



ETA Weekly Bulletin

19 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following remembrance last week, our Student Leaders have been creating a poppy garden for everyone to enjoy. They are also looking to join a nationwide project to plant more trees for the Woodland Trust who are supporting the 2050 carbon net-zero target. We are looking forward to updating you on this plan very soon.

I am really pleased that over 40 of our year 11 Geographers have made it to Norfolk today for an overnight stay to study sea defences, groynes and the value of the land. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates in the next 24 hours.

Our Heads of Year presented to Senior Leaders this week, with strong themes on celebrations and achievements. I am thoroughly enjoying the healthy competition between them for epraise points, praise texts and our Legends of the Week. All of these are shared with the students each week in assemblies (currently virtual), on our screens around the school and amongst staff.

Mr Kirkman and Mr Reeves returned from paternity leave this week, congratulations to them. Mr Kirkman also resumed his Rock Band Club, which is always great to hear on Thursday lunchtimes. We will be hearing much more music as the Christmas performance rehearsals continue over these next few weeks.

Thank you to Dr Bike who kindly visited this week to fit more bike lights for our children. Mr Bodger is still campaigning for more families to sign up to Street Tag, so please join by clicking the link below.

Please continue to check the information contained in this bulletin, there is an abundance of events and trips all going ahead and we will continue to use this to provide all the key details you need to respond, sign up or take action for child to participate in the important activities.

Have a good weekend.

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 22 November - Timetable A](#)

[Lunch Menu - Week 2](#)

Christmas lunch (8 December) - There will be no sandwiches, paninis or pasta served on this day. Breaktime snacks will still be available for purchase. Please pay £2.30 for the Christmas lunch via your ParentMail app.

Celebrating kindness and diversity during Anti-Bullying Week 2021 with recommended reads exploring these themes - Please [click here](#).

Covid Vaccine Clinics for young people at Shefford and Dunstable - Those children aged 12-15 who were not able to access their vaccine at school, can now get their vaccines in Shefford and Dunstable. Please see the [letter](#) to disseminate to parents/ carers which outlines information regarding vaccinations and how to book at the new vaccine clinic at Priory House, Shefford.

Flu Vaccinations - Please [click here](#) to view the letter from the vaccination team regarding annual flu vaccinations. Please respond by 9 December 2021.

Dr Bike update - Over 200 sets of new USB re-chargeable front and rear lights were fitted to the remaining bikes and scooters this week, complete with an instruction sheet and USB cable. A QR code will take you to Bedfordshire safe cycling website. Please [click here](#) to view photos. Please can cyclists take the lights off and put them in their bags when not cycling. Scooter users have a front light fitted; the rear light should be fitted to their rucksack.

Calling all Linguists! - Do you or any of your friends and relatives use either French or German in your daily lives or place or work? However little or much, if you use these languages in any capacity, then Mrs Mwamatandala, Head of Modern Foreign Languages, would love to hear from you. We are after vlogs, blogs or testimonials that we can share with our year 9 students in particular, to highlight the benefits of learning a foreign language. Please contact Mrs Mwamatandala on cmwamatandala@bestacademies.org.uk if you are able to assist us. Thank you for your support.

ETA Art Department looking for donations - Our art department is about to embark on some projects in KS3 and we are looking for donations of the following items. If you have anything you think is suitable, please send them in with your child to drop off in the art department.

1. Loud patterned fabrics
2. Newspaper
3. small beads or buttons

Thank you in advance for your support. Mrs Parsons.

Etonbury Christmas Concert (Thursday 16th December 7-9pm)

Our school music groups are already busy rehearsing so put the date in your diaries for a festive musical treat.

Musicians - If any students would like to perform as a soloist or small ensemble in the Christmas concert then get rehearsing and come and see Mrs Hardy to arrange an audition. Spaces are limited so make sure you book with her soon. You can email her at ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk or just come to the music classroom.

Etonbury Street Tag Update - Over the last week our Street Tag activity has got us into 2nd place. We have a month to knock Russell Lower off the top spot. Please [click here](#) to view the leaderboard. It's not too late to sign up here with the referral code 'ibodger'

Link to QR <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WwCBvGjvARpua2iZt5oUv10WFdgk7ng9/view?usp=sharing>

Tags refresh every hour, plenty of tags on the way to school, there is even one on the playground. Tags are worth 50 points. A 200-point poly tag is at the Pendleton; everyone can pick that up at least twice a day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

On behalf of the PE team, I would like to say a huge thank you to Fairfield, St Mary's and Gothic Mede for the warm welcome they gave us this week. It was a real insight and pleasure to be able to deliver a range of PE activities to the wonderful Year 4 pupils. We look forward to welcoming them to Etonbury next year.
Matt Pullinger

Year 5 Art - This half-term the year 5 children will be making a diorama in Art. Could we please ask that children bring in an empty shoe box over the next week and give it to their class teacher. If you have more than one, please send them in too.

Year 5 Music (deadline Mon 22 Nov) - All pupils in Year 5 will be using the recorder as part of their music lessons after Christmas. There is no expectation for you to buy a new instrument. Please indicate whether your child has his/her own instrument or whether they need to borrow a school instrument via the Google Form <https://forms.gle/R9LaHtGvHrMrbAqZ7> by Monday 22nd November. (Note that borrowing a school instrument is on the understanding that you are responsible for the cost of repair/replacement, if necessary.)

Year 5 Cadbury World Trip (10 Dec 2021) - Please [click here](#) to view details of our trip to Cadbury World

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YRS 7-11)

Year 7 & 8 MFL Club Christmas Specials - Wednesday 24 November and Wednesday 8 December. Lunchtimes in Room D23. Discover hands-on how Christmas is celebrated in German-speaking countries. A few spaces left - sign up on epraise!

Mathematics assessments - Students will be taking their termly assessments from Monday 15th November.

Years 7 and 8 in the week commencing 15th November
Years 9 and 10 in the week commencing 22nd November.

Students in Years 8 and 10 will be taking a calculator paper. I would be grateful if parents would ensure that their children have a scientific calculator for this assessment. Maths teachers will be posting reminders of the dates of the assessments for each of their classes on the ePraise platform.

Year 7 & Year 8 Mathematics assessments - The maths team will be sending out personalised emails to all parents in the week commencing 22/11/21, detailing the question level analysis (QLA) from this term's recent assessments.

These emails will inform parents how their child has done on each question set, together with references to the video revision resources at the Mathswatch website. All login details will be provided. The contact details for the child's maths teacher will also be enclosed.

Year 9 Warner Brothers - Harry Potter Studio Visit (13 Jan 2022) - Please [click here](#) for more information, particularly if your child is interested in taking Art or Engineering GCSE. Limited spaces available.

Y10 GCSE Shakespeare Texts - We encourage all of our students to have their own copies of their GCSE Shakespeare text for the Spring term. These are now available to purchase on ParentMail. For more information, please [click here](#).

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering Trip to Borough Market (Weds 15 Dec) - Please [click here](#) for more information and payment details.

Year 10 History students Battlefield trip - Save the date! I am delighted to announce that we are planning to take interested year 10 GCSE history students to a tour of the battlefields in France and Belgium next year. Further details will follow, but the dates booked are the 5-7th July. This will be an amazing opportunity for students to get a first hand account of our western Front medicine unit.
Many Thanks

Year 10 Geography students - Save the date! Geography residential field trip to Overstrand in Norfolk will be taking place Friday 15th July - Saturday 16th July 2022. This trip covers key content required for the Paper 3 Geography GCSE exam. Further information to follow in the next few weeks.

Year 10/11 German Languages trip - Please see attached letter regarding our exciting visit to the world-renowned Goethe Institut in London. The Goethe Institut promotes the German language and culture around the world. Students will be watching an entertaining German film in the Institute's own cinema and then moving on to the Natural History Museum to complete a German quiz. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in all things German.
[Click here](#) to view the letter.

Year 10 Engineering & Art Students Warner Brothers - Harry Potter Studio Visit (10 Jan 2022) -

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Year 11 PE GCSE Rock Climbing Course (15 & 16 Dec 21) - Please [click here](#) for more information.

Year 11 Maths - We will be issuing all students with their analysis of mock exams on Monday 22 November and we will email the detailed analysis to parents afterwards.

Year 11 English - We have launched our KS4 revision website to our Year 11 students. Students will need to use their school Google account to sign in to the website, where they can access a wealth of advice on effective revision and subject specific resources. You can watch a short loom [here](#) that explains the available resources. The website address is: www.sites.google.com/bestacademies.org.uk/eta-ks4-revision.

Sixth Form and College Open Evenings

The National College for Motorsport - Tue 30 Nov, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Covid updates - 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 and a flow chart explaining what you need to do if your child has symptoms or tests positive on a home test.

Central Beds Parenting Insight 'Coping with the Christmas Holidays' (2 Dec 21) - Please [click here](#) for more information.

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

TERM DATES 20/21

Wednesday 8 December - Christmas Lunch

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

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

Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher