



## ETA Weekly Bulletin

**14 January 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled remarkably well to their return after Christmas, and I have been particularly proud of their work and attitude to learning as I have continued to show prospective parents around the school this week.

On Monday we also welcomed trainee teachers, Hannah and Jade, from the University of Bedfordshire who will be working with our teachers in the Art and English departments. It is really important that their experience at Etonbury provides them with a positive start to their teaching careers, and we look forward to watching them develop their teaching skills over the coming weeks.

The final GCSE examination season has now started, with our Food Technology and Childcare students. Enormous thanks to all the teams across the GCSE curriculum who have also supported the Year 9 Option Taster Session Programme that is running over the next two weeks to support our students in selecting the subjects in Year 10 that are right for them. This takes a huge amount of organisation, but I feel it is important for our students to make informed decisions following conversations and teaching of the subjects by our specialist teachers across the school.

Over in the Junior School children have been studying Vikings and WW2, and in life skills they have been sewing on buttons! As part of our Technology programme, we have also taken delivery of a further 60 chromebooks to install across the curriculum. We have also been updating our displays across the school, in English and in our communal area on Equality and Diversity. There are plenty more developments to come, and I will continue to share these with you.

Please encourage your child to get involved in our school performance of 'Matilda', we are looking forward to bringing the whole school together in this tremendous show.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 17 January - Timetable A](#)  
[Lunch Menu - Week 3](#)

**Matilda The Musical (Whole School Production 11 Jul)** - First audition workshop to take place on **Thursday 20 January**, 3.45pm - 5.00pm in the school hall. If your child wants to sign up to auditions please complete this [Google Form](#) to give permission for your child to stay after school. Please [click here](#) for more information.

If your child is interested in backstage production work instead of acting, please can they fill in the google form. However, they will NOT be expected to attend the audition next week as this will be for actors only. Instead, I will invite them to their own audition interview with me on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 3:30pm to 5pm in the main school hall.

Also attached is a [family matters leaflet](#) explaining how you can support your child through the audition process. I will be in contact soon to give you more information on your child's progress. If you need more information please contact [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk)

**LAMDA** - Here are the dates for children signed up to do LAMDA.

January - 17th, 24th, 31st

February - 7th, 21st, 28th

March - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

**Extra-Curricular Clubs List** - Please [click here](#) for the clubs list for the spring term. There are many exciting opportunities for your children, both during and after school. I am also delighted to announce that we have added Homework club, running on Mondays and Tuesdays after school, to support secondary pupils. Regards, Mr Baga. Assistant Principal - Curriculum

**PE Clubs and Notices-** Can we ask any students who have participated in school team events this year to return any kits they may still have at home. Any kit that students have grown out of that you wish to donate to the PE team will always be welcomed.

Students require gum shields for hockey and for rugby in KS3 and 4. Please can you ensure these are brought and moulded for students ready for these lessons Clubs will begin week commencing 17th Jan. Please [click here](#) for more information.

**Driving and parking on the school site** - Please may we ask that you avoid using the car park at reception to collect your children after school. Our school taxis, disabled visitors and students with medical needs are requiring access at all times of the day.

**Etonbury Extra Breakfast Club with Mr Bamford** – With the wintery mornings drawing in, Etonbury Extra Breakfast Club with Mr Bamford is a club that has been set up in order to help students start their day the right way ....The ETA Way. This club supports parents/carers to facilitate their days and will be focusing on helping students prepare themselves for the day ahead through organisation, praise and positivity. Students are invited into the breakfast club for free taster sessions (and of course some warm toast and a lovely hot drink). We'll be looking at character building, problem solving and improving confidence among students. It's been lovely to see so many parents and students utilising this club and benefitting from everything that Breakfast club has to offer.

To sign up to the Breakfast Club with Mr Bamford or to book a free taster session please use this link. <https://forms.gle/TG3K6YDxGCraL3o19> All this for just £2 a day. Breakfast food such as toast and warm drinks are provided daily for students to enjoy before school. We look forward to seeing you there.

**School Crossing Patrol** - Mr Bodger is currently acting as the Crossing Patrol, to ensure all pupils are safe. This is only until Central Beds fill the post. If any parents/carers are interested in the role please contact **Tamsin Townsend**, Senior Road Safety Direct Dial: 0300 300 6466 Email: [tamsin.foster@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamsin.foster@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)



The role consists of 10 hours per week term time and is between £9.44-£9.63 per hour. Full training and ppe is provided. The vacancies are currently on the [Central Bedfordshire Council careers website](#). The vacancies are currently in Stotfold, Arlesey and Henlow plus a standby for North Central Beds

**Science Department** - Requires donations of metal coat hangers. If you have any you no longer require please hand in to the Science Department.

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **Meet the Tutor Parents Evenings - Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 26th January.**

To book your virtual meeting click [here](#). Once logged in you will be able to book a 15 minute virtual meeting on your chosen day with your child's form tutor. The system will open for bookings today, Friday 7th January, at 6pm and will close for bookings at midnight on Sunday 16th January. Please [click here](#) for guidance on how to attend your virtual meeting.

**Year 6 Visit to Imperial War Museum, Duxford (27 Jan 2022)** - Please [click here](#) to find out all the exciting details and permission forms for our trip to IWM in January which forms part of our theme in the first half of Spring Term - We Shall Never Surrender. Payment deadline Friday 14 January.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL (YRS 7-11)**

### **Meet the Academic Mentor Parents Evenings - Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 26 January.**

To book your virtual meeting click [here](#). Once logged in you will be able to book a 15 minute slot on your chosen day with your child's academic mentor. The system will open for bookings today, Friday 7 January, at 6pm and will close for bookings at midnight on Sunday 16 January. Please [click here](#) for guidance on how to attend your virtual meeting. If you wish to talk to a specific subject teacher at any point, then please get in touch with them directly. You can speak with them over the phone, or arrange to meet in person, if you have any questions or concerns.

**Covid vaccinations** - Please [click here](#) for more information on the Covid Vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds.

**Parent's Information on DofE Bronze and Silver** - Please watch the below loom outlining the awards:

<https://www.loom.com/share/9d13caedf5da4f0e96d19f56b068e654>

### **Bronze Expedition Dates:**

Practice Expedition: 2nd-3rd April

Real Expedition: 1st-2nd July (will be out during school time on the 1st)

### **Silver Expedition Dates:**

Practice Expedition: 1st-3rd April (afterschool on the 1st)

Real Expedition: 30th-2nd July (will be out during school time on the Thursday and Friday)

The practice expedition will take place at the school and the local area.

The real expedition location is pending however will be the Ivinghoe Beacon area, within a drivable distance.

### **Interest Form Year 9 Bronze:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekPEVgTs2KftQ8wp-M7cdBXnY\\_7XWPTQTT8uvat-tjx0-Og/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekPEVgTs2KftQ8wp-M7cdBXnY_7XWPTQTT8uvat-tjx0-Og/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Interest Form Year 10 Silver:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrzoI7q66V29inSt6yPyqUFdK4MUddyZ1F4Bjp\\_i\\_rw0Mcw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrzoI7q66V29inSt6yPyqUFdK4MUddyZ1F4Bjp_i_rw0Mcw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

All interest forms to be completed by the 26th January, that will be the cut off date for applications for the 2022 DofE Award. Any further questions, please email [ehilsden@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ehilsden@bestacademies.org.uk)

### **English KS3: Recommended Reads**

- Our Year 7 students are taking on the role of detective in their second module, 'To a great mind, nothing is little'. [Click here](#) to view texts, linked to this genre, that students might enjoy.

- In Year 8, students are studying 'Some are more equal than others', with a focus on 'Animal Farm' and rhetoric. [Click here](#) to view thematically linked texts that students might enjoy. 0
- Our Year 9 students are exploring 'The Gothic'. [Click here](#) to view texts, linked to this genre, that students might enjoy.

#### **English KS4: Recommended Reads**

- Our Year 11 students are undertaking the second module of their GCSE course, focusing on English Language Paper 2 and Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. [Click here](#) to view texts that are thematically linked to this topic.

**TUTE Interventions** - Unfortunately we have had some technical difficulties with the TUTE interventions this week. We are working with TUTE to resolve this issue and hope to be back up and running for Tuesday 18th January. Thank you for your support and patience with this.

**MFL Club Years 7 & 8** - Dates for this half term: Wednesday 19 January and Wednesday 2 February  
Sign up on epraise

**Year 7 PSHCE** - Please be aware that in PSHCE we are discussing the dangers of social media and communication online. We will be exploring interpreting language specifically as part of the programme. Please e mail [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk) for more information

**Performing Arts (Year 9)** - In Year 9 we are exploring the theme of persecution and refugees as our project this term and students will be creating their own theatre in education presentations. We will be using a poem as a stimulus called 'Home', that explores persecution and other sensitive issues through the language used. If you have any queries about this please email [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk) directly

**Performing Arts (Year 11) BTEC COMP 3 Performing Arts Exam** - Thursday 28 April - all day. Year 11 Students must wear all black. Written exam assessments on the following days in the BTEC Performing Arts lessons.

w/c 7 Feb -Ideas log 1

w/c 14 March - Skills log

w/c 25 April - performance week

w/c 3 May - evaluation log

Please be aware that extra catch up revision sessions are available on Wednesday week A and B in the studio at lunchtime.

**Year 11 Mathematics** - Lunchtime revision classes are now running each Tuesday, from 1345 to 1415, giving students time to fetch lunch before attending. Signup sheets are outside classrooms, for both Foundation and Higher tier students.

**Year 11 Mathematics: Revision timetable for mock exams starting 28 February 2022** - Please find attached a copy of the latest revision schedules, for each of Higher and Foundation tier students.

Your son/daughter has been given a copy of this in his/her maths lesson this week.

[Foundation Tier Revision Timetable](#)

[Higher Tier Revision Timetable](#)

**KS3 & KS4 Geography Extended Project 2022 (deadline for submission 18 Mar)** - Students first task is to create a piece of work that explores this statement - **Our plastic planet: Explore the impact of plastics on planet Earth**. They may wish to create a leaflet, write an essay, make a poster, create a video, make a model, or anything else creative of their choice! This is a completely **optional** piece of work which is available to all Geography KS3 and KS4 students throughout this term. The deadline for submission is Friday 18 March. All entries should be submitted to your Geography teacher. Prizes will be handed out to winners in each year group.

**Year 11 BTEC Level 1 / Level 2 Technical Award in Sport, Activity and Fitness Exam** - Tuesday 8 February 2022 - 9:00am [Click here](#) for more information.

**Year 11 English revision website** - Click here [www.sites.google.com/bestacademies.org.uk/eta-ks4-revision](http://www.sites.google.com/bestacademies.org.uk/eta-ks4-revision).

**Etonbury Home Learning Guidance** - Please [click here](#).

## COVID UPDATES

### **Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19 (UPDATE 12/1/22)**

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

**What to do if you test positive** - Click here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

**Stay at home guidance** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

**Home Testing** – Students should be strongly encouraged to continue testing twice weekly at home and to report all results to NHS Test and Trace [https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm\\_source=4%20January%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=4%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

and to the school here <https://forms.gle/nLTCim4UL4eD3mLP7>.

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

**Chums Workshops and registration form** - Please [click here](#) for more information.

**Do you know what 'County Lines' is?**

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- Understand what is happening in your local area

Please [click here](#) for more information on a FREE online event by Beds Police, to book a place [bedswebinar.eventbrite.com](https://bedswebinar.eventbrite.com)

**TERM DATES 20/21**

Friday 11 February - Last day of term

Monday 21 February - Return to school

Friday 1 April - Last day of term (Easter Break)

Tuesday 19 April - Return to school

Friday 27 May - Last day of Term

Monday 6 June - Return to school

Thursday 21 July - Last day of school (Summer Break)

**Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher**