



ETA Weekly Bulletin

17 September 2021

Good afternoon Parents/Carers,

Working with our students and staff is a real pleasure, the children are focused and calm, and staff are committed to their learning. This week at the Senior Leadership Team strategic meeting we welcomed all our Heads of Department to discuss how we can do things even better. Focusing on ensuring consistency for all children, celebrating successes, working together to ensure equality and inclusivity is embedded in our curriculum and developing our community relationships. The team are excellent leaders in their field, and I feel fortunate to be working with such a talented group of individuals.

I've continued my tours with parents looking to move their child into the school this year, and as always the feedback is brilliant. As you would expect it is always good to hear of these positive experiences, and I believe we are a small, compassionate and exceptional community that they feel when they walk around. ETA Juniors have been working on the community scarecrow competition, our whole school extra-curricular activities have started including choir, table tennis, yoga, debating, Boxercise, further maths, LGBTQ+, digital drawing and many many more. Please take a look at the extra curricular activities schedule in this bulletin and encourage your child to attend, there is something for everyone. Thank you to all our staff who use their own personal time to deliver such a brilliant variety of activities.

Congratulations to Aqidah in Year 6 who achieved runner up in a national writing competition, Emma who attended Arlesey Town Football Club to unveil her design and all the students involved in the Shell STEM project (featured in our termly newsletter) who received the most fantastic feedback.

Thank you for your support with uniform and ensuring your child arrives on time.

These set our high expectations and standards for the day, contributing to the success of our school. I have the pleasure of greeting your children at the gate in the morning with smiles, 'good mornings' and having wider conversations about their day, weekend or their favourite lesson. Learning the 901 names is a challenge, but an enjoyable one.

Finally, we are now preparing for our open evenings and more details are in this bulletin. If your child is in Year 8, and although you are not required to complete an admission form as your child automatically moves up to Year 9, we welcome you to attend our Secondary open evening. If you have a child in Year 3 (entry Sept 2023) or Year 4 (Sept 2022) at a lower school in or out of our catchment, please register your interest for a tour and the open evening.

Best wishes

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 20 September - Timetable A](#)

[Lunch Menu - Week 3](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

Etonbury Open Evenings - For parents with Year 3 and 4 children at Lower and Primary Schools, and Etonbury families with children in Year 8.

Please [complete this form](#) to register your interest to attend an Etonbury Open Evening and be kept up to date with what's happening at Etonbury Academy. Here are the following dates, but you can also register to arrange a tour during the school day.

- **Year 6 into Year 7 (Primary to Secondary)** - Thursday 14th October 2021
- **Secondary entry (Yr 8 - 10)** - Thursday 14th October 2021
- **Current Etonbury Year 8 parents** (you don't need to complete an admission form to move up to Year 9 at Etonbury) - Thursday 14th October 2021
- **Etonbury Juniors Year 4 into Year 5** - Thursday 11th November 2021

Year 8 Monitors - Monday will see the return of the year 8 receptionists. This is a non-compulsory opportunity to represent the school and gain a measure of work experience by supporting the staff in their day-to-day duties, learning communication and organisational skills. A different pair of students takes on the role each day, delivering messages, touring prospective parents, post, and carrying out administrative tasks. They will be some of the first faces seen by visitors to the school and it is therefore an excellent opportunity to understand the importance of first impressions and demonstrate the ETA Way. hinton@bestacademies.org.uk

Homework Timetable 2021/22 - Please find the 2021/2022 Homework timetable linked [here](#). The timetable details the week and day homework will be set for the varying subjects and year groups. Mr R Baga.

Extra-Curricular Clubs List (Autumn Term) - Please [click here](#) to view the extra-curricular clubs list for the autumn term. There is a variety of clubs for all year groups, sign up via E-Praise.

Maths Equipment - Reminder that students should have a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator for each of their maths lessons.

Lunch Accounts (All new starters) - You will have received your registration alert from Parentmail to make payments to your child's lunch account in order for them to purchase lunch and snacks next week, as well as pay for the lunches your child had this week. Please make sure you have made a payment to your account, or your child will be unable to make any further purchases with our catering contractor. If you have not received your registration details, please contact cfallows@bestacademies.org.uk as soon as possible.

Etonbury Extra Breakfast Club – [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 wayThe ETA Way. A club that will be focusing on helping students prepare themselves for the day ahead through organisation, praise and

positivity. We'll be looking at character building, problem solving and improving confidence among students.

To sign up to the breakfast club with Mr Bamford please use this link. [Breakfast Club - Etonbury Extra 2021/2022 Registration - Google Forms](#) All this for just £2 a day, starting at 7.30am but places are limited. If necessary, Breakfast food can be arranged for students to enjoy before school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Etonbury Extra After School Club- After school childcare provision (Etonbury Extra) runs from 3.15 until 6pm at the cost of £5.00 per session and is open to all years. Registration is still open and further details can be found on our website, applications can be made here: [Etonbury Extra After School Club](#)

ETA Music Information

Instrumental and vocal lessons - There is availability for the following individual lessons, please contact Mrs Hardy ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk

We currently have availability for;

- Voice
- Drums
- Violin
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Trumpet

LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Centre) - Due to increased interest in this club, please can parents ensure that they register for LAMDA and pay fees via parent mail. The club resumes on Monday 20th September at 3:30 to 5pm in the drama studio. If you have not received a letter about LAMDA please contact jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk

DRAMA - Clubs will be open to register on e-praise (please see Extra Curricular clubs timetable). All students must sign up on e-praise for Drama Clubs. Drama Club (Yr 7/8) starts lunchtimes on Monday 27th September. Year 9 Performing Arts Club starts lunchtimes on Thursday 30th September.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all back in the rehearsal studios developing ETA talent ready for SHOW time!

School Photographer (Fri 24 Sept) - Our Photographers will be in school on Friday 24th September to take Year 5, 7, 9 and 11 individual photographs and the year 5 and 6 class groups. They will also be taking photographs of our children who have started at Etonbury this year.

Lockers - Last chance to collect items from Mrs Roberts (Finance office) before they are disposed. All items that remained in lockers over the Summer have been stored ready for collection.

Staff Vacancies - We need your help, please share, retweet and notify friends, family and neighbours.

- **Science Teacher**
- **Teaching Assistant**
- **Design and Technology Technician**
- **Art and Photography Technician.**
- **Site support and maintenance roles coming soon.**

Contact Victoria Lockey for an informal chat or apply now. Go to our website for further details. <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/vacancies>

ETONBURY JUNIORS - Email ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk

Yr 5 residential Trip (Weds 13 Oct - Fri 15 Oct) - Please [click here](#) for more information on how to secure a place on the trip.

A huge thanks to all parents for supporting the Junior Team to make this first week back as exciting and memorable for all our pupils. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Whittle, Head of Juniors, eta-primary@bestacademies.org.uk

As part of the 'Stotfold Scarecrow festival' (and in keeping with their topic of Ancient Greeks this term!), our Year 5 children will be creating "Poseidon - God of the polluted sea!". To raise awareness of the environmental impact of plastic in our oceans and waterways, we would be grateful for any contributions of plastic bottles with their lids, as well as plastic bags and bubble wrap to help us make him.

Young Voices - We are pleased to announce that Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to go to Young Voices this year. This exciting opportunity commences with rehearsals starting on 22 September and culminates with a visit to the O2 Arena in January. Please [click here](#) to view the letter for further information and how to sign up.

After school - If pupils need to wait for their older siblings after school, they will be asked to wait on the grass area at the end of the new secondary block - between the building and the perimeter fence. This allows them to be safe in the school grounds and not have to wait at the turning D where there are numerous cars, buses etc.

Junior School equipment list - Each child will need to bring their own set of equipment including a blue or black ballpoint pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, highlighter, whiteboard pen, scissors, glue stick, purple pen and red pen preferably in a pencil case. Children are allocated a large drawer where they can store their equipment when not needed.

Leggo - If you have any Lego bricks at home - they don't need to be fancy, just old school bricks - they would be gratefully received by the soon to start lunchtime Lego Club. Please send any donations in with your child and ask them to bring them to Ms Carter. Many thanks.

UPPER YEARS

Year 8 Receptionists - Monday will see the return of the year 8 receptionists. This is a non-compulsory opportunity to represent the school and gain a measure of work experience by supporting the administrative staff in their day-to-day duties. A different pair of students takes on the role each day, delivering messages, post and carrying out administrative tasks such as photocopying. They will be some of the first faces seen by visitors to the school and it is therefore an excellent opportunity to understand the importance of first impressions and demonstrate the ETA Way.

Year 8 Drama - students are studying Verbatim theatre and ethics to create material for 'Life in Lockdown'. As part of their homework, I have asked them to get permission to interview a family member from the community. Please email me with any questions

jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk

Food Technology Ingredients - Please click on the relevant letter for your child/children's year group for information on how to pay for ingredients for Food Technology lessons.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

Year 10 Further Maths Club - Further maths clubs started 15/09. It is a chance to cover maths, which will enhance students' understanding of the curriculum at the GCSE level, whilst also aiming to prepare them for concepts they will encounter at A Level. Any interested Year 10's can speak to Mr Sutcliffe in room D3 for further information.

Year 10 RS and Citizenship Lessons - Please [click here](#) for more information about changes to the curriculum.

Year 11 RS and Citizenship Lessons - Please [click here](#) for more information about changes to the curriculum.

Year 11 Catch-up Timetable - Please [click here](#) to view the timetable which started w/c Monday 13th September.

'Woman in Black' BTEC Performing Arts Theatre Trip (Thurs 11 Nov) - Please [click here](#) for further information.

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 Home Testing - Please click on the following link to record your child's home testing results. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi1JRP8_sDh4SChsUMp3h_Ks0-7PLzFc0ZMiaGSoaltlbpIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 – updated 17 August 2021 information about 'tracing and isolation'](#)

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak – updated 17 August 2021](#)

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
- Test 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/>

Student Health and Wellbeing Support

Parental/Student Support - Please [click here](#) to view our website page with lots of helpful information and locally run workshops/courses.

Children's Community Health Hub - Please [click here](#) for more information.

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

Term Dates 20/21

Monday 25 October - Half Term (staff training on Monday 1 Nov)

Tuesday 2 November - Students return to school

Friday 17 December - Last day of term

Wednesday 5 January - Return to school

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
Friday 22 July - Last day of school (Summer Break)

Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher