

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

Yateley Sixth Form. Fantastic news... The latest college achievement and attainment tables have been released by the government and show that Yateley Sixth Form is a leading provider of A Levels within



Hampshire for its value added score, a measure of how much students have improved, in their time in further education after their GCSEs. Students in an 'average' college, who are working at the top of a grade, would have achieved the next grade higher at Yateley - for example, a student in another college working at a B+, would have achieved an A if they had come to us. We are particularly delighted with our students' progress within Physics, Computer Science and Maths. Our Physics department is the third best provider in the country and this includes independent schools!

Offers offers offers! Yateley's fabulous year 13 students are getting their offers in from university. From 326 applications for places on courses we have over 230 offers received already. These include 13 of the slightly controversial unconditional offers and an incredible nine for Medical Sciences. Some of our more unexpected subjects Include International Relations, and Scenic Art. Great stuff. On top of these we have a crime-lab's worth of forensics, criminal psychology and sociology, a ward of nurses and board-room of Business people and Entrepreneurs. Not to mention our Physicists, Chemists and Biologists



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(mainly of the Marine variety), and no small number of Graphical Communication types. They are a diverse lot, our year 13.

Basketball success: Congratulations to the year 11 boys' Basketball team for achieving the District Cup – again, beating Calthorpe Park on Thursday - and to the U16 Girls' Basketball team who won the District Cup Final versus Court Moor on Wednesday. These stunning and brilliantly trained teams have done us proud and have shown absolutely dogged determination, sportsmanship and skill. There is a full write up later in the bulletin, but their major success needs to be acknowledged in my letter. Well done all.

House Music 2020 House Music was an absolute triumph this year on Wednesday evening. With nearly 30 separate performances, it was a very full programme, but a very varied one too. Stunning musicianship was on display with some absolutely virtuoso performances from our talented musicians. As always, it is a house competition, so friendly rivalry is on display. However, perhaps one of the most important aspects is seeing young people clearly enjoying performing together, the camaraderie and the obvious mutual support for each other. There are firsts among equals however, and the roll of honour is as follows:



Composition award: Kezia Chacko (Darwin)

Junior Musician: Peter James (Wilberforce) and Elliot Casselton (Nightingale)

Senior Musician: Luke Cherry (Nightingale) and Kezia Chacko (Darwin)

Overall House Winner: Darwin

My thanks to Ms Pejovic, Mr Davis and the many other staff behind the scenes for making the event run and bringing it all to life.



Student Star of the week is Abigail Thatcher in 10WN. Abigail is a super young lady and her school record is marked by a monumental number of achievement points and exemplary conduct. It was an absolute delight to see (and hear) her in the House Music competition with her stunning rendition of The Shires - Daddy's Little Girl. She performed beautifully with tone, variation and great dynamic range; a super performance and I saw quite a few tears being wiped by audience members around me. I gather from Abigail that although she was nervous and this was her first performance of this sort, no-one would have known, such was the polish and accomplishment of her performance.



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I join with my colleagues in wishing Mrs Curran a happy maternity leave which commenced on Thursday 13th – all of her History classes have been organised to receive subject specialist teaching.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you a happy and safe half term break. This may be a chance for some students to address any missing work or correct uniform issues. Hopefully for all it will be a chance to rest and recuperate. I look forward to seeing the students return on Monday 24th February and wish all those on the Ski Trip a fantastic experience and a safe journey home.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher

DIARY DATES

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

NETBALL

Year 7	drew	v	Court Moor	6 - 6	POM: S. Henderson, I. Whittaker
Year 8	won	v	Court Moor	9 - 7	POM: M. Jacobs, J. Poliwka
Year 9	lost	v	Cove	21 - 4	POM: C. Draper

BASKETBALL

U14 Boys	won	v	Fernhill	33 - 42	(League)	MVP: L. Kennedy
U16 Girls	won	v	Court Moor	32 - 29	(District Cup Final)	
U16 Boys	won	v	All Hallows	32 - 50	(District Cup Semi-final)	
U16 Boys	won	v	Calthorpe Park	49 - 50	(District Cup Final)	



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SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL SUCCESS - District Cup Finals

U16 Girls

Congratulations to the U16 Girls Basketball team who won the District Cup Final versus Court Moor on Wednesday. The final score was 32 -29 and it was a nail-biting game from start to finish. After losing to Court Moor in the league a couple of weeks ago the girls were determined to beat them this time. The whole squad were absolutely amazing throughout the game. They defended brilliantly and never gave up in offensive play. At 3/4 time they were winning by 11 points and then Court Moor fought back with 4 baskets in a row. The whole team showed sheer determination to hold on to a 3pt lead for the last 2 minutes. With a squad that included year 8, 9,10 and 11 girls this has been a really challenging season, but all the training paid off. Well done to Emily Staines, Grace Varley, Emily Thatcher, Amy Capp, Issy Callaway, Caitlin Ryan, Molly Tzanetis, April Ellis, Maisy Ryan and Molly Tzanetis.



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U16 Boys

The boys U16 Basketball team went out on a high on Thursday, winning the District Cup in their final ever game together, beating arch rivals Calthorpe Park by the closest of margins 49-50. The final was an emotional roller coaster which had it all and was in the balance right down to the final buzzer. The team were down after the first quarter but dragged themselves back into the match and held their nerve in a frenetic final quarter to win by just a single point. The boys first came together in year 7 and over the years they have developed and grown (literally!) into one of the finest and most decorated teams Yateley School has ever produced. While the team have won many titles and cups over the years it seems fitting that in their final game they had to dig the deepest and rely on their teamwork, friendship and determination to get over the line one more time. They came in as boys and leave a band of brothers!

Well done to Sean Treacy, JJ Sexton-Daniels, Liam Samut, Zack Jacobs, Ben Elsey, Noah Joyner, Joe Day, Jayden Yeboah, Aaron Keenan, Matt Collins and Sam Green.



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FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



As we know technology and social media can be a fantastic resource but also something which could be used incorrectly. To support parents' understanding and awareness about various popular apps that students use, please look out for these select 15 that students might be using, and if they are - ensure it is for sensible reasons!

UNIFORM REMINDER – GUIDANCE ATTACHED

Yes it is that section again where we need to remind about uniform. I know that some students say '*but it doesn't matter*'. Well this is not true, it does matter and it is important that all students are consistently working with the school and the uniform expectations.

It is all part of the school values of READY RESPECTFUL SAFE. We have again started to see an increase in girls skirts being rolled up too high, trainers being worn (without professional medical reasons) and jewellery growing in number on ears, noses and wrists.

This is only for a select few students that wish to push the rules, but please could we ask for parents support in ensuring students know the expectations and follow them at all times. We don't want to issue sanctions and confiscate items but will have to if needed.

The detailed policy guide can be found on the attached but just to highlight some key points:

- **Skirts:** Standard school uniform stitch down box pleated style at least 18 inches in length, no jersey or pencil skirts. The hem of the skirt should be no higher than 4 inches from the top of the knee.
- **Shoes:** Black, polishable, formal, low heel, plain, traditional style (no logos, trainers, boots, canvas or similar styled shoes like Vans and Converse).
- **Jewellery:** No jewellery is allowed except a wristwatch; a single small plain stud in each ear. No other visible piercings, no spacers



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Yateley School Uniform Guidance

Yateley School Uniform Details

Boys	Girls
Trousers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain, black, standard school uniform style (only plain leather style belt, no "skinny", tight-fit, jeans, cord styles) 	Trousers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 to 10 = Plain navy-blue Year 11 = Plain black Standard school uniform style (no belts, studs, large zips, etc. no "skinny", tight-fit, jeans, cord styles)
Shirt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain white, long-sleeved or short sleeved, buttoned with collar, tucked in at the waist 	Blouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain white, long-sleeved or short-sleeved, open neck revere collar
Polo Shirt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional (only to be worn from after May Day Bank Holiday and until the end of September) Plain white polo shirt with school name and house name on chest 	
Jumper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 to 10 = Navy-blue uniform jumper with school badge and house name on chest, house stripe on collar Year 11 = Plain black uniform jumper with school name initials in house colours on chest Not to be worn with polo shirts. On hot summer days can be taken off at break and lunchtime, can be taken off in lessons with teacher permission, however must be worn when walking between lessons. 	
Tie: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and red striped school tie worn to a standard length 	Skirt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 to 10 = Plain navy-blue Year 11 = Plain black Standard school uniform stitch down box pleated style at least 18 inches in length, no jersey or pencil skirts. The hem of the skirt should be no higher than 4 inches from the top of the knee
Shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, polishable, formal, low heel, plain, traditional style (no logos, trainers, boots, canvas or similar styled shoes like Vans and Converse) 	
Outer Coat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denim jackets, "hoodies", tracksuit tops, body warmers are not allowed. An outdoor coat with sleeves in a plain, dark colour. No obvious badges or slogans 	
Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neat style, natural colours. Extremes of hairstyle are not allowed (e.g. unnatural colours, tramlines, grade 1.5 or lower) 	
Jewellery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No jewellery is allowed except a wristwatch; a single small plain stud in each ear. No other visible piercings, no spacers 	
Socks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain (black or white) 	
School Bag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be suitable for the student to fit their school equipment in for the day and at least fit a A4 book unfolded 	
	Make-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A little discreet light make-up is allowed (nothing which is too visible). No nail polish, nail extensions, acrylic nails, false eyelashes, eye liner, lipstick
	Tights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain navy-blue, black or natural



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Further Uniform Guidance

Girls Trousers

Rule of thumb when buying school uniform trousers is to avoid these words:

- 'tapered' - meaning that they will be shorter than acceptable and too tight at the ankle
- 'cropped' – they will be ankle length and therefore too short
- 'skinny' – these will be far too tight, both at the thigh, lower leg and ankle.
- 'jeggings' – basically thick leggings.

Do look for the words: Tailored and bootcut.

Boys Trousers

Not 'chino trousers', 'jean trousers' or 'combat trousers'. Typically these types of informal trousers tend to have:

- Metal studs
- Metal buttons
- Horizontal pockets
- Thick material
- and are less formal looking

Suitable trousers are generally called 'flat' or 'pleat' trousers. Typically these types of formal trousers have:

- Suit material
- Vertical pockets
- Straight-legged
- and are more formal looking

Shoes

Inevitably shoe manufacturers develop and market as school shoes, styles which circumnavigate our description of what is acceptable for our uniform i.e. introducing informal style, leather, black pumps and it can be confusing as to which are acceptable. If you are not certain based on our guidance then please do contact the school.

Sanctions Following Non-compliance with the Uniform Guidance

Skirts

Failure to comply with the required skirt length will incur a warning. If a student receives a third warning within the academic year for non-compliance, parents will be notified in writing to say that the student will be required to wear school trousers for the rest of the academic year.

Shoes

Failure to comply with the required school shoes will require the student to wear plimsolls as provide by the house centre for the day.

Hair

Not meeting our guidelines will result in a day's internal exclusion.

Persistent Refusal to Follow Guidance

Persistently refusing to follow the school uniform guidelines would result in the student being internally excluded until the matter was correctly rectified. In cases where matters are not rectified to our satisfaction we reserve the right to send a student home to dress themselves correctly for school. Where a student takes excessive time to achieve this, we would record an un-authorised absence.



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KT Textiles (our school uniform supplier)

Tel: 01252 877905

Website: <http://www.kttextiles.co.uk/>

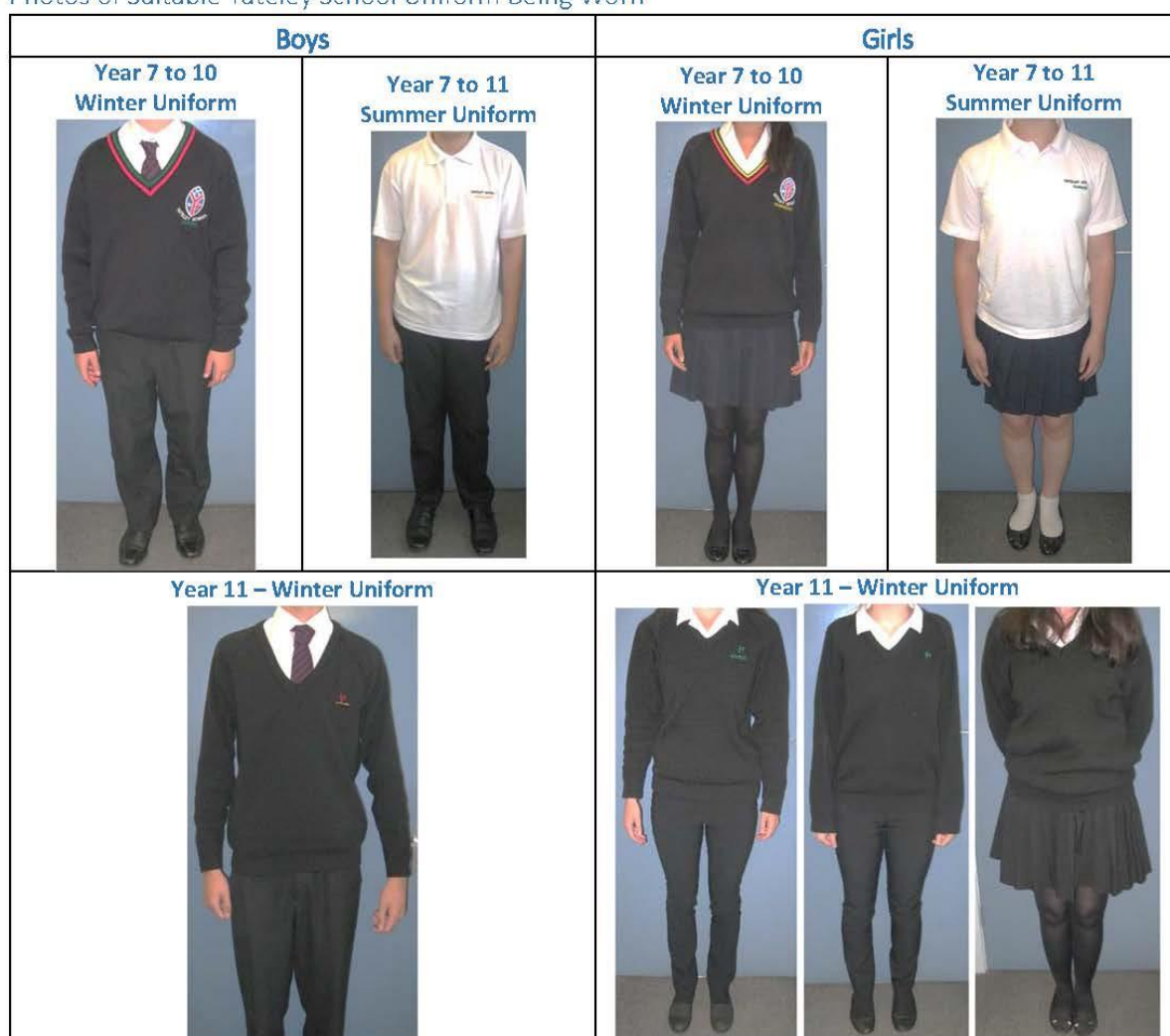
Address: 3 The Parade, Reading Road, Yateley, GU46 7UN

Girls Skirts & Trouser Details: The following sizes are kept in stock:

- Girls Trouser
 - 22", 24", 25" and 26" Waist - S-28" or R-30" inside leg
 - 27", 28", 29", 30", 32", 34" Waist - S-28", R-30" and L-32" inside leg
- Skirts
 - 22", 24" Waist - 18" and 20" length
 - 26" Waist - 18", 20" and 22" length
 - 28", 30", 32", 34" Waist - 18", 20", 22", 24" length

The longer lengths are much less popular and therefore not many are held in stock. For very tall, slim girls KT Textiles can source a ladies work trouser from Alexandra which is plain and similar to the school trouser (this would not be kept in stock at KT Textiles). This would be available as small as a size 6 with an XL 36" inside leg, so KT Textiles can cater for any size in trousers. These non-stocked trousers would need to be on an order only basis and dependant on stock at the time. If a parent ordered then KT Textiles would usually get these within 3 working days if Alexandra have stock.

Photos of Suitable Yateley School Uniform Being Worn

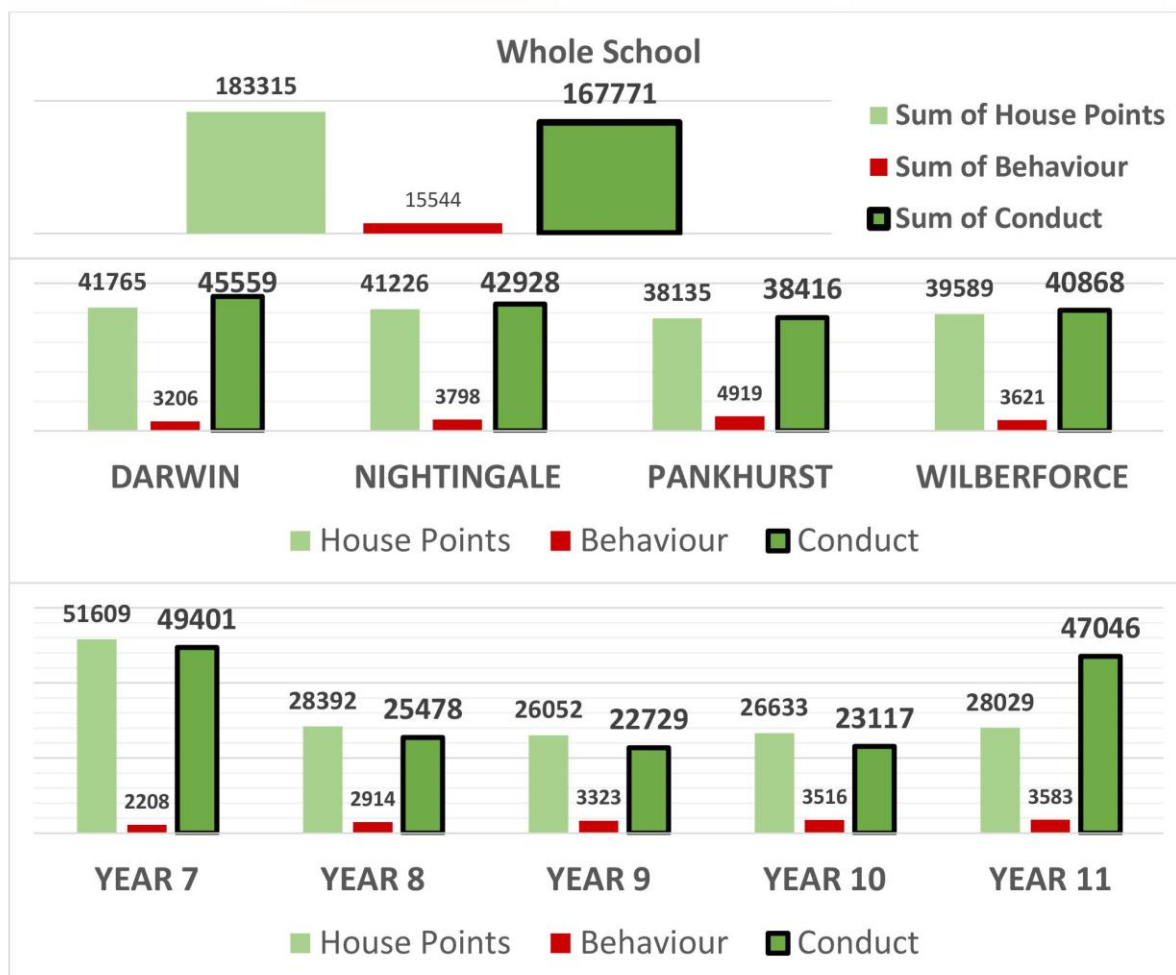


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.19 to 07.02.20



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	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: 95.77%

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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Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was to bring the rook over to h4. After the white king retreats the rook is free to take the bishop on h5 at no cost.



This week: find the best move for black.



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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INVESTORS
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YEAR 12 3D PRODUCT DESIGNERS MASH IT UP



It seems anything that Mr Sibbald and Ms Coffey throw at the new Year 12 3D Product Design group they eat up with relish. In order to make students familiar with the designers and design movements required by the board they were required to create a new design for an 80s boombox or cassette player in the style of one of the 20th century's most famous practitioners. All immersed themselves in the study of their chosen design icon and produced designs of such sophistication that we decided they should model the results in

3D using Styrofoam, card, mdf, acrylic and mixed media. The results are a fascinating reinterpretation of an analogue device in a digital age, not only well made but frequently funny. Certainly William Morris will be turning in his grave at the thought of Nathaniel Payne's half scale boombox being laser cut though he would have approved of the infinite care Nathaniel took in hand colouring the result.



Norman Foster would also approve of Maisie Walker's cassette player in the style of St Mary Axe otherwise known as the Gerhkin.



Pugin might be puzzled by Joseph Hyatt's boombox in the neo gothic style complete with illuminated fake stained glass windows.



Finally Beuer could only but approve of Casey Shambrook's boombox, the dead spit of the original Bauhaus building.

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This group have produced a standard of work with a wry sense of humour of the very highest standard. We keep trying to phase them, at the moment they are designing Supermarket sales devices which contain no packaging whatsoever whilst still promoting and protecting the products, but outwit us at every turn. TRUE creativity of the highest order.

ARCHITECTS ANONYMOUS CLASSES

From March 4th Mr Sibbald will be running his Architects Anonymous classes after school for Year 8 and Year 7 students who have an interest in architecture and design.

These sessions will begin at 3-15 and continue until 4-15 -4-30 PM on Wednesdays after school.

As first delivered at the famous Royal College of Art - the world's only post post graduate school of Design and Art this will give students a grounding in the concepts represented by contemporary architects, the effects of bad design on society and allow students to produce their own designs and models. Students will use paper, pencil, card and a range of other materials to create their own Mini Me Monument using the laser cutter and then a larger scale piece in mixed media.

Great fun, great learning.



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CLIMATE CHANGE EXHIBITION

If you live in the local area you should have received through your letter box details of the Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan that will form part of the local plan for Hart Council and will provide planning guidance on how the area will evolve over the next 15 years. The Plan is currently in its draft stage and local residents, as part of the consultation process, will be asked to complete a survey. As part of this process students at local schools were invited to enter a poster competition to highlight Climate Change

To launch the start of the consultation process, we will be holding an exhibition in the school hall on **29 February**, starting at 11.00am and entry is free. The exhibition will be an opportunity for local residents to view and feedback on the plan, see what climate change means to the young people of the area, view the amazing posters they have created and find out what is going on in the local community, and of course to have a cup of tea and a chat.

The survey is available to complete online: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C39FKFJ

Come along and have your say!

CLIMATE CHANGE POSTER EXHIBITION AND COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

SAT 29TH FEB 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Yateley School - Main Hall

FIND OUT HOW THE LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL
HELP TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE



Yateley, Darby Green & Frogmore
Neighbourhood Plan Survey Launch



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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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JUNIOR AQUA AEROBICS CLASSES

Wednesday's 4:00-4:45pm
at Yateley School

Next course starting 4th March (5 week course)

£30

Suitable for children aged 8 – 16 years old, who are confident in the water.

Enquire today:

Carrie – 07963 932017

wavesswimandfitness@outlook.com

Parent's are not required to stay, however all participants must hand in a completed PARQ signed by a parent or guardian prior to entering the water.



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