

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of the new term. I hope you've enjoyed a pleasant and restful Easter break and that the students are recuperated ready for the relatively short, but extremely busy term ahead. Of course the public exams get under way in earnest in less than three weeks, but all year groups will have internal exams over the next little while; a real opportunity to shine and show the fruits of a year's worth of endeavour. Naturally, our main focus at the moment is to give years 11 and 13 every opportunity to succeed. Every last bit of energy needs to be put to productive use, but mindful of the need to keep space, calm and exercise throughout the exam period.



On Sunday Mr Coggan will be running the London Marathon to raise money for his chosen charity AbleChildAfrica who support disabled children and their families in Africa. Although he is not a keen runner Mr Coggan has been training hard for 5 months to get ready for Sunday.

This week Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in 1 Mile Sponsored Fun Runs which were absolutely fantastic events and have helped raise over £1,000 already. If you would like



to sponsor Mr Coggan and support his run this weekend you can find his online fundraising page at the following address <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bencoggan1> On the day Mr Coggan will be wearing No. 42827 and running in fancy dress so look out for Peter Pan!

Thank you to the many Year 7 parents who attended the Parents' Consultation Evening on Thursday. In large part the Year Sevens have made an excellent start to their secondary schooling and are making strong progress. Early feedback from the evening has been very positive.

As I write the bulletin, members of the Learning Support department are preparing the Hall for this evening's quiz night. They will be raising much needed money for developments in Learning Support, in



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particular purchasing more of the fantastic reading pens. These wonderful pieces of technology allow students who find decoding words difficulty to run the pen over the word and it will be read back to them. Depending on the version they can give definitions too. As a means of developing literacy, fluency and developing a degree of independence, this technology is invaluable – if rather expensive!



Yes... Rock Challenge is back. We'll be rooting for our fabulous dancers in Portsmouth Guildhall on Saturday evening and thanks in advance to Mrs Wearing and the team. More on this next week. Come on Yateley!

I am delighted to let our new Head Boy and Girl introduce themselves after my section. The selection process was exhaustive and very demanding and we have worthy successors to the fabulous work done by Adam and Rhea.



Student star of the week is Daisy Crane in 7NN

As a future Great British Bake off contender, Daisy entered the junior category at Cake International, a prestigious cake and baking show in London during the Easter holidays. Against competitors from across the country she got a silver award and came 2nd overall in her category.



Yours sincerely,
Paul German

Head Girl Biography



I am Rhiannon Baldwin and I am thrilled to be Yateley School's head girl for the upcoming academic year. I am looking forward to being able to give something back to the school, face lots of new challenges and I am really eager to do a good job!

I think Yateley School and its Sixth Form is an amazing school. The school motto 'Learning together, empowered for life' really emphasises the supportive atmosphere of the school. Teachers will always try to encourage and push students where appropriate, so that everyone has the opportunity to achieve to their full potential. The school's excellent pastoral system helps students increase their confidence and get the most out of their lessons.

I am a hard working individual and have loved being involved in all of the various opportunities that Yateley have offered to me during my 6 years here.

This includes organising house music, volunteering with year 11 lessons, as well as participating in house sport events in lower school, and playing in the orchestra. In my view, this is one of the best things about Yateley School, the countless options that are provided to students, fuelling each individual's unique interests and passions.



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During my time here, I have also been fortunate enough to have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh award. This meant that I had to work in a team and communicate effectively to be able to perform the necessary tasks, as well as organising the different duties such as cooking and who is carrying what equipment. This has led me to be a better communicator in my other roles that I have taken on, such as volunteering at a retirement home, reading with primary school children and teaching younger children maths and English.

I am really proud to be representing Yateley School as the head girl alongside the other senior students and I am sure that we can make a positive change to the school and Sixth Form in our remaining time here.

Head Boy Biography



Hi, my name is Joe Lynskey and it is an honour to represent Yateley School through the title of head boy. I feel this opportunity as such would allow me to represent the school differently to the surrounding community.

Throughout my time at Yateley School I have been part of many school events such as house drama and lower school production. I've also represented the school in many sporting events such as basketball, football and Athletics. Last year I was fortunate enough to be a nightingale drama captain where I assisted in the production of the annual house drama event which Yateley School has to offer. Throughout my short time in sixth form I have managed to become a senior prefect and assist in many open days and lead tours around the school for those visiting. I have also been given the opportunity to help year 11's in their maths GCSE's. Outside of school I'm a member of my local football team where I play as a Centre Forward. Furthermore, I'm an avid mountain biker and skier and was lucky enough to

go skiing with the school one year. The job which I have is very depended on working with others in large groups. I'm a team player and enjoy the company of those around me and always try my best whatever I do. Studying Maths and Physics, I think logically and am able to always think of the best outcome for everyone involved. My product design course allows me to think outside of the box to come up with ideas which the school can benefit from as well as find and identify issues in the school which I could solve.

I believe that Head boy is a very important responsibility to have. And for this reason, I will always strive to provide the best service I can. I feel like the teachers here at Yateley gave me this power by always helping me try to be the best person I could possibly be outside of school as well as my work. In my opinion I feel like we have something very special here at Yateley and that being the community and I'd like to boost this as much as possible in the school as well as the sixth form. I'll use my time here as head boy to really make a change to the way the school functions and hope to leave a little bit of me behind while also bringing a little slice of Yateley with me when I step over into university life. Yateley School has moulded me into who I am today and I'm forever grateful for that, I feel like all students should have this gratitude for the school as it does a lot for everyone.

I'm incredibly thankful to my peers and all those who supported me in my decision to go for head boy. I hope I can make a big change here at Yateley for my next two years and I'm really looking forwards to this experience. I hope I'll be seeing all of you soon at the upcoming parents evening or subject review day. I'll also be looking forward to speaking to many of you and hearing what you have to say.

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Yearbook 2019

Creation of the Year 11 leaver's book is well underway. A competition to design the cover was posted on Show My Homework. 8 entries were then voted on by students and the winner's design has been made into the front and back cover. Our winner is Tyler Byrne. Congratulations Tyler, it looks great. Tyler's prize is to receive his copy of the yearbook free of charge. If your son or daughter would like a copy and you have not yet paid, you have until 3rd May to do so via the online payment system Tucasi. The cost is £18.50. Please contact admin if your child is eligible for pupil premium funding and would like to use this money to purchase a yearbook. Students are also able to submit their own photos via Show My Homework to be considered for being in the yearbook until 26th April.

Mrs James



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HOUSE MUSIC 2019

This event is fast approaching! Please, encourage your son/daughter to continue to attend House Rock Choir rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunch times as well as the rehearsals for solos, duets, ensembles and bands.

House Music will be held on Wednesday, 8th May. Tech rehearsal will be held on the same day in the main hall, so it is vital that all participants attend it. Both, concert program and tech rehearsal schedule are displayed on the Music Block's front door so it is vital that every participant checks them and makes notes in their own personal diary.

I am publishing the tech rehearsal schedule in this Bulletin too. Please, discuss it with your son/daughter to help us to run the day smoothly.

Attire is 'all black' - smart, black shoes, boys with ties/bow ties etc.; no jeans, no trainers, no t-shirts or logos. It would be great if every participant could wear a little something (a scarf, hair accessory, tie, belt etc.) in their house colour.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the audience on Wednesday, 8th May.

Ms Pejovic, Head of Music

HOUSE MUSIC 2019 TECH REHEARSAL - Wednesday, 8th May 2019

Captains to arrive at 8:15am to help to set up in the Main Hall BEFORE assembly.

All participant to go straight to the Main Hall for all day tech rehearsal. Prompt start is required.

Period 1: 1st half of concert

Period 2: 1st half of concert

BREAK

Period 3: 2nd half of concert

Period 4: 2nd half of concert

LUNCH

Period 5: BRASS ENSEMBLE, GCSE YEAR 11 BAND AND JAZZ BAND

Period 6: BLOCKING AND 'WALK THROUGH'

Please arrive no later than 5:45pm. Performing attire is ALL BLACK - elegant, smart and sensible with a little splash of your relevant house colour (as discussed). Tickets can be purchased via Mrs Ellis, our Front of House. Please, help us to tidy up and put all instruments and equipment safely back in the Music Block on the night.

Do not forget your instruments, sheet music and backing tracks. 😊



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Mathematics - Help is at hand ...



YEAR 11 - Maths GCSE

Exam practice and revision in C2.1

Year 12/13 - Maths A Level

Revision in C2.4 [Year 12]/C2.5 [Year 13]

A Level Drop-in C2.6

Every Wednesday from 3:15pm

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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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Library closed on Tuesday 30th April

Yateley Library will be closed to the public for staff training on Tuesday 30th April.

Young Person's "Safe Haven"



Emotional wellbeing support for people aged 10 - 17

North Barn, 4 Hillside Road, Aldershot, GU11 3NB

Weekly topics

Tuesday 30th April ~ **Communication**
Wednesday 1st May ~ **Mood and food**
Thursday 2nd May ~ **Expressing emotions**
Friday 3rd May ~ **Labelling**

Tuesday 7th May ~ **Listening skills**
Wednesday 8th May ~ **Self-esteem**
Thursday 9th May ~ **Self-image**
Friday 10th May ~ **Self care**

Tuesday 14th May ~ **What we have in common**
Wednesday 15th May ~ **Resilience**
Thursday 16th May ~ **Autism**
Friday 17th May ~ **Abusive relationships**

Tuesday 21st May ~ **Anger**
Wednesday 22nd May ~ **Medication**
Thursday 23rd May ~ **Exam stress**
Friday 24th May ~ **Eating Disorders**

Art every Sunday

For more information please email s.glaister@justwellbeing.org.uk



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