



ETA Weekly Bulletin

26 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an exceptionally busy week. This week we re-launched The Wadham Project in association with Oxford University for a number of Year 10 students who will be having tasting sessions on Genetics and Law this term. Delivering this project really boosts students' ambitions, so thank you to Miss Wagstaff-Sherwood for leading this excellent project. Also this week, Year 11s returned from their Geography field trip in Norfolk, Years 10 and 11 German students are in London today visiting The Goethe Institut and the Natural History Museum, and our Year 9 historians have had a fantastic WW1 speaker. The BTEC Performing Arts students have also been making incredible set designs for their exams, which you get to see in the New Year along with their performances. Our Year 9 food students have been making ravioli, I'm told this is quite difficult and requires exceptional skills so I do hope they made it home for you to try.

The Senior Leadership Team and BEST leaders have spent a lot of time in Juniors this week, and have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children in their lessons. We have also been talking to them about their learning, and considering what can be done to further improve their experiences. These focus weeks form an important part of our cycle in developing our school.

I am delighted to report that we have raised over £1200 for Children in Need and the PoetsIn charities following our non-school uniform day. Fia, Phoebe, Kloe, Isla and Gracie in Titan class also raised over £50 for Macmillan by running a cake sale. Well done.

Congratulations to our Debate Club who reached the finals in the International Debate Competition, Lara for receiving the highest grade possible in her Grade 2 piano exams, our Year 5 netballers who won both their matches, a number of our dance students winning awards for their performances in a national competition at the weekend, and great achievements in Boccia.

It's excellent to see the numerous activities happening in the school, creating fantastic real life opportunities for our children.

Have a good weekend.

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 29 November - Timetable B](#)

[Lunch Menu - Week 3](#)

School Crossing Patrol - Sadly our school crossing patrol officer is leaving on 15th December 2021. An advert has been placed for the vacancy but at present there are no standby staff members available to cover. It is hoped that a new patrol officer will be in place by January. 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

Covid update - With the rising number of cases in our area, please continue to home test. Secondary students can collect test kits from the medical room during their break or lunchtimes. Take a look at this updated [flow chart](#) to find out what to do if your child has covid symptoms.

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.

Children In Need & 'Poets In' Fundraising- We raised a grand total of £1,213 to be divided equally between the two charities. Well done!

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.

Christmas Jumper Day (8 December) - All proceeds will be going to the local NEED Project. Those students not wishing to take part should wear full school uniform.

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.

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.

Etonbury Street Tag Update - 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>

We now have over 100 members of our Street Tag Team. Please look at the attached links to see how you can increase your points to help Etonbury to top spot.

[Introduction to Street Tag](#)

[How to climb up the leaderboard](#)

[Street Tag Leaderboard](#)

Message from Central Bedfordshire Council - We have received reports of individuals cold-calling at homes in the Arlesey area, without prior appointment, encouraging residents to have work carried out to their guttering. Trading Standards advise residents not to agree to any work to be carried out by uninvited traders. If you are interested in the work being offered, take some time to obtain at least three quotes from reputable local businesses, before proceeding with any type of home improvement work.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5 & 6 Computing - Next week in Computing, year 5 and 6 will be making electronic Christmas cards. The best will be entered into the BEST Christmas card Competition. It would be great if you could encourage your child to create Christmas cards at home too. Remember, you have to be in it to win it. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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

Year 5 Music Final Reminder- 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> urgently as responses are now overdue. (Note that borrowing a school instrument is on the understanding that you are responsible for the cost of repair/replacement, if necessary.)

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!

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 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