



Sixth Form Message

Students have recently completed their first progress check questionnaire, which we use to identify how students are feeling about their Sixth Form experience so far. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments about their lessons, which I will pass onto teachers. It was great to hear that students feel they have settled in well and are enjoying the independent study work that is being set. Student voice is so important to us and we also pass on suggestions for improvements, as we are always striving to make the Sixth Form experience better for our students. Recently students completed a survey about the café, which has been passed on to the catering team and students have also requested the opportunity to have home study, which they will be granted after Christmas, depending on good attendance and performance in their lessons.

With the end of our first term on the horizon it is important for students to remain as focused and committed to their studies as they were on the first day of their Sixth Form journey. When we return after the holidays our year 12 students will have the flexibility to leave school at 1:30pm providing they do not have a lesson during P5. However, this flexibility will only be granted to students who have good attendance, are not late to their classes and are on top of their work. We know that students who are self motivated and understand how to learn independently achieve their full potential and with that in mind will not grant timetable flexibility to any student who is not reaching these expectations.

Again looking to the horizon and our year 13's have their mock exams when they return after the holidays. It is imperative that students acknowledge the importance of these exams and use the time between now and then to prepare, making sure they link up with their subject leads for guidance and support.

On Wednesday, Ms Young and Ms Taylor took Yr13s to London to attend a business and sociology revision conference. Exam techniques were covered in great depth and we are very grateful for the teachers organising such a worthwhile and memorable experience in the run up to their exams.

As students start receiving their offers for university places, parents' attention will no doubt turn to finance, student loans and the support that is available. There is often a lot of misinformation in the media about student loans and this can sometimes put students off from applying. Martin Lewis has recently put together an [information sheet](#), explaining how student finance works, how much students will need to pay back and how much families will be expected to contribute.

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Sixth Form Dress Code](#)
- [Martin Lewis: Five things EVERYONE needs to know about student finance 2025/26](#)
- [Book and Latté Menu](#)
- [Year 12 - Year Group Photo \(Code: T3H-B9W-Q7HG.\)](#)
- [Year 12 - Studying tips/Product Design](#)

KEY DATES

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December- Yr13 criminology exam
Thursday 12th December- Yr12 criminology exam
Thursday 12th December- Early closure at 1.30pm for Yr12 and Yr13
Tuesday 7th January to Friday 17th January: Year 13 Mocks
Wednesday 22nd January: Year 13 Art and Photography Mock
Friday 7th February: Criminology Parliament Trip
Thursday 6th March: Year 12 Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March: Year 12 & 13 UCAS Discovery
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July 2025 - Year 12 Work Experience
Sixth Form Early Closure P5 - Yr 12&13: Thursday 12th December 2024, Monday 20th January 2025, Monday 9th June 2025.

SUPPORT

Emotional and Physical Support:

Mental Health Charity: [Young Minds](#)

HelpLines: [Samaritans](#)

Sexual Health: [iCaSH](#)

ETA Safeguarding: [Etonbury Safeguarding](#)

Academic Support:

Funding: [Harper Trust](#)

Funding: [Sutton Trust](#)

Bursary: [16 - 19 Bursary](#)

COMING UP

[UCAS - Search / Open Days and Events](#)

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

Gym Permission Form: [Gym Permission Form](#)

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*All students are encouraged to have a LinkedIn account.

STUDENT VOICE

Thank you to Arcade Flowers for donating a beautiful Christmas tree to ETA Sixth Form. Students have enjoyed decorating the tree and the smell of pine as you enter the common room is delightful, enhancing what is already a great learning environment.



SHOUT OUTS!

Site team - a big THANK YOU to students who helped move the display boards for the 6th form open evening.

Miss Young - A shout out to Alfie B for tutor2u sociology course answers.

Mrs Lewis - a shout out to Chloe B who aced her first assignment for Health and Social Care!

Mrs Smith - great example by Darcey M of developing students oracy skills when exhibiting their own work.