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Dear Parents



Yesterday we took 100 students to the Higher Education Fair at Winchester. It was, for most, their first time on a university campus. Thankfully the sun shone and students were able to make the most of getting around the campus to visit the 130 exhibitors! There were stands ranging from higher level apprenticeships to the more traditional Universities such as Cambridge, Exeter and Durham. Students spent an exhausting but worthwhile two hours talking to representatives about what each university could offer in relation to academic studies and university life. A range of seminars were available for

students ranging from business management to fashion and textile design, along with a huge array of freebies in an attempt to win over prospective students. We had a great time collecting a year's supply of free pens, sunglasses, bags for life, headphones, travel mugs and boxes of cereal. The day was a huge success and has been followed by a wide variety of discussions taking place in the sixth form area today about the future and what is available to them. The staff, as always, spent the day asking if we could go back to university, as the range of courses was outstanding! An excellent day out for all.

Adam Dart in 13PRS represented Great Britain in the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Pontevedra, Spain last weekend. He had a wonderful experience and was delighted to finish 10th overall (4th GB) in the U20 age group. Adam took part in the Sprint Duathlon, which for those that don't know, this consists of a 5km run, followed by a 20km bike, with a further 2.5km run to finish. Adam trains most days and now that he is 18 he can do longer distances, which he is thinking about doing as stamina is a great strength of his (pun intended)!



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Unsung Hero. Imagine that you were individually responsible for administering over 2000 GCSE exam papers and over 500 A-Level papers; organising hundreds of students to be in the right place at the right time all year round. Doesn't really sound like an easy job! Well, Mrs Julie Stimson is our unheralded but unbelievably talented exams officer whose job this is. She coordinates all of our students through the most stressful times of their lives whilst spending countless hours ensuring that everything we do in relation to exams is immaculate! Mrs Stimson is remarkably talented, warm, personable and above all... exceptional. Thanks Mrs Stimson for all of the effort you give for our students – you're simply the best!



Later in the bulletin you'll find a full write-up of our extraordinary success in the 2019 Rock Challenge competition. However, I'd like to record my thanks to Mrs Wearing and the team for months of exceptional preparation and determination. The spirit amongst the dancers was stunning and the overall standard of the performances at this elite level was amazing. We came away with second place in the South of England – an extraordinary result. Well done all.



Student star of the week Isaiah Mallet 10WS. Isaiah has been absolutely instrumental in this year's Rock Challenge success. He has worked tirelessly for the team and shown exceptional dancing skill. He also supported by helping to paint the set and in choreographing the final scene. By his own admission, Isaiah has made extraordinary progress this year and dance has played a huge part in this.

Do please note that if students wish to wear summer uniform, they may do so from next Tuesday, 7th May. Also, please have a look at the letter and consultation that I have sent to all parents about the school toilets. Finally, I wish you all a pleasant bank holiday weekend.



Yours sincerely,
Paul German



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ROCK CHALLENGE 2019

In September 2018, over 100 students auditioned to be part of the school team and compete in the Rock Challenge Dance and Drama Competition. In October, 70 students were selected to represent the school and rehearsals began for each of the groups that would help unfold a tragic event in our lifetime: Chernobyl. Careful



research of this horrific event took place to make sure we were sensitive but drew upon key events and locations from 1986. The piece was first shown in February as a showcase to other open level schools. The team achieved a huge amount of awards and some constructive feedback from the judges on how we could improve our piece ready for the Premier Competition that took place on Saturday 27th April. The competition judges all areas of the performance including set, costume, lighting, soundtrack, performance and drama just to mention a few! We joined in with the spirit of rock challenge which is to always be your best and to have a natural high. Yateley arrived in Disney outfits, showing a great sense of pride and fun. We were determined to have a great day, no matter what the result would be. Nine other schools/colleges took part in the Premier Competition (South of England) at The Guildhall, Portsmouth. It was wonderful to hear so many parents, family and friends cheering from their seats for us, including Mr German! At the end of the competition, the team eagerly waited for the results. The team achieved a total of 11 (out of a possible 12!) awards for excellence in Concept, Choreography, Performance, Drama Soundtrack, Entertainment, Visual Enhancement, Lighting, Stage Use, Costume Design and Set Design. The team came **2nd place** in the overall competition which is incredible! This really shows what commitment, passion and hard work can achieve. Behind the scenes, our Performing Arts Technician, Mr Davis spent hours building the set that would help transport us to different locations around Chernobyl with judges commenting on the striking images that were on the flats. Mrs James organised several kind parents to help purchase suitable costumes for each character and also made dresses for the May Day Parade dancers, as well as embellish costumes to show suffering. Miss Parish made radiation signs to support the set design too. On the event days, Mrs Evans, Mrs Danelutti, Mrs Goldwater, Mrs Dixon and Mrs James volunteered their time to support the team and help supervise, help in the wings and do make up. Ella Coalter and Liv Cantlon came as makeup artists and Jayden Haines joined us for the Premier day with Ella to give our victim group realistic cuts and bruises. Kian Pritchard came to both events and introduced our piece to the audience as our Student Co-Host, whilst Codi Ealing took on the role as Lighting Designer... and won the award for the school (well done!). Mr Furness joined Mr Davis and the stage crew team to help load and unload all the set and costumes (which is not an easy job!) throughout the day and also did an amazing job. Isaiah Mallet (in Year 10) helped support this year with choreographing the victim's final phrase in 'Mad World' and also helped with the set and costume painting. Holly Osbaldstone, Amelia White, Lauren Woodman and Isaiah also helped during the Easter

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holidays to make final additions to set and costume before the competition. Well done, to each and every one of the students who have helped make Rock Challenge 2019 a huge success. Let's all be proud of what the students of Yateley have achieved. The students are:

Year 7: Giramia Thuambe, Megan Rose McVey, Charlotte Moore, Pia Harris, Olivia Kilby, Daisy Crane, Delilah Amarasunja, Ella Arnold, Maja Pejovic-Barnett and Sophie Heard

Year 8: Aimee Gubb, Poppy Vandenstein, Ammalia Williams, Casey Hyatt, Poppy Green, Milly Miles, Natasha Atkinson, Clara Neill, Cerys Parkes, Lizzy Overton, Rebecca Pomfrett, Nerys Ilott, Bethan Fowler and Livia Biddell



Year 9: Evie Saunders, Tia Hanbury-Hughes, Nicole Harrup, Georgia Woods, Kayleigh Robilliard, Daisy Rowlinson, Rochelle Nkhata, Charlotte Stickland, Aleisha Payne, Amy Sparrow and Isabella Brignall, Poppy Bourne, Keira Green and Grace Stafford.

Year 10: Isaiah Mallet, Ella Reed, Ellie Humphreys, Katie Boorman, Lauren Jones Sophia Ramos, Sophie Read, Daniel Harris, Megan Scotford, Rachel Plowman, Megan Humphrey, Rebecca Dadson, Tia Holloway, Bridie Probert, Holly Neighbour, Lucy Baxter Eloise Gadsby, Keira Blignaut, Abi Millington,

Rebecca Rawlinson, Kian Pritchard, Jayden Haines, Ella Coalter, Daniel Kennedy, Annalise Oakley and Ashlyn Lau

Year 11: Amelia Jarvis, Jess O'Sullivan, Holly Osbaldstone, Emily Ross, Ellie Green, Freya Brown, Tosca Danelutti, Amelia White Cameron Hayward, Emily Maher, Cameron Hayward Emily Maher

6th form: Lauren Woodman, Jasmine Roberts, Tate Farman and Codi Ealing

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ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS – WARNING, PENALTIES AND FINES

As I am sure all parents are aware, it is highly important that students attend school on time and all the time. There are of course legitimate occasions and reasons when students are not able to do this (for example significant illness and unavoidable medical appointments).

Schools have been able to issue penalties to parents based on poor **attendance** of a student, however we wanted to make all parents are aware of new guidance from Hampshire around issuing penalties for **lateness**.

The new guidance states that *'Schools can now issue a Penalty Notice if a child has been persistently late before the close of the register (coded L), for up to 10 sessions (five days) unless the issuing of a Penalty Notice would conflict with other intervention strategies in place or other sanctions already being processed.'*

Yateley School monitors student attendance and lateness very closely and of course will bring to the attention of parents any concerns before actions like warning letters, penalties, fines or prosecution are taken. We do also praise and reward those students that have fantastic attendance and punctuality data.

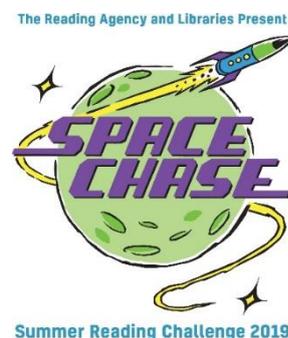
For further information on attendance, please refer to the below guidance which can be found on the parents section of our VLE:

- School Attendance Policy - https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod_page/content/102/Attendance%20-%202018%20Update.docx
- Guidance for Parents on Penalties - https://moodle.yateley.hants.sch.uk/pluginfile.php/26552/mod_page/content/102/code-of-conduct-issuing-penalty-notices-for-unauthorised-absence-from-schools.pdf

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yateley Library is looking for volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. Volunteers need to be 14 years or older. This is an ideal opportunity for students, parents and grandparents to help with this reading scheme. Students enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh award can use this towards their volunteering section. Please pop in or email the library on yateley.library@hants.gov.uk if you would like to help.

This is a great opportunity for students to boost their CV or university application. 4 or 40 hours over the summer - the choice is yours. Volunteer today!



Mrs Hood, School Library Manager

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LEARNING SUPPORT QUIZ AND RAFFLE 2019

We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who joined us for the Learning Support Quiz and raffle on Friday 29th April. The evening was a huge success and we are delighted to say we have raised approximately £800 which will allow us to buy another 4 reading pens, which will enable us to support many more of our students who have literacy difficulties.



The winning team on the evening was, We 8, with close runners up Carry on Quizzing, which included one of lovely librarians Mrs Roof. The team who picked up the wooden spoon and a round of kitkats for their efforts was the aptly named, Simple Minds!

We are so thrilled to have provided an evening of entertainment for many in our community and once again would like to thank everyone who took part, bought a raffle ticket, donated a prize and supported our Learning Support department. The local businesses who donated prizes were All About You Hair Salon, Sports Team, Yateley's Fitness, Baloo Beauty, All About Feet, DMK News, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, MacDonald's, Gravity Force and Morrison's. Thank you once again.

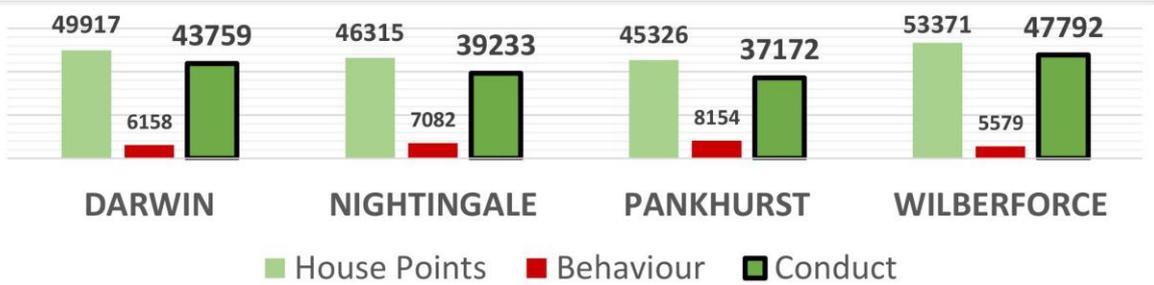


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 26.04.19



Whole School



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	Wilberforce	Darwin	Wilberforce	Pankhurst	Wilberforce

Whole School Attendance: 94.74%

Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7DS	8NS	9WN	10WN	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 – 13⁷

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.

WE HAVE SOLUTIONS...



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HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The annual House Music competition is fast approaching on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm in the Main Hall. This is a popular event which showcases the enormous talent we have here at Yateley School and it is a great evening out. If you would like tickets, they are priced at £6 for adults and £3 for concessions, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Reception for the attention of Mrs Ellis. Tickets will be sent out via your child's register.

Mrs K Ellis, Front of House

Reply Slip

House Music Competition - Wednesday 8th May - Main Hall - 7.00pm

I would like to purchase tickets for the House Music Competition on the 8th May 2019

Name of Student _____ Form _____

Number of Adult tickets £6.00 _____ Number of Concessions at £3.00 _____



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