



Issue 019

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## WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday; it's lovely to welcome everyone back for our new year, and an especially warm welcome to all our new pupils and families. I'm very proud of the way our pupils are engaging with their lessons and reinstating or creating friendships.

We welcome 7 new staff who have joined our team, Faduma joins us as a nurture teacher, Caroline joins us as a Maths teacher, Lana, Laura and Ana join us as LSA's and George is our mental health nurse. It is wonderful how everyone has quickly settled in and become part of the Yarrow Heights family.

An updated 'Who's Who' of YHS is attached to this email.

## Top Floor and Reception

During the summer holidays, we completed our renovation work for the top floor of the school and our new reception area.

The Top floor of the school is now open and ready to be used. With 4 new classrooms, a therapy space, and a Bistro, it is a fantastic addition to the school. Pupils will now be able to engage in food technology lessons, as well as making use of the space to support and encourage independence, and to develop those important life skills.

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We also excited to announce that we have opened a brand-new reception area. (No more standing in the rain outside the gates)! The reception entrance is sign-posted and is at the side of the HUB directly opposite the staff car park. Visitors' parking is at the end of the driveway.





## Yarrow Heights Variety Show

Thank you for your tremendous support for the children and school at our amazing end of term production of 'The YHS Variety Show'. The children did so well, we are so proud. Please use this link in the main email to view a snapshot of the show.

If you would like to receive the full version please contact Kieran Short – [kieran.short@yarrowheights.com](mailto:kieran.short@yarrowheights.com) and he will send you a direct link to download the full 45 min version.

## Dates for the Diary



### Parent Workshops

We are pleased to announce that our monthly parent drop-in meetings will commence this month.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 1115 – 1215** Meet the Therapy team. This session will give you the opportunity to meet our therapy team and learn how they support the pupils at YHS.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 1600-1830** – Parents' Evening. Meet the Teachers - Booking details to follow

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Supporting your child with reading

### Parenting with Purpose

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Yarrow Heights School is committed to supporting you and your child to be the best they can be. We are delighted to announce the launch of our parenting support initiative, Parenting with Purpose. Starting in the Summer term, Yarrow Heights will be running free parenting support programmes. The courses will be led by Sue Kumleben, a highly acclaimed parenting skills coach with 18 years' experience working with families across 3 continents.

Due to demand, and of course for our new parents we are offering two further 6-week, workshops during the Autumn Term for YHS parents. The initial, introductory sessions are detailed below.

**13<sup>th</sup> September 6pm-7pm**- *Parenting with Purpose* online taster session

**16<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am-10.30am** – Face to face *Parenting with Purpose* taster session.

**Please contact Alana (Family Liaison Lead) if you would like to attend a parent workshop or one of the parenting with purpose courses** [Alana.lunn@yarrowheights.com](mailto:Alana.lunn@yarrowheights.com)

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