hallows on Monday. A win will mean a 3rd Cup final in 3 years and the possibility of doing the treble!

HOUSE MUSIC - 12th February 2020

The House Music event is fast approaching and this year will be held on 12th 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 TUTOR SESSIONS ('ACE YOUR EXAMS')

This Thursday in tutor time Year 11 students began to work on the follow on resources from the 'Ace Your Exams' seminar. The resources which they use in the 5 extended tutor time sessions (this week being session 1) are to try out the resources and tips that were shared with them in the seminar. All students have also be sent electronic versions of all the tutor time resources via Show My Homework, so parents please do ask to look at them via the SMHW app.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

(3rd to 9th February 2020) & Time to Talk day (Thursday 6th February 2020)

As you will know, this week was 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 have run year assemblies as a focus on this week and these slides have been sent to all students via Show My Homework, so please do ask the students to show you via the SMHW app.

Thursday 6th February was also 'Time to Talk' day and we discussed this with students and its importance via extended tutor time.

There are a host of school resources which we used, 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://562edcf5b67b66a14900eeaf90731f7ce1cd156ac7b02c7dd8f.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>

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

3-9 FEBRUARY 2020 IS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The week is run by children's mental health charity **Place2Be** to focus on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **FIND YOUR BRAVE**.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. **FINDING YOUR BRAVE** can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

We all have times when we need to **FIND OUR BRAVE**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your child to **FIND THEIR BRAVE**.

1. **Remind your child that bravery comes in many forms and everyone is different.** What's brave for them might not feel brave to someone else.
2. **Chat with your child about a time when you've had to FIND YOUR BRAVE.** It might have been something big or small.
3. **Praise your child when they FIND THEIR BRAVE.** Maybe they've kept going at learning a new skill or tried something outside of their comfort zone which boosted their confidence.
4. **Point out examples of bravery in books and films** to your child and talk about how trying out different ways of being brave will help them feel good.
5. **Reassure your child that not feeling brave is OK too** and that there are times when it might be more difficult to be brave.

At children's mental health charity **Place2Be** we want all children to think about how they look after their minds.

Let your child know that if they are not sure about something, they should talk to an adult they trust. It could be you, someone in your family, a teacher or someone else in their school.

If you're worried about your child's mental health you can talk to your GP or someone at your child's school.

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice on our website www.place2be.org.uk/contacts

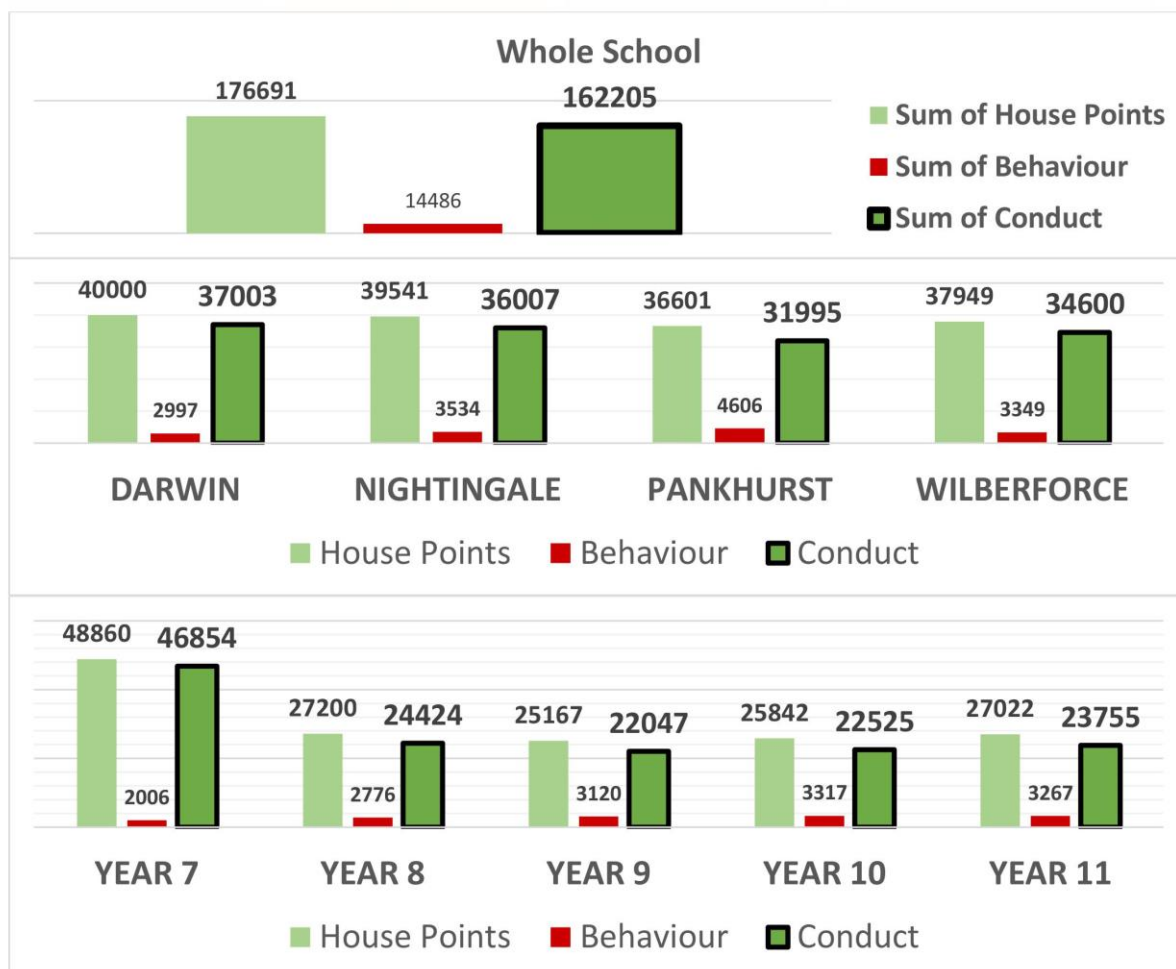


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 31.01.20



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	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	11DS

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: 95.88%

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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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Each week Work Experience opportunities are sent out to the Year 10 tutors to discuss with their students.

A lot of students are working hard on applications for their work experience, some are attending interviews and lots have already got their placement confirmed and their private placement form returned to me.

The February Half Term is a great opportunity to email or telephone companies and organisations or speak to your contacts, friends and family to secure a placement.

The Private Placement Form needs to be completed and returned to me by Tuesday 31st March.

Mrs Sarah Dethick
Work Experience Coordinator
Yateley School
In the office Wednesdays and Thursdays 0900-1400hrs

SCOPAY

We have been made aware over the last few days that some parents are experiencing issues when using Scopay, whereby parents are having a number of different payment cards declined when trying to pay for items, or to top up lunch accounts.

We have liaised with Worldpay, the platform used by Hampshire County Council to process payments, and have been advised that this is caused by one of their security features, whereby it blocks the account if too many different cards are used in quick succession to try and pay.

If you do experience issues when using Scopay, please do not try to use another card immediately. The advice from Worldpay is to leave it for a period of time before trying again. If you are still having problems, please try a different platform (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) to log onto the website.

There is also a help function located on the website should you need any further assistance.



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Starts
Thursday
30th 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.



**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

Lighting
Costume
Stage Management

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Chess Puzzle

Find the best move for black. The solution will be published in the next bulletin.

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

Maths Corner 21

Weight a Minute!

You are given twelve coins which all look identical. The only difference is that one coin is slightly heavier than the other eleven. The difference is slight and cannot be noticed by holding the coins.

You are given a set of balancing scales. How can you find the heaviest coin with only 3 separate uses of the scales?

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 20 – What a Bargain!
Numbers to stick on doors at 35p each.

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NEW YOUTH CLUB TO OPEN IN YATELEY



Vision 4 Youth is a charity based in Yateley who provide youth clubs and services to young people in the community. Having been running for a number of years, Vision 4 Youth is excited to be growing in 2020 with new projects that opened in January.

Vision 4 Youth run youth clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for 11-18 year olds, and now they also open an additional youth club, specifically for 10-13 year olds (ie School Years 6, 7 & 8) on Thursday evenings.

The club is open term time, 6:30-8pm. Planned activities include crafts, sports and free play such as pool, table tennis and other games.

There is also a tuck shop and drinks available. The format of the club is not new to Yateley, as the project had previously been held by Yateley School, but when the school was unable to continue running the club in 2020 Vision 4 Youth were more than happy to take over, meaning that the young people could continue to enjoy the benefits of the club.

The new club is run by a mix of staff and volunteers – and Vision 4 Youth are always looking for more volunteers to help out. Fortunately the club has been an instant success and already the team see over 40 young people coming along each week! This does mean that more volunteers are required, otherwise numbers will need to be limited. The youth clubs are located at The Tythings on Yateley Green, GU46 7RP.

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering it can mean as little as a couple of hours a month. For more information or to enquire about helping out please visit www.vision4youth.org.uk or contact office@vision4youth.org.uk.



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Long day? Need a space to chill out?
Come and have a chat in the

Wellbeing Cafe

Free cafe aimed at 16-25 year olds

Our door is open every Monday
7-8:30pm (term time)

Hot drinks, snacks, conversation
Board games, mindfulness activities

Find us in The Honeycomb Function Room at
St Barnabas Church
Brinns Lane
Blackwater
GU17 0BT

For more information visit www.vision4youth.org.uk
Registered Charity no. 1172352



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Yateleys
Health & Fitness

February Half Term Public Swimming

Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd
11:00 - 13:00

(every Saturday & Sunday term time)

Children £3.00 Adult £4.80
7 session child swim pass £15.70

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