



ETA Weekly Bulletin

22 July 2021

Good afternoon Parents/Carers,

I would firstly like to thank all of our parents/carers for your understanding and support throughout this past school year. I am really proud of our achievements and as I reflect on a year which we will never forget, I take great pride in the work of the incredible staff and pupils we have here at Etonbury. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for their hard work, support and guidance.

Although we have already said goodbye to our Year 11 students, we look forward to sharing their successes on Thursday 12th August (8:30-10:30) when they will receive their GCSE results. Of course, as one year group leaves we look forward to welcoming all of the new starters to school in September, where fingers crossed, we can return as close to normal as possible.

Please remember that school starts on September the 6th and that children from Y7 and above will be tested in the few days prior.

I hope everyone is able to have an enjoyable and restful summer.

Best Wishes

Ian Evason

[Week commencing Monday 6 September - Timetable A](#)

[Lunch Menu - Week 1](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE AND TIME FOR YOUR CHILD TO COME IN FOR TESTING BEFORE TERM STARTS - DETAILS BELOW

Arlesey Town FC Badge Competition - Congratulations to all students in Y5, 6, 7 & 8 that took part in the Arlesey Town Football Club Badge design competition. Emma Y8, Ella Y8 and Cydney Y7 were selected as finalists. The overall winner was Emma M! Emma's design will be used on all of the club's social media and printed on ATFC kits in the near future. Congratulations Emma!!

'The ETA Way' Summer Term newsletter - Please [click here](#) to read our summer term newsletter.

FSM Vouchers - As the previous holiday, FSM vouchers will be sent to qualifying parents for the Summer holidays directly from Central Bedfordshire Council. Please contact the local authority with any queries regarding these during the holidays on 0300 300 8306.

BEST Thank you Letter - Please [click here](#) to read.

BEST Two Tier Update - Please [click here](#) for information.

Accelerated Reader - Congratulations to the 33 Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires this year, 9 of whom also achieved Multi-millionaire status! This academic year the total number of words read by our Years 5-9 has reached a phenomenal **147,148,350!**

Etonbury Extra - 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 and further details can be found on our website, applications can be made here:

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/page/?title=Etonbury+Extra+%28After+School+Club%29&pid=70>

Home testing - Your child will not be required to home test during the Summer. However, until then please report any positive home tests to @etacovid@bestacademies.org.uk. To book a PCR test, go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

LFD Testing kits will still be widely available over the summer, with government advice that they can be collected either from your local pharmacy or ordered online if you so wish.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

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

Year 6 Asymptomatic Testing in September - Please [click here](#) to view information on the testing days in September.

We are now required to set up our testing site in school to LFD test your child on their return in September, which will require your consent. **Please complete this form for your child if they are currently in year 6 and moving into Year 7 in September.**

<https://forms.gle/hWTdbArSugieMVe6A>

Year 6 into Year 7 Lockers - Please [click here](#) for more information on how to get a locker next year.

Year 6 into Year 7 Arriva Bus Information - Please [click here](#) to view a letter aimed at year 6 pupils, who will shortly be moving onto secondary school and may be taking a bus to school for the first time.

Summer Holidays Accelerated Reader Challenge - Competition for Years 5-9. Win a prize for the most books successfully quizzed on during the summer holidays, keep that reading going during the summer break! Winner to be announced in September. Mrs Norman, Study Centre Manager.

Summer Reading Challenge - The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, with a nature-themed challenge, supported by the World Wildlife Fund. Please [click here](#) for more information.

UPPER YEARS

Asymptomatic Testing in September - Please [click here](#) to view information on the testing days in September.

If you have previously consented to your child being tested on our school site, you are not required to do anything and we will retain this consent. If your child has never participated in testing, or is new to the school **please complete this form to indicate whether you consent or not.**

<https://forms.gle/hWTdbArSugieMVe6A>

If your child has not completed a test before, here is a video to help them see what they will need to do at our testing site. The video shows a test requiring a throat and nose swab, some of the testing in September may only require a nasal swab. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCqo7MhQT6U>

Dropping off for testing on 2nd or 3rd September

Your child can be dropped off in the staff car park and then make their way to the gym. There will be a member of staff to guide them. You will be able to wait for them in this car park while they are testing.

Thursday 2 September 2021 - Year 7

2pm	7 - CH		2.50pm	7 - RM
2.20pm	7 - HS		3pm	7 - RR
2.40pm	7 - KS			

Friday 3 September 2021 - Years 11

11am	11 - KB		11.20am	11- LH
11.10am	11 - KP		11.40am	11- WY

Friday 3 September 2021 - Years 10

11.50am	10 - CM		12.20pm	10 - HS
12.00	10 - EH		12.40pm	10 - LW

Friday 3 September 2021 - Years 9

12.50pm	9 - CB		1.30pm	9 - JB
1pm	9 - CS		1.50pm	9 - JW
1.20pm	9 - DC		2.10pm	9 - SH

Friday 3 September 2021 - Years 8

2.20pm	8 - AB		3.10pm	8 - EH
2.30pm	8 - CC		3.30pm	8 - JD
2.40pm	8 - DS		3.40pm	8 - OB

GCSE Results Day - The Department of Education announced earlier in the year that GCSE and A level exams will not go ahead this summer and that grades will instead be awarded by teachers. Teacher Assessed Grades will replace assessments for GCSEs and BTECs.

Results day will be earlier this year on **Thursday 12th August**.

Please come to the school hall between 8:30am – 10:30am to collect your results.

If you are unable to come into school to collect your exam results, please contact the exams officer by emailing sglazebrook@bestacademies.org.uk to make alternative arrangements.

Once you have received your results, if you would like to appeal any of your teacher assessed grades the non-priority appeals window opens from 10th August until 3rd September.

GCSE History - Please [click here](#) for information on how to support your child over the summer holidays.

KS3 and KS4 Summer Reading - Please find linked some recommended reads for students over the summer holidays. The [KS3 collection](#) has books that are mainly aimed at 11-13 years old and the [KS4 collection](#) has some more mature and teenage themes. In the guides, you can also find links to Oak National Academy's free library resource, a link to sign up to the local library to borrow books for free over the summer and a website to review age suitability of texts.

Ms. Norman is also running a summer reading competition for Years 7-9: the student with the most Accelerated Reader quizzes passed gets a prize when we return in September. This is a summer holiday only scheme and previous quizzes from the academic year will not be counted. Good luck and happy reading!

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Arriva Bus Information - If you use the Arriva bus service, please [click here](#) to organise your travel for next year.

Year 7 Everest Anywhere Challenge UPDATE - Our brave boys have now completed their ascent equivalent of 8848 metres in aid of Garden House Hospice in Letchworth and Etonbury Academy . Thank you to everyone who has supported them.

Secondary Science Years 8 -11 - In September, please ensure that all students have their safety goggles that were issued to them ready for DT/Science classes. These can be washed in warm soapy water and left to air dry. The Year 7's will be issued with their own pair of safety goggles in September, to keep with them at all times for Science/DT classes.

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

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

CHUMs Workshops - Please [click here](#) for more information.

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

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

Early Help Positive Parenting Leaflet June-July 2021- Please [click here](#).

Term Dates 20/21

Thursday 12 August - GCSE results day

Monday 6 September -Return to school

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