



ETA Weekly Bulletin

11 June 2021

Good afternoon Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break.

I have continued my meetings this week with Heads of Department and Key Stages to discuss their future plans, as well as the progress of their learners. Although these meetings are routine for me as a Principal, it is important that we can confidently reassure you that your child remains on track. The children have also been testing this week, and these discussions and results will form part of the progress report they will be receiving at the end of term.

This week, there have been numerous activities going on in and out of school. Our PE department went ahead with their first fixtures, we had a group of children venture out on a horse riding experience, and a new Boxing group commenced too. Our BTEC childcare students, led by Mrs Joanne Young (Vice-Principal), were also able to visit the Acorn nursery class at Gothic Mede Academy to observe the children as part of their course. An enormous thank you to Gothic Mede Academy for welcoming us, this real experience has provided them with more confidence in their work and in their future career paths too. Our KS2 and KS3 children have been working on submitting their designs for the new Arlesey Town FC emblem competition. These are all incredibly important opportunities in developing our children beyond the classroom.

Next week, we launch our Transition Festival events for our Year 6s. The children will work with specialist teachers and experience Performing Arts, Media, Food, Art and English in the form of workshops, assemblies and lessons, also incorporating the theme of equality and diversity. Layton Williams, star of the most talked about new musical Everybody's Talking About Jamie, has also sent them their own special message! I am sure they will all enjoy the creative and fun learning that is planned, and I look forward to seeing our Year 6 children in the Secondary School more often over the coming weeks.

We are receiving daily updates from the local public health team regarding the spread of the Delta variant that has severely affected the Bedford Borough, and some schools in Central Bedfordshire. It is important that you continue to home test your children, as it is vital that we do everything we can to keep our children in school. Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 14 June - Timetable B](#)

[Lunch Menu - Week 3](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

Covid update - Due to the change in the symptoms shown in the Bedfordshire area, you may receive a call from the school for more details to discuss your child's symptoms. We are following the advice issued by the Local Public Health team on the Delta variant, and this may differ slightly to national guidance, so please do not hesitate to ask any questions so we can get clarification from the local team.

Central Bedfordshire Covid advice - PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOME TEST. Further details on what to do can be [found here](#).

Warm Weather Guidelines - Please can you remind students of the following

- bring in a water bottle you can fill this at break and lunch in the canteen
- sun cream if needed for PE and breaks
- use the toilet at break and lunch not waiting until the end of lunch
- masks back on before entering the building (including getting lunch)

Hayfever - Please ensure your child has taken their hayfever medication before coming to school. If you require medication to be kept in school, please complete [this form](#). Tablets and eye drops can both be administered with parental consent.

Parental/Student Support - A reminder to all parents of our parental/ student support page which has a number of useful websites including cyber safety, mental health and LGBTQ+ support <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support>.

Uniform - Our uniform shop has produced a [guide here](#), which can be seen on our website. They also have a series of sizing guides on their website to help you take the correct measurements.

Second hand Uniform - We are also in the process of discussing a project involving the local community for you to be able to purchase second hand uniform. If you would like to donate any items, please drop off pre-washed items that are in good condition directly to reception next week.

[ETONBURY JUNIORS](#) - Email ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk

Year 6 into 7 Arts Transition Festival Month (14th June to 16th July) - All Year 6's will be taking part in a spectacular journey through the arts to support their transition to Secondary school. Updates will appear on our Facebook pages, and you can also follow us at https://twitter.com/ETA_HUB

Please [click here](#) to view a personal message from Layton Williams, star of 'Everyone's Talking about Jamie' to wish all our students the best for what will be a fantastic transition experience.

Summer Reading Challenge - The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, with a nature-themed challenge, supported by the World Wildlife Fund. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Year 6 to Year 7 Summer School (Mon 23 Aug - Fri 27 Aug) - Don't forget to sign up your child to the Summer School. [click here](#) to book a place.

UPPER YEARS

Maths assessments in June - Please make sure that your child has a pen, pencil, ruler and scientific calculator for each of his/her mathematics lessons. We will be setting assessments to Years 7 to 10 from the first week after half term.

Science Safety Goggles - Students must bring the safety goggles that were given to them last September into school every day for lessons, these are a requirement to be able to participate in Science practicals.

Year 7 Drama - Students in Year 7 are continuing to study soap opera and will listen to short episodes of the radio play 'The Archers' as part of the scheme of work. There are some sensitive themes covered about bullying and relationships which we will discuss as part of the learning. Please contact jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk if you do not wish your child to listen to these.

Year 7 Archery Club - Mr McGee will be running an archery club for year 7s this term. It will be on Fridays until 5pm. There are only 6 spaces available. Pupils will need to contact Mr McGee if they are interested. Hopefully after "bubble" restrictions are lifted this will be extended to other year groups. bmcgee@bestacademies.org.uk

Year 7 Horse Riding and Stable Management - Please can you ensure that if your child is taking part in this 6-week course, they must wear sports clothes (trousers or leggings) and a sports top, take lots of water and a packed lunch. Any questions please do not hesitate to email cvernon-hamilton@bestacademies.org.uk.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Please [click here](#) to view a letter from the Immunisation and Vaccination team, this contains a link to consent to your child receiving their HPV vaccination. Any problems with the online form or if you would like to discuss the vaccine, please call the number given for the Immunisation team directly.

Year 9 & 10 Medical Mavericks Academy - We have been given a fantastic opportunity by the University of Bedfordshire to take part in a programme called Medical Mavericks Academy.

It is an online course that gives the students the opportunity to learn about careers in the medical sector, but this is not just about medicine and the usual suspects when it comes to medical careers. They will have interviews and videos from doctors, nurses, midwives etc... with over 350 NHS careers to choose from. In addition to this, we have access to 2 live online events through this course.

- **Guinea Pig Show:** a presenter takes your students on a journey through Healthcare Science careers that perform 85% of all diagnostic tests in a hospital. Every career explored is accessible with 5 GCSEs at levels 9-4. It focusses on careers in Healthcare Science, all of which are accessible with 5 GCSEs at levels 9-4. The show covers: - Vascular Science - Cardiac Physiology - Medical Engineering - Renal & Urodynamics - Ophthalmic Science - Respiratory Physiology
- **The Senses Show:** What is the show about? We'll show your students how to perform 8 exciting experiments on their body and each other to discover how they work and explore some of the quirks of human physiology and their senses. We'll look at proprioception and make your arms float into the air, make everything in your vision shrink and grow, test your reflexes and much more.

We have been selected as an Aspire Higher school, in association with the University of Beds. Any students who are leaning towards a medical/biological type career can sign up by clicking on the following link, you will then receive login details.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TKi4hWtytCjw3g2Dm7d6iyOgihwEnuv8Nq7OLeCByoo/edit>

It will require a little extra work from home, but will be well worth it!

Year 10 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis Vaccinations - Please [click here](#) to view a letter from the Immunisation and Vaccination team, this contains a link to consent to your child receiving this vaccination, deadline 5th July. Any problems with the online form or if you would like to discuss the vaccine, please call Immunisation team directly 0300 790 0594.

Year 10 Exam Timetable - All year 10 students will be sitting mock exams commencing on Monday 21st June for 2 weeks. All students have been handed their personalised exam timetable via their tutor, and a copy has been emailed home to parent/carer. Please [click here](#) for the exam timetable.

Year 10 Revision sessions for the year 10 combined Science Exam - In order to aid revision for the science mock exam, there will be the following sessions for your child to attend depending on their tier (Higher/Foundation). There is a sign-up sheet on the door of lab 3 for them to sign up. I am only accepting a maximum of 20 pupils per session. Pupils will be taken through past paper examination question practise and content. Please ensure they sign up:

Wednesday 9th June – BOTH TIERS: [Biology] Lunchtime 1.30-2pm

Thursday 10th June –LUNCH-TIME at 1.30pm-2 BOTH TIERS: Physics

Monday 14th June - LUNCH-TIME at 1.30pm-2 BOTH TIERS: Chemistry

Tuesday 15th June – AFTERSCHOOL Higher Content ONLY 1hr 3.30-4.30

Wednesday 16th June – AFTERSCHOOL Foundation Content ONLY 1hr 3.30-4.30

Thursday 17th June – LUNCH 1.30-2 BOTH TIERS Bio, Physics, Chem

Mrs Evans, Head of Science

[Higher checklist](#) / [Foundation checklist](#). Additional resources in preparation for this assessment:
Chemistry past papers and mark-schemes: <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/gcse-ocr-b/>

Biology past papers and mark-schemes:

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-ocr-b/>

Physics past papers and mark-schemes: <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-ocr-b/>

Year 10 Maths - Students will be taking 2 Maths papers from 21st June 2021. Please find attached a 4-week revision schedule, using the Mathswatch website. I have attached a revision schedule for the [Foundation tier](#) and for the [Higher tier](#) papers.

All students know how to log in and have their own password.

Year 10 GCSE history students - Please see the [attached document](#) to help support your child in their upcoming GCSE history assessments

Year 10 Geography Field Trip - Please [click here](#) to view a letter regarding the Geography Field Trip to Overstrand, North Norfolk. Friday 19 – Saturday 20 November 2021

Important Year 11 post 16 options

Don't forget to go to our careers page on our [website](#) for help.

Please [click here](#) for a list of all schools and colleges within this area together with links to their websites.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CORONAVIRUS

Covid Update from Central Bedfordshire Council - Please [click here](#).

Lateral Flow home testing

If you are able to, please:

- Continue to test twice weekly
- Report results online as positive, negative or void to the NHS Test result logging system.
<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

We also request that you complete [this form](#) to notify the Academy of your child's results each time.
<https://forms.gle/Vc4iTXLpBiHPXpd59>

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- Meet outside rather than inside where possible
- Try to keep 2 metres apart from people that you don't live with (unless you have formed a [support bubble](#) with them), this includes friends and family you don't live with

- Get tested twice a week and isolate if you are positive
- [Get vaccinated](#) when you are offered it, and encourage others to do so as well
- Wash your hands frequently with soap for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitiser
- Wear a face covering correctly when you are required to do so - especially on public transport

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please [click here](#) for more Covid-19 information on our school website

NHS supporting mental wellbeing - Click here for more information. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Community Events and Activities - Please [click here](#) to view our website page

Early Help Positive Parenting Leaflet June-July 2021- Please [click here](#).

SEND Parents Support Group - Please [click here](#) for more information.

Term Dates 20/21

Thursday 22 July - Last day of term (Summer break)

Monday 6 September -Return to school

Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher