

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 2 March 2018

All/Mixed Years

- **Purple Friday - Spirit Day (9th March)** - As part of LGBT History month, students are invited to take part in Purple Friday. It is on this day, 'Spirit Day', students are welcome to wear something purple alongside their uniform. There will be rainbow ribbon badges on sale as well as cakes. Students can also make a donation if they so wish. All monies raised will be going to Stonewall Youth.

Spirit Day is a means of speaking out against LGBT+ bullying and standing with LGBT+ youth. Pledging to "go purple" on Spirit Day is a way for all those that wish take part, a way of visibly showing solidarity with LGBT+ youth and taking part in the largest, most visible anti-bullying campaign in the world. Please email Mrs Goldsmith if you have any questions.

kgoldsmith@bestacademies.org.uk

- **Gardening Club (every Thursday)** – 3.30 – 4.30. All years welcome, please meet at Student Services at 3.30 if you wish to attend.
- **PE Clubs List Spring Term 2** – Please [click here](#)
- **P.E. lessons** - please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit with them for all lessons. If your child is physically unable to do the lesson then they will be required to take on another role in the lesson. If your child has broken a limb or is unable to get changed then we will make other provisions for them.
- **In-School Recycling Scheme** - Mr Downes and his Eco Warriors are looking for donations of a panini sandwich maker that you no longer require and hand blenders. Thank you.
- **Clubs List Spring Term 2018** –Please [click here](#) to view our latest Clubs List.
- **Cabaret Is Coming - On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March**
Etonbury will host '**Cabaret**'. Please [click here](#) for poster.
- **Cabaret** - We would like to congratulate all the students who came to audition for Cabaret, the amount and the quality of the response was outstanding. It was very difficult to reduce the acts down for the show and those that didn't make it this time will have plenty more opportunities in the future.

For those that were successful we need parent/carer consent. Please can you click on the link below and fill in this very short form ASAP. If you have more than one child performing in the show then please complete the form twice.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScc2Drd7ohhZ9mN-WLP2miSN77uCljf76vedDf1jFtOrGpySw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Information on how to purchase tickets will be circulated shortly.

The students who auditioned have been told which night they are performing. For reference the other groups are as follows;

TUESDAY 27th March

LAMDA (Groups 1 and 2)

String Group

School Choir

Rock Band

Musical Theatre Group Item 1

WEDNESDAY 28th March

LAMDA (Groups 3 and 4)

Wind Band

School Band

Senior Choir

Musical Theatre Group Item 2

- **Science** –The Science department would like 2 litre fizzy drinks bottles and could also do with any old used water brita type filters-as we can re-use the carbon inside them.
- **Lunch Menu** – Week 2. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **Bikeability (w/c 23rd April)** – Please [click here](#) for more information on how to sign your child up for the Bikeability course.
- **Wow Week Dress up Day (5th March)** - To celebrate the start of WOW week, students are invited to dress up on the theme of 'Out of this World' on Monday 5th March. We have been following The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe as our main text in English. More details will come out after half term with information about this and also our WOW afternoon.
- **Year 5 Parents Evening (Weds 14th March)** – Please [click here](#) for more information on how to book appointments.
- **English Homework** - Attached is the Year 5 English homework linked to The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The children need to complete one task in each row by the date stated. If the children have any questions about the homework, they should talk to their English teacher. Please [click here](#).

Year 6

- **SATs Homework Club (Mon – Thurs afterschool)** – Please [click here](#) for more information about SATs homework club.

Year 7

- **PGL France Trip** - If your child is going on the PGL trip to France (Saturday 19th May - Sunday 27th May) and you would like to be considered as a parent helper on this trip then please email Miss Thomas as soon as possible (kthomas@bestacademies.org.uk).

Year 8

- **Year 8 Art Lesson** - Next week the student will be watching a short Comic Relief video about slum cities to support their studies. There is mild use of adult language in the video. If you feel that your child should not watch this video please email either Mrs Parsons (teacher of 8KG, 8GS, 8RK, 8PY) or Mrs Hammond (teacher of (8BM, 8IP). There will be a separate research task for these students in a separate room. kparsons@bestacademies.org.uk jhammond@bestacademies.org.uk Thanks. Mrs K Parsons, Subject Leader of Art
- **Spring Grade Sheet** - Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers, As mentioned prior to half term, after a busy and exciting KS4 taster week your child will be bringing home their Spring grade sheet today with an explanatory letter. This grade sheet will give further guidance on which options to consider and where to

direct conversation during next week's options evening (the deadline to book a slot has been extended until Monday the 26th 7pm).

Below is a link to the options form which can be completed any time before the deadline of Monday the 5th of March. Please remember to identify any clashes of options in the comments section at the bottom of the form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/PRroq2eN43FZmb4Q2>

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Year 9

- **Science** - We have had many questions as a department about revision materials-especially years 9 and 10. We would recommend the following books as a very solid starting point for revision and practice. The CGP books are very well written, there is a revision book available and exam practice workbooks.

This has all been put onto [Show my homework](#) with the relevant links for which class tier you are in but if you are unsure please check with their teacher before buying. Please note you are under no obligation to buy these, they are only a suggestion.

- **Big Bang Science Show (14th March) Selected Students only** – Please click on the following links for more information regarding the Big Bang Science Show.

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https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/whats-on/careers-activities/?utm_source=cc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Untitled4&utm_campaign=6616421

- **Year 9 GCSE Drama** - I have set up a Google classroom so students can get extra on line support for revision and homework and to support study on drama course. This is an important area to support, please ensure students log in to get extra support. Students will need to use the code j2ezaf to gain access to this on line classroom.
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- **Year 10 Drama Students** - I have popped all checklists for GCSE written coursework homework on Google classroom and show my homework, please check this carefully and support accordingly. Please contact jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk
As we are working towards important deadlines for final practical and written coursework (40%) I would like parents to be aware of the following to support:
Monday March 5th - Period 3 and 4 - run through (mock) of devised piece
Monday 23rd April - Period 3 and 4 - FINAL PERFORMANCE
All FINAL written coursework must be handed in by Friday 18th May at the very, very latest!
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Other Items of Interest

- **The Salvation Army Youth Club, Church Road (Years 6, 7 & 8) – Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8pm** - Pool, Basketball, Table Tennis, Wii, Music Room, Xbox. Special Monthly Activities Music/Dance/Pizza. 01462 733702.
- **1st Fairfield Park Scout Group** – The Scout Troop has returned to Fairfield Park, meeting on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.00 in the Community Hall. For more information call Andrew Harris on 07729 688472 or email harrisandrew0311@gmail.com
- **Christina Marks Dance Club (Tues afterschool)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **BEST Vacancies** – Please [click here](#) for more information. There are current vacancies for Maths Teacher, Teacher of Humanities, Teacher of Science, Learning Support Assistant, Catering Assistant/Midday Supervisor, Nursery Room Leader.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** – Application packs are now available on our website for the following positions:
Primary Teachers
MFL Teacher
English Teacher
Maths Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Attendance Officer
Student Services Manager (Pastoral)
Psychology Teacher (part-time) and Child Development Teacher (part-time)

Cleaners

Please share with your friends and families. It will also be posted on Facebook, so share away! If you know someone who would like an informal chat, encourage them to email me vlockey@bestacademies.org.uk or call 01462 730391.

Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Parents Evening – Wednesday 14th March

Cabaret performance - Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?

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