

Etonbury Academy Weekly Update – 23 February 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

- **World Book Day (Fri 2nd Mar)** - We will be celebrating World Book Day. This will be a non-uniform day for all year groups and it would be great to see as many students dressing up as possible. There will be a £1 donation towards new reading books for the school. For students who do want to dress up as their favourite character, there will be a fancy dress competition held in the Hall at 1pm where a panel of teachers will vote and award a prize to the best dressed in each year group.
- **Gardening Club (starts Thurs 1st March)** – 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.
- **Inspiring Music Windband Festival Events** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Young Songwriters Competition** - Aged 8-18? Written your own original song? Want to write your first song? Want your songs to be listened to by key players in the music industry, including Tom Odell, Imelda May, Lucie Silvas and Guy Chambers? Want to get connected to an exciting community of young songwriters worldwide?
Then get your songs ready to enter the Young Songwriter 2018 competition! Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **Art Competition** - Exciting news! Our year 8 students have made it through to the final of the David Shepherd Global Canvas Competition 2018. Out of 4500 entries, from 15 different countries we made it through to the final 15. Our entry will be exhibited at the Natural History Museum on 15th March where the winner will be announced.
- **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.

- **Science** –The Science department would like 2 litre fizzy drinks bottles, a maths balance and could also do with any old used water brita type filters-as we can re-use the carbon inside them.
- **Lunch Menu** – Week 1. Please [click here](#).

Year 5

- **World Book Day (Fri 2nd Mar)** - We have decided to combine both World Book Day and the Year 5 WOW week dress up. If your child would like to dress up in a Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe themed costume for World Book Day: they can also wear it on Monday 5th March. Please do not feel that you have to organise costumes for both. We are encouraging as many students as possible to dress up for World Book Day.
- **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

- **Mock SATs Week (wc 26th Feb)** – Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **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

- **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>

- **Options Information/Booklet** – Please [click here](#) for a letter regarding Options Taster Week and booking appointments for Options Evening.

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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.

- **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

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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
- **Understanding Autism (Monday 26 Feb)**–A talk for parents and carers held at the University of Bedfordshire. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **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, Site Agent, Catering Assistant/Midday Supervisor and Nursery Room Leader.
- **Etonbury Vacancies** – Application packs are now available on our website for the following positions:
MFL Teacher
English Teacher
Maths Teacher
Teaching Assistant
Attendance Officer
Student Services Manager (Pastoral)
Psychology Teacher (part-time) and Child Development Teacher (part-time)
Support Staff vacancies coming soon – Business Support Assistant and 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

World Book Day (Dress up/Non Uniform) – Friday 2nd March

Year 8 Options Evening – Wednesday 28th February

Cabaret performance - Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March

Let us know what you think about these emails. Have you got any suggestions?
Please email etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk