



## THE YARDLEYS NEWSLETTER

*From our headteacher...*



The 'Yardleian' is an extremely important part of our school. It is a way for us to showcase the many, varied and exciting opportunities that our students can take part in, both within and outside of the classroom. One of our school aims is 'to educate the whole child'. We firmly believe in education in its widest sense. Whilst examination results are very important for our young people to progress to the next stage of their lives, so too

are the many opportunities we provide for them to be well-rounded, tolerant, caring, thoughtful and resilient human beings, ready to face the future with confidence.

I hope you enjoy reading of the different ways that our school curriculum, enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities provide the platform for our students to shine.

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## Parental Information

### YEAR 11 LEAVERS AND EXAMS

What a pleasure it has been to witness our Year 11 students completing their exams at Yardleys. They have displayed exemplary behaviour and dedication in all their exam venues, making both themselves and our institution proud. Achieving 100% attendance is a remarkable feat for any school, and we commend them for their commitment. As they move forward, we extend our heartfelt wishes for their future endeavours and encourage them to stay in touch, keeping us informed of their accomplishments and progress. We send our best wishes to all of them as they await their results. Their presence will be dearly missed.

Now that the exams have concluded for our Year 11 students, we have transitioned into our Assessment Weeks.

So it begins again.

### Art Exhibition BCU

Some of our year 11 art students exhibited their art work at BCU School Of Art alongside other Birmingham Schools and 6 forms. The private viewing was held at Margaret Street on the 3rd of July and it was wonderful to see how proud the students and their families were of their work that was showcased.

It was amazing to see the number of people that attended the private viewing and commented on how talented our students are at Yardleys. We are extremely proud of our art students and the determination and resilience that they demonstrated throughout the GCSE course.

The public can view the exhibition all week until Friday 7th July.



### In memory of Heather Jones, previous headteacher.

It was a privilege to welcome friends, ex-colleagues and close family of the late Heather Jones, who passed away last year. Heather was a much-loved and well-respected headteacher of Yardleys School from 1987-2003. During this time, Heather made a significant contribution to Yardleys School and the beautiful building we are in today is testament to her hard work, dedication and tenacity in securing first-class facilities for our students and staff. We were honoured to all come together to celebrate her achievements and remember her amazing legacy. We held this event in our roof garden, which was the vision of Heather and her beloved husband, Frank. It is now named 'Heather and Frank's Memorial Garden'. A fitting tribute to two people who gave so much for the benefit of others.





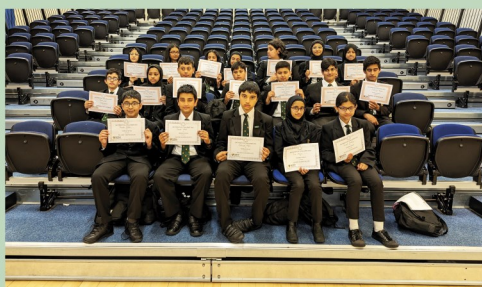
# Praise & Reward

## UK Maths Challenge

Every year, our outstanding mathematicians from Year 7, 8, and 10 participate in the UKMT, joining students from across the UK and around the world. In February, Year 10 V1 and H1 students exceeded expectations, nearly doubling the number of awards compared to the previous year. They earned a remarkable 19 Bronze, 4 Silver awards, and a special mention goes to Daawuud Samad for achieving an exceptional Gold Award in the Intermediate Challenge.

In April, our Year 7 and 8 top sets showcased their mathematical prowess by matching the Year 10s' achievements in the Junior Challenge. It was a momentous occasion with a record number of awards being presented, including 27 Bronze, 11 Silver, and a remarkable Gold Award earned by Mehrunisa Mehmood.

Congratulations to all the award recipients for their outstanding performance in these challenging tests. Your dedication and mathematical abilities are truly commendable.



## Time Tables Rockstars Year 7 Grand Final

Year 7 Assembly on Monday 26th June was the stage for this year's TT Rockstars Grand Final.

Everyone knows that a fast, accurate recall of the times tables is a vital skill not just for Maths but for other subjects such as DT, Geography and Science. Our year 7s have been practising all year and the fastest 8 pupils were invited to display their amazing accuracy and speed in front of the whole of their year group.

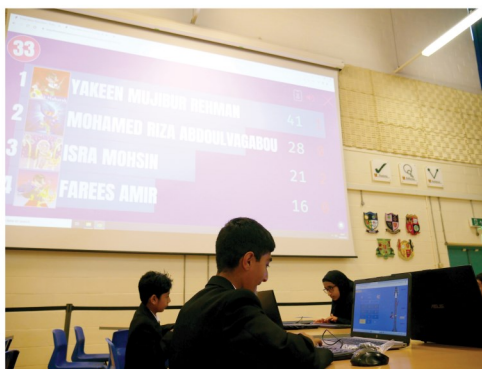
A raucous crowd, egged on by Mr Sohal, Ms Pritchard and Ms Yates saw two semi-finals, and then the winner-takes-all Grand Final.

The overall winner was Yakeen Mujibur Rehman, who answered an incredible 107 questions in 60 seconds – that's almost 2 questions every second!

Yakeen was presented with his prize - a £20 Amazon voucher - by his very proud head of year, Mr Sohal

Our contestants were:

Yakeen Mujibur Rehman
Muhammad Zaheer
Isra Mohsin
Talha Shah
Farees Amir
Mohamed Riza Abdoulvagabou
Muhammed Qasim
San Salman



## Congratulations to Muhammad Saad



Muhammad is set to graduate from Cambridge University this summer with a 2.1 in Natural Sciences, specialising in Materials (which is a cross between physics and engineering). He is also set to continue onto his Masters there next year.

# Subject Spotlight

## School Games Award

Yardleys are extremely proud to be awarded the gold award in the school games mark. This is a tremendous achievement for our school as a whole and it recognizes our continued amazing efforts to offer our young people a wide range of opportunities.





# Events & Experiences

## BAE Roadshow

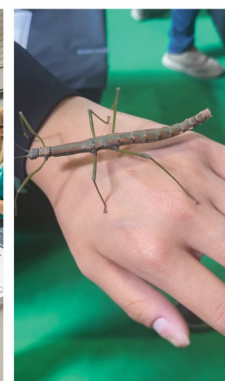
The BAE Systems Roadshow, in collaboration with the RAF and the Royal Navy, paid a visit to our Year 7 students. They presented an engaging show centered around the theme 'from the depths of the oceans to outer space'. This interactive theatre roadshow aimed to celebrate the importance of STEM subjects while highlighting the invaluable contributions that engineers make across various industries.

During the event, Year 7 students had the opportunity to explore the engineering challenges faced when venturing into the most extreme and unforgiving environments. They learned about innovative solutions developed to overcome these obstacles. The session covered a range of topics, from understanding the composite materials required for building submarines and fighter jets to recognizing the significance of effective communication, whether in the vastness of outer space or the depths of the ocean.



## Big Bang STEM Fair

On 15th June 20 budding year 8 Scientists attended the Big Bang STEM Fair at the NEC. It included hands-on activities, careers panels and incredible shows involving liquid nitrogen and some very loud explosions! Pupils had the opportunity to talk to professionals from different STEM related careers and to explore a wide variety of activities run by local and national employers ranging from coding delivery robots and flying drones to trialling out new laparoscopy simulators used to train medical professionals. Our pupils left with pockets full of freebies and ideas about potential future careers in STEM.



## Autism Awareness week – student led assemblies

Autism Awareness Week is a remarkable time for all of us to learn about and celebrate this condition. Its purpose is to enhance our understanding and awareness, benefiting both staff and students.

As part of this year's events, a Year 10 student who is autistic took the initiative to lead separate assemblies for Year 8 and Year 10 students on different days. During these sessions, she eloquently explained what autism means to her, how it impacts her life, and effectively dispelled numerous myths and stereotypes associated with the condition.

The quality and delivery of these assemblies were truly outstanding. In fact, some of the attending students even inquired if the speaker was a new teacher or a guest speaker. For everyone present, it was an inspiring experience that left a lasting impression. Words cannot adequately

express our pride in her, and personally, I will always cherish the incredible moment I witnessed.



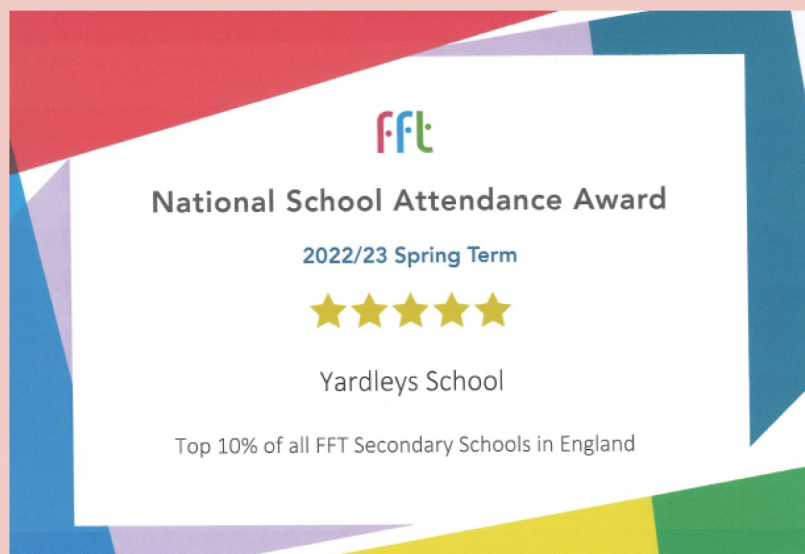


# Attendance Matters

## Yardleys wins an FFT National School Attendance Award

We would like to thank parents, carers and guardians for their support with ensuring that our students secure excellent attendance. Yardleys School has been awarded certificates by the Fischer Family Trust for both the Autumn and Spring terms this academic year, noting that Yardleys School's attendance is within the top 10% of Secondary Schools across the country.

Moving into the next academic year, we are striving to improve school attendance even further for the simple reason that students who are in school more often will achieve better outcomes at GCSE; with this in mind, we have shared with all of our students, that the pupils who made the most progress in last years' Year 11 cohort, all had attendance throughout their time at school of over 97% each year.



The table below highlights the total number of lessons as well as the number of Maths and English lessons missed at different attendance percentages for an academic year – it clearly explains why our attendance target is 97%!

### Attendance at Yardleys

	100%	Outstanding
5 school days (30 lessons) missed per year	97%	Good
10 school days (50 lessons) missed per year including 8 lessons of English and 8 lessons of Maths.	95%	Almost there
20 school days (100 lessons) missed per year including 16 lessons of English and 16 lessons of Maths.	90%	Improvement needed
29 school days (145 lessons) missed per year including 24 lessons of English and 24 lessons of Maths.	85%	Very concerned.
40 school days (200 lessons) missed per year including 32 lessons of English and 32 lessons of Maths.	80%	Extremely concerned.

Yardleys School minimum attendance target

Your child's attendance this academic year

### Any concerns

We recognise that various circumstances and certain life events outside of school can adversely affect school attendance, even if temporarily. Therefore, should you wish to discuss any matter which may be affecting your child's attendance, please contact the relevant Head of Year in the first instance, or myself, as soon as possible. We want to do everything that we can to ensure that all of our students are in school, effectively learning each day, so that they all have every opportunity to develop and flourish.

### Mr Buckley, Whole School Attendance Lead

Year	Head of Year
7	Mr E Lawrence
8	Mr S Sohal
9	Mr B Tilley
10	Mr P Buckley
11	Ms J Killarney



FFT collects daily attendance data from over 10,500 schools....Whilst all schools do an amazing job to improve pupil attendance, we'd like to say a special 'thank-you' to your school by presenting you with an FFT National School Attendance Award.



# Careers



The Careers Programme this term has provided students with a range of career related activities designed to inspire and inform their future career plans. One of the highlights of this term was the Careers Fair which was attended by students in Years 7-10. Over 30 organisations including local employers, colleges, providers and universities supported the event, providing students with a great opportunity to explore a range of careers, and qualification pathways.

Employers included representatives from Mott MacDonald, which is currently heavily involved in the HS2 works across the city, and offers a diverse range of job roles in STEM and Construction at all levels including apprenticeships; representatives from the NHS including trainee midwives, mental health nurses and pharmacists, informed students about different pathways into some of the great careers in the Health and Social Care sector; Siemens Energy provided an opportunity for students to learn more about the growing number of career opportunities in the Technology Sector; Barratts Homes enabled students to find out more about careers in the Construction industry including careers in planning and architecture and STEM Ambassadors represented a range of other careers in STEM. A

good range of post-16 and post-18 providers at the Careers Fair helped students with their plans for their future qualification pathways, and helped to confirm the importance of achieving a good set of final GCSE grades.

Other career related activities this term include a group of students from Year 7, 8 and 9 attending the Cyber Explorers Event at Birmingham

City University, where a series of interactive workshops and



presentations helped students to find out more about careers in cyber security. They were also able to have a go at solving mock cyber security hacks. The event also enabled students to experience what it is like at university, and to interact with current students and look at their design work. One of the highlights of the trip was an opportunity to see the robotic dogs in action. Students were taken aback by just how similar to real dogs that these robots are, with several of them wanting to take robo-dog home with them!

A group of students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended the Festival of Apprenticeships at Millennium Point, Birmingham where over 40 employers and their apprentices were available to talk about the apprenticeship opportunities. The students were good at engaging with employers to find out more about apprenticeships as a possible career option, and many returned to school with bags full of promotional goodies and information about different apprenticeship programmes. Two of the Year 10 students who attended have already decided that they want to do a STEM related apprenticeship as part of their careers, and feedback from them confirmed this event has helped them with their career plans post-16.

Year 10 students visited Joseph Chamberlain College for a subject 'Taster Day'. This event provided students with the opportunity to select 4 x subjects that they would like to 'have a go at' to help inform their post-16 choices in terms of which subjects and qualification type they might like to study at college. It also provided a chance for the students to experience what a college environment is like.





## Events & Experiences

### SEND Travel Training report



Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Thornton led travel training sessions for our Year 11 SEND students, aiming to prepare them for their post-16 transition. These sessions involved experiencing and using public transport, such as buses and trains.

The students, some of whom had never used public transport before, learned essential skills like identifying bus stops, understanding directions, calculating fares, and selecting the appropriate stops. They showcased exceptional abilities during the outings, even taking charge of planning routes independently. Their exemplary conduct received compliments from both the public and the transport staff encountered along the way. We express our sincere appreciation to the staff members involved in this valuable training.

### Brilliant Club

Our Year ten cohort of brilliant club students were outstanding in the academic year, completing a 2000 word university style assignment and attending a graduation ceremony at the prestigious University of Warwick. It was a tremendous way for the students to celebrate the amazing accomplishments this academic year.



### Royal Navy

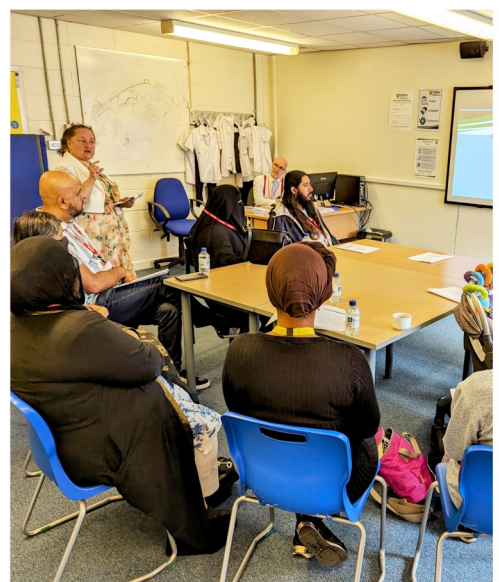
Yardleys have forged a strong working relationship with the Royal Navy over the last few months. We have been incredibly fortunate to have the Royal Navy team come in, leading assemblies, completing problem solving activities and supporting students. We are looking forward to this relationship strengthening further in the 2023/24 academic year.



### SEND Year 8 parental Maths workshop

A fabulous turnout and response today for our SEND Year 8 parental Maths homework support booklet workshop. Resources will be on the parental page on the VLE.

Well-done Mrs Morris!





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## Cybercon Careers Event

On 24th May, Mrs Chauhan-Rowe, Ms Price and Mr Smith-Jones took a group of KS3 students to the big Cybercon Careers Event at Birmingham City University organised by Cyber Explorers.

Cyber Explorers is an initiative led by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It is a free interactive learning platform for all 11-14 year olds, offering hands-on insights into how digital, computing and cyber skills are integral to exciting career paths.

This Cybercon event took place in the BCU STEAM house which was an amazing building. The day included an exciting mix of workshops packed with fun, interactive activities, delivered by industry experts. It was hosted by Gogglebox's Baasit Siddiqui, Mrs Chauhan-Rowe even managed to get a photo with him!

Amazon Web Services led an engaging team game delving into the real-life consequences of cyber warfare and the significance of safe guarding our data.

The West Midlands Prevent and Protect team ran a brilliant, interactive Lego Cyber game based on a real-world scenario of protecting an industrial based business from cyber-attacks.

Verizon allowed our students to embark on an exhilarating journey into Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR).

BCU treated us to a tour of innovative projects by their very own Computing and Engineering students. These showcased entrepreneurial answers to current industry challenges with research and innovation. It was the perfect opportunity to witness the power of collaboration and creativity in action.

The students certainly left feeling inspired about where their futures could take them.



## Birmingham Council House Visit – 14th June 2023

A selection of year 7-10 pupils were given the fantastic opportunity to have a guided tour of the Council House in Birmingham. They were chosen for their excellent behaviour, hard work and determination during their "Eco Warriors" enrichment sessions which involved helping to clean up the local community. Local councillor Shabrana Hussain witnessed their excellent work and invited them for the tour in Victoria Square, Birmingham. As a beautiful Grade 2\* listed building, students were very impressed with the grand architecture of H.R Yeoville Thomason and learned all about the history of the Lord Mayors gone by and how things have changed including the impressive robes that they wear and the reason behind the mace.

As the home of Birmingham city council students got a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of councillors and learned about the reason for the Council Chamber and even got to sit in the Lord Mayor's chair and do their best impression of shouting "order". Another highlight of the tour involved being shown into the Lord Mayor's office and suite with its high ceilings and impressive view out onto Victoria Square and the "Floozy in the Jacuzzi".



## Girls in Technology



On 28th June we were invited to Edgbaston Cricket Ground for an exciting day of conferences on safety and careers in ICT. Our girls enjoyed the decoding, cyber safety, hacking and careers for women in technology workshops and were excited to go on a tour around the world-renowned cricket stadium.

As part of the outing, our girls received complimentary tickets to the Womens ashes game the following weekend! Enjoy!



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### MFL - Year 6 Primary Teaching

The MFL department have been taking some Year 7s to Arden Primary on Monday afternoons to deliver French or Spanish lessons. These students have been attending lunch time clubs regularly and have prepared and rehearsed these lessons with Mr Hetherington.

The most recent visit was on Monday 12th June and our students Talha Talha SHAH (7BDJ) , Eshaal AKMAL (7BLA) and Paige MACKENZIE (7GNM) delivered a Spanish lesson on pets. All students enjoyed this experience. Our next visit will be on Monday 10th July!



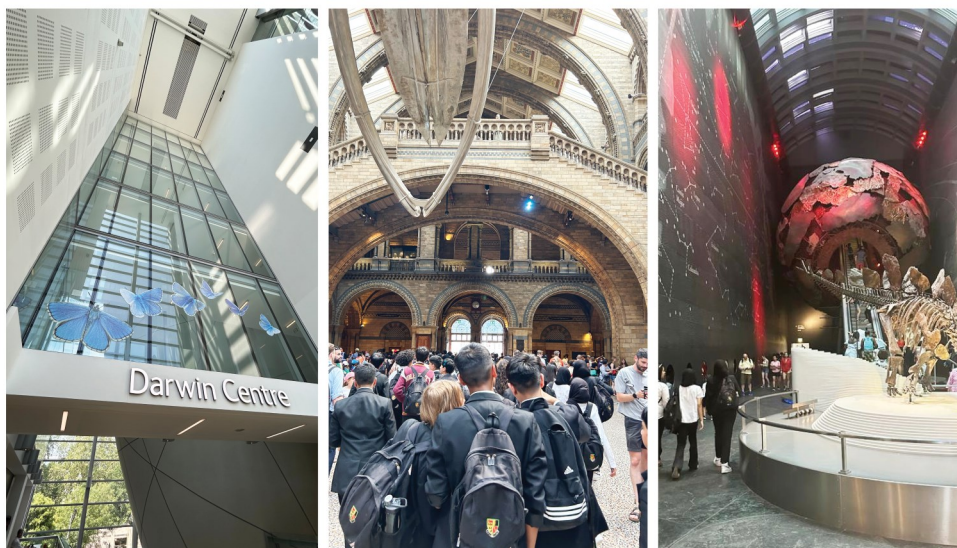
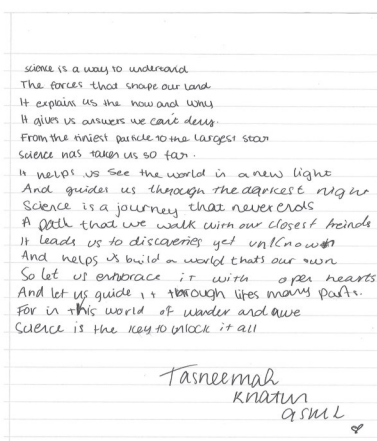
### Economics Outreach and Lapworth Geology Museum

Associate Professor of Economics Rebecca McDonald invited our year 10 Scholars to attend a taster day at The University of Birmingham. We travelled by train from Tyseley – which was an exciting first for some of our pupils (!) before having a taster lecture about behavioural economics and how we get influenced in everyday life (fascinating stuff), they participated in an interactive activity and had the opportunity to ask questions about her area of research and about higher education in general. Pupils were treated to a campus tour by some student ambassadors and then we headed to the conveniently located Lapworth Geology Museum on campus before returning to school. It was a fun and informative day for all involved.



### Natural History Museum

On the 21st June the Science department took all of year 9 to London for a trip to the World - renowned Natural History Museum. The coach journey was long but it was worth it to see the looks on the pupils' faces when we arrived outside the imposing atrium with a full-sized blue whale skeleton hanging from the ceiling! The purpose of the visit was to extend learning beyond the classroom, and pupils were able to see fossils of extinct species including Dodos and dinosaurs, walk through the 'history of human evolution' and see skulls of our ancestors Lucy and Ardi. A personal highlight for me was exploring the Cocoon – a giant pod where the story of how explorers Charles Darwin and Wallace came about their theory of evolution by natural selection. Pupils particularly enjoyed travelling up an enormous escalator 'through the centre of the Earth' which lead to an area with information about volcanoes and the history of the Earth's atmosphere and included an Earthquake simulator! One of our pupils wrote a rather fantastic poem inspired by the visit which you can read above.





### Our successful DofE expeditions

One of the aspects of education we pride ourselves on at Yardleys is educating the whole child. Not only do we want to get them the best grades we can to secure their future, but to offer them different opportunities and train them in key life skills that they won't always get to practise in the classroom. For this, the Duke of Edinburgh award is perfect.

There are four sections to the Bronze and Silver awards, with the expedition being our main focus in school, but it is worth mentioning the others. The three sections our students work on independently are skills, physical and volunteering. For skills, our students have been practising their Arabic at their local mosque, cooking or even taking up photography. For the physical sections some started new sports, others have counted their current school teams or martial arts for this. Finally, our students have helped at charity shops, churches and, popularly, in the school library.

While these are completed in the background, we focussed our time and energy at school into expedition preparation. During the spring term, we went through hazard perception and management, route planning, fitness, bag packing and team organisation. More hands-on training was also provided. The best remembered part of this would be their first use of cooking trangias: making jam and chocolate beaver tails (fried

wraps) in the playground, a meal which we would see pop up again on the expeditions. For the Bronze students, this was their first experience of using cooking stoves, but they were ably assisted by our Silver students.

Both groups were given a practice expedition to prepare them for their qualifying expedition, which would secure this section of the award. For the first time in the school's history, we topped 50 students in the Bronze group, all arriving at Blackwell Court by coach for two days of walking and campcraft. The jubilant mood on arrival pervaded throughout the day. Six teams, each accompanied by a member of staff, completed circular walking routes for at least six hours, all while laden with heavy rucksacks almost the size of them. For many students, this was their first time completing long walks, navigating with compasses and maps, and managing their own meals. In beautiful hot weather, they pushed through to get back to camp. Tents were erected, bags were unpacked and meals were cooked. Despite the day's walking, the excitement clearly gave them enough energy to keep going, not just for a huge game of football in the evening but for the second day's walking!

Our Silver teams had the harder challenge. Both teams were walking in the Peak District on far more undulating land, plus they were out for three

days rather than just the two, so needed more equipment. Navigation was even more of a test in the difficult terrain, but our teams showed fantastic resilience (and a great deal of care towards farm animals) during the three days of their practice. As always, they were watched over by our great team of staff to ensure they would be ready for the qualifying expedition this autumn.

Finally, in late May, the moment of truth arrived for the Bronze teams. Unlike the practice, teams would set off by themselves and unless there was an emergency or they needed water, they wouldn't see us until they reached the campsite. Showing off the skills we had taught them in hours of training and over the two days of the practice, our students performed ably. Navigational errors were corrected, substantial evening meals were produced and the student teams demonstrated their great knowledge of the 20 conditions they needed to meet in order to pass the expedition. Perhaps my favourite moment of this year was as the final Bronze team arrived on the campsite at the end of day 2. The cheer they made when they saw us was heart-warming, but the roar of approval from the waiting students and staff was amazing. The entire DofE team are incredibly proud of what our Yardleys Explorers have accomplished this year.





## Round-Up

### Football Teams

Year 7 and 8 football has taken some serious strides forward over the last six months. Participation has been at a high in training sessions and this has led to more competition for places in the teams and higher quality training sessions. This has at times struggled to translate in matches with some tricky fixtures seeing us struggle in the one-day tournaments at Small Heath. Captains Nabeel and Jabir can however hold their heads high as we finished second in an indoor tournament hosted by BOA digital. Basit has managed to finish the Year 7 top scorer with his movement up top proving too much for many defences. Nabeel ran the midfield for the Year 8 team pulling the strings while also managing to strike with important goals for the team when they needed it most. The future is bright for Yardleys football!

### Year 9 football team

The year 9 football team were our most successful football team this season, managing to reach the final of the year 9 regional cup where we eventually ran out losers to deserved champions KESH. It was a season where we had an amazing level of commitment, regularly training with 20+ students each and every week to encourage competition for places. We finished the season having played 10 fixtures, winning 4, drawing 3 and losing 3.



### Year 9 & 10 Netball Tournament

Back in May, Mrs Bradley escorted a team of year 9 and 10 girls to Bordesley Green Girls School in Birmingham to take part in the annual collegiate netball tournament. They played extremely well, winning 2 out of their three matches. All girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see some new faces come along and join in!



### Barclays Gamechangers

This year Asima was nominated to become Yardleys School Game Changer. Her application was successful, and she has been selected in the role to help inspire, engage, and empower other girls, parents, teachers, and key decision makers, to offer equal access to girls' football within our school.

Following her appointment, Asima has now received two lots of online training courses to help her in her quest to increase girls' football participation.

We look forward to seeing these ideas unfold this term and in the next academic year. Well done Asima!

Year 8 & 9 girls continued their football training in May to take on and pass a 'Whistler' course to learn how to officiate in football. They learnt theoretically and practically the different roles of officiating and came away with their own whistles, flags and yellow & red cards. They plan to put these skills into practice at school soon!

### Girls Football

On 9th May two girls' teams travelled to Bournville School to compete in football. The year 7 team fought well, but unfortunately finished with a 2-1 loss. Year 8, however, managed to maintain their lead, winning 2-0 to a well organised team. Well done girls!





## Cricket Teams

Cricket at Yardleys, which has been exemplified not only by the significant increase in participation numbers in extracurricular activities but also by the outstanding achievements of our Year 7 and Year 9 indoor teams, both of whom reached the Warwickshire Indoor Finals. It gives me great pleasure to share that the year 9 team emerged as the champions of the tournament.

The success of our cricket programme is a collective effort, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our coaching staff, parents, and all those who have supported and nurtured the growth of our young cricketers. It is through their guidance and unwavering support that our students have been able to achieve such outstanding results.



## Table cricket

Our table cricket coaching concluded last month with Rob Eynon. As a school, we are grateful for the engaging and exciting coaching he has delivered, giving our pupils the opportunity to experience a new and inclusive sport. He also delivered training for both staff and PE ambassadors to ensure table cricket is sustainable now the coaching has finished. We are lucky in having our own table cricket set from Warwickshire Cricket Club where we can run our own extra-curricular activities next academic year and hopefully compete against other schools in upcoming competitions.



## PE Ambassadors Leadership



On Monday 19th June our young football leaders and Asima Waheed; our Barclays Game Changer, hosted a primary football festival for Olive Primary School. It was the first time the Yardleys girls had put their leadership and officiating skills into practice following the courses and workshops they had been

on during the year. Thirty year 5 and 6 girls ventured across to take part in the event. The leaders planned, organised and delivered a circuit of football skills before concluded in a tournament of games. Olive pupils were pleased to receive certificates with honours going to the highest scorer and best team player. The whole event was coordinated by Asima. Thank you to Olive School for attending and congratulations to all the girls involved, it was great to see the confidence that you demonstrated in your newly acquired leadership skills!

The PE Ambassadors are looking forward to the Primary Athletics Festival that they are in the process of organising, scheduled to take place at Yardleys on 10th July.

## Rounders

On 22nd June a team of year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Bordesley Green Girls' School to partake in the collegiate Rounders tournament. Working hard through all three games, the girls won two with 7 ½ rounders to 4 and drew in the last game as some of our big hitters were run out early in the fixture. We look forward to our year 9 and 10 tournament on 13th July.

An amazing outcome, well done girls!





# Whole School Rewards Trip

## Drayton Manor Rewards Day

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent rewards day trip to Drayton Manor for our year 7 to 10 students! It was an exhilarating day filled with laughter, thrills, and unforgettable memories. We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the dedicated staff members who made this day possible. Our exceptional team of teachers and support staff worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and enjoyment of every student. Their commitment, organization, and enthusiasm made this trip a resounding success.

From the heart-pumping roller coasters to the captivating wildlife exhibits, our students were enthralled throughout the day. The smiles on their faces and the joy in their voices were a testament to the incredible time they had.

As a school we firmly believe in the importance of rewarding our students for their hard work and dedication. This trip was an opportunity to acknowledge their achievements and celebrate their collective accomplishments. We hope that this day will inspire our students to continue striving for excellence in their academic pursuits. Together, we celebrate their achievements and look forward to more rewarding experiences in the future.









# Trustee Update

At the full trust board on 4th July, trustees held a one minute silence in memory of our student Azaan Khan who was killed so tragically. We are pleased to hear that his friends and teachers are planning a fitting memorial for him at Yardleys.

This has been another busy term. The OFSTED inspection, which found that the school's governance is outstanding, We closely followed by an external review of the work of trustees. We had requested this review by the National Governors Association to help us improve what we do. The feedback was highly positive, acknowledging especially the close working relationship between trustees and the Senior Leadership Team. We were also given some ideas about how we can improve, which we will be assessing and putting into practice next term.

Link trustees have been into the school regularly, and we continue to have strategic oversight and hold the Headteacher and SLT to account.

We have managed to arrange for trustees to have photographs taken so you can put a face to a name. We also wear our bright yellow lanyards in school, so staff and students get to know us.

We wish our leaving year 11s a happy and enjoyable future and welcome our new 7s and their families.

Finally, I would like to state our total commitment to the Equality Act, and the right of all protected characteristics to be treated fairly and with respect.



From Left to right: Mr B Gray, Mr B Johnson, Mr P Lee, Mr E Lawrence, Ms J Helme, Ms K Bennett, Mr N Warner and Ms C Owen.