

## Etonbury Academy Weekly Update - 6 September 2019

### Week commencing Mon 9 Sep - Timetable B

#### All/Mixed Years

- **Emergency Allergy Medication** - Please check your child's emergency medications are in date and return to school with a Care Plan or signed medicine form as soon as possible.
- **Taylor Shaw Catering** - We have been delighted by the response to our new catering service this week. Despite the challenges of serving new menus, broader range of foods, new till layouts and new students. Every one of our students has been able to purchase their food within their own break and lunchtimes. In a few weeks' time they will be working with our student voice team to develop their service. The current maximum daily spend limit has been set at £4 for the past 2 years, and this will be increased to £5 from 16 September. If you do not want to up this limit, you can contact the catering company directly. It is also possible to see what your child is spending their money on by using the ParentMail app system, so you can discuss their limitations directly with them. Any queries regarding the food service can be sent to [etakitchen@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:etakitchen@bestacademies.org.uk) . [Click here](#) for more details about their service.
- **Monies** - If you have been unable to make a payment on ParentMail, this should now be resolved. However, if you are experiencing any issues with the ParentMail system please email: [cfallows@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:cfallows@bestacademies.org.uk)
- **Lunch Menu** - Week 2. [Click here](#) to view menu.
- **Breakfast Club Service** - Following our bulletin in July and last week regarding the breakfast service, we thought it might be useful to update you. As the club had been previously running on a partly voluntary system, we had to make the decision to review it this term and make sure that we could offer you and your child a more structured and secure service in the future. The caterers have taken on the food service, which now opens at 8.00am. Due to the confusion as to whether the club would be running this term, Mr Downes has kindly agreed to take this on immediately and will provide supervision from 7.30am every day until a more formalised and bookable system is in place. Please can we ask that your child is not on the school site before this time.
- **Instrumental Tuition** - All our peripatetic instrumental lessons are starting back next week. Please see below for the day each teacher will be in school.

#### **Tuesday**

Kayleigh Tir - Violin

#### **Wednesday**

Mark Dobson - Drums

Paul Clarke - Wind instruments

Alex Ellar - Brass

#### **Thursday**

Janice Saxton - Cello

Alan Simpson - Guitar

Boris Peck - Piano

Unfortunately, we currently do not have a singing teacher however we are helping Inspiring Music with interviews over the next two weeks so will be restarting these as soon as possible.

- **Music Clubs** - all extra-curricular music clubs start back next week.  
School Band - Monday lunchtime 1.40pm - 2.00pm  
String Group - Tuesday lunchtime 1.40pm - 2.00pm  
Wind Band - Wednesday morning 8.45am - 9.05am  
Choir - Thursday afterschool 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Rock Band – tbc.  
Due to a shorter lunchtime, students should bring their lunch to the music room on the day of their rehearsal. If a student buys food from the canteen they should see Mrs Hardy for a lunch pass.  
Any instrumentalist attending the Italian Music Tour in the Summer should attend the school band rehearsal on a Monday.
- **LAMDA (starting Wed 18 Sep - Wed 4 Dec)** - A letter will be sent to confirm students who still want to take part. If any new students would like to audition for LAMDA and take graded Drama exams please email [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk) by Mon 16 Sep. This is open to all year groups. [Click here](#) for more information. Please note that there are limited spaces and will incur exam fees and additional training costs.  
There will be no lesson on Wed 19 Oct due to half term.
- **BEST Performing Arts** - Students are invited to take part in this year's pantomime of Aladdin. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **BEST Orchestra** - [Click here](#) for information concerning an invitation for students to take part in a musical ensemble.
- **Lost Property** - We will be opening up Room 2 for students who have left things in our building over the Summer. Their form tutor will notify them when they can take a look.
- **Farm Club** - Postponed until further notice.
- **PE - KS2 and KS3 Curriculum Activities - Autumn Term** - [Click here](#) to view PE activities for KS2 and KS3.
- **U13, U14 and U15 District Football Trials** - Will be taking place over the next 3 weeks. Any student interested in Year's 8, 9 and 10 must ask Mr Pullinger for a letter as soon as possible. These will need to be signed by parents and returned to him.
- **Rugby Training - Year 7 and 8 (Mon 9 Sep) 3.30pm - 4.30 pm** - All students will need a gum shield and either football boots, rugby boots or trainers to take part.
- **Extra-curricular PE Clubs** - [Click here](#) to view our Extra-curricular PE clubs for the Autumn Term.
- **Science Department** - Kind donations of plastic bags of different weights would be much appreciated.

### **Etonbury Juniors**

It is so pleasing to see the children settling in to their new classes and routines.

Just a quick reminder - any **communication** with the Junior department please write in the children's planner (these should be signed every week by both home and school) or email [ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk)

We will send finalised **timetables** home with the children on Monday at the latest so please send their PE kits in and they can be left in their drawers for the following week.

Our **library** will be fully open next week and each class has a fortnightly library slot where children can change their books and answer quizzes about what they have read.

Where possible please add monies to your **children's lunch 'bank'** via ParentMail rather than children bringing in cash. There have been a small number whose 'fingerprint' did not work initially but we ensure all the children have a dinner.

Best wishes, **Mrs Lesley Whittle** - Head of Etonbury Juniors

### **Year 5**

- **Instrumental Tuition** - Any students who have applied for instrumental lessons will either be contacted by their new tutor or invited for a 'meet and greet' with their teacher over the next week. If you are interested in your child having instrumental lessons but have not heard anything by Fri 13 Sep, please contact Mrs Hardy (Head of Music) by emailing: [ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ehardy@bestacademies.org.uk)

### **Year 6**

### **Year 7**

### **Year 8**

### **Year 9**

### **Year 10**

### **Year 11**

- **GCSE History Students** - Supporting your child through GCSE History. [Click here](#) to view the information letter.
- **Art and Photography Students (reminder)** – If you haven't already signed up for the London Borough Market and Tate Trip then please do so before Fri 6 Sep via ParentMail. **Please note** that one of the exhibition rooms at the Tate requires parental guidance. Students will be advised NOT to enter this room under ANY circumstances.
- **Pilot Careers Live: Europe's largest Independent Flight Training Exhibition** - The first step towards a professional pilot career. Heathrow Airport - Sat 2 Nov 2019 [Click here](#) for more information and to book tickets.

### **Vacancies**

- **BEST Vacancies** – Data Administrator (job share). [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Other Items of Interest**

- **Arlesey Recreation Ground Fete (Sat 7 Sep) 12.00pm - 5.00pm** - Etonbury Performing Arts Students will be performing 3 routines at 1.00pm. Please go along and support them.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Mon 21 Oct - Fri 21 Oct** - Half Term

**Mon 28 Oct** - Staff Training Day

**Tue 29 Oct** - Students return to school

**Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan 2020** - Christmas Holidays

**Mon 6 Jan** - Staff Training Day

**Tue 7 Jan** - Return to School for start of Spring Term

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?

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