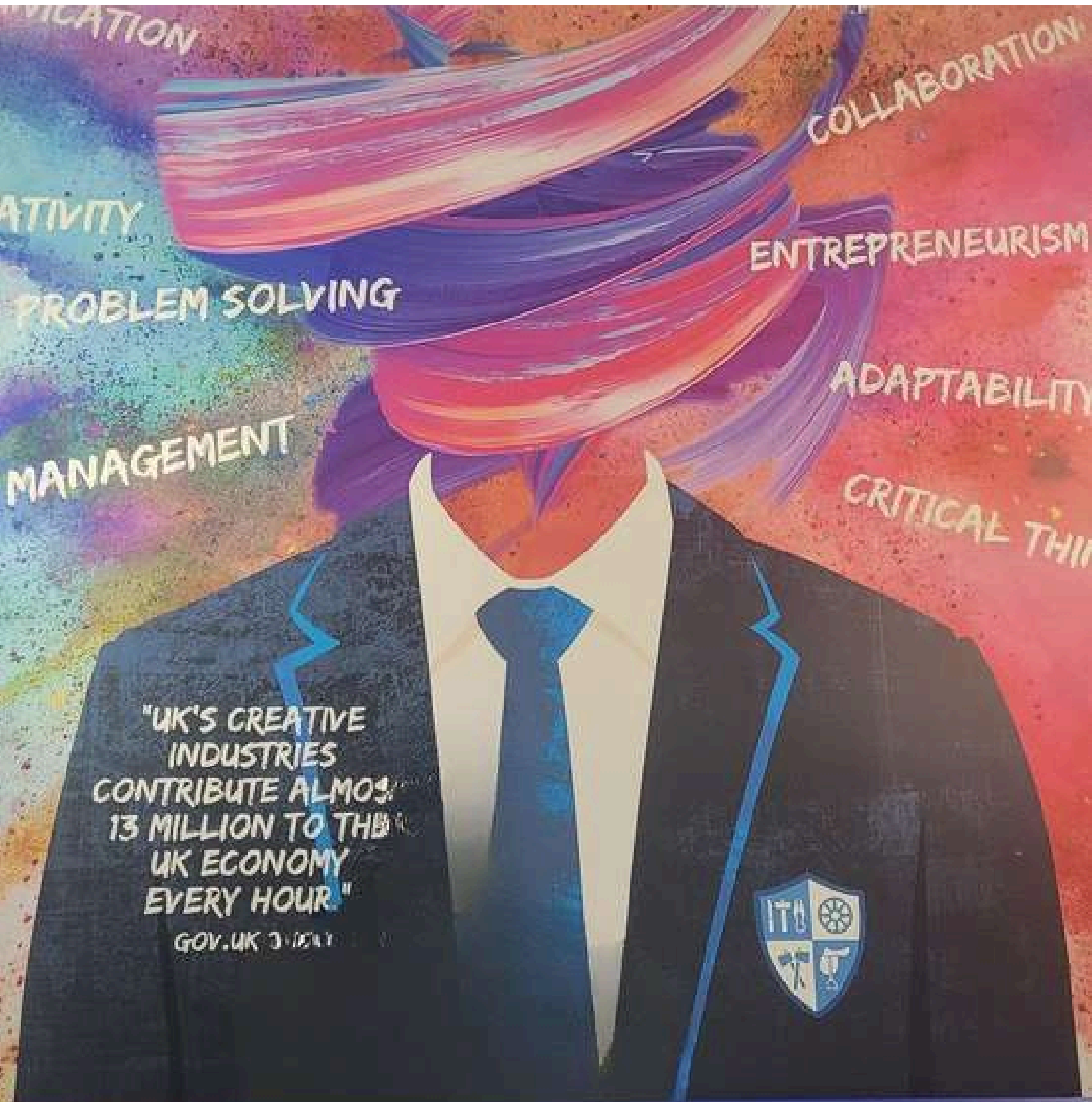




# PARENT BULLETIN



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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



We are now approaching one of our busiest terms with the final push towards Year 6 SATS, GCSE and A Levels. Interventions are running every night after school across multiple subjects and year groups as the staff support learners in the last few weeks before the examination series begins. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions as they are extremely beneficial to supporting revision before these important exams begin.

As a school, reading and developing a passion for literature is fundamental to our daily lives so we celebrated World Book Day across the whole school this term.



## Phone pouches extended up to year 10

Etonbury has extended the hush phone pouches to Year 10, following recent policy changes implemented by the government. This initiative aims to minimise distractions and foster a more focused learning environment for our students. [Click here](#) to read the recent letter.

## NEW SENDCO

We warmly welcome Mrs. Maynard as the new Assistant Principal and SENDCO at Etonbury Academy. With her extensive experience in inclusive education, she aims to create an environment for all students to thrive. Please join us in welcoming her after Easter. Moving forwards, if you are contacting the SEND team Mrs Maynard or Mrs Kirwan-Boyle will be answering your emails and supporting SEND pupils.



Year 12s are about to begin their university, apprenticeship or employment journey and in preparation for university or higher-level apprenticeship applications to be made, the Year 12s are attending the annual UCAS convention to meet and greet a wide variety of institutions and apprenticeship providers. This provides the pupils with a chance to discuss the future plans and career aspirations that the Mrs Dowden and the sixth form team will be able to support them with in the coming months.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the formation of BEST, the trust that Etonbury Academy belongs to. As part of the celebrations the Trust is undertaking a 'Big Community Listen' which is a consultation to all stakeholders This will help shape the future of BEST as it moves into its second decade. This half term the Trust has undertaken a reflective student voice activity, where pupils were asked to provide feedback on all aspects of school life, including opportunities to work with pupils from other Trust schools. The success of Etonbury is the partnership between BEST, parent/carers, pupils, staff and the wider community and it is important that we take time to listen to our stakeholders and reflect the feedback in our plans for the future.

Each term we take a moment to say our goodbyes to staff who are leaving the school and I would like to thank several individuals for their hard work and dedication to Etonbury. Mrs Chillman, our SEND administrator, is retiring after many years of work supporting our SEND families and we wish her every happiness in the future. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Kirwan-Boyle from the SEND team at Etonbury has been appointed as the new Assistant SENDCO. We also welcome Mrs. Sarah Maynard as the new SENDCO.

Mr. Manser is retiring after years of teaching science at Etonbury. We thank him for his dedication and the impact he has had on many generations of pupils.

Etonbury's School Business Manager Mrs Sparrow will be leaving after Easter for the role of Operations Manager at BEST. Whilst we are all delighted for her, we will be sad to see her leave Etonbury after three years of leading on key areas of the school.

We hope you and your families have a lovely Easter holiday and take time to rest and recover. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 14th April. Please continue to share in our values.

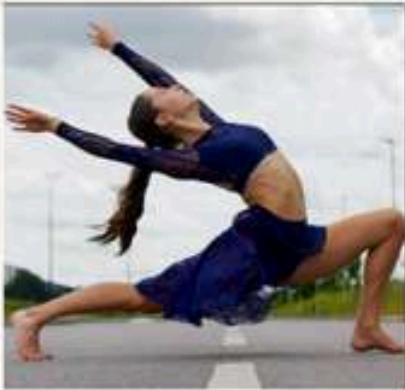
**Mrs Young - Principal**

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MORE INFO COMING SOON...



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# YEAR 5 - HIGHLIGHTS!

It was so lovely to see all the children and adults in their costumes on World Book Day. We had a truly fabulous day. Year 5 have been reading about Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and thoroughly enjoyed the characters and atmosphere in the book. There have been a number of children inspired to read the other books in the series too. As part of our end of term treat we have watched the film version of the book.



## Rising stars!

What an incredible match for Theo, Roman, Frankie, and Teddie (yr 5) playing for Bedfordshire Elites against Queens Park Rangers Elites! The 3-2 win is amazing - keep shining bright and aiming high! Go team!

Happy Easter!

In Maths we have totally smashed decimals and percentages, perimeter, area and statistics. Next term we will look at shape and directions. As a year group, we are currently top of the Bromcom leaderboard for praise points too, with over 25,000 points! Also, congratulations to our year 5 football team! County cup winners and pictured below.

Next term, there is so much to look forward to. Our theme is "off with their heads" and we will be studying living things and their habitats in science! Our book next term is - Spymaster, by Jan Burchett & Sara Vogler.



### USEFUL LINKS

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Year 5

## P.E. LEGENDS



Amelia N



Ellie



Molly



Riley

## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Avina - Curie
- Henry - Curie
- Maggie - Brunel

Multi-Millionaires:

- Henry - Brunel
- Immy - Curie
- Beth - Curie

## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:



Amelia N



Henry N



Henry O



# NEWS FROM YEAR 6!

It has been a very busy and productive half term for Year 6. Congratulations to the children for completing their practice KS2 SATs papers. Throughout this period, the children have come to school each day with enthusiasm and maturity. Although the assessments have been challenging, they have shown great resilience, determination and character. We are very proud of the way they approached this experience – well done to everyone.

World Book Day was a wonderful success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Children were invited to dress as their favourite book characters, and each class selected a winner and runner-up for the most creative costume. It was fantastic to see so many imaginative outfits, and we were lucky to enjoy the celebrations in warm, sunny weather.

In line with the ‘Wingardium Leviosa’ theme and reading of Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, children watched a special video from the West End cast for World Book Day. This theme is building excitement for the upcoming visit to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter, scheduled for the week of May 18th, with more details to follow.

Preparation for the KS2 SATs, scheduled for May 11th–14th, is in progress. Children are completing practice papers and attending booster sessions. Parents with revision guides should use them gradually at home, with short, regular practice being most effective. For questions or concerns, parents can contact teachers via email, or children can speak to their teachers at school.

The Year 6 team would like to wish all families a very enjoyable and restful Easter break.

Head of year 6 - Mrs N Crockford  
ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk



## Hip hop dancing star

Huge congratulations to Abigail F from Neptune, year 6! She's off to represent team GB at the IDO World Hip Hop and popping Championships in Poland for solos and duos!

## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

★ Bjorn N

★ Alice W

★ Elliot G

## A few reminders:

- Please ensure your child arrives at school between 8:15am and 8:25am. The Junior gate opens at 8:15am and closes promptly at 8:25am. Your support in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated.
- Please take a moment to review the school uniform policy, particularly regarding footwear, socks and skirt lengths.
- Students should come to school fully equipped for learning. Please check your child's pencil case regularly and restock any necessary items over the holiday so they return prepared for the new term.

## P.E. LEGENDS

PE legend of the week awards for this half term!



## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Reuben – Titan
- Rose – Mars
- Willow – Neptune
- Kimberley – Saturn
- Olivia – Jupiter

Zara – Mars

Edward – Neptune

Multi-millionaires

• Angleo – Jupiter

• Jennifer – Pluto



### USEFUL LINKS

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CLICK FOR OUR BROMCOM GUIDE

CLICK FOR ACCELERATED READER INFO



# YEAR 7 - AIMING HIGH!

Another half term comes to a close and, although this was a short half term, it has been a very busy one.

This half term, year 7 have been out on the balcony in their art lessons creating “en plein air” designs (see a few examples below), learning handball in PE and looking at diet and digestion within their science lessons.

At the end of this term, we have decided to make some form group changes. The reason behind this is to ensure that all students are continuing to receive the best education possible. Over the past two terms we have observed friendships and behaviour in and out of lessons and feel that, to continue to achieve our aims, some changes are needed. These changes have been made to ensure the best learning experience can still be provided to all.

The Year 7 football team have been outstanding this season and recently took part in the County Cup semi-final. Captained superbly by Oliver W, the team have shown fantastic teamwork, determination and attacking, offensive-minded football throughout the competition. The squad have worked incredibly hard to reach this stage and everyone at Etonbury wishes them the very best of luck as they compete for a place in the County Cup final.



## # P.E. LEGENDS



Noah B



Lacey B



Freddie



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

★ Cara G

★ Saanvi P

★ Junior A



From the Year 7 team and myself, have a lovely, restful Easter break.



Assistant Head of year 7 - Mr R Gould [rgould@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:rgould@bestacademies.org.uk) - Head of year 7 - Mrs S Bailey



# YEAR 8

Year 8 have continued to make us incredibly proud with their ongoing success across all of their lessons. Their commitment to maintaining exemplary uniform standards has been recognised, and it reflects the pride they take in being part of our school community.

It has been fantastic to see the number of positive points and recognitions they have achieved this term—this is a real testament to their hard work, positive attitudes, and determination to succeed.

I have particularly enjoyed visiting Art lessons this term, where students have been creating impressive animal pieces. The level of creativity and artistic talent on display has been truly outstanding, and it has been a pleasure to see their ideas come to life. We are also very proud of those who have taken part in the Trust-wide public speaking competition, Speak Up, Speak Out, where our students achieved great success across a variety of roles.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating our successes further with our Easter-themed celebration breakfast this week for those students who have achieved over 80 positive points. In addition, we will continue these celebrations with a reward assembly after the Easter break.

Thank you to students and parents for your continued support. I wish you all a happy, restful, and well-deserved Easter break. Well done, Year 8—keep up the fantastic work!



## MK Dons Goal Keeper!

A huge congratulations to Will for receiving a contract offer with @MKDonsFC as a goalkeeper this is an incredible achievement and a testament to his hard work and dedication.



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Ezra R
- ★ Thomas P
- ★ Lacey-Mae K

## ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

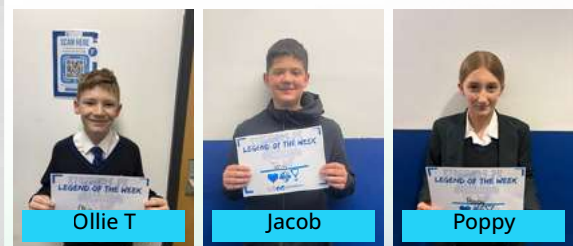
- Matilda 8ES
- Georgia 8LJ
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Multi-millionaires:

- Ezra - 8LJ
- Ethan 8KS
- Jay 8LJ
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## # P.E. LEGENDS



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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Phone pouches - Upon arrival at school, phones are secured in student pouches for the day. If you have any questions please email HOY.

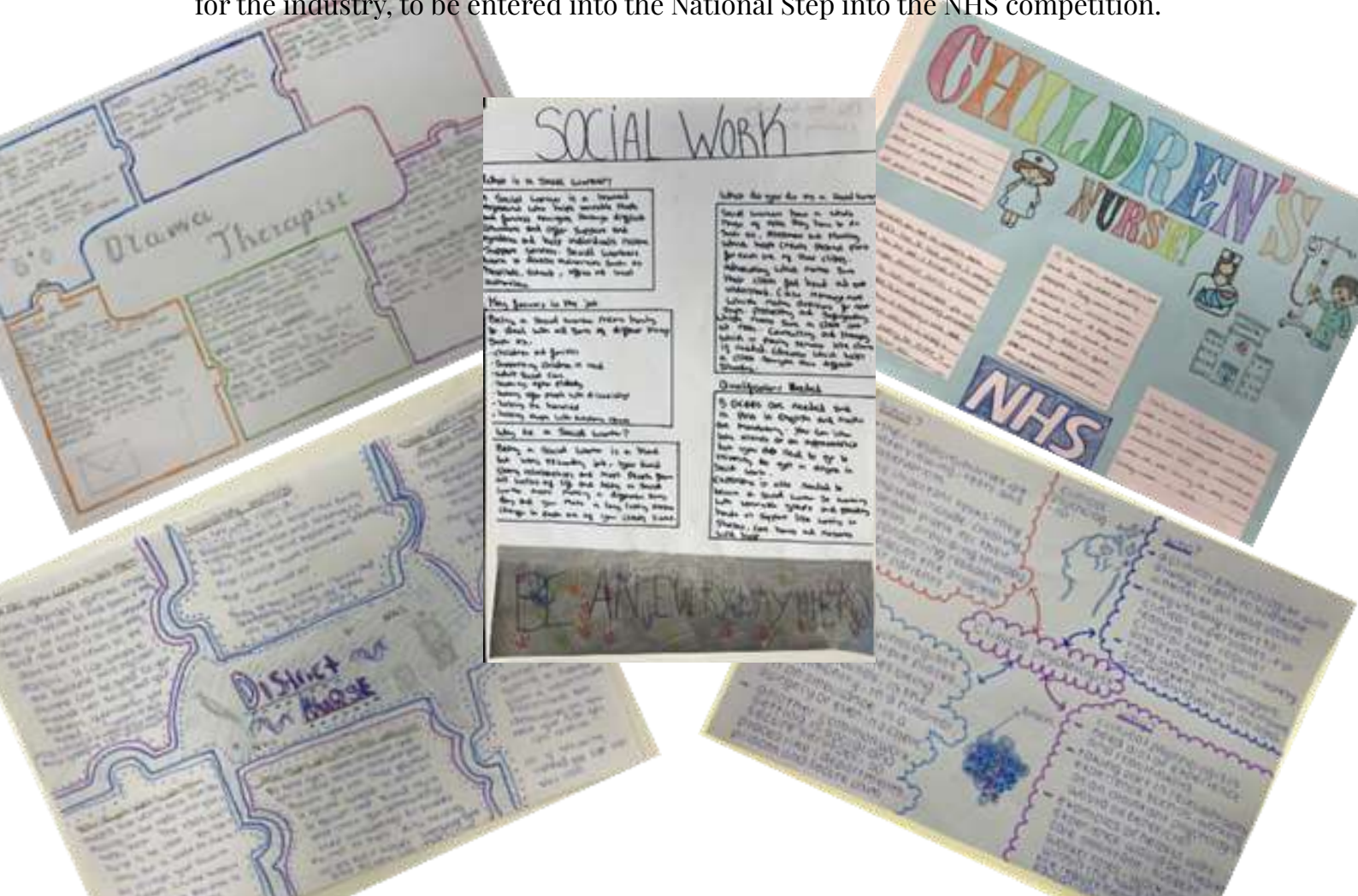
# Year 8

# KS2 Step into the NHS Day 2026



On Thursday the 5th March, the NHS ran their annual Step into the NHS day. This day provided our Health and Social Care students with vital information about the wealth of careers available within this organization. Learners had the opportunity to ask professionals from a wide range of disciplines questions, including Physiotherapists, Radiographers and Nurses.

Taking part in interactive workshops and independent activities, learners explored the potential careers most aligned with their own characteristics. This day culminated in the learners creating job advertisements for the industry, to be entered into the National Step into the NHS competition.





# ALL THE LATEST FROM YEAR 9!



## Snooker star!

Snooker champion Tallulah competed in the World Women's Snooker Tournament in Belgium, winning her first frame against a seasoned player and reaching the U21 quarter-finals. She now holds world rankings: WWS (151), U21 (19), and 1-year (65).

She also performed well in the Mixed U14 tournament, finishing joint 1st in her group, and attended a women's open day to support women's snooker.



## Golfing Champion!

Huge congratulations to Amelia P for her outstanding performance on the golf course! By winning a golf competition and setting a new course record for women, she has rightfully earned a spot in the hall of fame at her golf club. Well done, Amelia!

## Swim Competition

Congratulations to Elliot in year 9 for his outstanding achievement in the recent Air Cadets swimming competition! His recognition reflects his dedication and skill, what an inspiration. Keep aiming high!



As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take a moment to recognise the fantastic achievements of our Year 9 students. This has been an important milestone, with students carefully selecting their options for next year. Although they are yet to begin these courses, it has been wonderful to see such thoughtful decision-making and enthusiasm for the next stage of their journey. I am delighted to share that we continue to receive consistently glowing feedback from staff, many of whom are already looking forward to teaching this cohort again next year. This is a testament to the positive attitude, engagement, and character our students demonstrate on a daily basis.

A number of students have shown exceptional commitment through the Sports Leader programme. They have successfully led sessions both at a local feeder primary school and within our own school, demonstrating confidence, leadership, and maturity well beyond their years.

This half term has also seen a wide range of academic, extracurricular, and external successes. It has been particularly pleasing to see so many students actively engaging in opportunities both within school and in the wider community. Participation in extracurricular activities remains high, and students continue to represent the school with pride. We are also very proud of those who have taken part in the Trust-wide public speaking competition, where our students achieved great success across a variety of roles.

Thank you to students and parents for your continued support. I wish you all a happy, restful, and well-deserved Easter break.



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Vanessa K
- ★ Simar H
- ★ Lucy G



## # P.E. LEGENDS



Hezzy

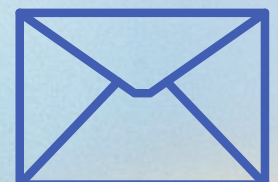


Amaya

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# Year 9



# UPDATE FROM YEAR 10!

As we come to the end of the term there are a number of key notices to be aware of for year 10. When we return after the holidays, year 10 will immediately be sitting both core mocks and mocks for their option's subjects. This will happen over the course of the first 2 weeks. Students should have all received their timetable. If there are any issues regarding this, please do get in touch.

Key pieces of information regarding the JCQ guidance for exams have been posted on the year 10 google classroom and students had an assembly on the 26th of March running through the key procedures. Should any student forget their assigned seat for a particular exam, seating lists will be posted outside the hall each morning for them to check. Please ensure over the holidays that students have the correct equipment for their exams. If they wish to use a pencil case it needs to be see through and they may take in a water bottle which is see-through and all labels must be removed. They are only allowed water.

Students will need to have black biro pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor and scientific calculator.



## # P.E. LEGENDS



Alex



Peyton

## CONTACTS

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Should you wish to purchase a revision guide to assist in any revision for a particular subject, please see a list of the revision guides we would recommend for each subject:

## Revision Guide Links

[Click here!](#)

Following the mocks, work experience is fast approaching. At this stage, most students have filled in the required placement form on unifrog. This does need to be completed ahead of work experience. During work experience no lessons will be running, though any student who has not signed up to do a placement will be expected to attend school to do careers related work. Should you have any questions regarding this process then please do get in touch with myself.

We wish all of the year 10 students a productive Easter holidays and look forward to welcoming them back for what will most certainly be a packed term!



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Jay T
- ★ Saskia F
- ★ Steph P

## MOCK EXAM DATES

The Year 10 mocks are running from Tuesday 14th April to Friday 24th April. You are now able to view your child's timetable on the MCAS app under 'Examinations'.

Year 10



# THE LATEST FROM YEAR 11!

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of our Year 11 students for the excellent way they have approached this important stage of the year. Firstly, well done to everyone for their mock exam efforts. Students worked extremely hard and should be proud of the determination and focus they showed. Alongside this, behaviour, uniform, and overall effort have been very good, which has been fantastic to see as we move closer to the GCSE exam period.

A special mention also goes to forms 11RR and 11KS, who are currently battling it out for the top spot for the highest number of merits in the year group. Keep up the great work!

## Year 11 Hoodies and Yearbooks

A reminder for students to purchase their Year 11 hoodies and yearbooks by 20th April via the following website:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk>

Further information, including the letter and email address needed to place orders, can be found on the Year 11 Google Classroom.

## Year 11 Prom

We are excited to confirm that Year 11 Prom is fully booked and will take place at Letchworth Hall Hotel on 26th June, 7:00pm to 11:00pm.

This year's theme will be "A Starry Night."

Tickets will be on sale soon, and more details will follow shortly.

## Easter Holiday Revision

During the Easter holidays, students should be completing some revision to support their preparation for the final exams. The best approach is little and often, rather than long sessions all at once. Using a revision timetable can really help students stay organised and make the most of their time.

Once study leave begins, students will only need to come into school for their exams and must attend in full school uniform.

We wish all Year 11 students a restful but productive Easter break and look forward to seeing them return refreshed and ready for the final stage of their GCSE journey.

## Exam information - GCSE's

The summer exams commence the week beginning the 5th May and run through to the 17th June. You are now able to view your child's timetable on the MCAS app under 'Examinations'. This year's contingency date is the 24th June, all students should be available until this date.

The Summer 2026 certificate collection date is Monday 4th January 2027 between 9am and 11am.

Exams run in accordance with JCQ guidance. Please familiarise yourself with the 'Information to Candidates' documents which can be found on our website [here](#).



## PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Rory F
- ★ Naadirah A
- ★ Kobi L

## KEY DATES

- 20th May – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
- 5th May - Summer exams commence
- 21st May – Study Leave begins

## ETONBURY SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Applications for Etonbury Sixth Form are **STILL** open.

Mrs Dowden and Mrs Schumann are here to support with applications. Please contact them via email for a discussion and advice.



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Aimee

# P.E. LEGENDS



Evan

Year 11



Sixth Form

# SIXTH FORM UPDATES!



This has been another busy half term, which started with our Year 12 parent's evening. It was so lovely to see so many families in attendance, discussing with the teachers how the students are progressing and how they can further improve going into the summer term and thinking about their first set of mock exams.

This week we took Year 12s to the UCAS Discovery event in London to support them with their post 18 options. Students were able to chat to universities about their courses and student life, employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like, and ask qualified careers advisers about their future options. They were also able to listen to talks from experts in their fields and get support from UCAS experts about the application process. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and came away with lots of ideas and freebies!

Year 13s are now in the final few weeks of their courses. They are busy revising and completing past papers to practise their exam technique. Students have now received most of their university offers to study a wide range of subjects from prestigious institutions across the country, including Oxford, Nottingham, Exeter, Bristol, Loughborough, Sheffield, Warwick and Durham to name but a few. Students are now in the process of making their final choices and applying for financial awards from the Connolly Foundation, a charity that awards grants to students in Bedfordshire to help with the cost of studying.

In February, Year 12s organised a Valentine's Disco for the Juniors. Students worked in teams to ensure that health and safety policies were met, the event would be financially viable, the hall and equipment were set up in advance and the event was well-advertised to juniors. Through doing this, students learnt key employability skills and pushed themselves to take on new responsibilities, which they will be able to reflect on in their CVs and personal statements. It was lovely to see the older and younger students having fun together and demonstrated how special our school community is.

Looking ahead to September, we have been meeting all Year 11 applicants to get to know them better, to find out about their future career plans and support them with their subject choices. We have been so impressed with their aspirational attitude and can't wait to welcome them into Year 12. We have also been meeting lots of students from other schools, who have heard great things about our Sixth Form provision. We know that Etonbury is special, due to the fantastic relationships our staff build with the students in smaller classes. Please take a look at our brochure "**Sixth Form: What makes us special?**" click on the image above to read.

As we go into the Summer term we wish all our Sixth Formers taking exams the very best of luck. We know how hard you have worked over the last two years and now is your chance to show this off to the examiners and shine. Wishing you a restful Easter.



## # P.E. LEGENDS



### Biologists

Congratulations to our outstanding yr 12 and 13 biologists for their impressive performance in the 2026 British Biology Olympiad!

Special shoutout to Henry & Reuben for achieving gold awards, putting them in the top 5% and qualifying them for the International Biology Olympiad selection process.

### CONTACTS

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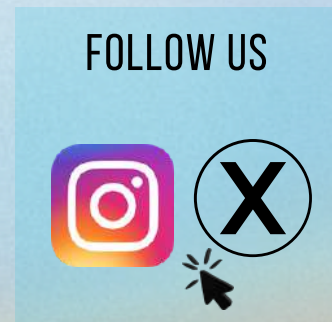
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# Sixth Form



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# Performing Arts



## LAMDA update

LAMDA students have been busy preparing for their summer exams. Students work with a West End theatre company and trained actors to learn audition monologues for the graded exams. The external LAMDA Exam date has been set for 7th July. Students are sitting mock exams this term to prepare. Students at key stage 2 and 3 are busy preparing for this exam.

## Goodbye to Mr Nobel.

The Drama department has just said goodbye to Mr Noble who spent a term teaching with the department. Mr Noble is a trainee drama teacher and has created some wonderful sessions, particularly on Japanese puppetry for year 7 and year 11. Thank you Mr Noble - it was great hosting you.



## Wicked The musical trip – Year 10

Year 10s are preparing for their day trip to Wicked The musical in London as part of their coursework for BTEC. Before they go, students are preparing questions to ask the creative team they will meet on the trip.



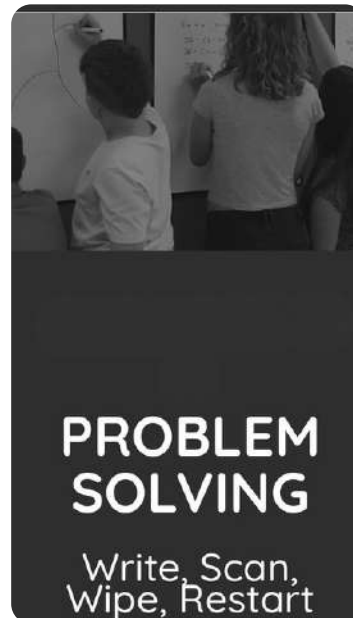
## Rewards

The drama department are celebrating the stars of the lesson. Building on the STARS approach, we will be providing some celebratory gifts and messages home. Watch out for the new star bands to celebrate student success.



## New equipment

The department has invested in a set of LCD boards in lessons and students love them. These are fantastic for jotting down notes for lessons and offer great assessment for learning opportunities in practical lessons. We are also using whiteboard flip charts and scanning the work for BTEC coursework and using wipe book resources. We are committed to reducing paper use and being more eco-friendly. These resources are proving really useful in the curriculum by transforming problem-solving for groups and ensuring that students capture practical evidence to support coursework.



[Etonbury Performing Arts, Student Voice/Diversity](#)  
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## P.E. Department

Head of P.E. - Miss S Hilton

This half-term has been a busy and successful period for the PE department, with students across all year groups demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment, and excellent progress.

In lesson time, the girls have been taking part in rugby and badminton, where they have developed their skills, teamwork, and confidence. The boys have focused on handball and table tennis, showing strong improvement in co-ordination, tactics, and competitive play.

There have also been some fantastic achievements in team sports. The Year 5 boys' football team have been particularly successful, putting in impressive performances and achieving great results, becoming District Champions following a 4-1 win in the final at Kempston Rovers. In rugby, Year 5, 6, and 7 boys have all had a very positive half-term in extracurricular, with strong participation and teamwork on display. Our KS2 girls' netball teams have also performed brilliantly, continuing to show great progress and determination.



At the start of the season for KS2 Girls' football, the numbers at club each week have been over 30, which is outstanding to see! The year 7/8 girls' football team have been undefeated in what has been an excellent display of girls' football this season. They have also scored a total of 14 goals in 4 games.



Our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been working hard in their BTEC Sport lessons with students across all year groups working hard towards coursework, exams and excelling in their fitness test practical lessons.



Our primary and secondary dance competition teams are well underway with their preparations and are working hard ahead of their competition on the 26th of March. We wish them the very best of luck. Following this, we will be working towards the dance show on 9th July 2026.

Finally, a special mention goes to Miss Kay, who is training for the London Half Marathon. We are incredibly proud of her dedication and commitment to her training, and we wish her every success on race day.



There will be No PE Clubs the first week back after half term.

A reminder for any PE related queries and notices to go directly to:

[eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk)

Overall, it has been a fantastic half-term in PE, with so many positive achievements and continued enthusiasm for sport across the school. We look forward to next half term which sees the return of our Summer Sports: Rounders, Cricket, Volleyball, Golf and Athletics.

**OUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS**  
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# Sports News continued..



## Year 5 Boys' Football

The Year 5 boys' football team have enjoyed a truly outstanding season, finishing runners-up in a highly competitive District league campaign. Remaining unbeaten across their fixtures, the team showed remarkable consistency, resilience and quality throughout, including a crucial 2-2 draw with Pixbrook which secured their place in the playoffs. Progressing to the semi-final, the boys produced a superb performance to defeat Bromham CofE Primary School 4-1, earning their place in the final held at Kempston Rovers on Monday the 16th of March.

In what was a fantastic occasion, complete with changing rooms and a real matchday atmosphere. The team started nervously but quickly grew into the game, showcasing their confidence, skill and teamwork to secure an impressive 4-1 victory and be crowned District Champions. Goals in the final were scored by Teddie E, who netted twice, along with Frankie M and Nathan O, rounding off an excellent attacking display. Captain Roman A led the team superbly throughout the competition, demonstrating excellent leadership and composure. Special mentions also go to Max H, who proved a constant attacking threat and a nightmare for defenders, and Nathan O, who controlled games brilliantly from central midfield.

Above all, this has been a season defined by determination, teamwork and an exceptional attitude from every single player involved. Every member of the squad has played their part in this success and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. The boys have represented the school with pride and professionalism and this achievement is a true reflection of their hard work and commitment.

## Year 5 Football Tournament

Etonbury recently hosted a fantastic Year 5 football tournament on Thursday 19th of March, welcoming Arnold Academy, Robert Bloomfield Academy, Henlow, Pixbrook and Alameda to compete at our excellent facilities. It was a wonderful evening of football - full of energy, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship from all teams involved. Etonbury performed superbly throughout the competition, reaching the final and proudly finishing as runners-up. We are incredibly proud of all the players who took part, as well as our Year 5 student managers who played an important role in supporting the team and helping to run the event.

Opportunities like this are invaluable at this age, allowing students to develop confidence, teamwork, leadership and communication skills, while fostering a lifelong enjoyment of sport and a strong sense of belonging within the school community.

## The year 5/6 girls football team

The team have shown great heart, determination and perseverance during their first ever football tournament. We are really proud of them! They will only get better and better for future games. We look forward to developing the team.

## Year 5/6 girls football club

Our Wednesday football club has seen a great turnout with close to 40 girls attending! It is great to see more girls wanting to play football and to see them enjoying it.

## Year 9 Sports Leaders

Our Year 9 Sports Leaders recently delivered a series of engaging sessions at St Mary's Academy in Stotfold, focusing on the key components of fitness. The students demonstrated excellent leadership, communication and organisation skills as they worked with younger pupils, creating a positive and inspiring learning environment. This initiative not only supports the development of younger students, but also allows our leaders to build confidence, responsibility and real-life teaching experience - a key part of life at Etonbury. The Sports Leaders will be continuing this fantastic work with our own Year 5 students on Friday the 20th of March, further showcasing their commitment and enthusiasm for sport and leadership.

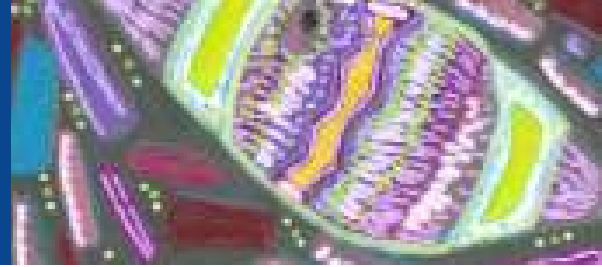
## Charity Football Match

Mr Bamford will also be taking part in a charity football match at Hitchin Town FC on Saturday the 4th of July. The fixture will see local teachers from surrounding schools compete against a variety of celebrities in what promises to be an exciting and entertaining event. The match is in support of Dan Gaze Support Service, whose work in schools is incredibly impactful, providing inspiring, supportive and transformative mentoring for young people. The funds raised will be reinvested back into the schools involved, making a real difference to students across the community. We wish Mr Bamford the very best of luck and look forward to supporting this fantastic and worthwhile cause. ⚽

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# Art - Masterpiece Of The Month



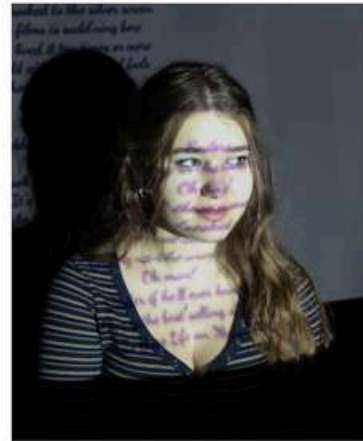
Masterpiece Of The Month  
KS2 Gabriella Curie



Awarded for

'Showing confident control of tone when using coloured pencil and acrylic markers on black paper in response to Beowulf'.

Masterpiece Of The Month  
KS5 Em 12SWR



Awarded for

'Experimenting with projection photography and typography in the photography studio'.

**Young  
Photographer of  
the Year  
Competition 2026**

Theme:  
**Colours  
of Nature**

Open to anyone  
aged 18 years old or  
under  
Closes 5 May 2026  
Royal Society of  
**Biology**  
@royalsocbio  
[www.rsb.org.uk/photo-comp](http://www.rsb.org.uk/photo-comp)



Masterpiece Of The Month  
KS4 Aaliyah 10MF



Awarded for

'Demonstrating high skill level of drawing techniques using different media'.

Masterpiece Of The Month  
KS3 Darci 8KS



Awarded for

Demonstrating excellent sculpting skills using a range of materials when creating her party animal'.

# Reminders & Information



## PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET



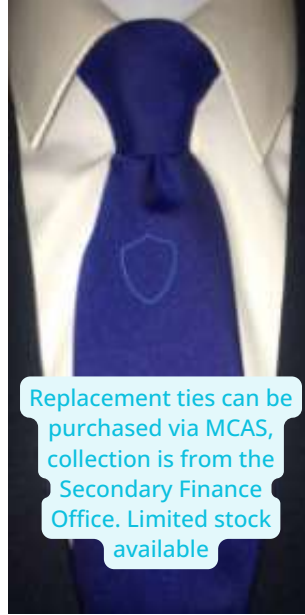
Click to download or view our frequently asked questions and answers booklet.



### ADMISSIONS

We are pleased to announce, the BEST Admission Arrangements & Etonbury Sixth Form Admission Arrangements for September 2027 have been determined by the Trust Board in line with the School Admissions Code.

<https://bestacademies.org.uk> &  
<https://etonbury.org.uk>



Replacement ties can be purchased via MCAS, collection is from the Secondary Finance Office. Limited stock available



To contact school staff regarding your child, email the relevant staff member, Form Tutor for pastoral issues or the subject teacher for academic concerns.

Staff will respond within 48 hours, acknowledging requests based on teaching commitments.

Polite communication is encouraged for the best outcomes.

Thank you

## Every Day at School Counts!

A quick reminder of the updated policy concerning absences and holidays in term time. As a school we have always made efforts to support families during the cost-of-living crisis. However, we would like to remind you of the government policy implemented in August 2024.

Fines will be issued for absences and holidays during term time which are in breach of the policy.

Penalty notice fines are issued by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), and Etonbury Academy does not have the authority to judge or influence these decisions.

Any holidays or absences during term time will result in a fine issued by CBC. If you have any questions, please see the guidance here also pictured right.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any surplus school uniform to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop donations off at the main reception in a bag. PE items, jumpers, blazers, and ties. These donations will be made available to families in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Follow Etonbury Academy on social media to keep up to date with news and info.



## Medical Reminders.

Please ensure ALL students bring a water bottle into school every day. Remind your child of the importance of keeping hydrated. Water bottles can be refilled throughout the day, helping to reduce the number of plastic cups being used in school. Medical does supply cups for general use.

Hayfever season seems to begin earlier each year, so please remind affected students to take their allergy medication BEFORE leaving home in the morning.

Students in Year 7 and above may carry one dose of paracetamol for self-administration. If your child feels unwell during the school day and their symptoms worsen, they should inform their teacher and attend the medical room.

Please note that students must not contact home directly to request collection. This will be managed by the school if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

S T A Y H Y D R A T E D

# Menu

Our new three week menu goes live in the school canteen after Easter.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April!

## WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1



EVERY TUESDAY

Asian inspired noodles with a selection of protein and vegetables



EVERY WEDNESDAY

Authentic Greek flatbreads topped with marinated chicken or plant-based protein

EVERY THURSDAY

Chicken served with a range of signature marinades and seasoned rice



Switch it up with our street food favourites! Ask the team for this week's flavours



TUE

WED

THU

FRI

Mediterranean Vegetable Ragù with Gnocchi & Garlic Bread

Chicken Tuesday

Roast of the Day with Seasonal Greens, Carrots, Roasties & Gravy (Halal available)

Thai red Chicken Curry served with rice

Grilled Sausage & Chips with Peas

Mac & Cheese Topped with Crispy Onions Served with Garlic Bread & Mixed Salad (V)

Dirty Quorn & paprika bean burger served with fries & Slaw

Veggie Sausage & Tomato Bake with Seasonal Greens, Carrots & Roasties (V)

Thai red Sweet potato curry served with rice (V)

Pizza Selection with Chips or Wedges

### POT & TASTY

Daily range of ready to go pots including pastas, salads and rice bowls

### DESSERTS

Enjoy our chef's choice of sweet treats, served every day



Hot loaded spuds with a daily range of tasty toppings to fill you up



13th April, 4th May, 25th May, 15th June, 6th July, 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct 2026 V-VEGETARIAN VS-VEGAN

## WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 2



EVERY TUESDAY

Asian inspired noodles with a selection of protein and vegetables



EVERY WEDNESDAY

Authentic Greek flatbreads topped with marinated chicken or plant-based protein

EVERY THURSDAY

Chicken served with a range of signature marinades and seasoned rice



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TUE

WED

THU

FRI

Garlic Mushroom Mac & Cheese (V)

Chicken Tuesday

Roast of the Day with Seasonal Greens, Carrots, Roasties & Gravy (Halal available)

Sausage & Mash with Caramelised Onion Gravy & Seasonal Vegetables (Halal available)

Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets & Chips (Halal available)

Butternut & Beany Vegetable Burrito (VG)

Dirty Quorn & paprika bean burger served with fries and slaw (V)

Smoky Cheese & Butternut Quiche with Seasonal Greens, Carrots & Roasties (V)

Veggie Sausage & Mash with Caramelised Onion Gravy & Seasonal Vegetables (VG)

Pizza Selection with Chips or Wedges

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30th March, 20th April, 11th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct 2026 V-VEGETARIAN VS-VEGAN

## WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 3



EVERY TUESDAY

Asian inspired noodles with a selection of protein and vegetables



EVERY WEDNESDAY

Authentic Greek flatbreads topped with marinated chicken or plant-based protein

EVERY THURSDAY

Chicken served with a range of signature marinades and seasoned rice



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TUE

WED

THU

FRI

Sweet Potato Katsu with Mixed Rice & Pickled Vegetables (V)

Chicken Tuesday

Roast of the Day with Seasonal Greens, Carrots, Roasties & Gravy (Halal available)

Beef & Lentil Ragù with Gnocchi (Halal available)

Oven Baked Chicken Goujons & Chips (Halal available)

Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread (V)

Dirty Quorn & paprika bean burger served with fries & slaw (V)

Keema Bake Slice with Seasonal Greens, Carrots, Roasties & Gravy (V)

Cheese Quiche with Salad & Minted New Potatoes (V)

Pizza Selection with Chips or Wedges

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6th April, 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct 2026 V-VEGETARIAN VS-VEGAN

# Important Dates

Fri 27 March - Break for EASTER

Tues 14 April - Pupils back to school

Tues 28 April - D of E session 4

**Mon 4 May - May Day Bank Holiday**

Thurs 7 May - Yr9 HPV catch-up vaccinations

Thurs 7- Fri 8 May - Duke of Edinburgh **Bronze** Practice

Mon 11 - Fri 15 May - Year 6 SATS

Mon 18 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly

Tues 19 May - Yr 6 Warner Brothers Tour Group 1

Weds 20 May - Yr11 Leavers' Assembly

Thurs 21 May - Yr 6 Warner Brothers Tour Group 2 -

Italian pop up menu

Fri 22 May - break for May half term.

Mon 1 June - Staff and Pupils back to school.

Thurs 4 - Sat 6 June - D of E **Bronze** expedition and Silver practice.

[Click here](#) to view the 2025 / 2026 term dates

Please note events are also listed on our website and occasionally are subject to change.

# Club Information

Sign up to clubs via Bromcom

To view our current full list of clubs please visit the Bromcom app (MCAS).

PE Clubs - please be advised that PE clubs change each half term. They will be published the first week back on Facebook and X. Pupils must sign up via Bromcom.

**Sports clubs/extracurricular clubs normally commence second week back after a break.**

**ETA Extra in the study centre will run as normal first week back after the break.**

# Together we care

## Pastoral

Head of Pastoral & DSL - Mrs T McErlean

*At Etonbury, the safety and welfare of our pupils is at the centre of all of what we do. On our Parental Support/Safeguarding page you will find a list of websites and agencies in the local area who provide support services in the local community.*

We know that being a parent isn't always easy. Please remember if you need any further help please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance with any pastoral matters. If you're worried about your child or young person's emotional wellbeing, please find a list of both local and national resources in the Family Information leaflet.

Take a look at our website for information and details of helplines and agencies when you are most in need.

[www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support](http://www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support)



**Living with Teenagers** is a free online course for Central Bedfordshire parents and carers of children **aged 11 to 16 years**. Delivered online via Zoom by trained parent group facilitators who have first-hand experience of the joys and challenges of being a parent of a teenager.

Increase your parenting skills, grow in confidence, and improve your relationship with your teenager.

Contact us to book your free space:  
[office@home-startbedfordshire.org.uk](mailto:office@home-startbedfordshire.org.uk)





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We are now accepting donations of

# Pre-loved Uniform

We are looking for any good condition, freshly-washed, pre-loved uniform. We need branded school uniform, such as blazers, jumpers, skirts, ties, and PE kits.

Please place all donations in a carrier bag and drop them off at the main reception.

*Thank you for your support and generosity.*



# Upcoming Events

Online Workshops for Parents & Caregivers  
Click on each to sign up or scan the QR code!

APRIL  
15

Supporting your Teenager  
with Worries around  
Exams  
4-5 PM



MAY  
20

Understanding and  
Supporting your child's  
Emotional Regulation  
(5-11 years)  
12-1 PM



JUNE  
9

Supporting School  
Transitions  
4-5 PM



JUNE  
24

Supporting your child's SEND  
Journey: With Practical  
support & advice  
12-1:15 PM





## Permissive Route is Closed

**Red Permissive Route** is now Closed.

Use Alternative **Black Permissive Route**.



### IMPORTANT ETONBURY WOOD UPDATE;

Works are about to start in Etonbury Wood to make some changes to some of the footpaths to help restore vital habitat and promote nature conservation - its really important those using the woods adhere to the new footpaths and closures. The permissive route shown in red on the below plan crosses the site of an historic Badger's Sett, which foot fall is causing to collapse, causing a trip hazard and constant disturbance preventing return of the badgers to the site. Also the areas of trees between the ditch and the edge of the woodland to the East, is the oldest area of historic woodland on the site, it is not an area of really old trees but does contain some native ash from the local area, which the countryside sites team aim to give the opportunity to seed and possibility to evolve out of the effects of Ash die back, this area will be managed through minimum intervention going forward to encourage native, natural regrowth.

It has been the aim of the countryside sites to allow the track shown in red on the below plan close over, but some unhelpful individuals have often taken it upon themselves to trim the vegetation growth back. To make the permanent change to promote the natural habitat the route will be blocked with large logs and laid vegetation to prevent future use.

The public have made an alternative desire line route shown in Black on the below plan, which is drier and flatter and this will be widened by felling some small dead Ash and other dead trees ( which were marked in yellow paint yesterday) and this will be made the formal permissive route to replace the old (red) route giving the space back to nature.

The area has been checked for nesting birds and will be re-checked as the contractors commence work as this situation can change at any time.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THIS CONSERVATION EFFORT

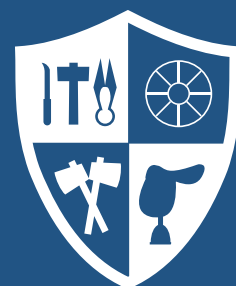
*We want the Badgers to return to the woodland and are creating an undisturbed space for their historic Sett site. Also in this area we have some native mature Ash trees which produce abundant seeds and we want them to be in place for as long as possible, to allow nature the opportunity to evolve genetic resistance to Ash die back.*

**Please respect nature and use new route.**



Happy  
Easter!

*Thank you for reading!*



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