



# THE YARDLEIAN



ISSUED MONTHLY - OCTOBER 2024 EDITION

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I am pleased that we have had a productive and successful start to this academic year which will be highlighted in this second addition of the Yardleian. Our new Year 7s have settled in well and I have been impressed with the focus of all students in lessons across the school. Outside the academic lessons, we continue to provide students with a wide variety of opportunities to help them develop personally. This includes the daily guided reading sessions, personal development programmes, Wednesday enrichment, extra-curricular clubs, visiting assembly speakers and many other activities in and outside of school.

We have had a number of successful events this half term including Open Week, the extra-curricular fair and a residential visit to Paris to name but a few. We have also had a number of parental events like SEND Coffee mornings and the Year 10 core information evening and the Year 11 'getting ready for the future' event. As you are aware, we will be concluding this half term with an Attitude to Learning Day on Thursday 24th October, giving parents and carers the opportunity to meet form tutors, either face-to-face or remotely, to discuss academic progress and the upcoming assessment week in December.

We look forward to reporting further successes and achievements of our students and staff in future editions. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a restful and relaxing half term break.

Gurpreet Basra

## IMPORTANT LINKS AND LETTERS

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## REMINDER



### **HOMEWORK IS LIVE ON SATCHEL ONE**

Homework assignments have resumed this month. To support your child's learning journey, all relevant information, including assignment details and submission deadlines, can be accessed through the Homework and Independent Learning section of our website.

We encourage you to regularly check this section to stay updated on your child's academic responsibilities.

[YARDLEYS HOMEWORK AND INDEPENDENT LEARNING PAGE](#)

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Yardleys staff are proud to have held a Macmillan coffee event last week and raised over £300 for a great cause.



#### ECO WARRIORS - PEN RECYCLING

Please encourage your children to recycle broken or used pens, highlighters, and felt tips in the recycling tubs in their classrooms. Thank you for supporting sustainability and environmental awareness!





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## EXTRA CURRICULAR FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Extracurricular Fair & Open Week. The energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity made it a huge success!

We had a fantastic turnout during our Open Evening! It was wonderful to see so many new faces eager to explore what we have to offer. Thank you to everyone who came by, engaged with our teams, and made the evening a success. We can't wait to welcome you all into our community!



## YARDLEYS SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

We are thrilled to announce that Open Week was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation and support of our wonderful parent community. Throughout the week, families had the opportunity to engage with teachers, explore classrooms, and witness first-hand the vibrant learning environment we foster. This event not only strengthened the connection between home and school but also provided valuable insights into our educational initiatives and student achievements. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with parents expressing appreciation for the chance to see their children's progress and the dedication of our educators. Thank you to everyone who helped make Open Week an unforgettable experience, and we look forward to many more successful events in the future!



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## UN VOYAGE À PARIS

After a long and eventful coach journey, our students arrived on the outskirts of Paris with our students showing incredible patience and good humour throughout. The trip was packed with highlights, from visits to iconic landmarks like the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, and a boat ride along the Seine, to memorable moments at a hypermarket. Despite some initial nerves over ordering McDonald's in French, the students handled every challenge with enthusiasm. Their bright orange bags, though not a fashion favourite, helped keep everyone safe and easy to spot on the bustling Paris streets.



The students kept staff entertained with their wit and curiosity, including Ubayd's panic over a "clogged" sink that still had the plug in, and Grace's disappointment at the disco. Disneyland was a clear favourite, with magical moments and an unforgettable firework display. Mr. Bakewell's grip on the Tower of Terror handlebars left no room for anyone else, adding a touch of humour to an already thrilling ride. Overall, the trip was a fantastic success, and we are proud of how the students represented the school every step of the way.





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## CARDING MILL VALLEY

Our year 10 geographers went on a trip to Carding Mill Valley in the Shropshire Hills. The students showed great behaviour and enthusiasm from the start. Upon arrival, they were engaged in activities while asking insightful questions.

A highlight was interacting with National Trust volunteers, who praised the students for their curiosity and manners, enhancing the school's reputation. The trip not only provided valuable learning experiences but also strengthened the relationship with the National Trust.



## AN ANTARCTIC VISTOR

We were incredibly lucky to welcome Professor Lloyd Peck, Antarctic explorer, who gave an inspiring talk to our Year 7s about his fascinating research into animals living in extreme cold.

He shared his insights into how creatures survive in the icy waters of Antarctica, and we even got to see the enormous size of Antarctic sea spiders!

A special shoutout to Ms. James, who bravely dressed up in all the layers explorers need to wear to stay warm in such freezing temperatures!



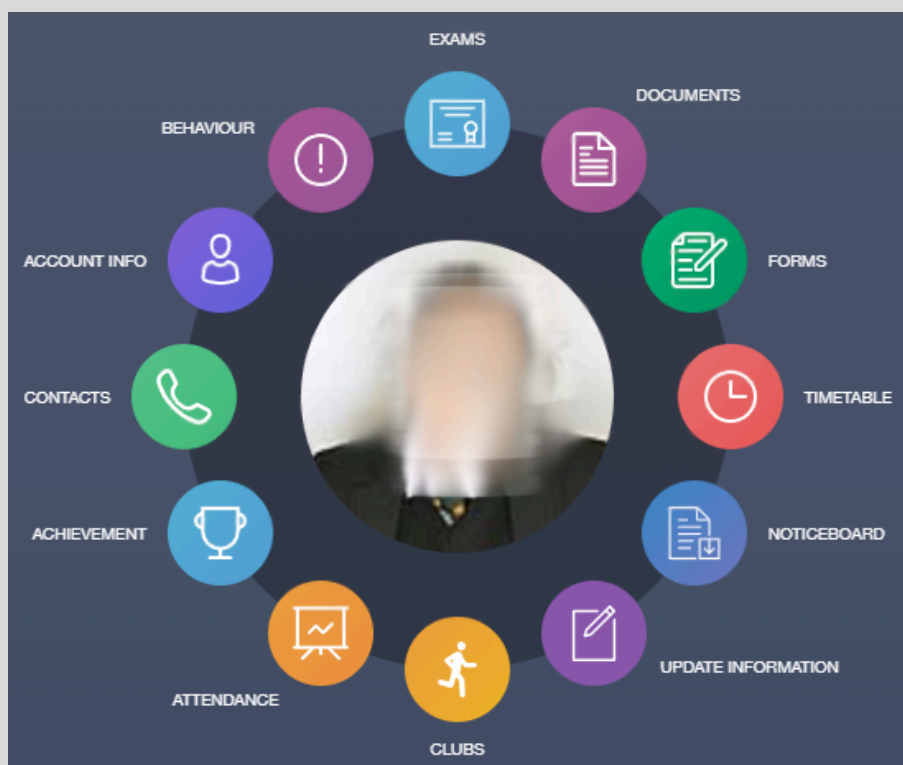


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## EduLink One



**Please access the EduLink Guide from the 'Parents menu' of our VLE**

If you are a parent and do not yet have access to EduLink, please contact the School on 0121 4646821. Thank you.

## KEY DATES

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Attitude for Learning / Progress Review Day  
Friday 25th October - Friday 1st November - HALF TERM  
Monday 4th November 2024 - School Open to ALL STUDENTS  
Tuesday 12th November 2024 – Year 11 to National College Leaver Festival NEC visit  
Monday 18th November 2024 – Year 11 Speaking Exams begin  
Thursday 28th November 2024 – Year 7 Parents Evening (virtual) 4:30pm-7:30pm  
Friday 29th November 2024 – Training Day – School is closed to students  
Monday 9th December 2024 – Year 11 Exams start  
Monday 16th-Thursday 19th December – Whole School Assessment Week.