

## Parent Weekly Update - 16 April 2021

Good afternoon Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a peaceful Easter break.

This week started with a staff development day, led by our Senior Leader for Data, Mr Rhys Kirkman. The purpose was to meet with our Heads of Department to analyse student data, discuss individual student needs and strategies to accelerate their learning.

There has been a heartening sense of normality this week. Learning, extra curricular activities and social times are a real pleasure to observe. We welcomed Dr Stewart Tolley, from The Brilliant Club and University of Oxford, who delivered advanced History lessons in our Junior and Secondary schools. The school has an incredibly positive vibe and on my walkarounds students are engaged, calm and working hard.

This week we have been fortunate to shortlist some incredibly high calibre candidates for our French Teacher and SENDCO positions, and I am absolutely delighted that we have recruited fantastic people to support your children's education. We received numerous high quality applications which is testament to where our school is heading, and the reputation we are building in the community and beyond.

It was good to see our Juniors in the secondary school Food tech rooms making pizza with Mr Bodger, and even better to know that they are going home and helping you with the dinner! We are looking forward to seeing more of our Juniors this term over in the main school, as they start the transition in readiness for September.

We will be starting social distance tours again for our Year 4 children, and their parents/carers, starting in September. So, if you have a child coming here and they have not yet had a chance to come in and see us, please call us to arrange this.

Best Wishes

Ian Evason, Principal

### **Week commencing Tuesday 19 April - Timetable A**

#### **[Lunch Menu - Week 2](#)**

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** - Please [click here](#) to view a list of all the clubs on offer.

**Extra- Curricular Sports Clubs** - Students wishing to attend an after school club will need to sign up through their Epraise, under the 'activities' section. Students **WILL** be required to attend school in their PE kit if they are attending an after-school club on that day. Lunch time clubs will start in the Summer

Term, they **do not** need to wear their PE kit or sign up via epraise for these. Please [click here](#) to see the timetable.

**PE Kit Expectations Summer Term** - A reminder of our PE kit expectations ready for the summer, please [click here](#) to view a good example. Students will need to ensure they are wearing their Etonbury PE Kit in the Summer Term, this includes:

**Boys:**

Blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms  
Etonbury PE polo, short sleeve/long sleeve  
Long blue rugby socks (for football and rugby)  
Football boots (for football and rugby)  
Gum shield (contact rugby only KS3 and above)  
White sport socks (for sports that are not rugby or football)  
Trainers  
Etonbury fleece or a plain black or blue training top (small logos permitted, for example a Nike Tick)

**Girls:**

Etonbury skort/ Black sport leggings/ blue or black tracksuit bottoms  
Etonbury PE polo, short sleeve/long sleeve  
Long blue rugby socks (for football)  
Football boots (for football)  
White sport socks  
Trainers  
Etonbury fleece or a plain black or blue training top (small logos permitted, for example a Nike Tick)

Items of sportswear that are **Not Permitted:**

Hoodies (including full zip hoodies)  
Items that are not blue or black  
Sportswear with large printed logos on the front

We of course recognise this is a difficult time to order new kit and appreciate that a lot of the stores are having supply issues. If your child does not have the appropriate kit, they will need to attend school with a signed note, or an email will need to be sent into the students form tutor so this information can be shared with all staff.

**Performing Arts LAMDA** - We still have a few places left for LAMDA (year 7 and 8) on Wednesday after school 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the drama studio. Please sign up via epraise or contact [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk) for more information about our specialist LAMDA Acting school.

**Lateral Flow home testing**

We have not yet received additional supplies from the Department of Education to send home with your children. As soon as we receive these, we will be sending them home. In the meantime, you should be able to order additional kits via this website

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If you are able to, please:

- Continue to test twice weekly
- Report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping the DfE and Track and trace to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- Test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Please remember to upload the results to the NHS Test result logging system.

We also request that you complete [this form](#) to notify the Academy of your child's results each time.

<https://forms.gle/Vc4iTXLpBiHPXpd59>

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#).

Please [click here](#) to view the latest Covid 19 testing information from Central Bedfordshire Council.

**ETONBURY JUNIORS** - Email [ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk)

**Arrival/Departing School** - please remind all students that primary pupils must arrive and leave at school via the main gate and the crossing (where Mrs Whittle stands). Children shouldn't go via the Pendleton Centre car park and the Fox and Duck car park as a means of access as these become increasingly busier and put their own safety at risk.

**Driving on to the school site** - Please avoid driving on to the school site, particularly during pick up and drop off times, unless you have an arranged meeting in school.

## **UPPER YEARS**

**Year 7 Art project** - Year 7 will be making sculptures from plastic bottles/bottle lids/containers this term. If you empty out any COLOURFUL plastic bottles, containers and bottle lids, please wash them thoroughly and bring them to your art lesson. Thank you in advance, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Hammond and Mrs Hilsden.

**Year 9 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.

**Year 9 GCSE English Texts** - We encourage all of our students to have their own copies of their GCSE English texts; these are now available to purchase on ParentMail. For more information, please [click here](#).

**Year 11 English** - Congratulations to year 11 who performed brilliantly in their mini spoken language debate in class this week. They showed fabulous understanding of their modern texts, which will prepare them well for their final assessed piece in a few weeks' time. Students will be completing their next piece of assessed work on Tuesday 20th April, focusing on English Language Paper 2. Revision activities and past papers are available on students' individual English Google Classrooms.

**Year 11 Maths** - We are preparing all Year 11 Maths students for their final mock examinations.

A 4-week daily revision schedule was issued this week..

We have also provided each student with a list of the topics and Mathswatch revision clips that will be covered in the mock examinations. A copy of each of the Foundation and Higher tier checklists are attached, for your convenience. These topics will also be covered during mathematics lessons until that time. Please do contact your son/daughter's mathematics teacher, if you do have any questions.

Please [click here](#) for the Foundation Checklist. Please [click here](#) for the Higher tier checklist.

These lists cover all topics that will be on the final assessments in May 2021. Students have also been given a copy of the Mathswatch revision schedules that were sent out to you before Easter.

**Year 11 Science** - In order to provide support for you son/daughter please find below the list of topics that will be in their final assessment. We encourage all students to revise over the Easter break using these topics as guidance.

[Combined Science](#) for Higher & Foundation

[Triple Science](#)

**Year 11 Catch Up Timetable** - Please [click here](#) to view the catch up timetable.

**Year 11 Key dates and milestones** - We now have a 'Flight Path' for year 11 students, giving an overview of key events and milestones for the coming months. These will be shared with Year 11 students in detail and are as follows:

#### April

- Pupils prepare for assessment and complete outstanding coursework
- Careers interviews continue to ensure all students are placed at post-16.

#### May

- Assessments in mid to late May
- Leavers assembly
- Year 11 'Summer Festival' replacing school prom.
- Year 11 leavers date TBC

**Year 10/11 BTEC Performing Arts** - Please check the timetable for extra catch up for support on coursework and exams. This is a great chance to get additional support outside of lessons.

Year 11 - Every Tuesday Lunchtime (drama studio)

Year 11 - Every Thursday lunchtime (drama studio)

Year 11 - Studio available for booking for supervised rehearsals - Monday -, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Year 11 - Please see assessment plan for your performances. Students will be scheduled to perform their 'Responding to brief' exam at a set time on **Thursday 6 May** after school. A schedule will follow.

**Date for diary - May 6th 2021 - Year 11 Performance**

**Year 11 Leavers Celebrations** - Mr Harpin is organising the end of year celebrations for year 11. We are going to have an outdoor festival. If there are any parents that have businesses that might be suitable for this (ice cream vans, outdoor entertainment etc), could they get in touch with me? Many thanks. [mharpin@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:mharpin@bestacademies.org.uk)

### **Important Year 11 post 16 options**

**Year 11 Discover Colleges Week Monday 22nd March - Friday 26th March** - Please [click here](#) for more information.

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**

**LFD Testing** - If a pupil or staff member has recently (within 90 days) had a positive test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are, therefore, exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 test, unless they develop new symptoms.

If an individual decides to take part in the schools LFD testing programme, within 90 days of a positive test, they must follow government guidelines on self-isolation if they test positive:

- If an individual tests positive with an LFD test, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days, as will close contacts and members of their household.

Pupils and staff members are still required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case, even if this is within the 90-day window of their positive test.

Please ask all pupils and staff members if they have previously tested positive for Covid-19, within the last 90 days, prior to commencing the LFD testing programme. Pupils and staff should inform their setting if they are exempt from testing due to the above.

### **Lateral Flow Privacy Notice -**

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/site/data/files/parents%20area/coronavirus%20updates/8A477F022F6387893219BAA89A0D708A.pdf>

**Government Guidance during COVID-19** - What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

**Arrange a test if you have any coronavirus symptoms**

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**Information and support** - Click below for details available on our website

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support>

**Local restriction tiers: what you need to know**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

**COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

**Guidance for households** - [Click here](#) for information on how to form a childcare bubble for children aged 13 or under with friends and family they do not live with.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR CHILD OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HAS ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS:**

**Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

**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**

- **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
- **Keep 2 metres apart** from anyone you do not live with.

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

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

**Parental and Student Support** - Please [click here](#) to view our Parental and Student Support website page which contains useful information on various support groups.

**Term Dates 20/21**

Friday 28 May - Half Term

Monday 7 June - Return to school

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

Monday 6 September -Return to school

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