

## Parent Weekly Update - 27 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have continued to see the real progress our children are making, and it is important that I keep you informed of the initiatives going on to drive this forward. Much of my time during the day is spent monitoring student progress and most importantly having individual conversations to understand their learning from their perspective. Many of you will no doubt be aware that I often quiz them on their targets, it's important they know what they can achieve and more. Feel free to check with them too.

This week our Year 6s welcomed Miss Amy Morris, our BEST Director of English, to run an aiming higher session in writing. Their work is exceptional, and it was a pleasure to see their enthusiasm to learn, not to mention their writing talent. We are fortunate to have Miss Morris teaching and supporting through all year groups at Etonbury. I must also congratulate Miss Alice Wagstaff who has been promoted to Head of English this week, supported by Miss Izzy Phillips, Second in English - a strong and ambitious team.

Mr Jonathan Beckwith (Head of Year 10 and Maths Teacher) has taken on the role of leading on progress for all our disadvantaged children, and working with departments to identify programmes for supporting their education.

Despite the challenges we are facing you can be reassured we will not stand still. I must thank the dedicated staff we have here, their commitment is exceptional. If you can find a moment to send in a message of thanks to any you feel that deserve a special message from teachers, teaching assistants, reception staff, technicians to peripatetics, please send these to [etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk), I would like to celebrate these with the individuals. Also, a positive end to a difficult term.

Please watch out for the Community advent calendar starting next week on our social media, such a brilliant idea led by Mrs Emily Hardy, Head of Music to complete our year.

Have a safe weekend.

**Ian Evason, Principal**

### **Week commencing Monday 30 November - Timetable B**

#### **ALL YEARS**

**Food Menus** - Week 3. [Click here](#) to view break and lunch menus.

**Christmas lunch (15 December)** - Christmas lunch, Turkey/Veg option and the trimmings with a dessert for £2.30 will be served. Students will be asked in their Form Time next week whether they

will be purchasing a christmas lunch so that catering can order the right quantities for this day. There will be no sandwiches, paninis or pasta served on this day. Breaktime snacks will still be available for purchase. Please pay for the Christmas lunch via your ParentMail app.

**Christmas Jumper Day (15 December)** - We are raising money for The Need Project this year, and are asking for a £2 donation which will be available to pay via ParentMail from Friday 11 December.

**Home Learning** - Please [click here](#) to see our current provision for school closures should your child need to isolate.

**Etonbury Academy student voice and leadership** - Students have begun their socially distanced meetings to set their agendas and actions for the year. The Action Leaders within each year group have agreed their key priorities for the school and how to achieve these.

We have several student voice news bulletin boards around the school to keep everyone up to date on all topic's student voice. Action leaders will be putting their leadership skills into action when they deliver updates for the school via our virtual assembly platform.

**Message from a student** - Hello, my name is Erin and I am in Year 6 at ETA Juniors. Me, my Mum and my younger sister are all trying to make blankets for the homeless out of crisp packets. This first started when my mum was looking online and stumbled across a project called Pens Project. We have now taken the idea and we are going to try and make something similar. If you are in Year 6 you have already given us some of your crisp packets. From my year group alone, we have managed to collect 36! Please could everyone try and save their foil lined crisp/popcorn packets. We can't use mini cheddar, party rings or similar packets due to them not being foil lined. There will be a collecting box just outside the canteen - on the bench and one just by the Year 5 stairs. Thank you

**Collecting children for appointments** - Please can you report to our New Reception which is located opposite the Pendleton Sports Centre when collecting your child for an appointment. This will enable us to safeguard your child, only sending them out of the main entrance to you directly.

**Musical Performance Advent Calendar** - Next week the Etonbury Music department launch their Musical Advent calendar. We have some amazing talent in our community. Please keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter from Tuesday. **It's not too late for you all to take part**, please record yourselves singing along to Slade's 'Merry Christmas Everybody' and then **email the recording to [ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk) by Tuesday 1 December.**

Your recording should follow the following guidelines;

- Use the backing track linked here so we all have the same speed and pitch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kd1BASq1pp8>.
- Use headphones where possible or turn the backing track low so the main thing that can be heard is your voices.

- So the recording is not too large to send; we only require you to sing the final choruses - start playing the backing from around 2:30.
- MP4 file type required
- Avoid showing any personal information and only send the recording if you are happy with your image being exhibited publicly and used for advertising purposes.

***The calendar will go live on our website from Tuesday 1st of December.***

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CORONAVIRUS**

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

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

**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/>

**Low mood, self-harm and suicide advice and support sessions** - [Click here](#) for more information and to book a session for advice and support.

**Bereavement Support Sessions**- [Click here](#) for information and to book a session

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

**Christmas Cards** - Due to the present Health and Safety restrictions we respectfully ask that children do not bring in 'real' Christmas cards this year. During one of the class computing sessions with Mr Bodger, all our pupils will get an opportunity to design an online Christmas card which they can send to those both in their own class and beyond via email etc.

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**Year 5 and Year 6 Science Day (Friday 11 December)** - We will be holding our first science day this year. Year 5 and 6 will spend the day working on a variety of experiments and investigations alongside some research in their computing lessons during this week.

Each child will need a small pot with a secure lid as they will be making a substance to bring home. Please could you send a named pot with a secure lid into school in advance of our science day so we can ensure it has quarantined in school before we need to use it. These will be kept in your child's classroom until needed. A small tupperware pot would be ideal. It will need to hold approximately 100ml of the substance they are making.

**Year 6 Spy Kits** - Please can you send in any **empty NUT FREE cereal boxes** you may have in the coming two weeks. Our Year 6 pupils will be using the cardboard to create periscopes for spying and then creating a lock up box for their own spy kits.

**Year 5 and 6 - Flu E-consent form** - Final deadline for consent forms is **1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**. [Click here](#)

## **UPPER YEARS**

**Year 10 Exams - Thursday 3rd December** - Year 10 science exams will be on the topic of chemistry (Module C1, 2 and 3) which we have been studying this term. Pupils will need to start revising for this exam which will be taken during their lesson on Thursday 3rd December. Pupils can use the following weblinks to help them, and look at SMHW and Google Classroom for additional resources.

C1: Air and Water <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxw22nb>

C2: Chemical Patterns <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq9ww6f>

C3: Chemicals of the natural environment <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8g997h>

**Year 11 Parents Evening** - The booking system is now open, and closes on Friday 18 December.

**Year 11 Performing Arts Examinations** - [Click here](#) for important information concerning the BTEC Performing Arts mock practical exams.

**Year 7 - Flu Vaccination E-consent form** - Final deadline for consent forms is **1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**. [Click here](#)

**Year 11 catch up sessions and coursework** - Staff will be running catch up sessions for topics and coursework now the mock exams are over. These will take place on the following days and times:

**Monday** - Coursework catch up - Room 28 - MHN - 3:30 - 4:30pm

(A letter will be sent to students who will be required to attend coursework catch up sessions)

**Tuesday** - Drama Practical - JBL - Drama Studio - 3:30 - 4:30pm, Spanish/French - CMW - MFL - 3:30 - 4:30pm, Dance intervention - SHI - Hall - 3:30 - 4:30pm

**Wednesday** - Engineering - EHI/RR - DT - 3:30 - 4:30pm

**Thursday** - Coursework catch up - Room 28 - MHN - 3:30 - 4:30pm, GCSE PE - PE Dept - Room 9 - 3:30 - 4:30pm, and Art and Photography - KPA - 3:30 - 4:30pm.

**English** - Lunchtime catch ups - Students will be made aware of dates and times.

**Geography** - Starting after Christmas.

**Science** - Loom videos to be sent to students.

**Photography** - Starting after Christmas.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mr Harpin on [mharpin@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:mharpin@bestacademies.org.uk)

**Year 11 - GCSE Science after school sessions** - From now on, pupils will need to log on to google classroom to access loom videos which will have Mrs Evans/Mr Manser talking through the intervention session instead of attending in-person after school sessions. Loom videos will be uploaded each week and will cover a range of topics. This will help pupils revise for their exams in the future too and will provide pupils with a bank of resources. The google classroom code if pupils want to join is: decjiv2

## **CAREERS ADVICE**

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

**The Knights Templar School** - [Click here](#) to view the Knights Templar Sixth Form Launch 2021 and [click here](#) for the information poster.

**Discover Sixth Forms and Colleges** - [Click here](#) to view an abundance of videos, links and information to get students thinking and questioning their post 16 choices.

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.

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