ETA SIXTH FORM BULLETIN

ETONBURY ACADEMY

Sixth Form

Sixth Form Message

Student Survey

Student voice is at the heart of everything we do. Now that our Year 12 students have had time to settle into Sixth Form life, we have shared a questionnaire with the whole cohort to gather feedback on how they are finding their subjects and their overall Sixth Form experience. We will carefully review the feedback and use it to work with students, both individually and as a cohort, to identify where further guidance and support may be beneficial. We are delighted that the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We work hard to create an environment where students feel happy, supported and able to be themselves, whilst being encouraged to achieve their very best. It is wonderful to hear that this is reflected in their experiences.

Math Challenge

Congratulations to the 19 students who competed in the Senior Maths Challenge in October. This challenge encouraged mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make the students think outside the box. The majority attained either a bronze or silver award, which is a great achievement! However, a special shout out goes to Alfie in year 12 who achieved an amazing gold award. This means they scored in the top 10% of all students across the UK and has been invited to the next round of the Senior Kangaroo challenge that will take place on November 18th!

Enrichment – Hearing Readers

This week, our students have begun liaising with our Head of Juniors, Mr Sale, to organise a Hearing Readers Club for Junior School students. This is a lovely opportunity to help younger children build their reading confidence, enjoy books and develop a lifelong love of reading. Please do encourage your child to get involved. It is also a great opportunity for students to develop valuable skills and experience that they can draw upon when completing future application forms.

CAMHS Central Bedfordshire – Drop-in Sessions

Central Bedfordshire offers a support service for young people who may need help with their wellbeing and mental health. The attached flyer provides further information about this valuable service, including details of the support available and how young people can make a self-referral.

Applications – Now Open!

As shared in last week's bulletin, our recent Sixth Form Open Evening was a great success, with our highest attendance to date! If you have a child currently in Year 11 who would like to find out more about their next steps and the opportunities available in Sixth Form, please encourage them to speak with their Form Tutor.
Our Sixth Form application process is now open, and application forms can be accessed via our website. We look forward to receiving applications from prospective students!

January Exam Timetable – Y13 Mocks and Y12/Y13 BTEC Exams

The January Exam Timetable is now available. It includes the Y13 mock examinations and BTEC examinations for students in Y12 and Y13. Please see the timetable here.

Chloe Dowden

NOTICES

Sixth Form Trip

A 7-day trip to New York & Washington DC for Year 12 students, with a Humanities & Business focus.

Statue of Liberty • 9/11 Memorial • Central Park • Times Square • White House • Lincoln Memorial • Museums • Shopping & more!

Estimated cost: £2,500 including flights (some additional costs apply).

Register your interest by 21st September. No commitment or guarantee of a place.

Expression of interest form

KEY DATES

Yr13 Travel &Tourism trip - Thursday 19th November
Polecon trip- Monday 23rd November
Year 13 mocks- Jan 5th to Jan 12th : Timetable
GCSE and ALevel certificate Collection- Mon 4th January 2027 - 9am - 11am
UCAS Discovery London 2027- Monday 15th March
Work Experience WeeK- week commencing July 5th

KEY INFO

- Degree Apprenticeship presentation
- Sixth Form Dress Code
- School photo code: Ca4-8e9-ec1e
- Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26
- UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events
- Explore Forage
- This is what makes us special ...
- Student finance
- Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships.
- Year 13 UCAS applications parents' guide
- Face Family Advice
- MenB (meningococcal B) vaccination programme from July 2026
- UCAS parents' guide
- Year 13 mock timetable. Timetable
- Yr 12 Information Evening - presentation
- CAMHS. Drop-in sessions

CONTACT DETAILS

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ETA Sixth Form absence reporting: Please report using the MCAS app (MCAS guidance) or alternatively by using the following email address: eta-sixthformattendance@bestacademies.org.uk

Form Tutors:
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Mrs Wright: swright@bestacademies.org.uk
Ms Young: wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk
Mr Scott: cscott@bestacademies.org.uk
Mrs Harbour - Cooper: hharbour-cooper@bestacademies.org.uk

Please complete this form to give permission for your child to leave the school site to attend the gym or a driving lesson:
Driving Lesson & Gym- Permission Form

DEGREE APPRETICESHIPS

- Presentation 2024/25
- Occupation Maps
- STAR
- Unifrog
- Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - Linkedin
- Amazing Apprenticeships

EXAM INFORMATION

Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place

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JCQ CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE - SUPPORT FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

EMOTIONAL & PHYSICAL SUPPORT

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNSELLING - OPEN DOOR
Web: bedfordopendoor.org.uk.
Call: 01234 360388. Text: 07922 105200.

HITCHIN COUNSELLING SERVICE (HCS)
Web: hitchincounsellingservice.org.uk.
Call: 07783 887772.

YOUNGMINDS - MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY
Web: youngminds.org.uk.
Crisis Text Line: YM to 85258.

KOOTH - ONLINE SUPPORT
Web: kooth.com.

THE OSBORNE TRUST - CANCER SUPPORT
Web: theosbornetrust.org.uk.
Call: 01296 330134.

HELPLINES & IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

SAMARITANS
Web: samaritans.org.
Call: 116 123 (24/7 Free).

NHS MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE
Call: 111 (Option 2).

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK
Web: childbereavementuk.org.
Call: 0800 028 8840.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE
Web: cruse.org.uk. Coll: 0808 808 1677.

GRIEF ENCOUNTER
Web: griefencounter.org.uk. Call: 9002 0111.
Call: 0808 802 0111.

HOPE AGAIN
Web: hopeagain.org.uk.
Call: 0808 808 1677.

SAFEGUARDING

ICASH - SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES
Web: icash.hhs.uk. Call: 0800 300 3030.

CHILDLINE - VAPING & GENERAL HELP
Web: childline.org uk. Call: 0800 1111.

BBC OWN IT - DELETE SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE
Web: bbc.com/ownit

NSPCC / CHILDLINE - REMOVE NUDE IMAGES
Web: childiine.org.uk/remove-image.
Call: 0808 800 5000.

ETA SAFEGUARDING - ETONBURY ACADEMY
Web: etonbury.org.uk/safeguarding.
Call: 01462 730331.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL & ADDICTION ADDICTION SUPPORT

FRANK - DRUGS & ALCOHOL ADVICE
Web: talktofrank.com.
Call: 0300 123 6500. Text: 82111.

BLMK NHS - DRUG & ALCOHOL SUPPORT
Web: blmkhealthandcarepartnership.org.
Call: 0808 175 6993.

YOUNG CARERS

CARERS TRUST YOUNG CARERS
Web: carers.org/young-carers.
Call: 0800 772 3000.

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CONFIDENTIAL HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE