



15 March 2024

Principal Message

Please continue to support our BIG WALK – walk, scoot or cycle to school, we have averaged at around 50% of the school community taking on the challenge and walking or scooting to school, let's aim higher next week!



Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day today, we are delighted to support this charity helping people to free themselves from poverty, violence and discrimination. We have raised an amazing amount so far today for the charity – thank you for your support.



Last Friday Mrs. Harbour-Cooper escorted a group of potential Oxbridge candidates to an open day at Pembroke College, Cambridge. The college conducted informative seminars on university applications, financial aid, and crafting compelling personal statements for our year 12 students. Current undergraduates were available to address inquiries about university life. Following a tour of the college, the students enjoyed a delightful lunch in the hall. The students found the experience enriching and were excited about their newfound knowledge. Special thanks to Mrs. Norman for arranging the transportation.



This month, we have initiated the tradition of honouring our outstanding students in Design and Technology, Engineering, and Food Technology with an 'Award of Excellence' in each year group. Every student will receive an award trophy to cherish until the end of the month, recognizing their exceptional dedication. Additionally, they will receive a letter and a certificate as mementos of their achievements.

Please congratulate February's outstanding students – [click here](#) to view.

I would also like to politely remind people dropping off and collecting students to please not use the staff car park. Please also keep the area at the top of the drive (the 'D') clear for buses, drop off and collections. This is not an area to be parked in. Adherence to the 5mph speed limit on the premises is appreciated, and whenever feasible, consider dropping off outside of the school or carpooling to minimise traffic on-site. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter, helping us to keep our children safe.

Best wishes.

Mrs. J Young - Principal

MEDICAL



I am Liz Kenny and I am delighted to have joined ETA this semester as the Medical Officer. In my role, I am stationed in the medical room, where students visit for first aid or prescribed medications. I also collaborate with families and staff to ensure that students with medical requirements face no obstacles in accessing their education. With over 30 years of experience working with children and young people in diverse environments in London and Stotfold, including adventure playgrounds, pre-schools, lower schools, and scout groups, I bring a wealth of expertise to this position.



Throughout my career, I have served as a designated first aider and have consistently updated my first aid training. I have encountered familiar faces, now all grown up, from my previous roles at Roecroft and Pippin Pre-School, which has been a joy.

Students are encouraged to take self-care responsibility, like carrying a water bottle for hydration and having breakfast to prevent headaches. Starting from Year 7, students are allowed to bring a single dose of paracetamol for personal use when needed.

I am excited to be part of the ETA team and dedicated to nurturing a culture of care and well-being within the school community. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's health or general well-being at school, please feel free to contact me. lkenny@bestacademies.org.uk

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



Queries & Contacting School

Should you wish to contact our staff regarding your child, we ask that you email the relevant member of staff in the first instance. This could be Form Tutor or Head of Year with a pastoral matter or subject teacher if the matter is related to academic issues. Our staff will respond to you in a timely manner and will endeavour to acknowledge your request at their earliest availability, as staff will have teaching commitments throughout the day and it may be towards the end of the day before they are available to respond to you, this will always be within **48** hours. To request a meeting with a member of staff, please contact them directly and they will arrange a suitable time, this will usually be before or after the school day due to teaching commitments.

To view our staff list and contact details please [click here](#).

As a school we always endeavour to work with you and achieve the best for your child. We would ask that your communications and interactions with our staff are polite and respectful, as we always aim to act in the best interest of your child.



Please click [HERE](#) to view the lunch menu.

Term Dates - [2024 / 2025](#)

Vacancies

Please visit <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/vacancies> to register your interest or apply for a post via My New Term. Currently we are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant.

BEST Wellbeing & Respect Policy - We strive to create a safe environment in school for staff and pupils. BEST have recently launched their new wellbeing and respect policy across all schools within the trust - No excuse for abuse, [click here](#) for further details.

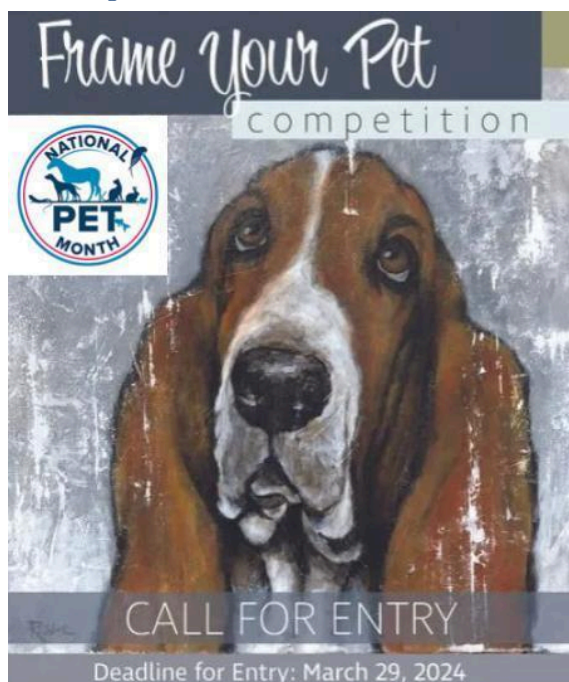
Electronic Devices



Today's children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also challenges. By limiting the use of mobile phones, schools can create safe and calm environments free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve.

The Department for Education has released new guidance for schools, in response to this we have this week reminded students of our current policy [HERE](#) we will keep this under review and make changes where needed.

Art Competition



Put your best paw forward in our pets themed art competition. Whether furry or feathered, we want to see artwork of your favourite animal friends.

Share your creative portrayals of cats, dogs, lizards, birds—all pets (and all painting and drawing media) are welcome! The art competition is open to any artist.

Please include your full name, form and your pet's name on the back of your work before submitting it to the art department.

We will be exhibiting the work on display to celebrate National Pet Month 2024, April 1st- May 1st 2024.



Student V Staff Football Match

March 19th 2024 - 3:50 pm to 5:00 pm - on the 3G

Raising funds for Cancer Research UK and Sixth Form USA Educational Trip

f £1 for entry via the parent mail link, or in cash on the day. If you choose to pay via parent mail you can choose to donate your £1 to either the USA Sixth Form trip or Cancer Research UK.

Kick-off commences at 3:50pm on the 3G, running until 5:00pm.

We hope to see as many people there as possible!

Any questions please contact lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk



PE DEPARTMENT



It has been another busy week for fixtures at home and away. Please click on the links below the images to view the EtonburyPE X posts where we share all our team news and celebrations.



[Year 9 Football](#)



[Year 7 & 8 Football](#)



[Year 5 & 6 girls football](#)



[Staff Football Team](#)

Congratulations to our Sports Legends this week. Please see this weekend's X (twitter) and Facebook posts for details celebrating these achievements.

Follow us on X - [EtonburyPE](#). Facebook [Etonbury PE](#)

Mr Sale - bsale@bestacademics.org.uk Head of Juniors

Thank you for supporting World Book day last week, we had a magical day celebrating with all classes.



Junior School Arrival Time

Please ensure that your Year 5 / 6 child/children arrive at school from 8:15 am and before 8:25 am. The Junior gate closes at **8:25 am** prompt. Your cooperation in ensuring punctuality is greatly appreciated.

Bikeability

Thank you to everyone who has completed their Bikeability forms. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Mr Sale is coordinating this and will be in touch with the successful applicants. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6

SATS Information Evening

SATS information evening will be held on Weds 20 March from 4.15 – 5.15pm for Year 6 parents. The aim is to give you an insight into how the KS2 national tests work, to learn what is expected of the children and how you can support them when they sit their tests in May. If you wish to attend please complete the [Google Form](#). Thank you.

Textiles Lessons

If possible please can Year 6 bring in fabric for their textiles lesson with Miss Young. They will be making 'make, do and mend' bunting. The fabric needs to be red, white, blue and green, and as it is make, do and mend, it should be material around the home that is no longer used, so we can recycle it. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 7 TO 11)



Student Equipment

Please can you ensure students have the correct equipment with them in school. Pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, protractor, compass and scientific calculator.

Lockers

ILS provides lockers for ETA Secondary Students, if you are interested in renting a locker please [click here](#) to view further information for 2024.

YEAR 10

Maths Revision Schedules

Please find below revision schedules for both higher and foundation tier maths students in Year 10 to help with revision for their summer mock exams.

- [Higher Tier](#)
- [Foundation Tier](#)

Year 10 Mocks

Year 10 mock exams will run from [Monday 22nd April](#) to [Friday 3rd May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. A paper copy indicating rooming and seat allocations will be given to them before the end of term.

YEAR 11

Prom Tickets

Prom tickets will be available to purchase via ParentMail from today, Friday 8 March. Tickets will cost £30 each. The prom will be held this year at Letchworth Hall Hotel and the price of tickets includes a buffet which will be provided for the students. Further details regarding the evening will be provided closer to the event.



Leavers Hoodies

Leavers hoodies are now available to be purchased via parent mail. You will only have the option to buy one via ParentMail if you completed the form sent out in the parent bulletin prior to half term. Please email Mr Sutcliffe if you would like to order a hoodie but did not complete the form in the parent bulletin.

Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts Exam Dates

Please [click here](#) to view a detailed timetable for the BTEC Performing Arts Exam Students.

Mathematics Revision Sessions

Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner (lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk) or Mr Sutcliffe (dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk).

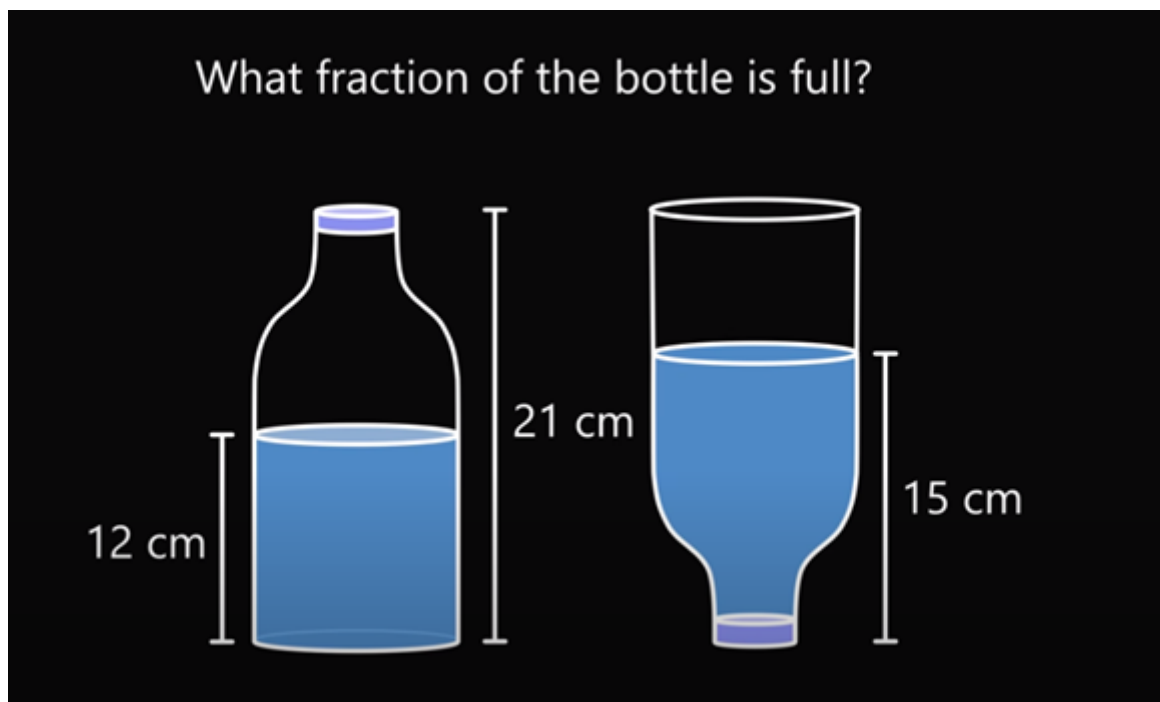
- Higher Revisions Schedule - [click here](#)
- Foundation Revision Schedule - [click here](#)

Mathswatch

The final Mathswatch online task for all Year 11 students will go “live” on Monday 18th March with a deadline of Friday 19th April.

Mr Vanner will email parents with the results of this in the week after Friday 19th April.

The analysis of the mock exam papers will be sent out to parents on or after Wednesday 27th March and we will aim to have these ready before the Easter holiday.



Did you manage to solve the two logician's problem last week? Here is the solution - [Maths Solution](#)

Summer Exams

Written examinations commence on [Thursday 9th May](#)

All students have been emailed a copy of their timetable today. There have been some instances where exam clashes have been identified. These will be resolved within the same exam day and indicated on their printed timetable which will also show rooming and seat allocations. This will be handed out to students before the end of term.

Contingency Days

There are contingency sessions within the Summer 2024 exam timetable - the afternoon of **6 June** and **13 June 2024** and the morning and afternoon of **26 June 2024**.

We appreciate your child might finish their exams earlier than this, but ask that they are available on all three dates even if they do not have an exam.

The awarding bodies have collectively decided on these contingency days, and are allocated in case of an event of national or significant local disruption to examinations in the UK.

Art and Photography GCSEs

These exams will take place between **Monday 29th April** and **Thursday 2nd May**

All students have received detailed information from their subject teachers regarding their specific exam dates.

GCSE French and German Speaking exams

The GCSE French Speaking exams will take place on **Thursday 25th April**

The GCSE German Speaking exams will take place on **Friday 26th April**

Timeslots will be notified to the students via their subject teacher in due course.

Equipment

Please ensure your child brings all the correct equipment to their exams. This includes calculators when allowed. We hold spares in the exam room for emergencies, but do not have enough to cater for all students. All equipment should be kept in a clear pencil case.

JCQ Regulations

Please familiarise yourself with all the exam guidance from JCQ. You can find the links to all information on our website [here](#).



**NO MOBILE PHONES
NO WATCHES**

**NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB
ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION**



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room.

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Warning to Candidates

1. You **must** be on time for all your examinations.
2. **Possession of a mobile phone** or other unauthorised material is **not allowed** even if you do not intend to use it. You will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification from the exam/qualification.
3. You **must not** talk to, attempt to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the examination room.
4. You **must** follow the instructions of the invigilator.
5. You **must not** sit an examination in the name of another candidate.
6. You **must not** become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice in any part of the examination.
7. If you are confused about anything, only speak to an invigilator.

The *Warning to Candidates* must be displayed in a prominent place outside each examination room. This may be a hard copy A3 paper version or an image of the poster projected onto a wall or screen for all candidates to see.

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SIXTH FORM



Mrs C Dowden – Head of Sixth Form.

Attendance

Our expectation is that students are here for 95% of the time. It is proven that the higher the attendance the higher the grades. We would urge that holidays were not booked during term time. If your child is unwell, please encourage them to attend and we will endeavour to support them here. If a student will not be attending school, please contact the Sixth Form team by phone or email: lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk

Exams

Exams will be taking place for Sixth Form students from next week, these are listed below:

- **Monday 18th March** – Unit 1 Criminology Controlled Assessment (Year 12)
- **Tuesday 19th March** – The London Institute of Banking and Finance written paper Re-sit (Year 12)
- **Thursday 21st March** – Unit 1 Criminology Controlled Assessment (Year 12)

CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** – March: 18th, 25th
- **P.E.** Please click [here](#) to view this half term timetable.
- **Extra-curricular Complete Clubs List** – please [click here](#) to view.
- **Homework timetable** – [click here to view](#).
- **Homework Club** runs every Monday and Tuesday after school with Miss Nicole.
- **School of Rock** – School of Rock Rehearsals are every Thursday after school till 5pm in the main school hall. Children should have already signed up via Epraise. All students must bring their script, pencil and water bottle to every rehearsal. Thank you. Mrs Brahmachari-Limb jbrahmachari-limb@bestacademies.org.uk

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



- Take a look at other community events, promotions and things happening in the area [click here](#)
- Children's services also have some child focused learning opportunities coming up. Details can be found in the community events section of our website too.
- Autism Beds Easter Activities – [click here](#)
- Autism Empowerment Webinar – [click here](#) for more details
- Balanced Minds – [Football](#)
- Parent Insight – April Session [click here](#) to view.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 18 March	KS3 Science Fair Cambridge
Weds 20 March	Year 12 Geography Trip & Year 6 SATS Info Evening 4.15 – 5.15pm
Fri 22 March	Performing Arts Drop Down Day Year 11
Thurs 28 March	Break for Easter End of term
Fri 29 March	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Tues 16 April	Students return to school

Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher

**You are receiving this because you are a Student, Parent, Carer, Governor or Member of Staff
at ETA.**

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