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### Learning together – Empowered for life.

#### **Dear Parents**



Mental Health Awareness. In January of this year, 25 sixth formers completed a mental health awareness course over two days. The course prepared our Wellbeing Ambassadors in a variety of approaches and strategies that can be used to develop and lead peer support projects to reduce stigma, improve access, develop positive coping strategies and reduce stress. It was a very thought-provoking course!

This week is, as I am sure many of you are aware, Mental Health Awareness week and we took this opportunity to launch our Wellbeing

Ambassadors at Yateley. Sixth Form students led by Rhiannon Baldwin and Liam Fraher, delivered an assembly to all four houses about the key issues and stigma attached to mental health: the focus for this week has been on body image. The Wellbeing Ambassadors will be attached to specific year groups and will be available to support any student. This will be carefully monitored and I must stress that the students are not trained counsellors, they are there to signpost students to where they can get help and support from if they feel they, or their friends need it.

The students did an excellent job of presenting this information and I am exceptionally proud of them! Just another way in which the students at Yateley get involved in a diverse range of opportunities.

**Bike Safety.** It is great when young people cycle. Good for health, freedom and an environmentally sound way of getting to school. Not so great when a small minority of young cyclists are oblivious to other road users, taking unnecessary risks and possibly causing a nuisance or obstruction. We'll do our bit in school of course, but can I encourage parents of students who cycle to make sure their child takes great care when out and about on their bikes? This is both on any journeys to and from school, but also



when out in leisure time. A few comments have come my way about hazardous behaviour (particularly riding several abreast on the road) and I'd hate to have to be the bearer of bad tidings to any family connected with our school.

















They've only gone and done it again. The amazing Tzanetis girls, Molly in 10DE and Sophie-Ella in 8DN have excelled themselves, taking four gold medals each at the Army Regional Athletics competition last weekend. This covered the entire area of the South East and represents a massive achievement especially considering that they are up against hundreds of contestants.

They are now going on to compete in the same range of track and field events in the National Finals on the 8<sup>th</sup> June in Grantham. We wish them every success and congratulations on a stunning achievement so far.



This week's unsung hero is Emma Hall. There is no one in our school who has more of a can-do attitude than Emma. Every day she works out the staffing of the school ensuring that lessons are taught in the right place, staff who are absent are covered properly and that the whole school day flows seamlessly. Emma is the reason that our students can get last-minute revision sessions before their exams and always gives our students the best possible care. Emma missed her career as an Army General because she is the most unflappable and

effective planner you could ever hope to meet – frequently under immense pressure with a clock ticking down. Thanks Emma for everything you do, we have a kidnapping plan in place for you if you ever thought about leaving!

**Student star of the week** is Oscar Jones in 7NN. After his own experiences and seeing a lot of information online about animal suffering, he decided to raise money for Battersea Dogs' Home. He is now doing a walk-a-thon, doing at least 2 miles a day every day this month. His own channel shows the walking route map and area every day. He's already significantly exceeded his own target of £250 and looks to raise considerably more. Well done Oscar, a super effort.



A final reminder to you that the parental survey on student toilets is open until 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to the many of you who have responded already. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6M79DR5">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6M79DR5</a>

Yours sincerely.

Paul German















### **SPORTS RESULTS**

The year 9 Cricket team played against Ash Manor on Thursday evening, they won 115-5, 82-8

Some of the year 10s competed on Wednesday at an athletics friendly hosted by LWC, well done to all that took part.

Next Tuesday our Senior Athletic Teams will be competing at Senior Districts. Good Luck to all our Students that are attending, and please remember everything on your checklists.

Athletics Club will be cancelled on Tuesday due to all PE staff being out at the Competition.

### Mrs Kerrie Evans, Deputy Head of PE, School Gifted and Talented Coordinator

#### **MEDICAL ROOM**

We have had several incidents recently where students have attended school with medical supports i.e. medical boot, cast or sling etc. and the school have not been informed. This can lead to a compromise in health and safety and also affect the duty of care provided for students.

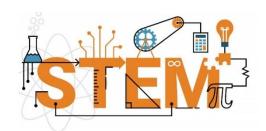
If your child has been involved in an accident or procedure that requires the use of some form of medical support, it is a requirement that the school be informed prior to the student attending school. Forms are available from the school nurse that will provide the school with the necessary information so that appropriate safeguards can be put into place. This will enable the school to ensure the safety of your child and that of other students that may be affected. If you require any further information or advice please contact the school nurse by nurse@yateley.hants.sch.uk or 01252879222.

Mrs Allen, School Nurse

### MATERIALS NEEDED PLEASE FOR YEAR 7 STEM CHALLENGE

We are running a STEM challenge day for year 7 in June and it would be really helpful if we could continue to receive donations of the following materials please, to use with students-

- Newspapers
- Toilet/kitchen roll inner tubes
- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Easter Egg boxes with their inserts
- Yoghurt pots
- Old tights/ stockings



Please can your child bring any of the above to the Design and Technology department- Mr Sibbald (BW2), as soon as possible. Thanks for your support

Miss Williams, Head of Design Technology





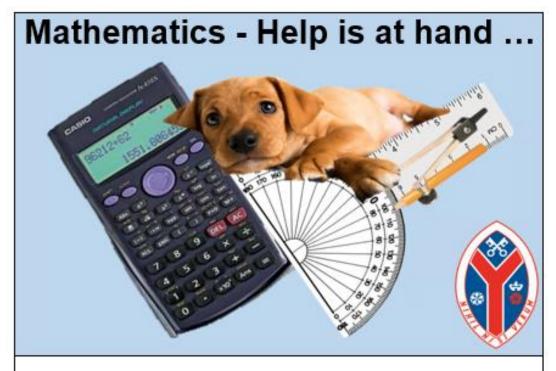












YEAR 11 - Maths GCSE

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** 

Everyone welcome - Learning together - Empowered for life





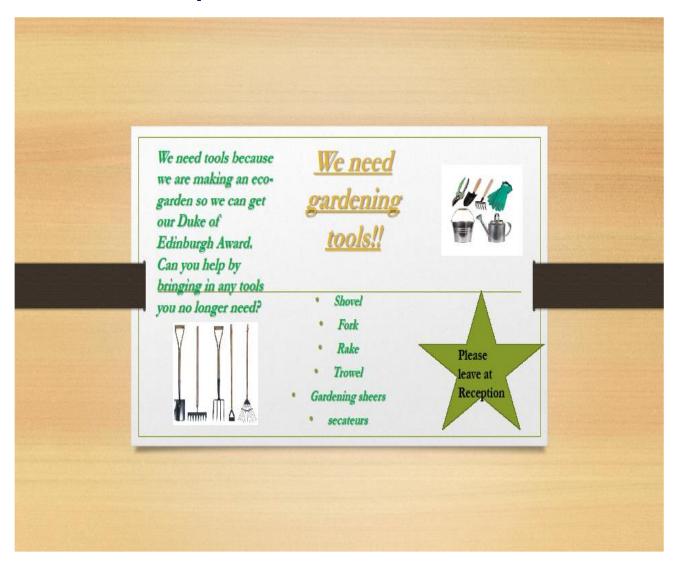


















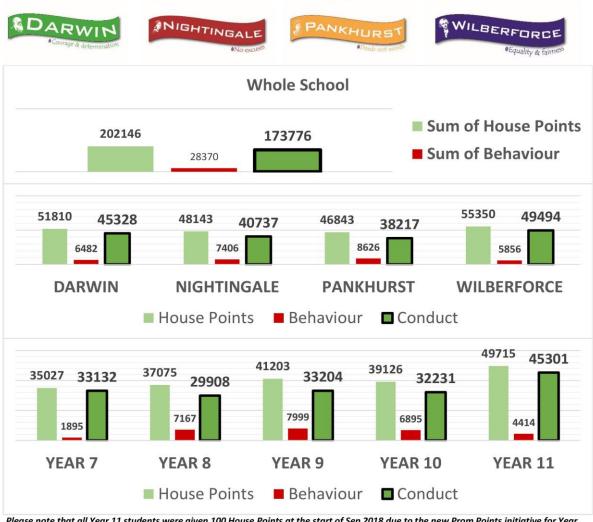








House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 10.05.19



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.

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### **HOUSE DANCE IS BACK!**

Calling all keen dancers in Years 7 to 10!

In October 2018, we saw **WILBERFORCE** win the House Dance Competition, who will be the winner of **2019**?

What is the House Dance Competition? It is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for students who enjoy dancing, to make new friends and help create a dance performance and perform to a live

audience. The theme for 2019 is Control.



Wilberforce House Dance Captains 2018: Erin Prendiville, Jessica O'Sullivan, Ella Bishop and Ashlie Pascoe (from left to right), receiving the winners shield!

How can I get involved? Year 10 House Dance Captains will hold open auditions for students in Years 7 to 10. You must wear dance kit.

No kit can be borrowed.



Wilberforce Dance Team performing their winning piece called 'Our Fight, Our Rights'. The piece told the story of hundreds of Suffragettes, many of whom had been disowned by their husbands, were incarcerated in Holloway prison for standing up for their rights. Their brave decision to go on hunger strikes meant being forced-fed but they continued campaigning from within the prison walls. It is with thanks to them that we celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage.















### **Auditions dates:**

### Monday 20 May 3.10-4.30pm

Darwin House Dance Audition: Main Hall

Pankhurst House Dance Audition: Dance Studio

### **Thursday 23 May 3.10-4.30pm**

Nightingale House Dance Audition: Main Hall

Wilberforce House Dance Audition: Dance Studio

### What happens in the audition?

Year 10 House Dance Captains will lead a warm up and then teach you a short phrase. You will then perform it in small groups. We will be looking for students who show lots of effort, look like they enjoy performing and are willing to work hard! Everyone who auditions will be part of the team! It is an opportunity for you to showcase what you can do!

### When do the rehearsals take place?

Each House will rehearse **once a week** from 3.15-4.30pm in the Dance Studio or Main Hall. For the summer term these will be:

**Mondays: Pankhurst and Darwin** 

**Tuesdays: Wilberforce and Nightingale** 

**Does it cost anything?** All students are asked to donate £4.00 towards the cost of buying costumes for the dance.

### When is the House Dance Competition?

You will perform your dance in the Dance Show in October 2019 in the Main Hall for 2 evenings. Come and give it a go, it is great fun and it's a really good way to make new friends, be creative and keep fit!



Finale of House Dance Show 2018

Theme: London's Past

Mrs Wearing, Head of Dance















**BOYS' ONLY** 

Boys' only free dance workshop coming to Yateley

This is a great opportunity for boys in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 to be challenged physically



and creatively. Luke Brown Dance is a physical theatre and contemporary dance company based in the UK. Luke has been inspirational in working with boys' dance and has been breaking down barriers to show boys can dance and should dance!

He runs his own company as well as 'Orb Male Dance Company' who are based in Eastleigh, Hampshire.

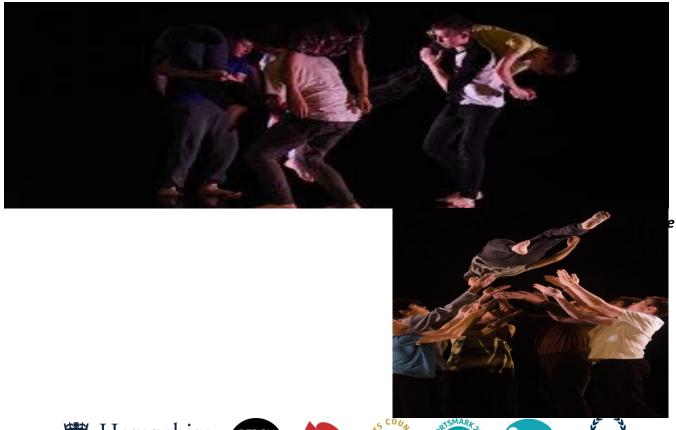
See more about his work at the website address below!

https://www.lukebrowndance.com/orb-male-youth-dance-company/#anchor

The workshop will be held in the Dance Studio on **Wednesday 19 June** and students will be excused from lessons 1 to 4 to participate. This is a great opportunity to work with a visiting professional male dance artist, to learn new skills including contact work in a safe environment.

If your son would like to book a place please email me at <a href="mailto:dance@yateley.hants.sch.uk">dance@yateley.hants.sch.uk</a>

There are only 20 places available!









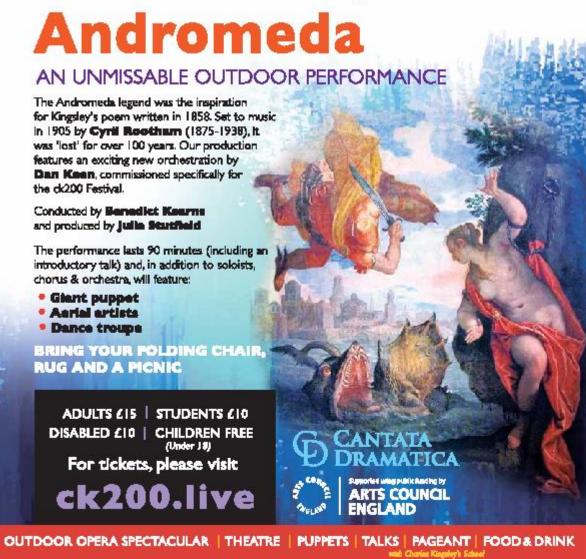




























Eversley is celebrating its most famous resident, the author Charles Kingsley, by staging a festival on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

There will be activities for all ages in the beautiful outdoor setting of The Mount: a musical spectacular, puppets, a pageant, a play, stalls and talks.

Proceeds from the two-day Festival will be divided between the international childrens' charity ChildHope UK and Charles Kingsley School.

For details please visit ck200.live













