

WELCOME TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027

Dear Parents/Carers & Guardians,

We have all been delighted to welcome everyone back to school and the new academic year 2026 - 2027.

It has been a busy week of assemblies, teaching and learning, meeting new staff and pupils and exploring and navigating our facilities here at Etonbury Academy. We are exceptionally proud of each and every pupil here - keep aiming high!

Did you know at Etonbury Academy we are responsible for national outcomes at Key Stages 2, 4 and 5; SATS, GCSE's and A Levels. We offer an all-through educational journey meaning teachers will really get to know the pupils, and inspire them to learn. We are delighted to be celebrating another year of excellent results across Key Stages 2 SATS, GCSE and A Levels.

This year our GCSE results we ranked 2nd place out of all of the 15 secondary schools in Central Bedfordshire for 9-5 and 9-4 grades in English and Mathematics (combined.) Our year 6 SATS results were above national average and 97% of students got into their top choice of university, including our first student to go to the prestigious University of Oxford.

We would also like to congratulate our LAMDA performing arts students who sat their exams in the summer term. Year 5 to 10 who have achieved 100 % pass rate - 50% of our cohort achieved the highest grade level at Distinction level. A superb set of results and we are very proud of you all! We offer LAMDA sessions as part of our extra-curricular offer, where your child can sign up and be assigned a LAMDA tutor for the year. Further information on LAMDA can be found later in this newsletter.

This year we will be continuing with our end of half-termly and termly newsletters and our parent bulletin. We always start the new term or half term with an email outlining news, important reminders and useful information for the half term ahead.

Following on from liaising with parents we have made a change to our consultation evenings for 2026-27. Parent/Carers of year groups 7,8,9 will now have a subject consultation evening with subject teachers rather than an academic mentor evening. Subject consultation evenings for years 10,11,12,13 will remain unchanged and subject teacher based. Etonbury Juniors will continue to have their consultation with the class teacher. All of the parents evening events for the 2026-27 academic year are listed [HERE](#).

If you are able to please follow us on social media, we have a Facebook page, X page and a new Instagram account where we share news, reminders, information and

celebrations. For those of you not on social media we recommend you enable push notifications on the MCAS app as we post these messages here so you won't miss out.

Stay Connected!

Our main Etonbury Academy social media accounts are:

-  [Etonbury Academy](#)
-  [Etonbury Academy](#)
-  [etonburyacademysch](#)

Etonbury P.E social media pages:

- [Eb](#)
- [X](#)
- [Insta](#)

Sixth Form

- [Sixth Form Instagram](#)

Whole School Messages

[Early Closure](#) - our annual open evening for prospective year 5 pupils and their families is Thursday 1st October. On this day we will be closing early. Please click here to read the 'Early Closure' letter for full details. Please note; Extracurricular clubs will not be running on this day. The only after school provision will be ETA Extra. [Click here to read the early closure letter.](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) - please take a moment to read our updated privacy policy - [click here](#).

[Etonbury Parent Evening Key Dates 2026/27](#) - [click here](#) to download or print at home.

Etonbury Evenings 26/27

Year 5	Meet The Tutor (virtual) - 12/11/26 Parents Evening (face to face) - 28/01/27 & 04/02/27
Year 6	Meet The Tutor (virtual) - 12/11/26 Parents Evening (face to face) - 28/01/27 & 04/02/27
Year 7	Year 7 Information Evening (main hall) - 24/09/26 Meet The Tutor (virtual) - 12/11/26 Parents Evening (virtual) - 24/06/27
Year 8	Parents Evening (virtual) - 18/03/27
Year 9	Parents Evening (virtual) - 04/02/27 GCSE Options Evening (main hall) - 25/02/27
Year 10	Parents Evening (virtual) - 18/06/27
Year 11	GCSE Revision Information Evening (main hall) - 22/10/26 Sixth Form Open Evening (sixth form centre) - 04/11/26 Parents Evening (virtual) - 14/01/27
Year 12	Year 12 Information Evening (main hall) - 08/10/26 Parents Evening (face to face) - 04/03/27 UCAS Information Evening (main hall) - 15/07/27
Year 13	Parents Evening (face to face) - 17/09/26

Dates for your Diary

- Thurs 17 Sept - Year 13 Parents Evening
- Thurs 24 Sept - Year 7 Information Evening
- Fri 25 Sept - Individual School Photos - Class Photos for Years 5 & 6
- Tues 29 Sept - diabetes screening for years 7 - 12 (organised by Medical - Ms A Cox)
- Thurs 1 Oct - Open Evening - Early Closing - Only ETA Extra no other clubs
- Mon 5 Oct - Year 11 Cambridge Trip
- Thurs 8 Oct - Flu vaccines Years 5 to Year 8
- Thurs 8 Oct - Year 12 Information Evening
- Thurs 15 Oct - Skip Trip Information Evening
- Thurs 22 Oct - Flu Vaccinations Years 9 to 11.
- Thurs 22 Oct - Year 11 Revision Evening
- Fri 23rd Oct - break for October half term - finish at normal time.

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

BEST Academic Calendar 2026/2027

School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Training Day



September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30		Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24		Tue		1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24			Thu		1	8	15	22	29	Thu		5	12	19	26		Thu		3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri		2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat		3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27			Sun		4	11	18	25		Sun		1	8	15	22	29		Sun		6	13	20	27

January 2027							February 2027							March 2027							April 2027						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		1	8	15	22		Mon		1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		2	9	16	23		Tue		2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		3	10	17	24		Wed		3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu		7	14	21	28		Thu		4	11	18	25		Thu		4	11	18	25		Thu		1	8	15	22	29
Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri		5	12	19	26		Fri		5	12	19	26		Fri		2	9	16	23	30
Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		6	13	20	27		Sat		6	13	20	27		Sat		3	10	17	24	
Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		4	11	18	25	

May 2027							June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue		1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed		2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28		Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		6	13	20	27		Thu		3	10	17	24		Thu		1	8	15	22	29	Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri		4	11	18	25		Fri		2	9	16	23	30	Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		1	8	15	22	29	Sat		5	12	19	26		Sat		3	10	17	24	31	Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		4	11	18	25		Sun		1	8	15	22	29

Pupil Contact Days: Term 1 – 70 days. Term 2 – 53 days. Term 3 – 67 days. = 190.

In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used in addition to the 190 pupil contact days to enable teacher training to take place.

Training days set as follows: 3 September 2026, 4 September 2026, 4 January 2027 and 9 April 2027. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.

Click to download - [term dates](#).

Parking & Zig-Zag Lines

A polite reminder to all parents and carers when dropping off or collecting students: Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school.

These areas need to be kept clear at all times. Parking on the zig-zags, even for "just a minute", will reduce visibility for other drivers and so make it difficult for children to cross safely.

If directly outside of the school is busy, please consider parking either a little further away and walking to school, or using the Staff or Pendleton Sports Centre car parks where appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Disabled Parking Bays

Please ensure you only use these if you have a blue badge, please display your blue badge when parking - thank you.

Biking or Scooting to School?

To promote healthy and active travel, we strongly encourage pupils to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. Please equip your child with a lock so their bike or scooter can be safely secured in the bike shed or designated school area.

Attendance

You are now able to report your child's absence directly through the MCAS app using the Report an Absence feature.

Please note that absences due to illness must be reported daily, and only 1 day's illness will be accepted (unless supported by a doctor's note).

To report an absence:

- Log in to the MCAS app.
- Select your child.
- Choose "Attendance", and the "Report an absence" option.
- Enter the date of the absence, and provide a reason (Specific info should be given - "unwell" does not suffice).
- Use the time feature for appointments.
- Add any attachments to support the absence such as screenshots of appointments/doctors' notes.
- Submit your request.

Other ways to report an absence are:

 eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk

 01462 730391 and dial 1 when prompted to leave a message on the absence line.

We ask that appointments are made outside of the school day wherever possible, and that students attend school before/after routine appointments. Students should attend school unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

Contacting School Reminder

Should you wish to contact our staff we ask that you email the relevant member of staff in the first instance.

- Form tutor / head of year with a pastoral matter
- Subject teacher
- For years 5 & 6 this will always be their form teacher.

To request a meeting with a member of staff please email them directly.

Click here for a staff list and help with email addresses.

If you need to contact PE please use their team email address -

eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk

Our staff will always respond to you within a timely manner and this will always be within 48 hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Music Lessons at School

Music lessons during the school day are currently offered from Inspiring Music or, our external piano teacher, Mr Peck.

For further details please contact:

- Mr Boris Peck - classically trained pianist - offering individual or group piano lessons - 07844 057278 or boris_peck@hotmail.com
- Inspiring Music - <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview>

Bus Service

Did you know we offer a dedicated school bus service for families living out of catchment in Biggleswade, Langford, and Henlow?

We have partnered directly with Barton Coach Company to operate three routes, offering a reliable and convenient journey to and from school. Please visit our website for further information or to register for this service please use this google form.

[Etonbury Bus Service Registration 26/27](#)

Visit <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/practical-information/travel-and-transport> for more information on the routes available.

Clubs

You can now sign up to attend clubs via the MCAS app. If you have any questions relating to a club please email the teacher running the club, full details can be found on MCAS. Email addresses can be found [here](#).

LAMDA Club - Mrs Brahmachari-Limb

LAMDA after school group sessions available to sign up on BROMCOM. Please ensure you have secured your place. As this is a paid club, and a long-term commitment. LAMDA acting centre after school starts on 21st September.

LAMDA 1:1's - these are now all fully booked for this term. Students are responsible for ensuring that they attend their scheduled peri lesson. Any problems with dates, please contact Teach Major who directly works in partnership with performing arts.

Any questions, more than happy to help jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk

Spanish Club - KS2 (years 5 & 6) please sign up via MCAS - in school contact is sogunseit@bestacademies.org.uk Head of Languages. Please note; the last lesson of the term for the Spanish club will be on the 3rd of December and there won't be any lesson on the 1st of October due to open evening.

Homework Club - A quiet and supportive space to complete your homework

- **Mondays & Tuesdays after school**
D26 – Art Department
- Open to **KS2, KS3 & KS4**
- D26 is fully equipped with computers, providing a comfortable space where you can **get organised, focus and get your homework done**.
- Bring along whatever you need to work on — Maths, English, Science, Art or anything else.
- **Run by Miss Nicole**
- **KS2 Art Teacher & Art and Photography Technician**
- **KS2 pupils (years 5 & 6)**
- If you are in KS2, simply meet Miss Nicole **under the canopies outside Armstrong and Brunel** after school.

- Miss Nicole teaches Juniors during the last lesson on Mondays and Tuesdays and will walk pupils over to D26, ready to start at **3:30pm**.

CHUMS Workshops - please [click here](#) to view.

FACE September Timetable - click [here](#) to view

SNAP

- [Parent Letter](#)
- [Autumn 1](#)
- [Autumn 2](#)

Year 10 Art Pupils

If students want to buy an art kit for their GCSE art course these will need to be purchased via MCAS. All students have been given a letter with full information about this. The deadline is Friday 25th September.

Year 8

As part of our study of immersive theatre, we will be studying the London Dungeons project. Please be aware that the subject may include discussion of dark historical events, themes and imagery. We will approach all material sensitively and in an age-appropriate manner. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

💡 Remember: If you would like to speak to a teacher at any time, please don't wait for parents evening! Contact your child's teacher directly to arrange a phone call or meeting. Staff email addresses can be found under 'Practical Information' then click on 'Staff List'.

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The ETA Way - Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher!