



Sixth Form Message

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT COMPETITION

I was delighted to be a judge last night for the English department's new public speaking competition and was so impressed by the confidence and clarity shown by students as they delivered their speeches. Our Sixth Form was represented by Evie, Ellie, Alice and Phoebe, with Phoebe and Alice winning first and second place respectively. As future leaders, these girls have all shown fantastic communication and leadership skills and I am so excited to see how these will develop in their future careers.

MATHS CHALLENGE

We were also extremely proud to hear about the success of our mathematicians in the recent UK maths challenge. Students in both year 12 and 13 were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates and special mention must be made to Thomas, whose outstanding performance means he has been one of the select few across the UK to be invited to compete at the next stage. Congratulations!

ART TRIP

Thanks to the art department who took a group of art and photography students to Arkley Gallery in Hitchin last week. Students have taken inspiration from the work in the gallery entitled "What makes Hitchin?" and the local surroundings to produce their own pieces, which we will share with you once they have been completed.

UCAS APPLICATIONS

Students have been working hard on their UCAS personal statements and should now be on their third or fourth draft. The next step is to complete their UCAS applications and submit them for checking before they are sent to UCAS. Please encourage your child to submit their application as soon as possible. Leaving it until the last minute may mean we are unable to provide the time and support they deserve, as many applications coming in at once can create delays.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 12 students will be taking part in a week of Work Experience beginning the week commencing 29th June. This is a busy time for placements, so it's important that students start planning early. We use Unifrog to manage the process. Students simply complete the online WEX form with their employer's details, which then automatically sends an email to the employer with all the necessary links and information. Please do work with your child and support them through this process.

STUDENT VOICE

Student voice is important to us here at ETA Sixth Form. Each year, we ask our new cohort for their opinions on their journey so far - letting us know how they are finding each subject and the Sixth Form experience as a whole. This feedback helps us respond to the individual needs of each cohort and refine our lessons and approaches to ensure we get the best from our students. Please encourage your child to complete the progress sheet, which I have also attached below for easy reference. [Progress sheet](#)

Chloe Dowden

KEY INFO

- [Degree Apprenticeship presentation](#)
- [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](#)

KEY DATES

Yr 12 Art & Photography mock - 18th and 19th December
YR 13 Study leave - 6th to 16th January (BTEC lessons will continue to take place)
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](#)

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](#)
[Drugs and alcohol: FRANK](#)
[Drug and alcohol: BLMK NHS](#)
[Addiction: Aquarius](#)
NHS Mental Health Crisis Line: 111 and selects option 2

Academic Support:

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

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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

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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