



underground bunker. The audio tour experienced by our young people brought that challenging period of our History into sharp focus, with students learning about Churchills very quirky character, and the restrictions faced by all staff living there.

This week Mrs Bramacahari-Limb led our School of Rock production. There were three spectacular performances of the show across three evenings, each and every one of the crew and cast were amazing. Thank you to everyone! We have already received some wonderful feedback and would be delighted to share this with you all! Please [click here](#) to view this.



I would like to wish the whole school community a restful and enjoyable, safe summer. We welcome students back to school for the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September.

Best wishes - **Mrs. J Young - Principal**

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Together we care

Always aim higher

The ETA way

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



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PRAISE TEXTS

700,000  
sent this academic  
year!



### 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.

Please [click here](#) to view the lunch menu.

### Term Dates

2024 / 2025 / [2025/2026](#)



### Mobile Phones in School

In February, the Government published new guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools with the recommendation of a ban on the use of phones throughout the school day.

We have always had a mobile phone policy here at Etonbury of red, amber and green phone zones.

Following on from the new guidance we have taken time to review the current policy and feel it is time to amend our approach to mobile phones. Please [click here](#) to read further details on the changes for all students.

### Uniform Expectations

We are incredibly proud of how smart Etonbury pupils look in their uniform. Pupils are greeted daily as they arrive at school, part of this process includes the monitoring of uniforms to ensure our expectations are met. Thank you in advance for your continued support with our school uniform policy, we are delighted to see so many pupils in the correct school uniform here at Etonbury. Please [click here](#) to view further details of our expectations and some answers to frequently asked questions.

**Uniform Orders** - Uniform orders - If you are looking to purchase new uniforms from Total Clothing for September, these orders will need to have been placed by **14 August**. Please use this link <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury> to place your order and find out the shop opening times.

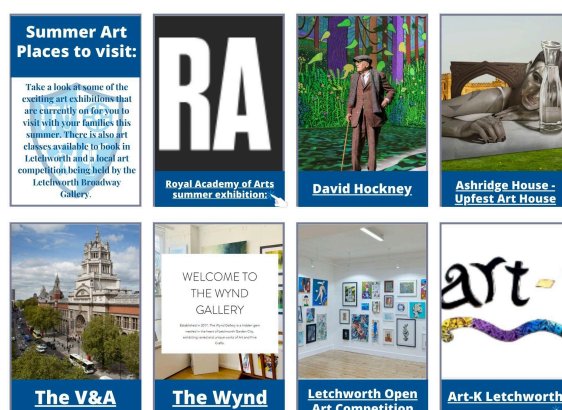
### Research Thank You from Ms Fogarty

Over the past few weeks, I have been lucky enough to conduct research on attention and distraction with some of our amazing students and I just have to say a massive thank you! I am immensely grateful for the support and participation received.

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents who reached out and allowed their children to be part of this study. Your cooperation has been invaluable.

Most importantly, I have to say a massive thank you to the wonderful students who participated. Your enthusiasm and dedication were truly remarkable, and your contributions have been of immense help to my research!

**Art places to visit this summer** - [click here](#) to view Miss Smith's recommendations for a visit this summer!





# ETONBURY ACADEMY

## OPEN EVENING

Save the Date

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Visit us to find out more about our school and speak to staff and students about academy life. Explore the facilities available to help enhance the quality of education we can provide your child from Year 5 all the way through to A Level.

Booking details to follow and feeder school times to be confirmed in September.

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### PE DEPARTMENT



Please be advised we operate a strict PE uniform at Etonbury Academy and after the summer break we will be ensuring everyone meets these requirements. Please note the following items are not permitted:

**Shorts should not be branded Nike etc, they must be Etonbury PE shorts. Joggers cannot be grey in colour.**

**School jumpers cannot be worn for PE, there is a PE fleece that can be purchased to provide an additional layer of warmth if required**

#### PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

##### Compulsory includes:

PE T-shirt

Either Etonbury Shorts **OR**

black/navy Skort

Football Socks

Trainers, Football Boots, Shin Pads, Gumshield



SHORTS



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Please [click here](#) to view full details of the ETA P.E. kit.

Please follow our [Facebook](#) or [X](#) (formerly Twitter) pages where you can keep up to date with our latest PE Legends of the year awards, fixtures and results, updates and notices on lessons, clubs, fixtures. Students must sign up for clubs via Epraise, this is our register platform and some clubs have a maximum limit for staff ratios.

Any questions please email [shilton@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto: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.

ETA JUNIORS



Everyone at ETA Juniors wishes you an amazing Summer break with all your friends and family. We are so excited to be heading into our new academic year in September!

Equipment List: All our pupils will need a full set of equipment ready for the new school year - please read through the list attached [here](#). Take care from all the ETA Junior Team both old and new.

Please follow us on X for updates and reminders - [@ETAJuniors](#)

Mr Sale - [bsale@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:bsale@bestacademies.org.uk) Head of Juniors

### Orange Book Club Update.

As you are all aware the children were asked to read, at least, 3 times a week to an adult as part of their homework and hopefully for enjoyment. Their **Orange** Books are checked & marked weekly in school and when they achieve this they receive an Orange Stamp. When they receive a total of 6 **Orange** Stamps they can attend the '**Orange Book Club**' which has been held on Thursday lunchtimes.

When they attend the club they get to claim a reward book, from our wide range of books, to acknowledge their effort and achievement, they also get recognised in our assemblies and receive epraise points.

I am so pleased to be able to share with you all that since September 2023, we have issued **716 books** to the children.

Well done to all of the children that have received a book (or 6) and we look forward to issuing many more books next year.

If, over the summer holidays, or at any time, you find yourselves clearing out any books suitable for us to recycle and use to present to the children, then please drop them into school for the attention of Juniors and the **Orange Book Club**. Thank you.



## Year 5

The Year 5 team are extremely proud and impressed with how hard our pupils have worked this year. The progress they have made is amazing and it is great to see what wonderful learners they are all becoming. This year, we have celebrated many successes from a residential to Young Voices and the interclass tournament. We have made beautiful clay bees and created divine food in Food Technology. Year 5 have been superstars in their Accelerated reading and claiming free books: 390 in total.

I wish our Year 5s all the very best for next year. I know I speak for the team when I say we are really going to miss teaching you all. Mrs Beckwith.

Mrs Beckwith - Head of Year 5

## Year 6

As the year concludes, marking the end of our year 6 pupils' primary education, it is time for us to reflect on the past academic year. There have been many highlights, including our visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum, the trip to the making of Harry Potter at Warner Brother Studios and Young Voices at the O2 Arena. However, most notable was the hard work, dedication and perseverance that pupils put into completing their SATs. The year 6 team are extremely impressed and proud of how they rose to the challenge. They have all strived to reach their potential and have made personal and educational progress over the year. Over the last half term, we have been preparing pupils to make the transition to secondary school in September. Pupils have had the opportunity to meet their new form tutors and spent some time working together on Step Up day with their new class. The year 6 team wishes all of our leaving cohort the best of luck as they move to year 7 and every success for the future.

Mrs Crockford - Head of Year 6

## 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.

### Weekly Maths Puzzle

*Who ate all the food? solution to last weeks puzzle - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMM0b2Sa0T4>*

## Year 9

### GCSE Speaking and Listening Exam

Year 9 students have been working hard this term to produce speeches that will be presented in October for their formal GCSE Speaking and Listening Exam. In September, all students will be told the date and time of their examination, which will be assessed in small groups. Over the summer, students are encouraged to rehearse their speech and make any final edits. Students should remember that they are not allowed a script in their exam, but can have their flashcards to aid memory. Students will be awarded a pass, merit or distinction mark for their exam and the results will be printed on their GCSE exam certificates, so it is important that all students try their hardest to succeed to the best of their ability.

### GCSE Art Kits

To support students going into year 10 with their GCSE art course, we have put together art kits which are now available on parent mail to purchase until Friday 27th September.

If you have any problems with purchasing a kit please speak or email Miss Smith.

We have put together 2 types of art kits. Please see below the contents of each of the kits:

<b>Kit 1: £16</b>	<b>Kit 2: £29</b>
A3 plastic folder Watercolours 14 colour set Colour pencils 12 pack Size 4 & 8 paint brush 1 large blending stump Black fine liner 2B sketching pencil Sharpener Rubber Glue stick White gel pens x3 Charcoal pencil A3 ruler	A3 plastic folder watercolours 25 colour set Colour pencils 24 pack Size 1, 4 & 8 paint brush Acrylic paint set of 12 1 large blending stump Black fine liner Sketching pencil set Sharpener Rubber Glue stick White gel pens x3 Charcoal pencil A3 ruler

## Year 10

### **GCSE Art Kits**

Any students going into year 11 who did not buy one last year or who would like to purchase another one can also do so on parent mail.

## Year 11

### **GCSE Results Day**

This year, GCSE results day will be held on Thursday the 22nd of August. Students can arrive between 8:30 and 11am to collect their results. Please enter the school via the new reception and collect results from the new sixth form block. Parents are able to wait for students in the sixth form garden.

Students will be asked to sign for their results and sign consent for their scripts. Exam scripts are gained for departments to use as teaching and learning professional development as well as to help advise on reviews of marking.

If students cannot come into school to collect their results, the following may be arranged:

- A nominated person can collect them on your behalf but they must have a letter of authorisation from the student. To authorise this please email our exams officer Mrs Williams at: [gwilliams@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:gwilliams@bestacademies.org.uk). Please note that this nominated person may be asked for a photographic ID before results are given out.
- Results can be posted home but you must supply a stamped self-addressed envelope to the exams office no later than 17th July 2024.
- A PDF of results can be emailed to the students' school email address, which will be emailed by midday, this must be requested by the student no later than 17th July 2024.

If you have applied to Etonbury Sixth Form, you will receive a letter in your results pack, informing you of your acceptance, or if a discussion is required with Mrs Dowden. You will also need to confirm or



decline your place in the Sixth Form by completing the slip and returning it to us before you leave. If you need an appointment with Mrs Dowden because you would like to discuss/change your options, you will be able to book these on the day once you have collected your results. These will take place in the afternoon from 12pm.

### Post Results Services

Please find information about post results services in the link below. To apply for a review of marking or other services your child will need to complete the appropriate form which will be available on the day. Please do note that there is also information regarding the collection of GCSE certificates at the end of the document - [Post Results](#)

### Collection of Exam Certificates

Exam certificates will be available for collection on Monday 6 January between 9-12pm, please come to the main reception. If you are collecting certificates on behalf of your child please bring along a form of photographic ID.

**SIXTH FORM**



Congratulations to all the students who took part in the KS5 wider reading programme this term - it was lovely to see so many students challenging themselves and expanding their knowledge of a wide range of issues. The texts set as part of the programme were designed to challenge students, both with their ability to access high level vocabulary and with their ability to explore and engage with varied topics. Achieving the Silver Standard Award this term were: Jemima R, Isabelle W, Freya M and Cordelia W, and achieving the Gold Standard Award were: Grace T, Evie B and Molly M. Well done to everyone who took part!

### Dress code reminder

As the weather is getting warmer, please can students and parents remind themselves of our [dress code](#) expectations. Whilst we have a smart casual policy, we do expect students to wear clothing that is appropriate for a professional working environment. Clothing should not be see-through and should cover shoulders, chest, midriff and thighs. Footwear should be appropriate for the school and learning community (no flip flops/sliders)



### Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form

We encourage our students in learning how to drive and support this by allowing students to book lessons during their study periods. However, students must avoid booking a driving lesson or test during a timetabled lesson. By completing the google form below, you are giving permission for your child to leave school in order to attend their driving lesson and/or test. [Driving Permission 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](mailto:lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk)

## GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form

Etonbury Academy has made plans to support families and students during the summer after results day with their current Sixth Form application along with any last minute applications to our Sixth Form. Please be assured we are here to assist. Initially please make contact via email

[cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk)

## UK University & Apprenticeships

UK University & Apprenticeships are running the following free webinars over the Summer holidays to help Year 13s and 12s. Please encourage your child to participate where applicable.

- My Life as a Student (31st July) - A great insight into what life is like at university. [sign up here](#)
- Clearing & Results Day (2nd August) - Vital info for students who may need to use the university Clearing process. [sign up here](#)

## UCAS Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our UCAS information evening and hope you found it useful to understand how you can support the students with their upcoming university and apprenticeship applications. Some of you asked if I could share my presentation, please [click here](#). I have also attached a link to the [UCAS Parents Guide 2025](#) and more information can be found at [Advice for Parents and Guardians](#).

## Personal Statements

Unfortunately, some students have not yet put the first draft of their personal statements on to Unifrog for checking. We would be grateful if you could support your child in uploading this by the end of the week so we can give them feedback on it in September.

## Reports

You will shortly receive your child's report which will include their latest mock result, predicted grade and the UCAS grade we will be putting on their application forms, as well as effort and behaviour scores. We have a parents' evening on Thursday 12th September, where you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and understand how we have arrived at these predicted grades. (more details to follow)

## Mock Resits

A reminder that if a student has scored an E or a U in their mock exams, they will have the opportunity to retake these exams the first week back in September. Mrs Dowden will be in touch this week to inform you if this affects your child and subject teachers will explain what revision students will need to do over the summer to improve on their current grade.

## Sixth Form Exam Results

MFL, Math resit and Further Maths results will be emailed to students in the holidays. All other results, including EPQ, will be available in September. If your child has any question regarding their results they are welcome to come into Sixth Form on August 22nd when we will be on site delivering GCSE results.

## Staggered start of term dates

Please note that Year 12 students will return to Sixth Form on 4th September and Year 13 students on 5th September.

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## Gym Permission Form

Students are encouraged to make best use of their gym passess and can, with parental permission, leave the school site to visit the gym when they are not in a timetables lesson. Please complete the form attached to give permission for yur child. [Gym Permission Form](#)

## CLUB INFORMATION



**Extra Curricular Clubs** - Please remember the first week back in September there will be no extracurricular clubs, these will run from week 2 onwards, all bookings will be via Epraise.

**Homework timetable** - [click here to view](#).

**LAMDA Club** - Starts Monday 23 september. If there are any students who would like to be considered for this please note this is open to KS2-5. We do have some additional spaces for the new academic year.

Please [read the letter](#) for more information

<https://www.lamda.ac.uk/lamda-exams/our-exams>

## 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.
- Laurie Scarth Musical Theatre - [click here](#).
- Library Summer Events - [Poster](#) and [Leaflet](#)
- [Tim West MBF](#) - summer football courses and offering a special discount for Etonbury pupils - 10% off code to anyone booking on from Etonbury, please use MBFETON when booking!
- Locations where kids can eat for free or a reduced price during the holidays - [click here](#)
- CAMHS Mental Health Drop-In service - [click here](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Fri 19 July	End of Term
Thurs 22 Aug	GCSE Results
<b>Weds 4 Sept</b>	<b>Start of the new academic year - students back to school</b>
Tues 10 Sept	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Fri 27 Sept	School Photo Day
Thurs 3rd Oct	Open Evening

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You are receiving this because you are a Student, Parent, Carer, Governor or Member of Staff at ETA.

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