

ETONBURY ACADEMY

ISSUE 11



PARENT BULLETIN

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'A welcoming & nurturing place to learn'

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



We are delighted to share with you all that this term we have achieved SPORTS MARK PLATINUM! This is the sixth year running we have achieved this prestigious award! As a school, we have been awarded this for commitment to the development of sport across the school and into the local community. We are exceptionally proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of sport, including volunteers, leaders and officials through PE clubs within our local community. A true testament to the dedicated staff and students at Etonbury - thank you to everyone involved, very special thanks to Miss Hilton, our PE department and all those who make a contribution to the sporting clubs and opportunities at school

We recognised the UK-wide celebration for all school staff this week, National Thank a Teacher Day! This year is all about gratitude, recognising the long-lasting impact that education has on individuals and throughout society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of staff - THANK YOU!

It has been a term with lots of transition events for our new year 5 students as well as Sixth Form students. We welcomed all Sixth Form applicants to our Induction Day where they had the opportunity to experience Sixth Form, have breakfast and taster sessions in their chosen subjects and also meet their new cohort, staff and Mrs Dowden, our Head of Sixth Form. If you have any questions about Sixth Form, please get in touch with Mrs Dowden via email cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

National Step-up day has been and gone. Students had a taste of the exciting world of the next academic year for September. It was wonderful to welcome year 4 students from feeder lower schools into year 5 for transition day activities to introduce the students to our school, their class teacher, peers, Head of Year, canteen and more. Our year 6 students moving into year 7 experienced a special transition timetable for the day and years 8 to 10 have met their form tutor for next year too! All of these activities are designed to prepare and reassure the pupils in readiness for their return in the new school year.

At our secondary and junior sports day everyone showed amazing sporting attitudes. Well done to all of our pupils who took part with such great enthusiasm, house colours made this a spectacularly colourful sporting event. Congratulations to everyone! **Our sports day winners were** CARTERS! ❤️

After what has been a very busy and successful year for the school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the parents and carers who support us each day. The relationship between home and school is so important and we value your ongoing support.

Our next open evening for prospective Years 5 pupils and their families is Thursday 1 October with Principal talks at 5pm, 5.30pm, 6pm and 6.30pm. Booking is via the Etonbury website, from September. Throughout the evening, you'll have the chance to visit our purpose built facilities, engage in interactive activities, speak to subject leads and meet some of our students. We look forward to welcoming you.

Our sixth form open evening is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4th November. Come along and see what makes us special. Our Sixth Form has a small class sizes, where staff know their students well, which results in high aspirations for all. 'Develop the learner, develop the person' is the Etonbury vision and our sixth form pupils experience this each day with the support of their tutors, subject teachers and sixth form pastoral team.

I do hope that all our pupils and families enjoy a rest this summer and return to school in September refreshed and ready to 'aim even higher!'

Mrs J Young - Principal



The ETA Way

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Together we care

Always aim higher

WELCOME TO GOVERNORS CORNER



Who We Are?

Etonbury Governors are a group of nine volunteers including elected parent governors, an elected staff governor, the Principal, and co-opted governors with relevant governance skills and experience. Collectively, governors are known as a Local Committee of the Board (LCB) and are appointed by and report to the Board of BEST, with the role of providing day to day oversight of the running of the Academy.

The Core Functions of the LCB.

- Ensuring the mission, vision and values of BEST are faithfully upheld and clearly communicated.
- Holding the Principal to account and ensuring that the BEST approach to delivering progress and attainment is followed.
- Monitoring the use of resources, including finances, to ensure best value.

What do we do?

The LCB meets 9-10 times per academic year, and organises meetings based on a plan that ensures key governance items are scheduled for discussion and review during the year. Visits to governor meetings from key staff members are arranged to allow the LCB to hear directly the successes and challenges from diverse areas of the Academy.

Summer Term Focus.

During the summer term we have met three times and discussed varied topics including Behaviour & Attendance, SEND, PE, Academy finances, predicted GCSE and A-level grades, and SATs results.

In addition to the full LCB meetings Governors additionally visit the Academy to discuss areas that they have specific links to and frequently attend events such as open evenings where we look forward to meeting new and existing members of the wonderful Etonbury community.

If you would like further information about becoming a Governor, please drop me a line, including a few words about yourself and address it to the school office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Dr John Christopher
Chair of Governors
Etonbury Academy
jchristopher@bestacademies.org.uk

 [Link: Visit the Etonbury Governance Web Page](#)

10 Years of BEST

Celebrating Our Community the ETF Way!

Students and staff came together to celebrate a remarkable milestone as BEST marked its 10th anniversary with an afternoon filled with music, creativity and community spirit. The celebrations began during form time, when every student received a commemorative gift bag to mark the occasion. While a single birthday cake for the entire school community wasn't possible, the thoughtful gift ensured that everyone could share in this special celebration.

At 2:30pm, form tutors escorted students to the playground, where the anniversary festival officially began. The school grounds were transformed into a vibrant celebration space, offering a wide range of activities for students to enjoy.

The main playground came alive with outstanding live performances from our talented Etonbury students. Throughout the afternoon, students gathered to relax, sing along and even dance as they celebrated the occasion together, showcasing the exceptional musical talent within our school community.

For those seeking a quieter pace, the canteen hosted a variety of creative and engaging activities. Students enjoyed friendly games of chess, explored the imaginative world of our popular Warhammer Club, took part in mindful colouring and created colourful friendship bracelets to commemorate the day.

Additional mindful colouring stations beneath the outdoor canopies provided a calm and welcoming space where students could relax, reflect and enjoy the festival atmosphere.

The afternoon was a wonderful celebration of everything BEST represents. As we reflected on ten years of achievement, the event also highlighted the strong sense of belonging, collaboration and community that continues to define our school. Filled with music, laughter, creativity and friendship, the celebrations provided a fitting tribute to this significant milestone and an exciting look ahead to the future.



Here's to the next ten years of learning, growing, and celebrating together!



ETONBURY
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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October 2026

Come and see for yourself what makes us special!

*Booking via www.etonbury.org.uk from
September for prospective Year 5 families.*



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Everyone is respectful

Together we care

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SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



★ This Summer: ★

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING GUIDE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are a range of support services available online, by text and over the phone to help children, young people and their families.

If you are worried about someone else, there is also guidance to help you ask how they are and offer guidance on how to support them.



SUPPORT SERVICES

The local 'How You Feel Matters' document outlines the range of help and support that can be accessed by children and young people in Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes.

Bedford Borough:
www.bedford.gov.uk/files/how-you-feel-matters-pdf-april-25-pdf.pdf

Central Bedfordshire:
How You Feel Matters - Central Bedfordshire

Milton Keynes:
How you feel matters in Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes City Council

PAPYRUS
Text **hope** to 88247 or call 0300 102 2470 for 24/7 access to support

www.everything-ok.co.uk
for a wide range of local support for young people.

www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents
or call 0808 802 5544 or visit for support via their Parents Helpline

www.themix.org.uk or call 0808 808 4994:
The Mix for any issue affecting young people under 25.

www.samaritans.org or call 116 123:
the Samaritans provides 24/7 information and support

www.childline.org.uk or call 0800 1111:
Childline, providing a wide range of support including 1-2-1 counsellor chat

www.talkgrief.org for Winston's Wish talk grief,
if you have lost someone and need to chat – an online platform for teens and young adults.

Call 111 Option 2 – 24/7
A free helpline for people of all ages who need urgent mental health support. Young people can talk to a CAMHS professional directly who can arrange additional support.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A CHILD, YOUNG PERSON OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?



Encourage the person or your child to ask for support if needed.



If you are concerned about the emotional and mental health of a child or adult, contact a professional, please see the sources of support above.



If they, or you, are worried about them harming themselves, ask them direct questions, such as "sometimes when people feel like you do, they think about suicide and harming themselves, is that what you are thinking about?"



Empathic listening is key here – ask open and honest questions and show that you're listening by reflecting on what they say and clarifying what they mean, try not to jump in with solutions – allow them to express their problems first.



Don't minimize their feelings by saying it's 'just a phase', 'you'll grow out of it' or 'why is that even bothering you?' Take time to imagine what it's like for that person, focus on their feelings and their experiences – not your own



Firstly, it is important that you try to stay calm and listen to the young person or adult – hear them out, try to avoid judgement, regardless of what is going on.



We hope you found this information useful and the young people in your care have a positive break 😊



IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 999

Looking after mental health is just as important as physical health. You are not alone.





USEFUL LINKS

FAQ's

Staff List

Click for our Bromcom guide

Year 5

A FAREWELL FROM THE YEAR 5 TEAM

The Year 5 team are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved this year. It seems to have flown by, and we have been amazed by the progress, determination and enthusiasm shown by every child. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow into such confident, resilient and enthusiastic learners.

Throughout the year, we have celebrated many memorable successes. From taking part in Young Voices and enjoying our Viking Day experience, to producing outstanding topic homework projects and creating delicious dishes in Food Technology, Year 5 have embraced every opportunity. We have also been delighted by their commitment to Accelerated Reading, with several children earning an impressive six free books through their hard work and dedication.

Many of our pupils have fully immersed themselves in life at Etonbury; joining clubs, representing the school in tournaments and making the most of the wide range of opportunities available to them.

In recent weeks, Year 5 have imagined what it would be like to survive in the wild, learned valuable safety lessons during their visit to Hazard Alley and enjoyed a fantastic performance from Aesop Theatre. Transition Day marked another important milestone as the children met the Year 6 team and began preparing for the next stage of their journey at Etonbury.

As the school year comes to an end, we say goodbye to Year 5 with mixed emotions. While we will miss them greatly but we are excited to see what they go on to achieve in Year 6.

Next year, the Head of Year 6 will be Mrs N. Crockford, supported by Mr B. Sale, Head of Juniors. Should you have any questions or require support, they can be contacted via email at ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk and bsale@bestacademies.org.uk.

We wish all our pupils every success and hope they continue to work hard, aim high and set an excellent example for others.

Have a wonderful summer, Year 5 – you have certainly earned it!

CLUBS NEXT YEAR

Sign-ups for after-school clubs and activities will begin the second week of the next academic year. Encourage your child to explore new interests and join in. Please sign up via Bromcom.

CONTACTS

Next academic year your Head of Year will be Mrs N Crockford - ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk
Head of Juniors Mr Sale - bsale@bestacademies.org.uk
Form tutor emails can all be found on the website - [Staff List](#), under practical information.

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PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

- ★ Amelia N - Earhart
- ★ Henry N - Curie
- ★ Mattie H - Brunel

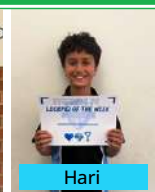


P.E. LEGENDS

FACULTY OF SPC



Patsy



Hari



Freddie



ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Erin - Brunel
- Patsy - Brunel
- Penny - Brunel
- Ida - Armstrong
- Hari - Armstrong
- Orla B - Brunel
- Ellie - Earhart



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please pack a healthy snack and a water bottle for your child each day. This helps keep them to keep energised and hydrated throughout their busy day.
- **Year 5 & 6 arrival time is 8.15am prompt.**
- If you have a query, please email the class teacher, they will always respond during working hours and within 48 hours.



GOOD LUCK!

YEAR 6 - ENJOY SECONDARY!

What a fantastic, whirlwind finish to a truly memorable final half-term for our Year 6 students! As they prepare to conclude their primary school journey, it is the perfect time to look back and celebrate an incredible academic year.

USEFUL LINKS

CLICK FOR CURRICULUM PLANS

CLICK TO READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

CLICK TO FIND A MEMBER OF STAFF

CLICK FOR OUR BROMCOM GUIDE

Unforgettable Highlights & Adventures

The year has been filled with exciting experiences, including visits to the Victorian Schools Museum, the Imperial War Museum, and the Warner Bros. Studio Tour – The Making of Harry Potter. A standout moment was the 'Creating Creatures' workshop, where children enjoyed seeing real movie props and won some prizes.

On top of that, some of our talented pupils took part in Young Voices in the O2 Arena, with approximately 9,000 children. Most importantly, no matter where we went, we were bursting with pride to hear members of the public constantly complimenting the excellent behaviour of our Etonbury students.

Looking Ahead to New Horizons

In the final weeks before secondary school in September, excitement filled the air. Parents and children participated in Blazer Sizing and students had a successful transition day meeting their new form tutors. Highlights included an action-packed Sports Day organized by the PE department and a fantastic WWII performance by the Aesop Touring Theatre Company featuring facts, comedy, music, and audience participation.

Many of the children have now ordered their special 'juniors hoodie,' and we can't wait to see them being worn with pride as a keepsake of their amazing time in Year 6.

I, along with the entire Year 6 team, want to wish our leaving cohort the absolute best of luck as they step into Year 7. You are going to do amazing things! Enjoy your summer holidays.

NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR REMINDERS

- Sign-ups for after-school clubs and activities will begin the second week of the next academic year, via Bromcom.
- Lockers are available for Year 7 and above, [click here](#) to read the letter.
- For year 7, lunchtime will be at the later time of 1.30pm
- Year 7 arrival time will be 8.30am prompt.
- The end of the day for Secondary pupils is 3.30pm.
- If you have a query, please email the class teacher, they will always respond during working hours and within 48 hours.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MRS HUME

Well done to all of our Year 6 students for a fantastic Transition Day. You all settled in brilliantly and showed great courage and resilience as you experienced your first taste of life at secondary school. It was lovely to see you meeting some of the key members of staff and exploring the school during your tour of the building. Before September, please make sure that all of your uniform and equipment are clearly named and that you have a reading book ready to bring with you. Over the summer, please do not worry about starting Year 7. Instead, focus on enjoying a well-deserved and amazing summer holiday with your family and friends. We will be ready to welcome you back in September and support you every step of the way.

[Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon!](#)

Mrs Hume

Head of Year 7 - khume@bestacademies.org.uk



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:



Isabell B - Titan



Bjorn N - Titan



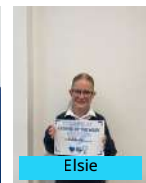
Loren V - Titan



P.E. LEGENDS



Jack



Elsie



Oscar



Isla



Masie



Elodie



ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Casper - Saturn
- William - Titan
- Leah - Titan

Multi-millionaires

- Loren - Titan
- Elliot - Titan
- James - Earhart
- Josephine - Saturn



“Schools are places for learning, and Hush Pouches ensure that education is the primary focus.”



All pupils in Years 7 - 11 will have Hush Pouches.

- arrival at school and mobile phone is pouched
- registration - pouch check
- end of the day phone is released from pouch at point of exit
- failure to use your pouch will result in a suspension.
- Years 5 & 6 phone off and in a class box, locked away for the day, returned at dismissal, end of day.





RENT YOUR LOCKER



RENT
MY
LOCKER

AT ETONBURY ACADEMY

FOR SECONDARY PUPILS IN **YEAR 7 AND ABOVE**

Dear Parent

RML provides lockers for Etonbury Academy students.

The lockers are owned by RML and are available for students to rent on an annual basis.



**RENTAL COST: £30
PER YEAR**

Allowing use from September through to July.



Please note all bookings terminate at the end of the school year in July. We apologise but there is no discount for lockers booked late in the year.



THE LOCKER SIZE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Height: 600mm | Width: 300mm | Depth: 450mm



To guarantee a locker please book online at our website **www.rentmylocker.co.uk**



Lockers for September 2026 – July 2027 will be available online from **11am on June 22nd.**



Lockers are subject to availability please book early to avoid disappointment.
All available lockers are shown online.



All rentals are subject to our terms and conditions which are available during the booking process.



Please note we are a separate entity from the school and all dealings will be directly with ourselves.



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FROM
**11AM ON
JUNE 22ND**

Yours sincerely

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Year 7

YEAR 7 KEEP AIMING HIGH!

What a remarkable year this has been for Year 7!

Despite facing numerous ups and downs, the year group has handled every transition with maturity and consistently maintained their high standards. First and foremost, a massive thank you to Ms Bobbett for stepping in during Mrs Hilsden's absence; the stability and support she provided to 7EH helped them navigate several challenging periods.

The students have graciously accepted me as their new Head of Year, and it has been a true privilege getting to know them and celebrating their achievements. Midway through the year, we also reorganised several form groups to refresh friendship dynamics. The students adapted beautifully, truly thriving in their new environments.

While Year 7 is traditionally a stable year meant to ease the transition to secondary school, this year was anything but predictable. Yet, our students stepped up to every challenge, proving they can remain focused and prioritize their learning.

They have also thrown themselves into extra-curricular life. Attendance at clubs has been fantastic, spanning everything from Warhammer, au plein air, dance, and gospel choir, to French, Spanish, science, philosophy, and numerous sports. Activities Day was another highlight, with students sharing how much they are already looking forward to next year's event.

On the sporting front, the results have been incredible. The Year 7 rugby team had a fantastic season, marking our first ETA league entry in several years, and their commitment to training paid off with two brilliant wins. Our boys' basketball team finished an impressive second in the District, while the boys' football team placed in the top four in the county. Additionally, the joint Year 7 and 8 girls' football team enjoyed a brilliant, foundational season that they will build on next year. Countless students also shone at the athletics championships, and energy was high during our interform netball, football, and tennis competitions. Well done to everyone who got involved!

Looking ahead, next year will bring a few more structural adjustments. 7EH will disband and be integrated across the other forms, making Year 8 a five-form year. Tutors will remain the same, with the exception of Ms Bobbett, who will be moving to a new form. Additionally, I will be continuing as Head of Year while Mrs Bailey prepares for her return. Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone. The Year 7 tutor team is exceptional; they have worked tirelessly to help your children settle in and embrace life at Etonbury. Thank you to our parents and carers for your constant encouragement and for supporting the school by ensuring students arrive ready to learn, in the correct uniform, and with their pouches. Finally, a huge thank you to the Year 7 students themselves. Your humor, smiles, and enthusiasm for learning make me incredibly proud. Have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break!

Mr Gould



P.E. LEGENDS



Aaliyah



Zoey



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:



Cara G - 7KB



Junior A - 7KB



Saanvi P - 7KB



ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Aaliyah - 7SO
- Jack - 7KH

Multi-millionaires

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Assistant Head of year 7 - Mr R Gould rgould@bestacademies.org.uk - Head of year 7 - Mrs S Bailey

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Year 8

YEAR 8 FANTASTIC EFFORT!

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, it is a pleasure to celebrate the achievements, attitudes, and growth of our Year 8 students. It has been a year full of energy, participation, and pride in our school community.

One of the standout features of this year has been the fantastic level of involvement in extra-curricular clubs. From sports and creative clubs to academic enrichment opportunities, Year 8 students have shown real enthusiasm in making the most of what is on offer. Their commitment and willingness to try new activities has been impressive.

We have also thoroughly enjoyed the excitement and healthy competition of our inter-form tournaments, including highlights such as our Wimbledon-style tennis competition and the highly anticipated World Cup football tournament. These events brought out teamwork, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship, with students representing their forms with pride and passion. It has been particularly pleasing to see Year 8 students consistently meeting our high expectations around uniform standards and school routines. Their impeccable uniform and positive attitude towards school systems—especially the routine of placing mobile phones into pouches at the start of the day—has ensured a calm, focused, and productive learning environment across the year group.

We would also like to recognise those students who participated in the Brilliant Club, engaging in university-style learning and challenging themselves academically, as well as those who took part in the STEM Challenge earlier in the year. These experiences have allowed students to develop curiosity, independence, and a love of learning beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you must go to our tutor team, who work tirelessly each day to support, guide, and care for students. Their dedication ensures that every student is known well and supported to achieve their best. We are equally grateful to our Teaching Assistants, whose outstanding contribution has made a real difference to students' learning, confidence, and progress throughout the year.

As I move on from my role as Head of Year at the end of this academic year to take up a new position focusing on the development of Early Career Teachers, it has truly been an honour to watch this cohort grow from Year 6 into the confident and capable young people they are today. I would like to wish all students the very best as they move into Year 9 and beyond—I know they will continue to thrive.

We are delighted that Miss Squire will be leading the year group into Year 9, and I am confident that they will be in very safe and supportive hands. We also thank Miss Singh for her work with the year group as she moves into a new role, and we warmly welcome Miss Day and Miss Bobbett to the tutor team.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and fun-filled summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

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ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

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

- Ezra - 8LJ
- Ethan 8KS
- Jay 8LJ
-



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

Harrison C - 8KS

Thomas P - 8KS

Noah H - 8LJ



P.E. LEGENDS



Ricardo



Violet



Reggie

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Key Stage Manager

Mr J Beckwith

jbeckwith@bestacademies.org.uk



YEAR 9 AN INCREDIBLE YEAR!

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic year for Year 9. Having been with this year group as their Head of Year since they first arrived in Year 7, it has been an absolute privilege to watch them grow, mature, and develop over the last three years. They are a wonderful group of young people, and I am incredibly proud of how they have engaged with the countless opportunities available to them.

Our students have consistently demonstrated high attendance and have earned a tremendous number of praise points. From our brilliant rewards trip to Box End to the challenges of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and our inspiring STEM days, their enthusiasm has been excellent. A significant milestone this year was the GCSE options process. The students approached their choices with maturity and engaged brilliantly with the taster sessions, setting a positive tone for their transition into Key Stage 4.

Beyond the classroom, Year 9 students have been superb ambassadors for our school. A special mention must go to our Sports Leaders, who have run fantastic sessions both for our younger years and for local lower schools. Furthermore, our extra-curricular participation has been exceptional. Whether competing in rounders, netball, and football, or debating, painting miniatures in Warhammer club, and exploring the past in History club, they have thrown themselves into school life.

Looking ahead to September, I am delighted that I will be continuing with the year group as they step up into Key Stage 4. The move into Year 10 brings new hurdles as students officially begin their options choices. To support them through this transition, we have two tutor team changes to share. Form 9RG will become 10RR, led by Mr Reeves, and form 9JS will become 10SS, led by Miss Smith. Both Mr Gould and Mrs Smith are moving on to new, exciting roles within the school. They have been valued members of the year team, and while they will no longer be form tutors, they will still be fully involved in supporting the year group in their new capacities.

Finally, I want to send a huge thank you to you, the parents and carers, and to our students. Your hard work, consistent support, and partnership are what allow our school community to run so smoothly. I wish you all a restful, safe, and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming the students back in September, ready to tackle Year 10 together.

Have a lovely summer break - Mrs Wood & the year 9 team.

ACCELERATED READER AWARDS

Accelerated Readers:

- Henry - 9RG

Multi-millionaires:

- Lucy 9EK



P.E. LEGENDS



Eliza



Dexter



Poppy



Oliver



Amaya



Hezzy



Amaya

I'm Emma Fuller, the new impartial and independent Careers Adviser starting at the school in September.

My background has involved working with young people in various settings such as play schemes, youth work settings and schools before qualifying as a careers adviser.

I am looking forward to meeting the students and will start guidance appointments in the new academic year.

I am based in the 6th form reception area and students are welcome to drop in and see me at break or lunchtime as well as their scheduled appointment times.



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

Vanessa K - 9JS

Lucy G - 9EK

Sam B - 9RG

Head of year - Ms B Wood
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Key Stage Manager - Mr J Beckwith
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Year 9

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READ ^{to} the BEAT

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the challenge is **Read to the Beat**, all about being musical and ties in with the National Year of Reading 2026.

It runs **Friday 17th July to Saturday 5th September 2026**.

Children are encouraged to read whatever they choose for the challenge, recognising the importance of reading for pleasure in increasing empathy and improving well-being, as well as in children's educational success. The theme this year is all about music! Children will be able to find books linked to their favourite creative arts, and access activities at the library.



The Challenge

- ❖ Children must be members of the library service. [Join the library here](#) or go to your local library.
- ❖ The challenge invites children to read six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- ❖ Children can borrow books or read our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available on our BorrowBox and PressReader app. [More about e-resources](#)
- ❖ Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 17th July.
- ❖ Children are awarded a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- ❖ Children completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a £40 voucher for The Works to buy arts, crafts and books.

Struggle with reading?

We can help!

- ❖ For dyslexia, we have collections of shorter books, with special fonts and paper – and great stories.
- ❖ The BorrowBox app has special accessibility features, which allow customers to select font, background and font size.
- ❖ Picture books aren't just for toddlers! Libraries have collections of older picture books for young readers.
- ❖ Get hooked on graphic novels (comic style books).
- ❖ Learning to read? Select from beginning to read or short chapter books
- ❖ Booklists with lots of ideas available on our Virtual Library [Books and Reading - Children and Teenagers Pages](#)
- ❖ Some children (especially boys) prefer non-fiction. Dinosaurs, transport and space are particularly popular.
- ❖ Enjoy stories through audiobooks. Free to borrow on CD or download with BorrowBox.



All libraries will have [activities](#) for children available throughout the summer.

All libraries offer a **Treasure Hunt** to children when they complete the reading challenge



YEAR 10 LATEST NEWS!

Reflecting on the year as a whole, year 10 has had a very successful academic year. We have seen the year group as a whole take really well to their options subject. Throughout the year they have got a taster of what exams will look like in year 11 and have had the opportunity to go on a number of amazing trips during this last half term. I would like to congratulate the students on the maturity they have shown on these trips and for the way in which they have represented our school. I am sure the students will remember these trips and the insights they have gained for the remainder of the time they have left with us.

All students have been told what their new form groups will be next year. As we move into year 11, our form team is changing to enable us to run more targeted intervention sessions in the mornings. The team next year will consist of Mrs Coverdale, Mrs Brookes, Mrs Sarup, Mrs Royall and Mr Lowrie. Students now know which form they will be a part of next year. Please note that after Christmas there will be another set of form changes as certain students will rotate in and out of intervention classes.

I have started to introduce the students to some of the competitions we will be running next year to promote good habits when it comes to revision. We will be rewarding students with Amazon gift cards based on the work they complete on SENICA and we will also be offering breakfasts to the students who attend the most revision sessions. Please do expect a schedule of all of the revision classes we will be running next year to be sent home during the first half term to ensure you are kept up to date with all the extra support we offer.

I hope that all of the students have a nice summer break and come back to school in year 11 refreshed and ready to continue to work towards their GCSE's!



CONTACTS

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Key Stage Manager - Mr M Pullinger
mpullinger@bestacademies.org.uk



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions
this half term are:

Jay T - 10CC

Finley L-G - 10CC

Ethan W - 10MF



P.E. LEGENDS



Daniel



Peyton



Ethan



Thahir



Emily



Year 10

The ETA Way

Everyone's Respectful

Together we care

Always aim higher



YEAR 11 A FOND FAREWELL!

As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 11 students. Throughout their GCSE examinations, they demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination and effort. They approached this challenging period with maturity and perseverance, and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Our celebrations concluded with a wonderful Prom at Letchworth Hall Hotel, where students enjoyed a fantastic evening and danced the night away. It was a fitting way to celebrate their time at Etonbury. Photographs from the evening will be uploaded to Google Classroom for students to view and enjoy.

It has been a privilege to watch this year group grow during their time at Etonbury. I am proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success and happiness in whatever path they choose to take next.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Results Day, which will take place on Thursday 20th August from 8:30am to 10:30am in the Sixth Form Block.

If you have any uniform, PE kit or calculators that you no longer need, please consider donating them. I will be happy to collect these on Results Day.

Have a wonderful summer holiday. Stay safe, enjoy your well-deserved break, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Mrs Hume



CACULATOR DONATIONS



Year 11 Parents: Calculator Donations Needed!

With GCSEs having come to an end, we'd love your support! If your child no longer needs their scientific calculator after their final exam, please consider donating it to the school.

These will be used to support future students who don't have access to their own equipment during lessons and exams.

Please drop your donation to ETA main reception.

Thank you



PRAISE POINT CHAMPIONS

Our praise point champions this half term are:

Rory F - 11KS

Jacob T - 11KS

Sophie M - 11KB

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

It's still not too late to apply to ETA Sixth Form. If "during the summer break" you decide you would like to apply please email Mrs Dowden cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk she will do her very best to reply as soon as possible. Click [here](#) for our Sixth Form application form.

SIXTH FORM CONTACTS

If you are returning to Etonbury in September to attend our Sixth Form your key contacts will change to:

Mrs C Dowden - Head of Sixth Form
cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

Mrs L Schumann - Ischumann@bestacademies.org.uk
Pastoral and Sixth Form Administrator

Year 11

Artist of the Year!



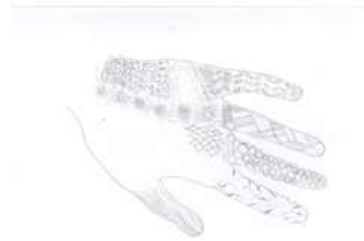
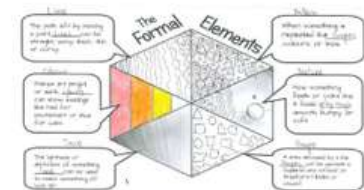
Artist Of The Year KS2 Year 5 Sofia & Felicity, Da Vinci



Awarded for:

'Demonstrating creativity and imagination while working in response to a range of art movements'.

Artist Of The Year KS2 Year 6 Florence, Mars



Awarded for:

'Consistently working to a mastery standard while exploring the Formal Elements, always aiming high and producing detailed, thoughtful work'.

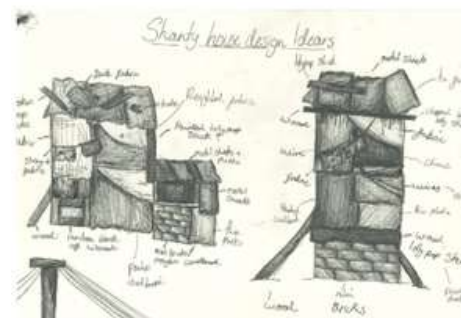
Artist Of The Year KS3 Year 7, Naisha



Awarded for:

'Consistently aiming high throughout the year in art lessons and fully focusing on developing her artist drawing skills using different media'.

Artist Of The Year KS3 Year 8, Sonny



Awarded for:

'Continuous progress of knowledge and skills throughout the year. An excellent attitude towards learning and developing drawing skills'.

Artist of the Year!



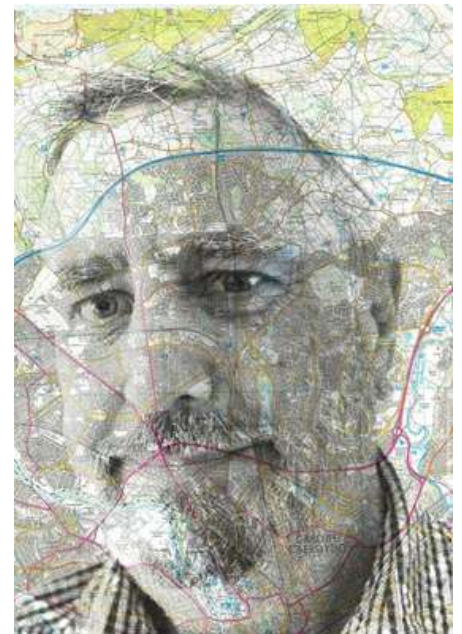
Artist Of The Year KS3 Year 9, Imogen



Awarded for:

' Throughout year 9 Imogen has challenged herself to always achieve high quality work and listens to feedback in order to develop her skills. Imogen has also outside of the classroom been involved with entering art competitions and participating in art club projects '.

Artist Of The Year KS5 Year 12, Em



Artist Of The Year KS4 year 10, Alisha K & Kira W



Awarded for:

' Commitment and mature approach to their GCSE studies. Always aiming high and putting 100% effort into everything that has been asked of them '.



Awarded for:

' Commitment to the course, exploring different editing techniques and progressed in her skills throughout year 12 '.



Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM ! - YEAR 12 & 13



As another incredible year comes to a close, we want to celebrate the outstanding achievements and dedication of our Sixth Form students.

A massive congratulations goes out to our year 13 students, who have finally completed their A Level and BTEC examinations. We are immensely proud of how they conducted themselves through this demanding period. To mark the end of their Sixth Form journey, they celebrated in style at their Leavers' Prom at The White Horse, Southill- making history as ETA's very first Year 13 prom! We wish them a wonderful summer and the absolute best of luck ahead of results day on 13th August. We are looking forward to celebrating with you all and will be on hand to offer any assistance needed.

Our year 12 students have also enjoyed a remarkably productive term. They worked incredibly hard preparing for and sitting their crucial mock examinations, which will help shape their predicted grades for future UCAS and employment applications. Following their exams, they stepped directly into the working world during a valuable week of work experience. Students excelled across a vast range of placements, including Hertfordshire Police Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit, the NHS, The Benefice of Arlesey, the Metropolitan police, Champneys, The Shuttleworth Trust, various accountancy firms, local schools and nursing homes. As always, we are so grateful to our local community for taking our students on such informative and engaging placements.

Furthermore, our year 12s and their families looked toward the future during the Post-18 Information Evening, exploring the pathways of university, apprenticeships, and employment. Demonstrating excellent leadership, our Sixth Formers also generously volunteered to support local lower, primary, and secondary sports days.

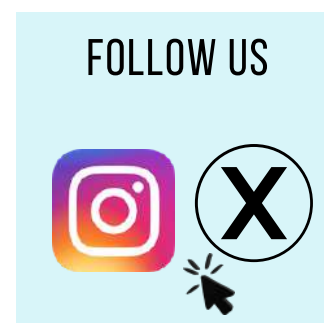
After a very successful year 11 Induction Day, we are looking forward to welcoming our next fantastic cohort of year 12s in September. We will be on hand on GCSE results day to support you with any advice needed. Don't forget to complete your bridging work and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th September.

Thank you to everyone for another fun-packed year! Wishing all our families a fantastic, restful, and safe summer break!

CONTACTS

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Mrs L Schumann - Sixth Form Pastoral Assistant
lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk



Sixth Form



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**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ETA
SIXTH FORM 2026 .**

Apply NOW!

If you would like to visit, please contact Mrs Chloe Dowden, Head of Sixth Form, to arrange a tour.
cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

Performing Arts

Celebrating Wellbeing Week at Etonbury Academy

Etonbury Academy recently enjoyed a fantastic and uplifting Wellbeing Week, bringing together students and staff across the school community to focus on health, happiness, connection, and appreciation.

Throughout the week, a wide range of activities were organised by the wellbeing committee to promote positive wellbeing and encourage everyone to take time to look after themselves and each other. Our theme this year was 'being kind to your mind'.

For our staff, the week began with a welcoming wellbeing launch with energy drinks and a raffle, providing an opportunity to connect and start the day positively. Staff also enjoyed stretch classes designed to promote relaxation and physical wellbeing, alongside fun games and, to end the week, a quiz that encouraged teamwork and laughter across teams. A popular milkshake van and breakfast provided a well-deserved treat, while spa sessions offered staff the chance to unwind and enjoy some much-needed self-care.

Students from both the primary and secondary phases were equally engaged in a variety of wellbeing-focused activities. Lunchtimes were brought to life with exciting pop-up performing arts events around site, showcasing talent and creativity while encouraging students to come together and enjoy shared experiences.

One of the highlights of the week was the Wellbeing 'Grab Bag' initiative. Students had great fun selecting messages from a lucky dip - style grab bag and sending them to teachers as a way of showing appreciation and kindness. The activity created countless smiles and reinforced the importance of recognising the positive impact others have on our lives. For staff we organised a craft-based activity after school which provided staff with opportunity to use art to slow down in their busy schedules and pause.



The school's Wishing Tree also proved incredibly popular, providing a space for students to share hopes, aspirations, and positive messages. Alongside this, meditation sessions offered opportunities for quiet reflection, mindfulness and relaxation, helping students develop valuable strategies for managing their wellbeing.

Wellbeing Week was a wonderful celebration of our commitment to supporting the mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing of everyone at Etonbury Academy. The enthusiasm and participation shown by both staff and students made the week a tremendous success, and it was inspiring to see our school community come together to promote kindness, positivity, and wellbeing.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and participate in the week's activities. We look forward to continuing to build on these positive experiences throughout the year and providing creative opportunities to show how Performing Arts is at the forefront as a powerful vehicle to support wellbeing in our community. "The Performing Arts pop-up events celebrated wellbeing by bringing joy, creativity, and connection to the whole school community. Through performance and creativity both students and staff were able to express themselves, build confidence, and share positive experiences with others, highlighting the important role the arts play in supporting emotional wellbeing. Smiles all round, even in the heat, showing the impact of the power of the arts on 'being kind to our minds'.

We now have a strong staff wellbeing committee who meet half termly to develop and deepen wellbeing across the school community.





LAMDA Showcase and Examinations

We were delighted to celebrate another successful year of LAMDA at Etonbury Academy and wished all of our candidates the very best of luck as they prepared for their assessments on Tuesday 7th July. A schedule was provided at the LAMDA acting centre.

Families of students involved in the scheme were warmly invited to attend our LAMDA Showcase on Monday 6th July, where students had the opportunity to perform and share the work they had been developing throughout the year. The showcase proved to be a wonderful celebration of creativity, confidence, and communication skills.

Following the showcase, students completed their LAMDA examinations on Tuesday 7th July. We are [or were] incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work they showed in preparing for these nationally recognised qualifications.

Get Involved in LAMDA Next Year!

There will be two exciting opportunities for students to take part in LAMDA next academic year due to the large waiting lists we are expanding our provision. As from September we will offer both group sessions as well as 1:1 peripatetic lessons.

The individual peripatetic lessons will provide a more personalised experience and wider variety of coaching in acting, speaking, musical theatre and performance and public speaking skills. Students will build confidence in presentation skills and work towards LAMDA qualifications at their level. This is open to all students across the academy as we know that many children were disappointed. Please note that there are costs involved for both of these opportunities and once successful we will inform you. The sessions are run in partnership with West End who are professional actors in the industry.

The second option is group after-school LAMDA. This is less personalised and run in a larger group class. This runs every Monday after school from 3:30pm to 5pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop performance skills, make new friends, and work towards future LAMDA examinations in a fun and supportive environment.

Please send an on-line audition self recording jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk for any new students wanting to join. Please note existing students are guaranteed a place but please e-mail me directly to secure a place. I will e-mail you during the Summer holidays to inform you if your child has been successful on our popular LAMDA programme at ETA.

One 2 One or duo private lessons- [click here for the letter](#)

Group LAMDA sessions - [click here for the letter](#)

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students to LAMDA next year and continuing to support them in developing their confidence, creativity, and communication skills.





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What a fantastic term it has been for the PE Department! It has been one of our busiest and most successful terms to date, with pupils representing the school across a huge range of sports, breaking records and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Since September, this year has been one of our busiest yet, with an incredible 312 fixtures and 174 PE clubs on offer across a wide range of sports.

Fixtures and Competitions

Throughout the term our pupils have represented the school in a wide variety of fixtures including athletics, cricket and rounders. It has been wonderful to see so many students taking part, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship both at home and away.



Dance

Our dancers finished the year in style with a brilliant Dance Show, showcasing months of hard work, creativity and dedication. We were also fortunate enough to take part in a special Royal Ballet workshop day; giving students an incredible opportunity to learn from professionals and experience the world of ballet first-hand.



Cricket Success

A huge congratulations to all of our cricketers on an outstanding season. Our Key Stage 2 boys were crowned County Champions, bringing home the gold medals after a fantastic campaign. The girls also enjoyed an exceptional tournament, finishing as County Silver Medallists. We are incredibly proud of all of our players and the commitment they have shown throughout the season.



Athletics

It has been another remarkable athletics season. Numerous school records have been broken, with students producing outstanding performances across a range of track and field events. We are also delighted that multiple pupils have gone on to represent the county, a fantastic achievement that reflects the talent and dedication within our school.



Golf

Our golf teams have continued to impress, competing in a number of fixtures at fantastic venues, including Letchworth, Stockwood Park and Stagsden Golf Clubs, gaining valuable competitive experience and representing the school with pride. Across all sports, it has been wonderful to see so many students demonstrating commitment, resilience, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship whilst wearing the Etonbury badge.



Etonbury World Cup Competition

Excitement has spread throughout the school with our whole-school FIFA World Cup competition. Every form has been allocated a country and has been competing throughout the term to earn points and represent their nation. The competition has created a fantastic atmosphere across the school, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and team spirit.



Sports News continued.

Sports Days

Our Sports Days have, once again, been a real highlight of the year. It has been fantastic to see every student getting involved, supporting one another and celebrating participation alongside some outstanding individual performances.

Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders have been outstanding this term. They have volunteered countless hours to organise, lead and officiate sporting events for both our own pupils and children from our local lower schools. From supporting festivals and competitions to helping run Sports Days, they have been excellent role models, showing professionalism, leadership and enthusiasm at every event. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact they continue to have within our school and the wider community.

Looking Ahead to September

We are excited to announce that places for our Year 7 Sports Tour to Barcelona have now been released. The tour promises to be an unforgettable experience, providing students with the opportunity to develop their sporting skills, experience a new culture and create lifelong memories with their peers. A reminder that to be involved in this you must have completed the sign up Google form that went home in July.



As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind all families that football boots and shin pads are compulsory for PE lessons. These are essential for safety and participation in football activities.

Welcome to Our New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mr Ricketts and Mr Shanley to the PE Department in September. We know they will be fantastic additions to the team, and we look forward to the opportunities they will bring for our students. Finally, thank you to all of our students for their commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to get involved this term. Whether representing the school, breaking records, supporting teammates or simply giving their best effort in lessons, you have all contributed to making this an exceptional term for PE.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look forward to another exciting year of sport in September!

MESSAGE FROM MISS KING

Wow, what an absolutely incredible night we had at the Etonbury Dance Show!



I am bursting with pride!! Every single one of our dancers smashed it out of the park! The energy on that stage was electric and every performer brought so much passion, confidence, and pure joy. You all looked like absolute superstars up there! 🌟🌟

I also want to give a massive, emotional shoutout to our wonderful Teagan, who is leaving us this year as she finishes Year 11. Teagan has been with us since Year 5, bringing her bright energy to dance club every week and helping out with our younger dancers, who all completely adore and look up to her!! Teagan, you are such a massive part of our dance family, we are going to miss you like crazy, and you are welcome back anytime! ★

Thank you to everyone who made the night so special. Dance clubs will officially resume in September, and we have so many exciting new opportunities coming up including open to all clubs.

..See you in September,
Miss King 🌟🌟



Reminders & Information



PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET



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

2026-27 ETONBURY EXTRA AFTER-SCHOOL PROVISION

The application form for the 2026-27 academic year is open from the end of this term. All existing users need to re-apply if they wish to use the facility next academic year.

Annual registration is currently £20.00 per student (£10.00 for additional siblings) and £7.00 per session.

Bookings are to be made via MCAS once your child's registration form has been processed at the start of September.

If you wish your child(ren) to attend the facility from September please complete the application form on our website prior to your child's first session.

[CLICK to complete registration form.](#)



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

Attendance

Our Attendance Officer is Mrs Leanne Bolton, who is here to support you with any attendance queries or concerns.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unwell, please let us know before 9:00am each day by either :
☎ 01462 730391 (Option 1). Please leave a voicemail - if you would like a call back, please include this in your message.

✉ eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk

Please remember that ALL absences must be reported daily, unless otherwise agreed with the school.

Appointments

If your child has a medical/dental appointment during the school day, please email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk in advance with evidence of the appointment. We also ask that you copy in your child's form tutor so they are aware of the planned absence.

Students are expected to leave class at the appropriate time to make their way to Reception, and be collected by a parent or carer. Please support your child's learning by ensuring that they only miss the necessary amount of school time. Most general appointments do not require a whole day's absence.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain excellent attendance so that all children can receive the best possible education.

NEW MENU



We are delighted to share that, from September, Etonbury Academy will be welcoming a new catering provider, Accent, who will be leading our canteen services across the whole school.

MAIN MENU CLICK HERE

Thrive is our Sixth Form menu - please click to view further information and a the new menu



Piano Lessons

With Mr Peck
Etonbury Academy
✉ boris.peck@hotmail.com



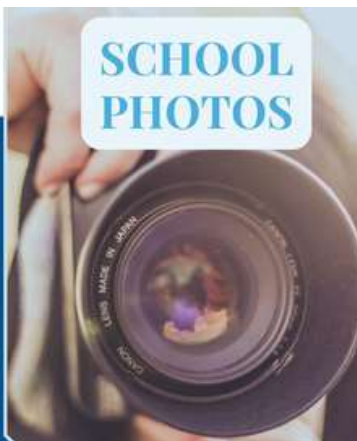
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Attempting All years-
individual photos.

Years 5,6 & 12 - form
group photos.

More details in Sept.

Friday 25 Sept



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs on an ad-hoc basis, allowing you to use it as and when needed. Each session costs £2 and runs from 7:30am to 8:15am. During this time, students can enjoy a calm and welcoming environment to help them prepare for the school day.

They will also be offered a snack and drink too.

If you're interested, please complete the Google Form below with any relevant details ahead of your child's attendance:

👉 [Breakfast Club Registration Form](#)

Drop off Information - On the day, please drop your child off in the staff car park. They will enter through the staff gate (same as after school club) and head directly to the Study Centre / Library.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to get in touch, jbamford@bestacademies.org.uk

RSE consultation 2026/27

As part of our ongoing reviews we are currently focusing on the personal development (PD) curriculum and the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) across all the year groups for 2026/27. This review is open to parents comments until Friday 14th August 2026.

Etonbury's program follows the Government's statutory guidance on RSE, and covers a wide range of topics that are important in the current landscape. RSE is delivered within the Personal development (PD) curriculum, both in form & lesson time. Our programme of study outlines the times of the year when RSE takes place, for each year group and can be found on ETA's website.

[Click to read the letter relating to RSE.](#)

If you have any further questions about the planned RSE sessions, please contact dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk. There will be opportunities for the children to discuss and ask questions during the sessions, but it is also usual that the children will want to ask more questions about specific issues when they get home, so please be prepared for any follow up discussions.

Thank you for your continued support.

MEDICAL REMINDERS

Please remind all students to bring a water bottle to school, especially as warmer weather approaches. This promotes hydration and reduces plastic cup usage. Medical are unable to provide cups. Encourage sunscreen application before school and remind students with hay fever to take allergy medication in the morning. Starting from Year 7, students can carry and self-administer a single dose of paracetamol if needed.

For medical concerns, contact Miss A Cox at acox@bestacademies.org.uk.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Weds 4 Nov

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Sixth Form

We offer a wide variety of courses at A level, BTEC Level 3 and will be welcoming applications from internal and external applicants.

Talks from the Head of Sixth Form Mrs Dowden at 5.30 & 6.15pm, then tour the facilities, meet subject leads and pupils. Visit www.etonbury.org.uk/sixth-form to book.

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As we approach the summer holidays, we wanted to let you know that Jo Brabrook, our GP Health & Wellbeing Coach, has a limited number of appointments available during the school holidays for children and young people who may benefit from some additional emotional wellbeing support.

Sessions can provide a safe, supportive space for young people to talk about their feelings, build confidence, develop coping strategies, and more.

Appointments are available at:
Sheffield Health Centre
Larksfield Medical Centre

Availability is limited, and appointments will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to enquire about available dates and times, please contact Jo directly by email at joanne.brabrook@nhs.net

We hope this opportunity will be helpful for families who would like some additional support over the summer break.

[For our Military families: this link is to Central Bedfordshire website Armed Forces Covenant with a link to the Defence Discount Service website - discounts on places to eat, days out, cinemas etc.](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/42/stronger-communities/280/armed-forces-covenant/3)

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Pastoral

Head of Pastoral & DSL - Mrs T McErlean

At Etonbury the safety and welfare of our students is at the centre of all of what we do. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Ensuring the wellbeing and safety of students is a priority as summer approaches. Families should be aware of available support for any concerns:

Central Bedfordshire Children's Services:

For urgent safeguarding, call ☎ 0300 300 8585.

Mental Health Crisis Support:

- Call NHS 111 and select Option 2 for mental health crisis help (available for all ages).
- Go to your local A&E in an emergency.

Additional support includes;

- CAMHS Mental Health Summer Drop-In Centre
- Emotional Dysregulation Parent Workshops.

For a full list of resources, visit the [Safeguarding](#) section on the school website or click on our Family Information leaflet to the right.

Ms T McErlean (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

tmcerlean@bestacademies.org.uk

Mr M Craddock (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

mcraddock@bestacademies.org.uk



For immediate safeguarding concerns in Central Bedfordshire, call 0300 300 8585 for children or 0300 300 8122 for adults. These lines operate during standard office hours. For out-of-hours emergencies, bank holidays, and weekends, contact the Emergency Duty Team at 0300 300 8123.

Always call 999 for immediate risk of harm.



BEDFORDSHIRE C.A.M.H.S PADLET

Our Padlets have amazing resources for children, young people, parents/carers and schools. Specifically focused on mental health, anxiety, neurodiversity, and emotional wellbeing for children, teens, and parents. To access the Padlets click the links below.

PARENT & CARER PADLET

Parent / Carer Resources

Mental health services and resources for parents to support their children and young people collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire. Please follow our Padlet, rate our posts and leave feedback to help us improve. Created and maintained by Ashleigh Pittaway.



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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE PADLET

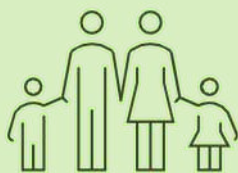
Children and Young People Resources

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Helpful Support Links for Families

- The Integrated Front Door (IFD) – Provides resources and support for families ensuring they have access to the right services **0300 300 8585**
- Children's Centre - The centre staff can offer support and advise on breast feeding, parenting, choosing childcare, FREE 2-year funded pre-school places, introducing solid food, toilet training, oral health, training/education, home safety, food parcels plus much more – **Biggleswade and Sandy 0300 300 8114 / Shefford & Stotfold Children's Centre 0300 300 8112**
- Local Offer - If you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), then think of the Local Offer as all of the services and support available to them and you as a parent or carer. Our Local Offer website contains information about education, health and care services, voluntary agencies, leisure activities and support groups - **[Central Bedfordshire SEND Local Offer](#)**
- Family Information Directory - The role of our service is to help families get the most out of the information and services available in the community and online. You can use our comprehensive Family Information Directory to find services, support groups, activities, events and more. - **[Family Information Directory](#)**
- Domestic Abuse – If you are a survivor or current victim of domestic abuse, or are worried about your behaviour there are a number of support service available to you - **[Home | Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership](#)** Children's Centres can also offer support
- CAMHS - Is a multi-agency specialist mental health service for children and young people with complex, severe or persistent emotional, behavioural or developmental needs. They provide assessment and treatment for children and young adults up to the age of 18. – 01234 893301 **[North Bedfordshire CAMHS | East London NHS Foundation Trust](#)**

Mental Health Drop-In Service

CAMHS Bedfordshire's Community Access Service (CAS)

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICE.

If you or your child is experiencing a mental health crisis, please contact **NHS on 111 option 2**, for the mental health crisis line (all ages). In an emergency, you can also attend your local A&E.

Our community drop-in service provides young people and their families/carers with direct access to a CAMHS clinician. During your drop-in appointment, you will have a brief conversation with a CAMHS clinician to discuss your concerns. The clinician will offer advice and help you understand the most appropriate next steps and available support.

This service is for young people experiencing concerns about their mental health, and parents, carers, or family members who are worried about a young person's emotional wellbeing or mental health.



Please scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to request a space at our drop-in, or contact our clinic on **01582 707635** to leave your contact details, and we will return your call.

You can access the CAMHS Drop-In Service at the following venues:

Dunstable

67 High Street North
Dunstable
LU6 1JF

Biggleswade Youth Centre

(On the Biggleswade
Academy school grounds)
Mead End
Biggleswade
SG18 8JU

Arlesey Youth Centre

High Street
Arlesey
SG15 6SJ

Flitwick Community Football Centre

Amphill Road
Bedford
MK45 1BA

Whichello's Wharf

The Elms
Stoke Road
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 2TD



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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.

Important Dates

- 3rd&4th Sept - INSET days
- 7th Sept - Pupils back to school
- 17th Sept - Yr 13 Parents Evening
- 24th Sept - Yr 7 Info Evening
- 25th Sept - School photos - all years individual - class photos years 5/6/12.
- 29th Sept - Diabetes screening yr 7-12
- 1st Oct - Open Evening
- 8th Oct - Flu Vaccinations 5/6/7/8
- 8th Oct - Yr 12 Info Evening
- 22nd Oct - Flue Vaccinations 9/10/11
- 22nd Oct - English, Maths and Science info evening Year 11
- 4th Nov - Sixth Form Open Evening
- 12th Nov - virtual meet the tutor yr 5/6/7
- 16th Nov - Year 11 mocks for two weeks

[Click here](#) to view the 2026 / 2027 term dates

The Big Future Survey - We Need Your Help!

The Big Future Survey - is a national survey being carried out by the Children's Commissioner for England. It is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to share their views about what life is like for a child. Sharing their experiences and hopes for the future and helping to influence decisions made by the Government.

Complete the survey here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

When completing the survey, you will be asked for your child's school details. Please use:

School: Etonbury Academy

Postcode: SG15 6XS



Thank you!

Thank you for reading!

You are receiving this because you are a Student, Parent, Carer, Governor or Member of Staff at ETA.

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