



19 April 2024

Principal Message

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine and rest.

Unfortunately, the term has not begun as smoothly as we would like. I am sure you are all aware of our gas leak that occurred after school on Wednesday. We are very grateful to the site team, gas board and emergency services for their quick response, safety checks and assessments enabling us to safely open on Thursday and Friday for staff and pupils.

The safety and well-being of the pupils and staff are always my top priority in a situation such as this. My main focus over the last 24 hours has been to move onto the task of the gas repair and implications for the school.

To comply with legislation around school opening where there is no hot water supply for a relatively long and known period of time I have had to take the decision to close the school for a period of time next week. This will enable essential repairs to take place and for hot water supplies to be returned to the site. The schedule of works provided by the engineers has identified that it will be three days before parts can be sourced, repairs carried out and the purging of gas pipes can be completed. As a result, Etonbury will not be open on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Wednesday 24th April. I can assure you that I will open the school earlier if I am able to and will use our normal school channels of communication; we will use text message and social media platforms to share updates.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us on etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk

We aim to keep any learning disruption to a minimum during this time and would like to ensure there is consistency of expectation of pupils across subjects and year groups - please click on the various links on the next page to learn how pupils should access learning during the closure period and other relevant information.

This week many members of our younger community will have received notification that they will be joining us in Year 5 in September. I am delighted to welcome all our new starters and I am looking forward to inviting them into the school over this term as we begin our various transition programmes.

The summer term is packed full of numerous extra curricular activities, including exciting trips, residentials and clubs, so please encourage your children to take part, learn something new and enjoy making new friends. For the first time at Etonbury we are introducing work experience, this will be for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. This provides a fantastic opportunity to develop skills and inspire pupils in future career choices and underpins the careers work we do with all our year groups. As a school we have a strong focus on developing the cultural capital and 'out of lesson' experiences for all our pupils, which aligns with our *'develop the learner, develop the person'* curriculum ethos.

Thank you again for your cooperation and support this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J Young - Principal

Further Information Regarding School Closure

Online Learning Information - Please [click here](#) for all the information regarding accessing learning during the planned closure.

Year 10 Mock Exams - Please [click here](#) for further information and to view the revised timetable.

GCSE PE Moderation - Please [click here](#) for further details.

Free School Meal Arrangements - If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like to order a free school meal packed lunch for your child on any of the closure days, please complete this [google form](#) by 8am Monday 22nd April. These lunches will be available for collection between **12pm and 1pm on Monday 22nd April from Stotfold Football Club Car Park**. Mr Craddock will be available next to the Etonbury Minibus in the car park to distribute the lunches.

A copy of the letter sent out via email yesterday can be viewed here - [Closure Letter](#).

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



Queries & Contacting School

Should you wish to contact our staff regarding your child, we ask that you email the relevant member of staff in the first instance. This could be Form Tutor or Head of Year with a pastoral matter or subject teacher if the matter is related to academic issues. Our staff will respond to you in a timely manner and will endeavour to acknowledge your request at their earliest availability, as staff will have teaching commitments throughout the day and it may be towards the end of the day before they are available to respond to you, this will always be within **48** hours. To request a meeting with a member of staff, please contact them directly and they will arrange a suitable time, this will usually be before or after the school day due to teaching commitments.

To view our staff list and contact details please [click here](#).

As a school we always endeavour to work with you and achieve the best for your child. We would ask that your communications and interactions with our staff are polite and respectful, as we always aim to act in the best interest of your child.

Lunch Menu

There will be a new lunch menu when we return for the summer term. We begin on week 1. Please [click here](#) to view.

Term Dates - [2024 / 2025](#)



Hay Fever

Now the summer term is warming up a little, we are finding the hay fever begins. Please can you make sure that if your child does suffer from hay fever you make sure that they are taking the relevant medication in the morning before they come into school.

Access Arrangements Testing

As we enter into the Summer Term of Year 9 some students may be required to complete some screener tests for exam Access Arrangements. If your son/daughter is eligible for exam access arrangements, we will write to you with a provisional outline of their arrangements towards the end of the Summer Term.

Water Safety Letter

As we are approaching the summer months Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service would like to provide more information and support to the school community in relation to water safety please [click here](#) to view.



Street Tag - Please [click here](#) for the latest Street Tag codes and further information.

Vacancies

Please visit <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/vacancies> to register your interest or apply for a post via My New Term. Currently we are looking to recruit a Head of Geography and Teaching Assistant.

- Head of Geography
- Teaching Assistant

Chiltern Learning Trust Teacher Training Opportunities

Train to teach with The Chiltern Learning Trust:

- [General Train to Teach Flyer](#)
- [Course Information](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Health & Social](#)

PE DEPARTMENT



Our sports clubs restart next week from Thursday, and the P.E. team are all looking forward to welcoming students to clubs. Please see our new timetable to follow and remember to sign up via ePriase.

ETONBURY PE		HALF TERM 5		FIXTURES
Lunch		Afterschool Clubs		Fixtures (Invite Only)
Mon	Year 5 Form Sports- Mr Hair	Year 7-11 Rounders- SHI		<i>Afterschool Fixtures INVITE ONLY:</i>
	Year 7 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Cricket- JBA/Mr Young		
Tues	Year 8 Summer Sports Club- Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Rounders- Mr Hair/Mrs Chandler		Year 7 and 8 Athletics Fixtures NBV/JBA/SHI
Weds	Year 9 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Tennis Club- Playground Mrs Clarke		Year 10 Athletics Fixtures- LJS/NBV/JBA
				Year 7/8 Cricket Fixtures- MPU Y8 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
Thurs	Year 10 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Cricket- Mr Hair		Year 7 Rounders Fixtures- SHI Year 9 Rounders Fixtures- EPR Y10 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
Fri	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Club - Miss Oldham			

Please note as it starts to get warmer students MUST wear full Etonbury PE Kit. Please see a few reminders below:

- Boys- old or new style Etonbury shorts only
- Girls- old or new style Etonbury shorts OR a black or navy skirt
- NB: Cycling shorts, branded shorts e.g. Nike, Adidas etc are NOT PERMITTED.
- Leggings must be Etonbury leggings
- All students can wear black or navy plain joggers for PE.
- All students, Year 5-12, MUST adhere to these kit rules. 'Old Style Kit' is very much still accepted.

Any questions please email shilton@bestacademies.org.uk

PE Kit Shop: <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury/pe-kit>

As always - **Congratulations** to our **Sports Legends** this week. Please see this weekend's social media posts for details celebrating these achievements.

Follow us on X - [EtonburyPE](#). Facebook [Etonbury PE](#)



Mr Sale - bsale@bestacademies.org.uk Head of Juniors

Junior School Arrival Time

Please ensure that your Year 5 / 6 child/children arrive at school from 8:15 am and before 8:25 am. The Junior gate closes at **8:25 am** prompt. Your cooperation in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated.

VAGW Workshop

Next month, 22nd, 23rd & 24th May, each class from Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Violence Against Women (VAGW) workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details and get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.



YEAR 6

Harry Potter Trip



Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting Harry Potter World at the Warner Brothers Studios:

- Thursday 6th June for Mars, Neptune and Saturn
- Monday 10th June for Jupiter, Pluto and Titan

Please [click here](#) to view the letter, further information and to complete the consent form.

[Harry Potter consent form](#)

The deadline to complete the consent form is **26 April** and payments can be made via ParentMail.

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 7 TO 11)



Student Equipment

Please can you ensure students have the correct equipment with them in school. Pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, protractor, compass, scientific calculator and water bottle.

Lockers

ILS provides lockers for ETA Secondary Students, if you are interested in renting a locker please [click here](#) to view further information for 2024.

Monitoring Lateness

The way we monitor lates will now be slightly adjusted following the consequence system in place last half term. Students will have a daily punctuality report log, any student accumulating over 10 minutes late in a day will be asked to complete a lunch-time detention the following day. This will no longer be sent home via a parent text message. If a student fails to attend their lunch-time detention on two occasions, they will be placed in a SLT after-school detention and a message will be communicated via Epraise. Please contact Mr Pullinger if you have any questions regarding these changes.

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Many of the students are tracking their evidence, as previously stated they can do this by using the welcome booklets that DofE sent to your addresses. If they didn't receive this I have also uploaded copies of the activity logs to the google classroom and they can also be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/activitylogs/>.

Please [click here](#) for further details and important information for all DofE students.

Please note Walking Groups, Tents and route planning" has been rescheduled due to the school closure.

Thank you. Mrs Hilsden.

Year 7

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our Year 7 tutor team as well as the Maths department. 7NF has now become 7KP and Miss Potter is the new form teacher. If you need to contact her please do so via email kpotter@bestacademies.org.uk

VAWG Workshop

Next month 7th & 8th May, each form class from Year 7 will be taking part in a VAWG workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details please get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.



Mrs B Wood - HOY

Year 8

VAWG Workshop

Next month 7th & 8th May, each form class from Year 8 will be taking part in a VAWG workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details please get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.

YEAR 10

Mrs S Bailey - HOY

Maths Revision Schedules

Please find below revision schedules for both higher and foundation tier maths students in Year 10 to help with revision for their summer mock exams.

- [Higher Tier](#)
- [Foundation Tier](#)

Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 mock exams will run from [Thursday 25th April to Friday 3rd May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. A paper copy indicating rooming and seat allocations will be given to them before the end of term. Please click the following link to view the amended timetable - [Mock Exam Timetable](#).

YEAR 11

As we come closer to the end of the year and the exam period here are some dates for your diaries:

Friday the 3rd of May: This will be a non uniform day **only** for year 11. We are asking that students pay £1 to come into school in non uniform. Any money raised from this will be added to our prom fund. Only Year 11's will be in non uniform on this day, all other year groups will be in regular school uniform. The option to pay for this is now live on Parentmail.

Wednesday the 8th of May: The year 11's leavers assembly will be on this day. They are expected to come into school in regular uniform and they will be attending lessons 1-4 as normal. If they wish to get a shirt signed by their peers then they will need to bring in a spare shirt. Students will be given time to purchase lunch and then their leavers assembly will start during lunch time. The assembly should end at 2:30 and after this students will be dismissed and will be allowed to leave the site early. If this will be an issue for you and you do not wish for your son/daughter to be dismissed early please contact me at dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk and alternative arrangements will be made. This is not the start of study leave.

Thursday the 23rd of May: This will be the last day of school for year 11 prior to the start of study leave. Students will still be expected to attend school as normal between the 8th of May to the 23rd of May. They will be in lessons as normal during this period unless they are in exams.

Friday the 24th of May: Study leave starts. Beyond this point students are only to attend school beyond this point if they are attending an exam. If students have an exam in both the morning and the afternoon and do not wish to return home between these exams we will provide them with a space to quietly revise in. As a reminder students are expected to attend exams in full school uniform.

Further to this we will be running JIT (just in time) sessions prior to each of the exams. You can find a full timetable of these sessions by using the following link:

[Year 11 JIT Timetable](#)

Rooms have currently not been assigned to the afternoon sessions, these will be updated on the document once the allocation has been completed.

Should you have any questions regarding the exam period please do get in touch! Mr D Sutcliffe - HOY

Mathematics Revision Sessions

Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner (lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk) or Mr Sutcliffe (dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk).

GCSE Maths Revision Schedules

Please find attached the final Mathematics revision schedules for the GCSE exams, for your information. These have been issued to students and put on the Google classroom by each Maths teacher.

- [foundation](#)
- [higher](#)

Weekly Maths Challenge from Mr Vanner

$$\begin{array}{r} AA \\ BB \\ + CC \\ \hline ABC \end{array}$$

Find the values of A, B and C?

Did you manage to find the area of the last puzzle ? Here is the solution - [shaded area solution](#).

Year 11 Art & Photography

As we are approaching the end of the GCSE Art & Photography course, I wanted to write to you again to remind you of the deadlines approaching, exam dates and the interventions we have on offer to support the students.



Dates for the 10 hour ESA exam are as follows:

- 113/Art Miss Smith & 113/Photography Mrs Fox-Connor Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April 2024
- 111/Art Mrs Fox-Connor & 111/Photography Miss Smith Thursday 1st May & 2nd May 2024

In preparation for the exam, students will need all of their sketchbook work and the tasks on their structure sheets complete so that they are prepared and know exactly what they will be doing for their final piece which they will be completing over the 2 days in the 10 hour exam. Students are not allowed to work on this project once the exam has finished. Please remind them to bring in their sketchbooks on the exam day as it has to be present.

Interventions and Support

As you are aware we offer a number of interventions and opportunities for students to come and use the space, gain 1-1 feedback and to catch up on any work they are behind on. The days and times are: Every lunchtime, Monday & Tuesday after school until 5pm and Thursday after school until 4.30pm. Please encourage your Son/Daughter to attend.

Coursework Reminder (60%)

Any outstanding work for the student's coursework that they did not complete, also needs handing in by the exam date so that it can be remarked and ready for the moderator visit. All students were given personalised feedback sheets with anything they needed to work on for that project.

Summer Exams

Written examinations commence on [Thursday 9th May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. There have been some instances where exam clashes have been identified. These will be resolved within the same exam day and indicated on their printed timetable which will also show rooming and seat allocations. This will be handed out to students before the end of term.

Contingency Days

There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable - the afternoon of **6 June** and **13 June 2024** and the morning and afternoon of **26 June 2024**.

We appreciate your child might finish their exams earlier than this, but ask that they are available on all three dates even if they do not have an exam.

The awarding bodies have collectively decided on these contingency days, and are allocated in case of an event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK.

Art and Photography GCSEs

These exams will take place between **Monday 29th April** and **Thursday 2nd May**

All students have received detailed information from their subject teachers regarding their specific exam dates.

GCSE French and German Speaking exams

The GCSE French Speaking exams will take place on **Thursday 25th April**

The GCSE German Speaking exams will take place on **Friday 26th April**

Timeslots will be notified to the students via their subject teacher in due course.

Equipment

Please ensure your child brings all the correct equipment to their exams. This includes calculators when allowed. We hold spares in the exam room for emergencies, but do not have enough to cater for all students. All equipment should be kept in a clear pencil case.

JCQ Regulations

Please familiarise yourself with all the exam guidance from JCQ. You can find the links to all information on our website [here](#).



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NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

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from your examination and your overall qualification.

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3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

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SIXTH FORM



Mrs C Dowden - Head of Sixth Form.

Attendance

Our expectation is that students are here for 95% of the time. It is proven that the higher the attendance the higher the grades. We would urge that holidays were not booked during term time. If your child is unwell, please encourage them to attend and we will endeavour to support them here. If a student will not be attending school, please contact the Sixth Form team by phone or email: lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk

CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** - 29 April, 13 May and 20 May. - **LAMDA is CANCELLED Monday 22nd April due to the school closure.** There will be an extended session to make up for this nearer the exam date. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions please email jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk
- **P.E.** Please [click here](#) for the new PE club timetable. Please remember to book via ePraise.
- **Extra-curricular Complete Clubs List** - A new extra curricular clubs list will be published after Easter, look out for these in next week's bulletin.
- **Homework timetable** - [click here to view](#).
- **Homework Club** runs every Monday and Tuesday after school with Miss Nicole.
- **School of Rock** - School of Rock Rehearsals are every Thursday after school till 5pm in the main school hall. Children should have already signed up via Epraise. All students must bring their script, pencil and water bottle to every rehearsal. Thank you. Mrs Brahmachari-Limb
jbrahmachari-limb@bestacademies.org.uk

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



- Take a look at other community events, promotions and things happening in the area [click here](#)
- Children's services also have some child focused learning opportunities coming up. Details can be found in the community events section of our website too.
- Autism Empowerment Webinar - [click here](#) for more details
- Balanced Minds - [Football](#)
- Parent Insight - April Session [click here](#) to view.
- Stotfold Town Council Big Tidy-up - [click here](#)
- Saturday morning music club run by Inspiring Music CBC - [click here](#) to view
- SENDIASS will be running two sessions - an evening session on Monday 29 April between 18:30 and 20:30, and also a daytime session on Tuesday 30 April between 10:00 and 12:00. This workshop will be online and will be held via MS Teams, and parent carers only need to attend one session. [Click here](#) to view.
- Please [click here](#) to view the local Children's Centre timetable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 22 April	School Closure
Tues 23 April	School Closure
Weds 24 April	School Closure

Fri 3 May	Year 11 Non Uniform
7 / 8 May	Year 7 & 8 workshop in school
9 / 10 / 11 May	D of E Practice
Fri 17 May	Author Visit Year 7 & 9
Mon 20 May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
22 / 23 / 24 May	Year 5 / 6 Workshop in school
Fri 24 May	Break for Half Term
Mon 3 June	Back to School (Pupils & Staff)

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