



Sixth Form Message

HEARING READERS AND HANDWRITING CLUB

This week, our Sixth Form students have immersed themselves in the Junior School clubs, supporting younger pupils through the Hearing Readers and Handwriting Club. These opportunities allow our Sixth Formers to share their knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm with the younger students, while developing valuable soft skills such as communication, leadership, and empathy.

At the heart of our vision "Develop the learner, develop the person" is the belief that learning extends beyond the classroom. This initiative perfectly reflects that vision, and we are delighted to see our students embracing it so wholeheartedly.

GUEST SPEAKER – CATHY ECKETT

We were delighted to welcome Cathy Eckett, an expert speaker working closely with the Raising Aspirations Consortium, of which our Sixth Form is a proud member. The consortium brings together local Sixth Forms to share expertise, inspire ambition, and broaden post-18 opportunities.

Students are encouraged to connect with the Raising Aspirations network via LinkedIn, where they can find valuable resources, talks, and opportunities to support their next steps. Please find attached a link to the presentation given: [Degree Apprenticeship presentation](#)

SIXTH FORM VIDEO

Mr Kirkman has been collaborating with our Sixth Form students to create a vibrant and insightful video that captures life at ETA Sixth Form. We can't wait to share the finished piece with you soon!

PRINCIPAL / VICE PRINCIPAL ROLES

Interviews for these roles took place this week. These are fantastic leadership opportunities that allow students to play a key role in shaping Sixth Form life - representing their peers, supporting events, and contributing to the ongoing development of our school community. We are incredibly proud of all those who applied and will announce the outcome of these interviews next week.

SIXTH FORM OPEN DAY - THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

All Year 12 and 13 students will have the opportunity to take part in our Sixth Form Open Evening. We would love as many students as possible to be available on the evening and to act as ambassadors, subject champions, and role models, talking to prospective students and families about their experiences. This is a great opportunity for our cohort, as it helps build those all-important soft skills that can be referred to in future applications. Please confirm your attendance by completing this form:

[Sixth Form - Helper Form](#)

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is happening on Thursday, 6th November – come along, meet our team, explore subjects, and discover all the amazing opportunities waiting for you!

Please book to confirm your attendance by completing this form:

[Sixth Form - Open Evening - Booking Form](#)

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [School photo code: C40-3DB-26B1](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)
- [Explore Forage](#)
- [This is what makes us special ...](#)
- [Student finance](#)
- [Preparing for Your Future: UCAS, CVs, and Degree Apprenticeships.](#)
- [Year 13 UCAS applications parents' guide](#)

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Bedfordshire Counselling Service: [Open Door](#)
Hitchin Counselling Service: [HCS](#)
Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)
Mental Health Support: [Kooth](#)
HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)
Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)
Vaping: [Childline](#)
Delete social media: [BBC](#)
Remove nude images: [NSPCC](#)
ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: i111 and selects option 2

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)
Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)
Funding: [Connolly Foundation](#)
Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- [Degree Apprenticeships Presentation 2024/25](#)
- [Occupation Maps](#)
- [STAR](#)
- [Unifrog](#)
- [Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations - LinkedIn](#)

REGISTRATION REMINDER

If leaving the school site for any reason, including but not limited to driving lessons, medical appointments, use of the Pembleton gym, or Year 13 students taking one of their ten off-site periods, students must have parental permission through the completion of the appropriate forms (found under the Contact Details section of this bulletin) or through direct contact with the school. They must also sign out using the Chromebook on Mrs. Schumann's desk.

KEY DATES

Yr USA trip - 22nd to 29th October
Yr 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 6th November
Yr 12 English and Math resist - 4th to 11th November
Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18th and 19th December
Yr 12 UCAS discovery trip / ExCel London: Tuesday 24th March

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Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form: [Driving Permission Form](#)
Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

STUDENT NOTICES

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EXAM INFORMATION

[Please use this link to find information on when your exams are taking place](#)

[YEAR 12 & 13 BTEC EXAM DATES 2026](#)

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This bulletin was designed by our Sixth Form students, we hope you find it informative and fun!