



10 May 2024

Principal Message

As our Year 11 students immerse themselves in their GCSE exams, the school is abuzz with a mix of excitement and nostalgia. The recent leavers assembly was a touching moment, filled with laughter, tears, and heartfelt farewells. The traditional shirt signing event was enjoyed by all leavers, it was a true display of friendship and camaraderie, as students decorated each other's shirts with well-wishes and memories to carry forward. These moments of togetherness will forever be memories of their time at ETA as they embark on the next chapter of their academic journey. The school community is proud of their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to seeing all the amazing things they will achieve in the future.



This week our Year 11 footballers played their District Cup Final against Kempston winning 3-0! This victory is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. Each player has shown great skill and sportsmanship throughout the season, and this win is well-deserved. The commitment to the team and to each other has truly paid off. As you close this chapter of your time at Etonbury, remember the memories you have created together on and off the field. Cherish this moment and carry it with you as you embark on new adventures. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement, and performance! The future holds endless possibilities for each of you, and we cannot wait to see the great things you will accomplish. Keep shining bright!

It's been an exciting week for our Duke of Edinburgh students as they have been practising their skills and preparing for their upcoming expeditions. The students have been braving the great outdoors (the sun was finally shining for them) pushing themselves to new limits, and working together as a team to achieve their goals. Their dedication and hard work are truly commendable, and we can't wait to see all that they will accomplish during the real thing! Good luck to all the students participating in this enriching experience!



Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J Young - Principal

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.



Staff Car Park

Please do not use the staff car park during school hours for drop off, collection or waiting. Please either park in the main car park near the Pendleton, collect and or drop off via the D or park off site and collect or even walk to collect.

Lunch Menu

There will be a new lunch menu when we return for the summer term. Please [click here](#) to view.



Term Dates - [2024 / 2025](#)



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Current Vacancies

RE Lead & Humanities Teacher
Closing Midnight 12th May 2024

Head of Geography
Closing Midnight 6th May 2024

FIND OUT MORE AT:
WWW.ETONBURY.ORG.UK/VACANCIES




ETA ART DEPARTMENT



We have some incredibly talented young artists here at Etonbury Academy. The creativity and skill of our students is exceptional. Please take a moment to appreciate their work showcased below:



Masterpiece Of The Month
KS3 Phoeby & Aqidah 8KS



'Expressive and experimental use of materials and techniques to convey the environment of the Favelas'
Miss Smith

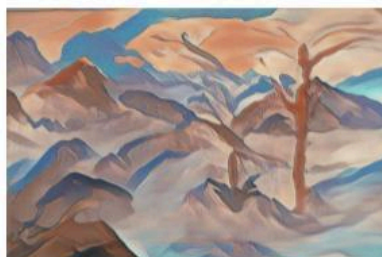
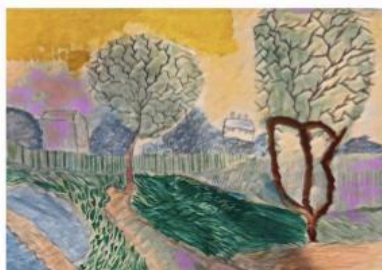


Masterpiece Of The Month
KS4 Mio11MF



'Controlled use and application of tone to create light and dark'
Miss Smith

Year 7 landscapes



'Experimenting with basic digital editing skills using photoshop'

Year 10 mock exam
'Coastal environment sculptures'



MEDICAL



As hay fever season continues, please can students remember to take their allergy medication before leaving home in the morning.

As the weather (finally) improves make sure to remember to apply sunscreen before school.

Water bottles: Please send your student to school with a water bottle, especially as the weather warms up. Water bottles can be re-filled throughout the day and reduce the use of single-use plastic cups. Water will no longer be able to be requested from the medical room unless it is a medical need or first aid requirement.

Please remember that students in year 7 and up can bring in a single dose of paracetamol to keep on their person and can self-administer this if it is required.

PE DEPARTMENT



Please see our new PE club timetable below, please remember to sign up via Epraise.

ETONBURY PE HALF TERM 5			
	Lunch	Afterschool Clubs	Fixtures (Invite Only)
Mon	Year 5 Form Sports- Mr Hair	Year 7-11 Rounders- SHI	Afterschool Fixtures INVITE ONLY:
	Year 7 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Cricket- JBA/Mr Young	
Tues	Year 8 Summer Sports Club- Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Rounders- Mr Hair/Mrs Chandler	Year 7 and 8 Athletics Fixtures NBV/JBA/SHI
Weds	Year 9 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Tennis Club- Playground Mrs Clarke	Year 10 Athletics Fixtures- LJS/NBV/JBA
			Year 7/8 Cricket Fixtures- MPU Y8 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
Thurs	Year 10 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Cricket- Mr Hair	Year 7 Rounders Fixtures- SHI Year 9 Rounders Fixtures- EPR Y10 Rounders Fixtures- SHI/EPR
Fri	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Club - Miss Oldham		

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](#)



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.

VAGW Workshop

Next month, 22nd, 23rd & 24th May, each class from Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Violence Against Women (VAWG) workshop. Please see the following [information leaflet](#) for details and get in touch with your child's head of year if you have any further questions.



Year 5

Food Technology

Teachers have begun taking the Year 5s for Food Technology. The classes take part in both theory and practical lessons until the end of the summer term and will be able to bring home what they make and bake to share with the family. Children will be told in advance when they need to bring in their containers to bring home their creations. All ingredients will be supplied by the school however we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child which can be paid via ParentMail.



Please update class teachers if there have been any changes to your child's allergies or dietary requirements.

Armstrong - jchandler@bestacademies.org.uk

Brunel - csaunders@bestacademies.org.uk

Curie - rpackeer@bestacademies.org.uk

Da Vinci - lgibson@bestacademies.org.uk

Earhart - lhair@bestacademeis.org.uk

Year 6

KS2 SATs will be running from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. Our amazing Year 6 pupils are to arrive at school **at the normal time - 8.15.**

A reminder to all students to have a good rest this weekend and to spend some time doing something you enjoy. A huge good luck to everyone and remember that this is just one more week in your learning journey so far. Use what you know, do your best and do not worry about them. Have a good night's sleep before each one and SAT's breakfast at school will be available at 8.15pm each morning. Remember to bring your water bottle with you so you stay hydrated and finally, remember - we were already proud of you.

Year 6 blazer and skirt sizing event

This in school event will take place 25 June, 3.15pm-4pm - If you would like your child to try on blazers and skirts for sizing, the uniform company will be in school located in the Sports Hall at this time. It is only for sizing and there will be no new uniform available for purchasing. Go to Total Clothing website to place your order before 14 August 2024 to ensure it arrives before the start of term <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury>



Click [HERE](#) for the 2024 uniform guide.

Total Clothing are here to help you if you have any questions please call our Schools Team on 01733 394758, contact us via live chat on our website or email customerservices@totalclothing.co.uk who will be happy to advise 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, scientific calculator and water bottle.

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.

Duke of Edinburgh

Please fill out the consent to camp form for the practice expedition if your child is signed up to the D of E this term. Without this we will be unable to allow them to camp:

<https://forms.gle/Ui4ka5Q3XybE8fiX8> [Click here](#) for further important information.

Year 7

Author Visit

The English department has organised an author visit for Year 7 and 9 on 17 May. Sita Brahmachari will deliver a session based around 'Artichoke Hearts'. Please [click here](#) to read the letter for further details.

National Space Centre Trip

The science department is organising a day visit to the National Space Centre. We have decided to take 3 forms (7JS, 7LD and 7RG) on the 8th July 2024 and the remaining 2 forms (7BM and 7KP) on the 10th July 2024 please [click here](#) to view the letter and further information.

Mrs. B Wood - HOY

Year 8

Year 8 Natural History Museum

As a science based enrichment opportunity, we are organising a day visit to the Natural History Museum in London on Monday 3rd June 2024 please [click here](#) for the letter and further information.

Year 9

Author Visit

The English department has organised an author visit for Year 7 and 9 on 17 May. Sita Brahmachari will deliver a session based around 'When Shadows Fall' to Year 9 pupils. Please [click here](#) to read the letter for further details.

Year 10

Year 10 History Trip

Thank you to those who have ordered an optional trip hoody. I will be sending the order off next week. There will be a list of those who we have the order form from on the year 10 history google classroom on Friday - your child can access this. If there are any discrepancies, please email me ASAP on wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk

Also, if you have not done so already, the important information form needs to be completed as a matter of urgency now. Here is the link again:

<https://forms.gle/k3i13ahbqhMFbu5b8>



Year 10 Holocaust visit

We have the pleasure of the daughter of a Holocaust survivor visiting us on the 14th May to assist in the understanding for the year 12 A level history coursework on the topic. We have randomly selected some GCSE history students to attend this amazing opportunity as well. Students have been informed and the list is available on their history google classroom. Ms Young and Mrs Wood.

MFL & Music Mock Exams

Any Music and MFL students impacted by the amended mock exam timetable please be advised these exams will now be taking place in class during the dates Weds 8 May to Friday 17 May.

Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

Year 11

As we come closer to the end of the year and the exam period here are some dates for your diaries:

Thursday the 23rd of May: This will be the last day of school for year 11 prior to the start of study leave. Students will still be expected to attend school as normal between the 8th of May to the 23rd of May. They will be in lessons as normal during this period unless they are in exams.

Friday the 24th of May: Study leave starts. Beyond this point students are only to attend school beyond this point if they are attending an exam. If students have an exam in both the morning and the afternoon and do not wish to return home between these exams we will provide them with a space to quietly revise in.

As a reminder students are expected to attend exams in full school uniform.

MFL

In MFL we are delighted with the progress all students have made in French and German over the last term. We have now started our revision lessons and will be doing our May exam in the next two weeks.

Year 11 will be taking their final exams between May and June and their last day in class will be 23rd May when we will bid them farewell...They have been truly amazing..

Further to this we will be running JIT (just in time) sessions prior to each of the exams. You can find a full timetable of these sessions by using the following link:

[Year 11 JIT Timetable](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the exam period please do get in touch! Mr D Sutcliffe - HOY

Mathematics Revision Sessions

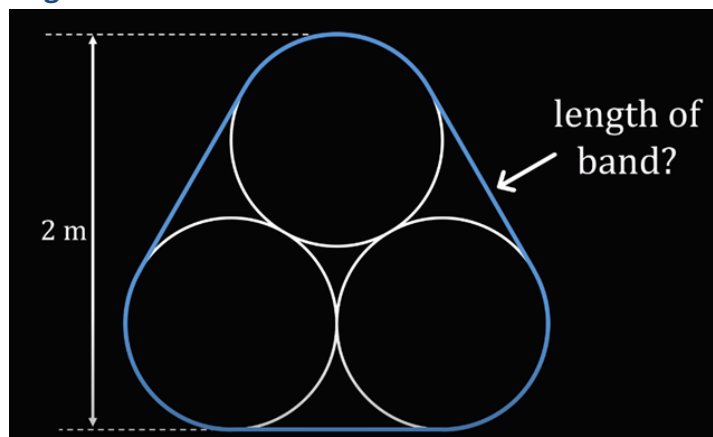
Tuesday afternoon revision sessions. These run from 1530 to 1630 each week. If your son/daughter does not already attend these but you would like them to join this free provision, please would you email Mr Vanner (lvanner@bestacademies.org.uk) or Mr Sutcliffe (dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk).

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.

- [foundation](#)
- [higher](#)

Weekly Maths Challenge from Mr Vanner



Last week's solution - [click here](#)

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.


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](#).



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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.



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

SIXTH FORM



Year 12 Holocaust visit

We have the pleasure of the daughter of a Holocaust survivor visiting us on the 14th May to assist in the understanding for the year 12 A level history coursework on the topic. We have randomly selected some GCSE history students to attend this amazing opportunity as well. Students have been informed and the list is available on their history google classroom. Ms Young and Mrs Wood



Year 12 Work Experience

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, and develop their CV. All students in Year 12 are going to be on work experience from Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2024. In this period there will be no classes - each day all students will be at the workplace of their host employer.

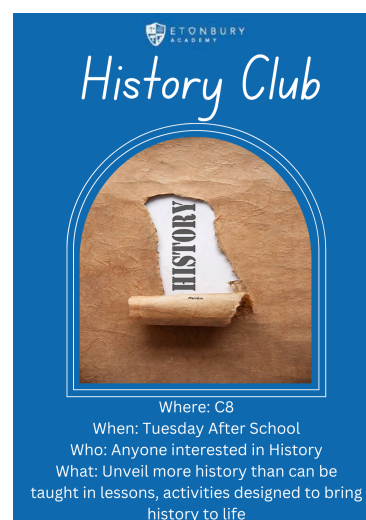
We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

For further information about the work experience programme please refer to the attached letter for Mrs C Dowden. ([see attached PDF](#))

CLUB INFORMATION



- **LAMDA Dates** - 13 May and 20 May. - If you have any questions please email jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk
Due to the school closure, we will be adding extra time to two of the LAMDA sessions to make up for the session missed this week. The second session will be on 13th May. The session will be an extra 45 mins long and will end at 5:45 pm each evening.
- **P.E.** Please [click here](#) for the new PE club timetable. Please remember to book via Epraise.
- **Extra-curricular Complete Clubs List** - A new extracurricular clubs list will be published after Easter, look out for these in next week's bulletin.
- **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
- **Extracurricular Clubs List** - [click here](#) to download.



There will be a new **History club** starting after the May half term, on a Tuesday after school - this will be added to Epraise where students can sign up to attend.

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.
- Saturday morning music club run by **Inspiring Music** CBC - [click here](#) to view
- Please [click here](#) to view the local **Children's Centre** timetable.
- **Ivel Valley Coffee Morning** and Chat - [23 May](#) / [12 July](#)
- **Parent and Professional Insight sessions** - This informative session will offer attendees the opportunity to find out up to date issues children and young people face in a digital world- including grooming, cyber bullying and the sending of indecent images. The session will also look at how the online space can also be used to criminally exploit children. Parent Session Thursday 9th May 9.30-10.30am. To register [click here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Fri 17 May	Author Visit Year 7 & 9
Mon 20 May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
22 / 23 / 24 May	Year 5 / 6 Workshop in school
Thurs 23 May	Last day of school for Year 11 students
Fri 24 May	Break for Half Term - Year 11 begin study leave
Mon 3 June	Back to School (Pupils & Staff)

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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