

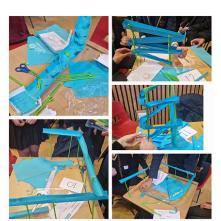
## 28 March 2024

#### **Principal Message**

The last week of our Spring term has brought some fantastic achievements across the whole school. Our year 11 performing arts students have performed their amazing Production Design Pathway and Acting Exam, so professional and an outstanding performance from everyone. Our P.E. team continues to offer an amazing variety of clubs and sporting fixtures to all year groups, since September they have held over 350 P.E. clubs and fixtures.

Most recently our Primary and Secondary dancers entered the Bedfordshire County Dance Final Competition. The dance teams had been working on their routines since September last year with Miss King who competed in the same competition herself as an ETA student multiple times. The girls put in huge dedication and commitment and their performances were both outstanding! Our Amazing primary team showed the judges their routine who were blown away with their talent! In addition to that our incredible KS3 team won the whole competition and are now county champions! Congratulations girls, we are exceptionally proud of you.

As part of our programme for high achieving students, Mrs Harbour-Cooper took a group of 5 year 10 students to Redborne School in Ampthill, to take part in a day dedicated to STEM subjects, organised by



Wadham College, Oxford. They learned about careers in robotics and automotive technologies, and had the opportunity to complete group-based challenges including creating the slowest marble roller loader and designing a pitch for a brand new invention. The students were split into random groups, and to see them grow in confidence and build collaborative relationships with students from other schools was lovely to see.

We hope you and your families have a lovely Easter holiday and take time to rest and recover. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 16th April.

Please continue to share in our values, Everyone is respectful, Together we care and Always aim higher.

Kind regards

Mrs. J Young - Principal



#### **PASTORAL**



Our pastoral team is dedicated to fostering a nurturing environment that supports the holistic well-being of our students. Led by Ms McErlean who is also the schools Safeguarding Lead, we prioritise the physical, mental, and emotional health of each student. We understand that a positive and inclusive school culture is vital for students to thrive academically and personally. Our team plays a crucial role in ensuring that a child and their family get the intervention and support they need, whether at school or multi-agency level. We are committed to assisting students in exploring their difficulties, fostering resilience, and developing life skills. Our team is pictured below, Mrs McErlean, Mr Roberts, Mrs Morton and Mrs Clark.

In addition to providing essential support and guidance, we actively promote diversity, empathy, and effective communication among students, families, and staff. We strive to create a safe space where students can openly discuss their concerns, navigate challenges, and develop crucial life skills. By fostering a culture of respect and understanding, we aim to resolve conflicts amicably and build a strong sense of community within our school. Together, we work to empower our students to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives both inside and outside the classroom.

Please contact your child's Form Tutor and Heads of Year in the first instance for pastoral matters, should your child require further specialist support, the pastoral team will be contacted.



## 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.

#### **Lunch Menu**

There will be a new lunch menu when we return for the summer term. We begin on week 1. Please click here to view.





#### Term Dates - 2024 / 2025

#### **Vacancies**

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

#### **Head of Geography**

We are looking to recruit a passionate and forward-looking Head of Geography to build on the outstanding work of the previous postholder. You will be joining a dynamic and progressive team that supports all our pupils by providing them with the tools they need to critically assess the world around them, to understand how that world has developed, and to support them to be informed changemakers. Closing Date Midnight Sunday 21st April.

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Within this role, you will support the teaching staff in enabling pupils to gain their independence, participate fully in the curriculum and the general life of the school. Attend to the educational, personal and social needs of pupils in order to support their learning and development. Closing Date - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **School Transport Consultation**

Central Bedfordshire Council are running a consultation on proposed changes to their Home to School Transport policies, <u>please click</u> here to read more details and have your say.



#### **Masterpieces Of The Month**

Please <u>click here</u> for this month's key stage 3, 4 & 5 masterpieces of the month, once again we have some outstanding artwork from across the whole school. This work is on display in our reception area for the next month, if you are passing please take a look.

















# The school has won two Micro Scooters!



So, if you would like the chance of winning one of these fantastic scooters you need to......

Create a **poster**, A4 in size, which shows the importance of walking, cycling and scooting to school on our local environment.

The entries will be judged by Mrs Young

The best two will receive the prize of a Micro Scooter!

Deadline for submissions: 19/04/24

Please hand them in to your tutors or direct to Mrs Hume.



Good luck everyone.





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#### **Year 12 Silent Auction**

Please take a look at the lots available via our Google Form - HERE.

If you would like to bid for anything, type in your bid. The starting price is just a suggestion.

If you are the highest bidder when the auction closes, then you will be contacted by our Finance Office regarding payment.

Any question with a \* must be completed please.

Any specific questions regarding the auction, please contact wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk.

All money raised will be given to the ETA USA trip fund.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **PE DEPARTMENT**



It has been another busy week for fixtures at home and away. Please see X - <u>Etonbury PE</u>. Facebook <u>Etonbury PE</u> for all our team news and celebrations.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has attended extra curricular clubs this term. We have had clubs and fixtures in Futsal, Badminton, Contact Rugby, Tag Rugby, Cheerleading, Dodgeball, Football and more!

We look forward to moving onto Cricket, Volleyball, Athletics, Rounders, Tennis and Softball next term.





We have celebrated lots of sporting achievements this half term to include:

- The Girls Futsal Team came 2nd PLACE in the county Finals this week.
- The Year 11 boys are through to the County Finals.
- The Dance Competition was 1st place and received the GOLD medal at the Dance County Championships Competition for Bedford, Luton and Bucks. They have worked so hard since September on their dance as we could not be prouder!

Please note as it starts to get warmer students MUST wear full Etonbury PE Kit. Please see a few reminders below:

- Boys- old or new style Etonbury shorts only
- Girls- old or new style Etonbury shorts OR a black or navy skort
- NB: Cycling shorts, branded shorts e.g. Nike, Adidas etc are NOT PERMITTED.
- Leggings must be Etonbury leggings
- All students can wear black or navy plain joggers for PE.
- All students, Year 5-12, MUST adhere to these kit rules. 'Old Style Kit' is very much still accepted.

Any questions please email shilton@bestacademies.org.uk

PE Kit Shop: https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury/pe-kit

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

#### **ETA JUNIORS**



Mr Sale - <u>bsale@bestacademies.org.uk</u> Head of Juniors

Everyone at ETA Juniors wishes you an amazing Easter break with all your friends and family. We are so excited to be heading into the Summer term and as a means of keeping you informed of what is to come, please take time to look through our theme overviews for the next half term.

This summer term, there will be some opportunities for students to read outside in some of the school's grassed areas. We kindly ask for any donations of quality blankets that you no longer need or use, which we can use to sit on. Please send donations into class with your child. Thank you in advance

Enjoy your Easter break.

# **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.

## YEAR 5

Curriculum Overview - Please click here to view our Year 5 Curriculum Overview.

#### YEAR 6

Curriculum Overview - Please <u>click here</u> to view the Year 5 Curriculum Overview.

## **Harry Potter Trip**



Pupils in Year 6 will be visiting Harry Potter World at the Warner Brothers Studios on Thursday 6th June for Mars, Neptune and Saturn and Monday 10th June for Jupiter, Pluto and Titan. Please <u>click here</u> to view the letter, further information and to complete the consent form.

The deadline to complete the consent form is **19 April** and payments can be made via ParentMail from 3.30pm Thursday 28 March.

## **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. You can find our updated equipment list on our website, please <u>click here</u>

#### **Lockers**

ILS provides lockers for ETA Secondary Students, if you are interested in renting a locker please <u>click here</u> to view further information for 2024.

#### Year 7

Our year 7 pupils have settled well and are working hard, keeping up the positive attitude to learning and continuing to demonstrate the ETA way.

As we reflect on the progress our year 7 pupils have made so far, we cannot help but feel proud of their accomplishments. Their dedication to their studies and the positive energy they bring to the classroom as they continue to flourish in their studies and personal growth is exciting to see.

So far this academic year, year 7 pupils have collectively been awarded just over 58,000 Epraise points! We are third on the year group leaderboard.

We look forward to their return after the Easter holidays, we are excited to see what the new term brings and what further achievements they will unlock.

Mrs B Wood - HOY

## Year 8

I am pleased to report the Year 8 cohort have continued to demonstrate their love for learning and actively participated in their lessons this term.

So far, our group as a whole are 4th place on the Epraise leaderboard with 48,300 points. Keep up the amazing effort and work!

We look forward to Secondary sports day next term, and many more exciting learning opportunities. With a reward experience being planned with Mrs Young- Headteacher to praise their hard work this year. With one term left to go in Year 8 I would encourage students to work even harder at exploring subjects they love and enjoy to be ready and prepared for picking options in Year 9. With Unifrog they have had lots of opportunity to explore career choices and while many will still be undecided on a career (understandably) I feel it is never too early to explore subjects we enjoy and are passionate about continuing.

Mrs E Hilsden - HOY

## YEAR 9

Year 9 has had a very busy Spring term! As a year group they have the highest number of merits in the whole of secondary school with a grand total of 84, 330 merits! A special mention to Louisa J who has achieved 1,102 merits all on her own.

Thank you all for your quick responses with the GCSE options, these are all now in, and once we are able to, you will receive a letter confirming your child's choices. Many students in year 9 are keen sports men and women and they train hard at rugby, football, hockey, swimming and dance outside of school.

Well, done to the year 9 netball and football teams who have represented the school with great pride and ability. When I left school last night, I noticed many tents going up in the school field so Duke of Edinburgh students will be well practised for when they do their overnight camps.

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to hearing about all their holiday adventures when we are back in school.

MrsK Hume - HOY

## **YEAR 10**

Another amazing term for Year 10. Lots of exciting things to come in the summer term with trips to France, Belgium, London and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions all on the cards.

Mocks will be commencing soon after their return so lots of preparations needed over the Easter holidays ready for these exams. Please get students to check their google classrooms for revision support materials uploaded by each subject area.

Work experience is also fast approaching. Lots of exciting placements lined up so far, please keep uploading these and do let me know if any support is needed.

I have been hearing about many extra-curricular achievements from students and would love to start collating these and celebrating them in school. Please let me know of any activities/achievements via email so we can acknowledge the passion and hard work they are putting into these activities.

Have a lovely Easter!

Mrs S Bailey - HOY

#### Year 10 Art Mock Exam

Both Year 10 art classes will sit their art mock exam on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All information has been sent to parents. Please remind them to bring in their sketchbooks with their final design completed on the day and make sure they register promptly at 8:40am and make their way to D25 to set up ready for a 9am start.

## **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

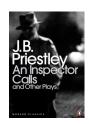
#### **Year 10 Mocks**

Year 10 mock exams will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, <u>'An Inspector Calls'</u>, please <u>click here</u> for more information from Mrs Brooks, Head of English to include how to purchase a copy via ParentMail.



## **YEAR 11**

As exam season draws closer here are some key dates for your diaries:

# Important dates:

- 29/04 02/05: Art and photography exams
- 09/05: Exams start
- 24/05: Year 11's last day prior to study leave starting
- 21/06: Exams end
- 28/06: Prom

As a reminder we are expecting all students to be in full uniform for each of their exams. We will also be running "just in time" sessions prior to several exams. A full timetable of these will be circulated after the Easter Holidays.

Prom will be occurring at Letchworth Hall Hotel from 7pm until 11pm. Students have been voting on the food options they would like to see provided and the final selection for the buffet will be circulated after Easter Holidays. Please ensure that you have purchased your tickets by the end of the Easter holidays 13/04 so we have accurate numbers regarding how many students will be attending the event. Please make sure any orders for Leavers hoodies have been paid for by the end of today.

Happy Easter - Mr D Sutcliffe - HOY

## **Mathematics Revision Sessions**

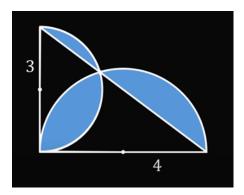
Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner (lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk) or Mr Sutcliffe (dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk).

## **GCSE Maths Revision Schedules**

Please find attached the final Mathematics revision schedules for the GCSE exams, for your information. These have been issued to students and put on the Google classroom by each Maths teacher.

- <u>foundation</u>
- <u>higher</u>

## **Weekly Maths Challenge from Mr Vanner**



Find the area of the shaded area?

Did you manage to clast weeks puzzle? Here is the solution - <u>Area of shaded shape</u>

# Year 11 Art & Photography

As we are approaching the end of the GCSE Art & Photography course, I wanted to write to you again to remind you of the deadlines approaching, exam dates and the interventions we have on offer to support the students.

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#### Dates for the 10 hour ESA exam are as follows:

- 113/Art Miss Smith & 113/Photography Mrs Fox-Connor Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 111/Art Mrs Fox-Connor & 111/Photography Miss Smith Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May & 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

In preparation for the exam, students will need all of their sketchbook work and the tasks on their structure sheets complete so that they are prepared and know exactly what they will be doing for their final piece which they will be completing over the 2 days in the 10 hour exam. Students are not allowed to work on this project once the exam has finished. Please remind them to bring in their sketchbooks on the exam day as it has to be present.

## **Interventions and Support**

As you are aware we offer a number of interventions and opportunities for students to come and use the space, gain 1-1 feedback and to catch up on any work they are behind on. The days and times are: Every lunchtime, Monday & Tuesday after school until 5pm and Thursday after school until 4.30pm. Please encourage your Son/Daughter to attend.

# **Extra Easter Intervention**

To support students who are behind or not meeting their expected grade, I will be running an extra Easter intervention for students to come into school and to catch up or develop their work. I would be very grateful for your support in ensuring they attend. Parents of students who have been selected have already been contacted about this.

## Why are Art Galleries and Exhibitions important?

Art galleries are very important to the art world because they give artists a place to show off their work, spread cultural awareness, and help the local economy. This blog will explore why an art gallery is important and its impact on individuals and communities.

https://revart.co/blogs/48\_Why\_Are\_Art\_Galleries\_Important

Please see the links below for some exciting exhibitions currently showing in London. If you get the opportunity with your families over the Easter break to go into London, do take some time to go and view some of the work currently on show.

# https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/venues/hayward-gallery

When form comes alive Hayward gallery - Exhibition explores 60 years of restless sculpture

# What on at the Tate modern & Britian

https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on?date\_range=from\_now&event\_type=exhibition&gallery\_group=tate-britain&gallery\_group=tate-britain&gallery\_group=tate-britain

## **National Portrait Gallery**

https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/

## **Fashion Textiles Museum**

https://fashiontextilemuseum.org/whats-on/

#### Fitzwilliam Cambridge

https://fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/exhibitions

#### v&a

https://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson?type=exhibition

#### **Coursework Reminder (60%)**

Any outstanding work for the student's coursework that they did not complete, also needs handing in by the exam date so that it can be remarked and ready for the moderator visit. All students were given personalised feedback sheets with anything they needed to work on for that project.

#### **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 26<sup>th</sup> April

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

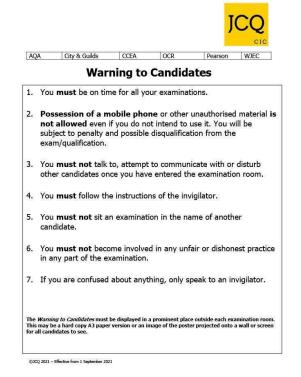
## **Equipment**

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 <u>here</u>.





#### **SIXTH FORM**



As Mrs Schumann and I started to put together a list of everything the Sixth Formers have done this term, we suddenly realised why we are feeling so exhausted and grateful for a couple of weeks rest!

The Sixth Formers have been fantastic role models for the whole school community this term, organising fundraising events such as the Juniors' Valentines disco and the football match raising over £300 for charity, as well as continuing to support younger students across the school as peer mentors or subject champions. Two of our amazing students represented ETA in the House of Commons, winning the debate competition and several students visited Auschwitz alongside the Holocaust Educational Trust, to understand more about the horrific crimes that happened there. On top of all this, students have already started to take exams in some of their courses and have managed to achieve fantastic exam results.

Mrs Schumann and I have been holding interviews with the Year 11 students who are interested in joining the Sixth Form in September. These conversations are so valuable to get to know our new students and to ensure they are making the right choices for their future aspirations. We have been so impressed with the quality of our conversations and offer letters for Sixth Form places will go out after the holidays.

The summer term looks just as busy, with students visiting university open days and starting to write their personal statements. June sees their first set of mocks and in July they will be embarking on work experience for a week.

We are so proud of the way our students are working hard across their subjects as well as giving up their time to help the community. Have a relaxing break and see you in April!

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: <a href="mailto:lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk">lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk</a>

## **CLUB INFORMATION**



- **LAMDA Dates** 22 April, 29 April, 13 May and 20 May. There will be NO LAMDA first week back due to INSET day.
- P.E. new club information will be available after the half term timetable. No clubs first week back.
- Extra-curricular Complete Clubs List A new extra curricular clubs list will be published after Easter..
- 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 <u>click here</u>
- 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 <u>click here</u> for more details
- Balanced Minds <u>Football</u>
- Parent Insight April Session <u>click here</u> to view.
- Stotfold Town Council Big Tidy-up click here
- Saturday morning music club run by Inspiring Music CBC click here to view

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



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

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

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