

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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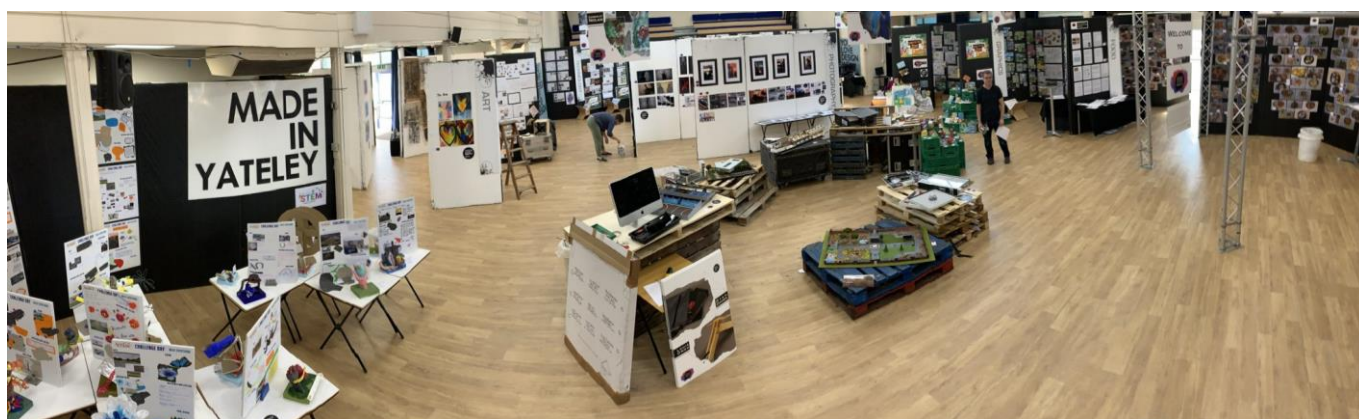
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**Dear Parents**



**Yateley Young Designers MMXIX** The annual exhibition of Graphics, Technology, Food, Photography and Art was held from Tuesday to Thursday of this week. It has almost become an expectation that audiences will be stunned by the quality of our students' work and this year was no exception. A packed hall on Tuesday evening celebrated the awards being made and heard very eloquently from former student Grace Roaf. The team putting this together have done a stunning job and I'd like to pay a particular tribute to our superb and talented staff who bring out the very best in our capable young people and especially for the leadership and unwavering commitment of Miss Williams. The hall was absolutely packed for the presentations on Tuesday and the guests were suitably wowed by the amazing quality.



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**RS Poland Trip.** An excellent trip has been running this week to Poland led by Mr Bristow, Head of RS and ably accompanied by Miss Self, Mr Plummer and Mrs Norrish. The picture shows them outside Wavel Castle. They have also visited Auschwitz and learned of the horrific history of the place – a haunting but worthwhile experience that will last them a lifetime.

**Unsung hero** and the last of the academic year is my long suffering and extraordinary PA, Beverley Elder. A great many parents



have appreciated her calm and understanding approach and above all, her exceptional common sense. After a 'significant birthday' this week, perhaps that wisdom will only get greater! She has the most challenging job of all – keeping me vaguely organised and like all great Head's PAs, gets on with quietly running the school. She has nerves of steel though and woe betide any company trying to fleece the school and her loyalty and commitment to the school is extraordinary. Thank you Beverley and enjoy a summer of not listening to my voice on the dictation machine!



**Year 5 taster events - part 3!** The summer holidays may be approaching but the fun never stops! Yateley School welcomed Hawley Primary School, along with a few remaining pupils from other schools for yet another year 5 taster session. This is the third one of the year and it shows just what a popular destination Yateley School is for the local, and not so local, primary schools. The students were introduced to both Resistant Materials and Food Technology, ably manned by Mr Sibbald and Mr Scanlon and a host of year 9 and 10

helpers. The students had an amazing experience which truly highlighted just what we do well here at Yateley School. We are very excited about welcoming these students to our school in 2021 for their 'Yateley' experience.

**Staff Leaving** It is my sad, but necessary duty at this time of year to bid farewell to staff leaving and wish them well in their future endeavours, whether it is moving for promoted posts, retirement or relocation. In general I will leave mentioning their replacements by name until September, although I want to reassure parents that I am delighted with our appointments, with strong and specialist teachers recruited ready for every vacancy.

From the Learning Support Team Beata Szrajner leaves us after five years to return to her native Canada – for anyone not in the know, see the rest of this section and the connection will make sense! Karen Bradley has been an absolute stalwart of the team and leaves after eleven years for a well-earned retirement. Her calm and measured manner has won her much admiration and the considerable respect of many children who've had their life chances improved by her work. Finally and with assured 'legend status' is Sheila Crowther who began her educational career in Westfields Infants 34 years ago and

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worked her way down the road, beginning at Yateley in 1992. Latterly, she has worked almost exclusively in the Sixth Form and has supported innumerable students in readying themselves for adult life.

We are losing some exceptional colleagues, but gaining some too. From the Science Department Lorraine Nenguke and Simon Fox are moving on to pastures new. Simon joined us a 'short term fix' - stayed a lot longer and is now relocating to Dorset. Leaving from Design Technology are Kate McAngus, Amy Carson and Darren Evans. Amy and Darren have been with us for a number of years and are hugely effective teachers and very well thought of by colleagues and students alike. Darren's unique design skills will be irreplaceable and much missed. Nathan Rickey is leaving the English team as his time in the UK is forced to come to an end. He is returning to his native Canada and will initially be pursuing a Masters level qualification at Queen's University, Ontario. Amy Rotherham has been teaching RS part time following her return from maternity and she is leaving to pursue her career in a school for children with special educational needs.

From Languages, Guy Barrett is leaving as the Latin and Classics teacher, as sadly we have had to phase these subjects out. Fortunately, he has found a teaching post within his specialism. Although expected, a real blow will be the loss of Wayne Benskin as Head of Department and Serena Garcia as teacher of Spanish. I knew when I persuaded Wayne to return that it would be a short term thing, as his home is in central London and the daily journey is impractical. That said, the difference he has made to what was a very troubled part of the curriculum has been remarkable and he is universally liked and respected. In this instance, I will break my own rules and name his successor, as the community will need that reassurance. Mrs Karen McCabe will be joining us as Head of MFL having already had a very accomplished career in Hampshire and Berkshire both as an experienced Head of Languages and roles as a senior leader too.

Finally, two 'giants' of the school are retiring. Mrs Dixon, who left her Assistant Head position at the end of last year, is leaving her part time Drama post. Countless numbers of children have known and loved her outstanding teaching, endless patience and absolute commitment to the school and to extra-curricular arts in particular. She is equally popular amongst the staff and much admired. And then there's Mr Pettengell and in this instance words fail me... A pupil in the 1968 intake, Yateley to his core and 17 years a deputy at the school he attended and has loved throughout his life.

He is an incomparably talented teacher and advocate for Design Technology, a great team player and totally committed to the children in his care. He has also made a remarkable contribution to the school as Deputy Head and senior leader, in particular being a passionate advocate for a culturally rich and broad curriculum. He said to me that he'd 'see the new head in' and I could not have asked for more; total loyalty, discretion and consummate professionalism. Mr Pettengell has been a wonderful colleague, an extraordinary support and dare I say it – a friend! We wish these great people well.



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**Student star of the week** is Tom Hurst in 8NS. As we reach the end of the academic year, our star of the week reminds us of the values, care for others and compassion that we hold as a school community. Rather than paraphrase, I'll put the citation in Tom's own words. 'On 8th May 2018 my Auntie Vicki was diagnosed with cancer of the ear, something none of us knew was an actual 'thing' and took my family completely by surprise. More tests were carried out over time and it was found that the cancer had spread to other areas of her body, a brief series of Chemo was carried out and not long afterwards Auntie Vic was hospitalised for a chest and ear infection, she came out of hospital to recover at home on the 25th June 2018. This is where she wanted to be, among her family and friends. A few weeks later she began to feel more unwell, and had to be placed in the care of Thames Hospice, Windsor, sadly a day later on Tuesday the 24th July 2018, she passed away quietly, with her family around her. My Pretty Muddy race will be in memory of my Auntie Vicki and I am hoping that by raising money, I can stop another nephew from losing his auntie. Auntie Vicki was an amazing lady and she was brave right up until the very end.'

## End of Term

As we draw to the end of the academic year, I reflect on what a super year it has been for all of us in the extraordinary school that is Yateley. The sheer extent and variety of talent is breath-taking and we continue to show both publically and in our day to day work what true breadth and accomplishment should look like. As well as thanking the local community and our wonderful students, I would like to make public recognition of our extraordinary staff; in so many cases the definition of 'above and beyond'. At the end of a very busy term and year, I wish you all a well-deserved and relaxing summer holiday.

**Paul German**

## SPORTS RESULTS CRICKET UPDATE



Unfortunately I missed last week's deadline, but for those who may not have heard unfortunately our Under 15's Cricket team lost their recent Hampshire Cup Final by the narrowest of margins (1 run) to Robert Mays. In a prelude to what was to be an equally exciting World Cup Final our boys must have experienced the 'New Zealand' feeling having been in a potentially winning position right up to the last ball of the match. The boys did themselves proud and Robert Mays' teacher remarked that it was the best game of cricket he had experienced in all his years of teaching which I can concur with, not only because of the close finish but for the

exceptional level of performance throughout the entire match in all departments of the game by all concerned. Well done boys.

**Mr Hutton, Boys PE**

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## YATELEY YOUNG DESIGNERS EXHIBITION 2019



Students had an opportunity to showcase their creative talents at the 'Yateley Young Designers Exhibition' this week. GCSE and A level students in Art, Graphics, Photography, Technology and Food displayed their work over 3 days in an end of year show at the School.

At the launch event on the Tuesday evening our key note speaker Grace Roaf, a past Yateley student, talked about her route into design and employment as a welder and fabricator. Grace loves her job and thanked staff at Yateley for their

support and for inspiring her to choose a design related career.

As many of you are aware I am sure, Yateley School Celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday last year and a new award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Design' was launched by Terry Pettengell, deputy head teacher. This year the trophy went to El Hoyle in year 13 for her excellent, award winning Photography and Graphics work and her ongoing support over the last four years. Her contribution to the work of the Technology Faculty has been outstanding.

Next year El is going to study Graphic Communication at Norwich University.

The students who produced the very best work in each subject were also presented awards by Head Teacher Mr German at the launch of the event last Tuesday night.

The award of 'Yateley Young Designer of the Year' for the best piece of work in the show went to Rhea Chater. This award was presented by Terry Pettengell. Terry said of her:

'Rhea has done remarkably well, she has designed and produced a complex model with a high degree of accuracy and skill. Her overall design, attention to detail and quality of finish have resulted in a model that is outstanding in every way'

Next year Rhea is going to study Business and Entrepreneurship at Falmouth University.



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The show, now in its Twelfth year, ran for three days and was attended by many visitors including governors, students, family and friends as well as the local community.

The exhibition was a huge success and a celebration of the creative achievement of students here at Yateley School.





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## CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS!

Our talented Opera Singer, Amy Chau 11WN, has been performing in the English National Opera's production of Noyes Fludde over the past few weeks. We have received the following message from Mrs Chau:

"Amy had a fabulous time performing in Noyes Fludde, and thought the director Lyndsey Turner was brilliant, and had a great time working with her.

Thank you for letting her take part in this, and signing it off. This opportunity came as a direct result of sending off for the work experience in Yr 10. Amy wrote to 5 opera companies, 4 of them gave her different opportunities (she did them all). English National Opera put her on the Baylis programme, which is an outreach programme for 14-18yr olds. At one of the singing workshops they mentioned they might use her in an upcoming production. We heard nothing for 6 months, but then they offered her Noyes Fludde. At the end of the production, the director of music, Martin Fitzpatrick, invited her to audition for the English National Opera Youth Company. We will see what happens!

I would like to thank the school for making Amy do work experience, because as a 14 year old it would not have entered her head to write off to these people off her own will. She also did a week's experience at Opera Holland Parks production office, workshops at Glyndebourne Opera, and spent Year 10 in the Youth Company of Garsington Opera Company. That led to performing last summer at the big opera house at John Paul Getty Jnr's estate.

All this happened because she was told to apply for work experience!!"





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## BRILLIANT CLUB



On Tuesday, 16/6/19, I attended the Graduation trip of the Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme at Royal Holloway, University of London, with Emma Fuller, Sophie Greener, Lexi Hogben-Stephenson, Zara Hunt, Thomas Hurst, Amelia Norris, Cerys Parkes, Rebecca Pomfrett and Jack Randall. The students have all worked very hard during the programme with extra homework which was a bit of a shock! They then had to produce a 1500 word essay which was marked at degree standard. I was very proud of them because this is all at Key Stage 4 standard and they did really well achieving a

range of grades from a First to a Working Towards. It was also a very exciting day as the Royal Holloway students themselves were graduating so we saw lots of students in gowns with their families. The students took part in several sessions and had a tour of the University so a very enjoyable day was had by all. Thanks to Mrs Harryman for driving us there and back in the school mini-bus.

*Mrs Cobbold, Brilliant Club*



## CHARITY UPDATE

Over the last few weeks, students have been fundraising for the four House Charities; events have included Mufti Days, a cake sale and a 'sponge the teacher' opportunity at lunchtime last week that caused much hilarity! Thank-you to Mrs Blackwood, Mr Coggan, Mrs Short and Mrs Williams for being such willing ~~victims~~ volunteers!

We are pleased to say that the grand total of £1325 has been raised, to be split between the following charities:

Darwin - Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Appeal  
Nightingale - Make-A-Wish  
Pankhurst - Parity for Disability  
Wilberforce - The Brain Tumour Charity



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## YEAR 7 SOLAR SYSTEM PROJECTS

To celebrate 50 years since mankind visited the moon and to complete our work on space, some students in Year 7 were asked to create models of the solar system or individual planets. I am amazed by the creativity and effort on show in these projects. Below are some photos of some of the projects. Well done to all the Year 7's who created a model!

*Mrs McCarthy*



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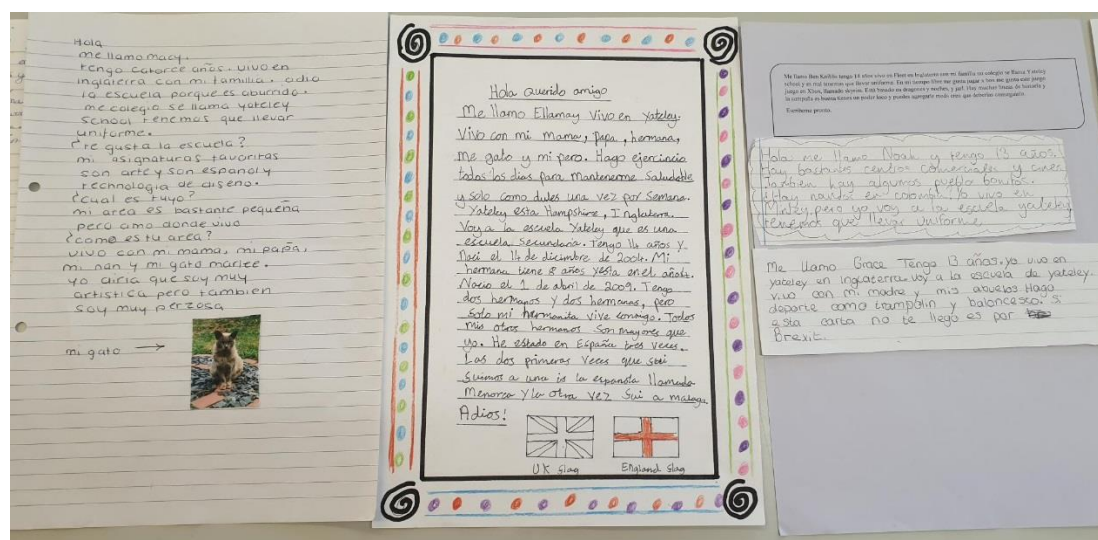
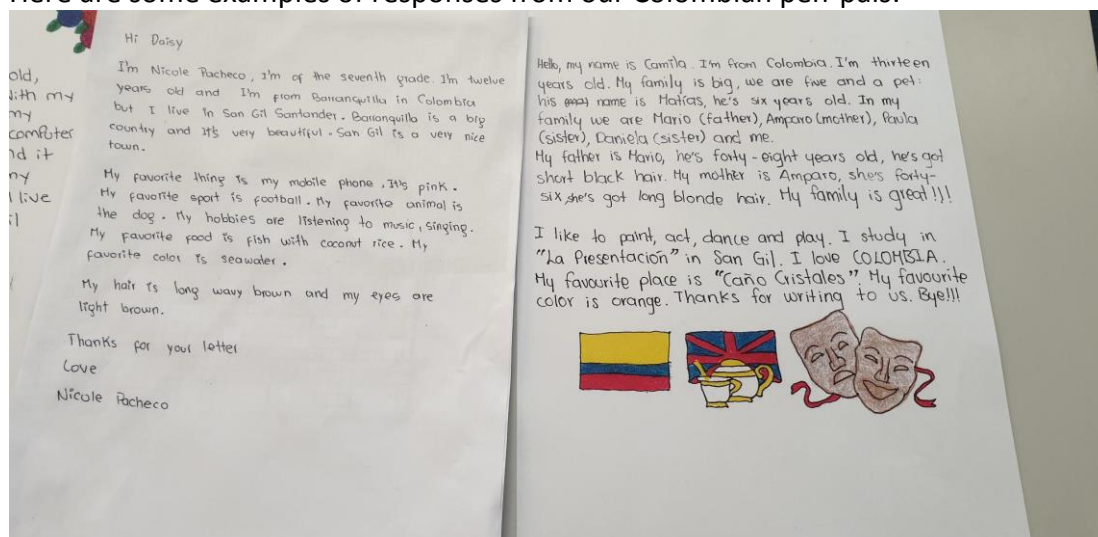
## COLOMBIAN PEN-PAL SCHEME IN SPANISH

Yateley School Spanish pupils in Year 9 have recently forged an educational and cultural link with a large secondary school in Colombia. They have begun exchanging letters with a secondary school called "Colegio Técnico Nuestra Señora de la Presentación" in San Gil, central Colombia, in the Andes.

Our students have shown great enthusiasm in writing letters, not only improving their Spanish writing skills but they also have the opportunity to share different Latino-american customs and cultural traditions between the two schools.

It has been fantastic to see the creativity from both the Colombian and Yateley School pupils and the willingness to share their experiences with one another. The shift away from modern technology has also been a revelation to many! The pupils have now made new friendships and we hope these will remain for many years to come. **¡Felicitaciones – año 9!**

Here are some examples of responses from our Colombian pen-pals:



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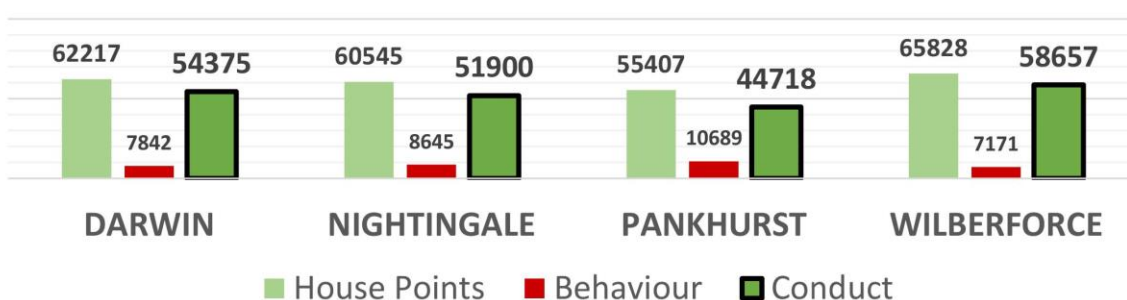
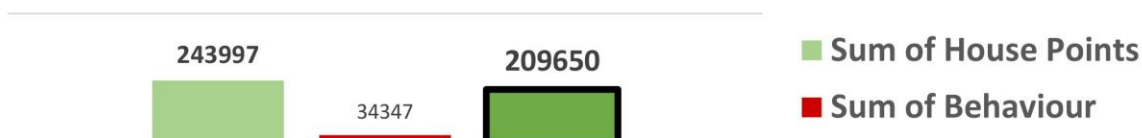


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House Points, Behaviour & Conduct: Weekly Update 05.09.18 to 12.07.19



## 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	10WN	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	Darwin	Wilberforce	Pankhurst	Wilberforce

Whole School Attendance: 94.51%

## Tutor Groups With The Highest Attendance

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7NN	8NS	9NN	10NN	11NS



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## Mathematics - Gifted and Talented



This year has seen some really amazing achievements from our most able Mathematicians. Students from Year 13 through to Year 7 have excelled in the UK Maths Challenges, run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, and the Southampton University Maths Challenge.

Josh Potter, Year 13, went through to the British Olympiad Round for the Senior Maths Challenge.

Ollie Ross, Year 13, went on to take part in the Senior Kangaroo, a follow on round from the Senior Maths Challenge.

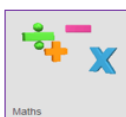
Daniel Morgan, Year 10, went on to take part in the Pink Kangaroo a follow on from the Intermediate Maths Challenge and was offered a place at a Maths Summer School at Leeds University. Daniel also got a Certificate of Merit in the Senior Southampton University Maths Challenge.

Sophie Prior and James Stark, Year 9, went on to take part in the Grey Kangaroo, a follow on round from the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Elliot Casselton, Year 7, went on to take part in the Junior Kangaroo, a follow on round from the Junior Maths Challenge.

Matthew Jarratt-Walker achieved a Certificate of Distinction in the Junior Southampton University Maths Challenge.

It has been fantastic seeing so many bright Mathematicians taking the opportunity to represent Yateley School in these competitions and we look forward to further outstanding achievements.



## Mathematics Tutor Times Tables

Congratulation go to the following students who are the Tutor Times Table Challenge Champions for 2019

Justyna Poliwka	7PN
Luke Price	7WN
Casey Hyatt	8NS
Thomas Hurst	8NS
Samuel Burnett	9DN
Abbie Whenman	9DS
Luke Cherry	10NS
Lucy Baxter	10WS

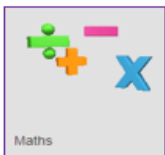
The winning tutor group for the highest number of weeks that the Tutor Times Table Challenge was done was 8NN



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## Mathematics Tutor Times Tables

Congratulations go to the following students who all won the Tutor Times Table Challenge Summer 1<sup>st</sup> half term.

### DARWIN

7DN Micha Blignaut and Daniel Sampson  
7DS Mollie Edwards and Jayden Ford  
9DS Abbie Whenman and Liam Wilson

### NIGHTINGALE

7NN Elliot Cassleton and Molly Jacob  
8NN Alara Turan and Charley MacFarlane  
8NS Louise-Anne Cousin and Noah Cherry  
9NS Michael Shaw and Jade Bedin  
10NN Taylor Worrall and Harrison Tonks  
10NS Luca Melis and Polina Aleksejevs

### PANKHURST

7PN Justyna Poliwka and Matthew Dunwoody  
9PN Mujitabaa Kashif and Isabel Logan  
10PS Alexander Bufton

### WILBERFORCE

7WS Benjamin Seaborn and Georgia Connor  
7WN Hannah Carpenter and Luke Price  
8WN Jamie Draper and Lizzy Overton  
9WS Brandon Vangrove and Matthew Flook  
10WS Prajwal Vadicharla and Lucy Baxter



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