

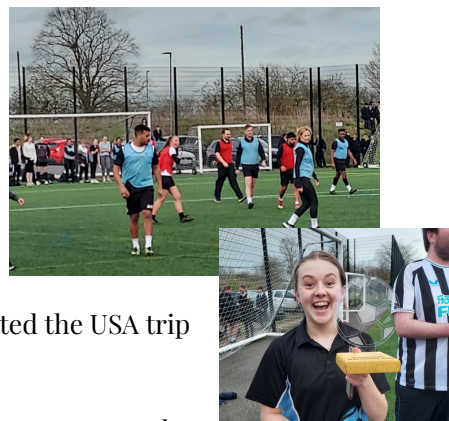


20 March 2024

Principal Message

We appreciate everyone supporting our BIG WALK initiative over the last two weeks - walking, scooting, or cycling to school. We are thrilled to announce that we have secured the 7th position overall in the challenge! As a token of our school's collective success, we have been awarded two micro scooters to give away as prizes! If your child is interested in winning one of these scooters, please encourage them to participate in the poster competition. [Click here](#) for additional information.

The staff versus student football match this week was a resounding success, with Team Hannah emerging as the winners against Team Gurvir. Special thanks to Mrs. Cook for providing the cookies and to all the staff and students who participated. Together, we raised £290 for Cancer Research. A heartfelt thank you to those who supported the USA trip fundraising as well.



Our sixth-form students, Hannah and Gurvir, extend their gratitude to everyone who played a part in yesterday's match. The support from the entire school community, along with our exceptional players, was crucial to the event's success.

Also, this week a group of Year 8 and 9 students were lucky enough to attend the festival's first schools programme. The Cambridge Festival is an annual event showcasing all of the world-leading research carried out by the university.

We participated in various activities: Chemistry escape room, learned about A.I and its applications and risks, and took part in a hands-on workshop on x-raying dogs to identify animal health issues. They all actively participated and were a credit to the school. Everyone had a super time and benefited greatly from the experience. Please continue to share in our values, Everyone is respectful, Together we care and Always aim higher.



Our Year 12 Geographers visited Stratford and the Olympic Park on Wednesday this week to investigate 'Changing Places'. Students used a variety of urban fieldwork techniques including a clone town survey, environmental quality surveys and rephotography to develop essential fieldwork skills in preparation for their Non-Examined Assessments.



I would also like to congratulate our budding secondary scientists of the term who were recognised for their attitudes, efforts and amazing practical skills - [click here](#) to view more.

Have a restful weekend.

MEET OUR NEW ATTENDANCE OFFICER



Mrs Greer, our newly appointed Attendance Officer, joins us having previously worked at Onslow St Audrey's in Hatfield as Cover Manager for 17 years. Her key responsibilities at Etonbury are attendance and supporting behaviour in school. Mrs Greer is actively engaging with students and parents to help support attendance and behaviour and ensure students achieve the best possible outcomes. She's looking forward to working with students and parents to maintain and improve the high attendance standards already in place.



Etonbury's expectations are that students are in every lesson, every day. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact Mrs Greer, in Attendance before school begins to inform us of their absence on 01462 730391 option 1, or alternatively you may email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk. Please note that medical evidence may be requested for extended or repeated periods of absence due to illness.

Just to remind you all of the Academy's Attendance Procedures – If your child is going to be absent, please contact us before 8.40am on **(01462) 730391 option 1**. – please do leave a message on the answer phone or email **eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk** to advise us of the reason for absence and when you expect them to return to school.

If children have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time please communicate this to our Attendance Officer in the same way. It's often useful to copy your child's tutor into this email and also to inform the child of the appointment details and collection time so they can be at reception when you arrive to collect them.

When reporting an absence please remember:

- We require a specific reason or symptom
- Please notify the school daily of any absence
- Medical Appointment cards and records
- Please remember to include your child's full name, form.

Any absence, illness, appointment or other please email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk or call 01462 730391 option 1.

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.

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.

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.



[Girls football Yr9/10](#) ✨



[Year 5 Boys](#) ✨



[Year 5 Girls](#) ✨



[Girls Football Yr7/8](#) ✨



[Girls Football Yr5/6](#) ✨



[Girls Football Yr9/10](#) ✨

We would absolutely **LOVE** to receive any **PE Kit Donations** e.g Etonbury PE tops, fleeces, shorts, joggers, shin pads, football boots etc that you are willing to donate when your Year 11 child has finished PE and heads into exams. Old style kit is still very much appreciated too!

We really would be SO grateful for any donations for our PE spare kit and for any students who may require a donation of a PE kit from us. If this is something you can help with please wash and bag your donation and ask your child to hand it to any of the PE Team or alternatively hand it into the main reception.

As always – **Congratulations** to our **Sports Legends** this week. Please see this weekend's social media posts for details celebrating these achievements.

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



Mr Sale – bsale@bestacademies.org.uk Head of Juniors

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.

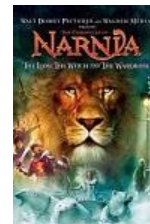


Congratulations to Beth, one of our year 5 pupils who recently competed in a gymnastics regional competition, finishing in 2nd place. Next, she will compete in a mini national gymnastics event against other teams that finished second in their regions. A massive achievement! We are all exceptionally proud of her, especially her class, Earhart and teacher Mr Hair! Future Olympian in the making!!

YEAR 5

End of Term Film

To celebrate all the wonderful work the children have done this half term, we will be watching The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe on Thurs 28 March. This is a PG category film. If you do not wish for your child to watch the movie, please contact Mrs Beckwith, by Weds 27 March via email dbeckwith@bestacademies.org.uk.



YEAR 6

End of Term Film

To celebrate all the wonderful work the children have done this half term, we will be watching Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone on Thurs 28 March. This is a PG category film. If you do not wish for your child to watch the movie, please email Ms Crockford, by Weds 27 March so we can make alternative arrangements. ncrockford@bestacademies.org.uk



FREE Yr6 Maths SATS Course

Bedfordshire Employment and Skills Academy is delivering a free course to help you feel confident supporting your child through their Maths SATS.

For more information on the course or any questions, please [click here](#).

Year 6 SATS Evening

On Wednesday 20th March, Mr Sale delivered a SATs Information Evening. If you were unable to attend or wish to access the presentation again please click [here](#).

In addition, please see our 'How you can help prepare to perform' top tips presentation by clicking [here](#).

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](#)

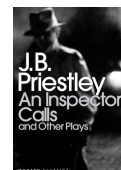
Year 10 Mocks

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.

An Inspector Calls

As you may be aware, students are just about to begin studying their core text, '[An Inspector Calls](#)', please [click here](#) for more information from Mrs Brooks, Head of English to include how to purchase a copy via ParentMail.



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

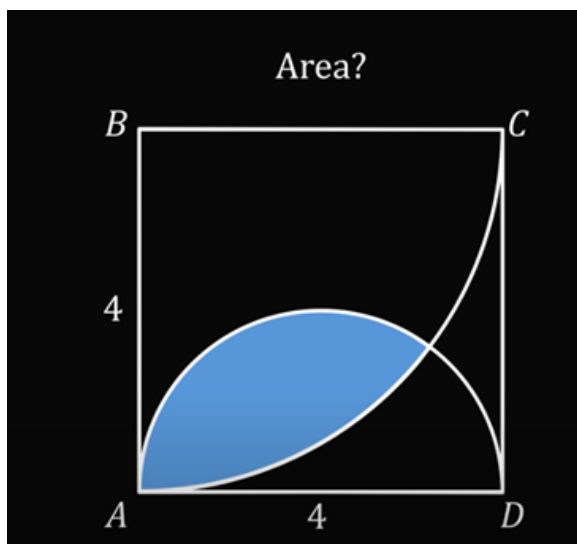
Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner (lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk) or Mr Sutcliffe (dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk).

- 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.



Find the area of the shaded portion of the diagram?

Did you manage to calculate the fraction of the bottle which was full ? 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

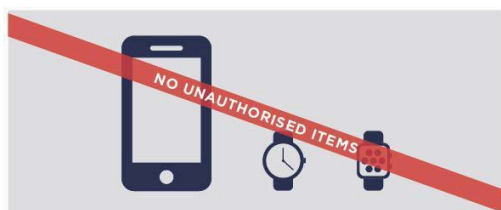
Please ensure your child brings all the correct equipment to their exams. This includes calculators when allowed. We hold spares in the exam room for emergencies, but do not have enough to cater for all students. All equipment should be kept in a clear pencil case.

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

CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** - March: 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.
- Stotfold Town Council Big Tidy-up – [click here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Thurs 28 March | Break for Easter End of Term |
| Fri 29 March | Bank Holiday – Good Friday |
| Monday 15 April | Staff INSET Day |
| 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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