

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Happy Easter!



Dear Parents

As I write, parents and students from Years 8, 9 and 10 are streaming through school for the subject review day. I am very grateful for the support and hope that the day has been helpful, informative and instructive. In many cases there will be plenty of praise and no doubt a few timely reminders along the way too! The key, of course, will be to capitalise on this advice; year 10 have exams after the Easter break and careful preparation and real ambition to strive for the high grades is important now if they are to maximise their prospects next year.



In an effort to highlight the amazing work done behind the scenes at Yateley School, I am introducing a new feature – the unsung heroes. These people go to extraordinary lengths to not just keep the wheels turning, but also to innovate and support. In this bulletin it is Rosie Hatherley! Rosie is our data manager and helps our students get their reports, our teachers the information they need and expertly manages SIMS. Rosie is amazing at everything she does and is truly cherished by all of us... we genuinely couldn't run the school without her. Thanks Rosie for all your work, you are truly brilliant!



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Don't panic, this is not the official Year 11 photograph. This is a home-grown version taken while the real thing was being set up. That moment arrived on Thursday as Year 11 students and tutors dodged the showers and presented themselves for that moment-in-time record photograph. They looked super and should be proud of what they've achieved so far. A



tough few weeks ahead of course, but so worth the extra effort. All of year 11 will or at least should now be engaged in their revision programmes and should be putting the holiday period ahead to good and structured use. Plenty of breaks and exercise I hope, but a golden opportunity too to get some serious study done.



We've had another busy week in the sixth form and Mr Mather tells me that we have: hosted Cardiff University for a UCAS introduction, held our inaugural Easter Party, visited Robert Mays School to help welcome our new year 12s from other schools and witnessed a giant chicken orchestrating our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Starting with the latter, we felt that an Easter Egg Hunt would be a suitable form-time activity the morning after our Easter Party. It was. Tired students solved anagrams, collected clues and won chocolate. What could be better? They were

tired because we were at the Ely last night with around 100 of our most beautiful students who happily danced the night away as a celebration of a hard-term-well-executed. It's always a pleasure to be on the side-lines of a Yateley party; they serve as a reminder of just how great our community is and how fun-loving our students are. Extra special last night was the fact that one of our students experienced this for the very first time: you know who you are. It was a pleasure to have you there. In the morning our incredible Head Boy and Head Girl met at Robert Mays where we continued a welcome for next year's Year 12s who are coming from there. They were excited to hear all about the party and Head Boy/Girl process as well as all the other things we do to help students feel welcome. On Tuesday evening it was fantastic to welcome around 40 families in to hear from Cardiff University all about university life and the application process. We also talked through the new Degree Level Apprenticeships and the ins and outs of student finance and future earning potential. I was particularly pleased about the number of areas where we and Cardiff had similar views on student futures: two institutions very focused on getting young people to be their very best selves.



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Intermediate Maths Challenge. I was delighted to have the opportunity to present Bronze, Silver and Gold Maths challenge certificates to a number of our most gifted Mathematicians who have done superbly in this most challenging of tests. Thanks also to the Maths teaching team who have enabled this to flourish. A special mention to Mrs James who baked a prize cake for each student, individually inscribed with their name!

Student star of the week.

Daniel Morgan 10WN – who works so exceptionally hard at all his academic studies, was presented (from amongst the Maths challenge students) with Gold, Best in Year and Best in School. Congratulations Daniel, another superb achievement.

It just remains for me to wish you, family, friends, supporters of the school and the wider community a great holiday and a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely.

Paul German



Brilliant Club On Thursday 4th April, I attended the Launch trip of the Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme at the University of Sussex with Emma Fuller, Sophie Greener, Lexi Hogben-Stephenson, Zara Hunt, Thomas Hurst, Amelia Norris, Cerys Parkes, Rebecca Pomfrett, Jack Randall and Sophie-Ella Tzanetis. Despite torrential rain on the journey, once we arrived we were lucky to enjoy dry weather for our tour of the campus and our numerous walks to and from various seminar rooms, the mini-bus and café. The students really enjoyed their day trying out life as a University student. They had their first tutorial with their PhD tutor where they started to look at 'What is War'? At the end of the programme they will produce a 1500 word essay answering that question and will be graded on the University grading system. They will also attend a second University for their graduation from the programme. Our students were a credit to us on both the journeys and at the University and I thoroughly look forward to reading their thoughts on 'What is war?'

Mrs Cobbold

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Examination Dance Showcase 2019

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Dance Show in Drama Studio 1 on Tuesday 2nd April. Our Year 11 GCSE Dancers have been working tirelessly over several months to create their own choreography outside of lesson time based on a chosen stimulus of:

- An album cover design by Storm Thorgerson
- An item that can be worn on the head
- Something reported in the national press in the 1970s

The pieces were performed beautifully by students across different age groups throughout the school. In addition to this, a number of students jumped at the opportunity to perform their own work or something they had learnt outside of school.

At Yateley Sixth Form, our Year 13 BTEC class took to the stage at Yateley for the last time. Thomas Harris joined the BTEC Dance group not having studied GCSE Dance and has excelled in the course Olivia Collins, Charlotte Prendiville and Ellie Spencer studied GCSE Dance and then continued into BTEC Dance. All of the class have become accomplished performers and choreographers and I wish them lots of luck for their futures. For those of you who attended the evening, thank you for your support and I hope you enjoyed the finale, where I made a special appearance performing too!

From left to right: Ellie Spencer, Olivia Collins, Charlotte Prendiville & Thomas Harris

In their performance of 'The Showman'



Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance



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Year 7 and 8 Top Performers

It's that time again to acknowledge our highest achieving students, this time with Y7 and Y10 taking centre stage (after a dramatic drum roll and unbearable tension after Ant and Dec cut to an advert break). We're so proud to see how the young people at Yateley School flourish in our rich and diverse curriculum offer, and the students shown below are consistently meeting and beating their challenging targets we set them. Congratulations to all students shown below, we hope you are truly proud of your achievements at Yateley School! Enjoy your Easter break and give those minds a little break – you must be exhausted!

Mr P Hill – Raising Standards Leader

Year 7 Top Performers	Year 10 Top Performers
Spring-19	Spring-19
ALEXANDER Max	ALEKSEJEVS Polina
BONNER Zara	BOLAND Isabella
BRYANT Megan	CALLAWAY Isobel
CARPENTER Hannah	CHERRY Ellina
CASSELTON Elliot	CLARK Zoe
CONNOR Georgia	CUNINGHAME Grace
DAVIES Alexander	DAY Joseph
HARRIS Pia	GREEN Sophie
HEARD Sophie	HARRISON Grace
HULL Cheyenne	HART Samantha
JACOB Molly	HASEEB Haaris
JAMES Cara	KENNEDY Daniel
JENKINS Ethan	PETERSON Lexie
MCMULLEN Kayla	RAWLINSON Rebecca
SALTER Evelyn	RUTTER Freddie
SANTOS Lucas	SAGE Libby
SCOTT Eleanor	SIMPKINS Leah
SHAMBROOK Cooper	STEPHENSON Mia
THATCHER Emily	TURNER Samuel
THUAMBE Giramia	WORRALL Taylor
WILLIAMS Nathan	YELLOWLEES Libby



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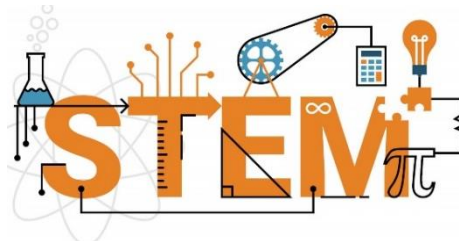
Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that after the May Day Bank Holiday (Tuesday 7th May) students are allowed to wear the schools summer uniform if they wish, but are not allowed to do so before this date. For further details of the summer uniform and all other uniform, please see the guidance below on the VLE:

https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/49114/mod_page/content/31/Uniform%20Guidance.pdf

Materials needed please for year 7 STEM challenge

It would be really helpful if we could have donations of the following materials to use for our STEM challenge day in the summer term.



- Toilet/kitchen rolls
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Easter Egg boxes with their inserts
- Newspapers

Please can your child bring any of the above, in bags if possible to the Design and Technology department- Mr Sibbald, **as soon as possible after Easter.**

Thanks for your support
Miss Williams

Year 10s and 12s Work Experience 15th to 19th July 2019

All Year 10 and 12 Students will be out on Work Experience in 3 months' time. Students need to return their payment and completed forms as soon as possible (deadline was Friday 5th April 2019).

Each week I have been sending Tutors Work Experience placement information and also meeting individual Students on a Thursday during Tutor Time and afterwards sending them a follow up email detailing companies, organisations and charities to contact for a placement.

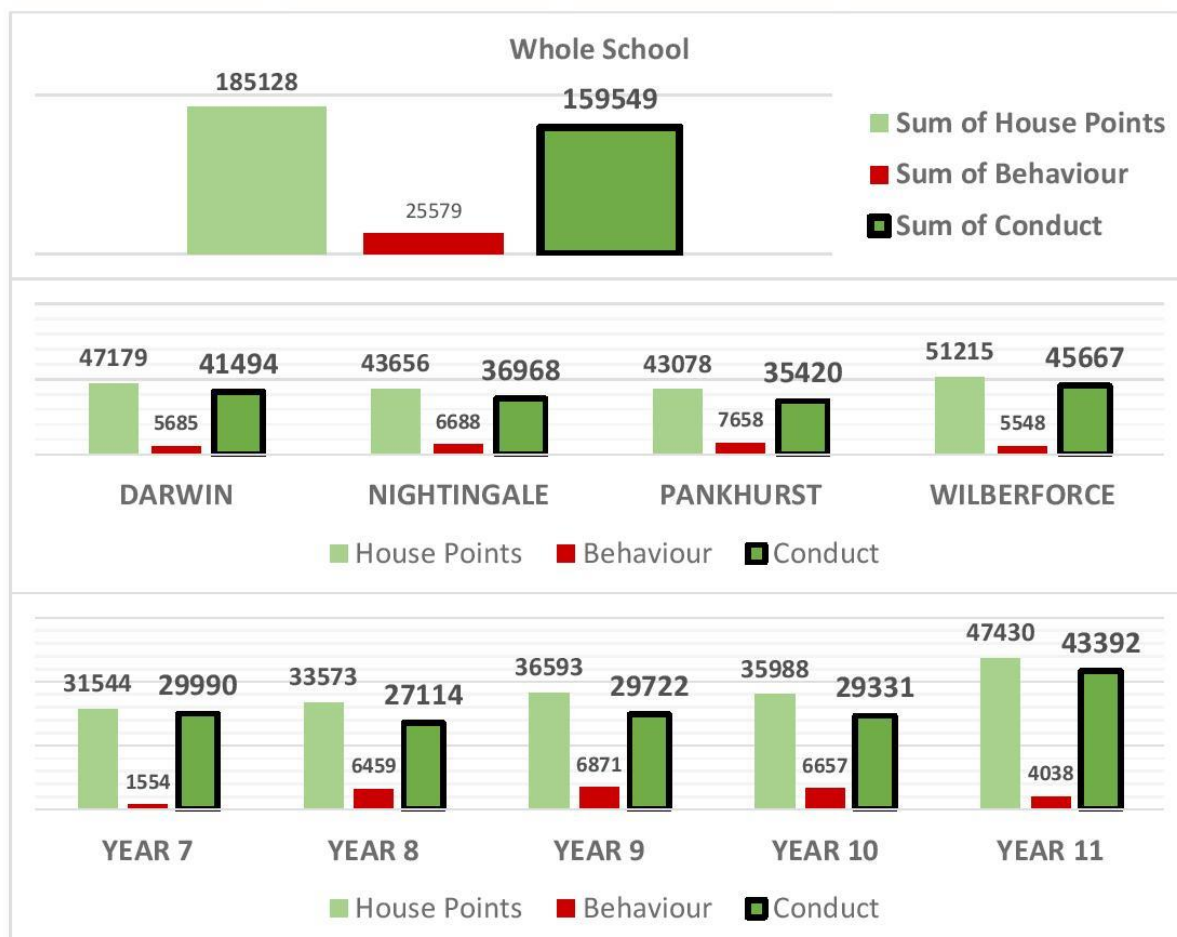
Please can those Students that have not found a placement use the Easter Break to research companies, organisations or charities that they are interested in and make contact with them for a placement.

If any Students need a Private Placement Form these are available at Reception. I am in school on Tuesday's 0915-1415hrs and Thursdays 0900-1400hrs if you need any help.

Mrs S Dethick Work Experience Co-Ordinator
Email: sarah.dethick@yateley.hants.sch.uk Tel: 01252 746923

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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 20.03.19



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	8NN	9DS	10WN	11PN

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

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

Whole School Attendance: 94.79%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7DS	8NS	9WN	10PS	11NS



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Year 11 Science Period 7 Timetable*

Date	Double Science Topic	Location	Triple Science Topic	Location
Please note that on the pink shaded dates Maths have priority on period 7. Science sessions are available for others.				
Wed 27 th Mar	Chemistry	A35		
Thur 28 th Mar			Physics	A32
Wed 3 rd April	Physics	A24	Biology	A21
Wed 24 th April	Biology	A21	Chemistry	A35
Wed 1 st May	Chemistry	A35		
Thurs 2 nd May			Physics	A32
Wed 8 th May	Physics	A24	Biology	A21

*Triple Science students are more than welcome to join in the double science sessions if they wish to and pre-work (set on SMHW) must be completed in order to attend these sessions.

Year 10 – 13?

Visit one of our new lunchtime drop-in Science Clinics:

Monday - Chemistry in A3.5

Tuesday - Physics in A2.4

Wednesday - Biology in A2.2

Teachers will be on hand to support students with completion of homework, revision or independent study.

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AbleChild Africa

On the 28th April Mr Coggan is going to be running the London Marathon to challenge himself and raise money for his chosen charity AbleChildAfrica.

To learn more about the event and to prepare for the upcoming Athletics season students will take part in a 1 Mile Fun Run in the first week back after the Easter Holidays. The purpose of the Fun Runs is to be physically active and have fun by completing the course with their friends or by running it in the quickest possible time. Mr Coggan has invited the students to get themselves sponsored for the event to help raise money for AbleChildAfrica who support children in Africa with physical disabilities or learning difficulties. We hope your son or daughter take up the challenge of completing the 1 Mile course and in the process raise lots of money for disadvantaged and extremely vulnerable students.

Chess Club

Continued with a busy term. The club continues to grow as eight new players played their first ranked game. The most active players were Luke Price with 10 games and Ben Seaborn with 9. Luke Price, Elliot Casselton and Josh Allan have gained the most ranking points this term. Josh managed to pick his points from one matchup, targeting a high value player for his victory. New members are always encouraged – I hope to see you next term.

Mr T Glendinning, Head of KS3 Maths

Library Matters

Library fines and charges are reviewed annually and the following charges are effective from **3rd April 2019**

Reservations – adult £1, child 10p per item

National interlibrary loans - £20 per item

Replacement library card - £1

Overdue charges – adult 25p per day (maximum £6.75 per item), child 5p per day (maximum £1.25 per item) A comprehensive list of all charges is available in the library

Mrs M Roaf, Yateley School Library Assistant



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Year 7 visit to Southall Gurdwara

Year 7 were a little quiet and nervous as they carefully removed their shoes and covered their hair to enter the Southall Gurdwara. We were on a day trip to London to visit the Sikh holy building as part of our Religious Studies course. Mr Ajit Singh, a multi-lingual ex-teacher of over forty years, warmly welcomed us into the Gurdwara.

We were then taken around the temple by our guide who gave us a history of the Sikh religion and included plenty of opportunity to ask questions. One highlight was Mr Ajit Singh showing us his Kirpan (ceremonial knife). We visited the main worship room and walked around the Guru Granth Sahib.

Whilst sitting for a short period to observe the daily activity in the temple we were lucky enough to see a newly married couple receive a blessing. By this point we were all starving. Luckily we had the opportunity to sample Karah Pashard a traditional sweet offered to all at the end of worship.

We then followed our guide downstairs to the Langar (free kitchen) which is open to anyone. This particular Gurdwara feeds around 50,000 people each week, which makes it one of the largest charities in Europe. The Curry was delicious and many of us, myself included, went up for seconds.

We spent a fascinating day touring the Gurdwara. Hungry to go again soon.



Mr Bristow, Trip Leader



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Ski Trip 2020

Despite the deadline actually having passed I have asked the Ski Company for an extension on applications. This is because we have had our resort confirmed. We will be travelling to Juwel in Austria which has over 100km of piste. I am extremely excited to be going here again so I thought opening the trip up again would only be fair. We have around 10 places still available for current year 9-12 students.

General Details

Dates : **Friday, 14th February - Saturday, 22nd February 2020 (this is the week of the Spring half term break)**

Skiing: 6 days skiing with all day ski instruction and supervision.

Dry skiing: A compulsory requirement for all beginners (Never skied on snow) on the trip. These will run after school during the autumn and spring term 2019/2020 We expect to be able to take most of the students using the school minibus.

Allocation of places:

Skiing trips are always popular. As places are limited we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. The deadline for applications is 3.10pm on **Thursday 15th March.**

The trip is open to everyone in the present year 9 and above. In the event of over subscription, places will be offered firstly to sixth form students, then 2018-2019 year 11s, and then to the other two year groups. Participation in the trip is also dependent on a good behaviour record in school and if their behaviour has resulted in their removal from the trip, your deposit and any other payment will only be refunded if the school can give up the place with no financial penalty. Places for this school trip are limited and therefore in the event of oversubscription, a place will be allocated on the basis of a) meeting the deadline, this includes the submission of **all payments and the return of fully completed forms**, b) behaviour record, c) attitude to learning and attendance. If none of these apply, names will be drawn at random.

If financial hardship prevents anyone from participating in the trip, please let me know of this in writing. This information will, of course, be treated as confidential. Limited funding is sometimes available to assist in such cases.

Breakdown of Cost

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coach travel to and from resort• 6 nights full board and accommodation• Hire of skis, poles, helmets and boots• 5 hours of instruction per day• Ski breakage insurance• Ski lift pass	£899
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Kitty money for incidental expenses, e.g. evening activities (skating, swimming, etc.), administration costs, ski awards, information booklet production.	£31
Total	£930

Additional Costs

Compulsory ski lessons at Alpine Ski Centre, Aldershot. <i>This is a Hampshire County Council requirement for all beginners on the trip. Depending on numbers this is an approximate cost.</i>	Approx £50
Pocket money is not included in the price, nor is the cost of ski clothing.	

Payment scheme

An initial deposit of £250 with the application form and then full amount paid in four installments, as outlined below, using the online payment system. Ski trip 2019. Cheques should be made payable to Yateley School. ***Please write "2020 Ski Trip" on the back of the cheque, with your son/daughter's name and tutor group.***

After the decision has been made as to who will be going on the trip you will be notified and the finance office will set up an account to allow online payments through 'Scopay'. Please feel free to make payments whenever you wish, using the dates below as a guideline.

£250.00 (deposit)	15th March 2019
£150.00	1 May 2019
£150.00	1 June 2019
£150.00	1 July 2019
£100.00	1 September 2019
£Final Balance (+£50 for ski lessons if applicable)	1 November 2019

Please note that once your son/daughter has been allocated a place on the Ski Trip ***ALL*** deposits are **non-returnable**.

Please complete these as soon as possible and return them to Reception. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mr D Plummer, Ski Trip Organiser

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Coping with modern-day anxiety

Wednesday 8th May 8-9pm

Lismoyne Hotel, 45 Church Road, Fleet GU51 4NE

This one-hour session is appropriate for adults and children from 10 years old.

In this initial session, Mindfulness and NLP Master Andrea Bremner will introduce you to your unconscious mind and why you are programmed to behave the way you do.

Further sessions will cover strategies to help you stay calm, self-assured and in control, training your mind to be fit for the stresses of modern-day life.

The first session costs £15, under 18s must be accompanied by a full paying adult and are half price at £7.50. Spaces are limited so please email Andrea now to book your place:

andrea@andreabremner.co.uk



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CHURCH CROOKHAM,
FLEET GU52 8JY

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GU52 8AP
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