



17 May 2024

Principal Message

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 6 students who have made it through their SATS week. They have been celebrating their achievements with various activities in school to include a visit from an ice cream van - treats were enjoyed by all Year 6 students.

Another set of the main suite of GCSE exams has taken place this week, our Year 11 students once again, have been fantastic and continued to show true resilience. The 'Just in Time' sessions are proving really popular, giving the students a last minute boost before their exams. It's great to see happy faces as they enter and exit their exams. We wish them continued success in the weeks to come.

This week, author Sita Brahmachari visited year 7 and 9 students. Renowned authors engaged with both year groups during the visit. Year 7 students explored the 2011 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize winner, 'Artichoke Hearts', which is written in diary form and portrays a pivotal month in a girl's life filled with changes like her grandmother's illness and her first experience with love. On the other hand, year 9 students delved into 'When Shadows Fall', which was included in 'The Times' Best Books for Children 2021 list. This book narrates a poignant story of loss, grief, and a life in turmoil, ultimately highlighting hope and the strength of friendship.



Last weekend over 40 students took part in their Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition. In true ETA style of picking the weekend with extreme weather (two years ago it was -5°) this year the students were walking in 25° heat. Regardless of the temperature they powered through, collectively walking over 150 miles over the course of the expedition.

At midnight many of the students emerged from their tents to have the once in a lifetime experience of seeing The Northern Lights. It really was an incredible experience. Many of them commented on the irony of travelling to Iceland, only to end up seeing them on the school field! Sorry Mrs Harbour and Mrs Hume!



Our Silver DofE Students headed to Shuttleworth Airfield where they were able to explore the engineering and vintage hangers. The Bronze Students expressed they feel much more prepared for their real expedition now, and were an absolute credit to the school with members of the public emailing in to say how polite, friendly and (in true DofE spirit) helpful students were of their hikes. I know I can speak for the whole leader team when I say we also had a wonderful time and were so proud of them all! To view some more of the photos from the weekend please [click here](#).

An exceptional display by the ETA Year 10 girls against a strong Mark Rutherford team has secured our spot in the District Final. Kayah scored crucial goals, while Martha and Gemma stood out as star players.



Congratulations girls on your excellent teamwork and determination. We now look forward to the District Final, details to be confirmed.

We have also had our termly visit from a consultant school improvement advisor to audit the teaching and learning and ensure we are providing high standards of education. I am sure you will be delighted to hear that we were rewarded with excellent feedback and reassurance that we have exceptional staff

doing the best work utilising our 'excellent resources' and having children working in 'a calm and purposeful environment'.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Mrs. J Young - Principal

Everyone is respectful

Together we care

Always aim higher

The ETA way

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](#)



Current Vacancies

Girls PE Teacher

Closing Midnight 19th May 2024

We are looking for a passionate and energetic PE teacher who can work with us as we strive to bring about rapid improvement to secure the best progress for our learners. You will be joining a growing team who have a breadth of experience.



Head of Geography

Closing Midnight 19th May 2024

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.



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

A menu graphic for Korean Street Food. The background is pink with a white torn-paper effect. The text is in a mix of bold, black, and white fonts. At the bottom, there is a white banner with the text 'Coming to you on 23rd May' and a drawing of a pink hibiscus flower.

Korean Street Food

Korean Style Bulgogi Burger

Flavoured with Korean 7 spice seasoning, finished with, cheese, Asian Slaw & Spicy Gochujang Mayo

Korean Corn Dog (v)

Vegetarian Sausage coated in a batter with Korean 7 spice seasoned Panko Breadcrumbs & chopped up fries, drizzled with Sriracha & American Mustard

Homemade Chapssal

Korean Style Doughnut filled with a aduki bean & fruit jam, coated in Cinnamon Sugar

Coming to you on 23rd May

Our catering company Taylor Shaw is hosting a Korean Street Food theme day.

Please see the award winning options that feature as our main menu on the 23rd May.

The usual choices of sandwiches, baguettes, paninis, jacket potatoes, pasta pots and salads will still be available on this day.



What is Media studies?

Media Studies at Key Stage 4 and 5 helps our students to understand the media industry and how it operates both in terms of targeting audiences at national and global levels and how people are influenced by the industry and the texts they produce.



KS4 & KS5, knowledge and skills we teach

At both key stage 4 & 5 our students are equipped with transferable analytical skills and desktop publishing skills are taught to enable them to flourish in the wider world of work once they leave us. They leave with a breadth of knowledge regarding the media industry in all its forms and skills acquired would be desirable in many future career paths. Students are also taught about representation of various social groups and how those representations have changed over time.

Where Media studies can take you

Media links to and provide a starting point for a variety of careers including journalism and reporting, publicity and promotion, advertising, tv and radio production, game designing, animation, desktop publishing



YEAR 11

It's that time of year again where, at Etonbury, we are about to wish a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 11 students who are about to sit their final exams before embarking on the next chapter of their lives. We wish them well in their examinations and every success for the future. Media students have produced some fantastic, professional and creative magazine covers and double page spread articles for their coursework pieces for submission this year and we hope this high level of achievement and creativity continues for next year's cohort of year 10.

YEAR 10

Students have studied a range of media texts in year 10 including, advertising campaigns such as This Girl Can, which is promoting more females to take up sports, the Bond Franchise including the latest Bond film from the franchise, No Time to Die and The Man with the Golden Gun film posters and analysis of The Sun & Guardian newspaper front covers and Vogue and GQ magazine covers. They have just worked very hard studying these texts and undertaken their mock exams which have gone well. They are just beginning preparation for their coursework unit of study which will be worth 30% of their final grade. We wish them well with this and are looking forward to seeing draft versions of these in the summer then final production pieces in the Autumn term.



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



What a week for sporting successes!

In athletics this week Jack year 10 smashed the school record for 800m in 2 minutes and 10 seconds!! Lucas also year 10 set two new records, in the 300m in an amazing 38.4 seconds! His long jump recorded an impressive 5m 23cm! WOW!

Our year 7 & 8 athletics students also competed against Alameda and Henlow - star performances from Poppy, Luka and Layla.

The year 10 girls football team secured a spot in the District Final! Date and time to be confirmed - excellent strength, determination and teamwork!



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)
EXTRA CURRICULAR	Mon	Year 5 Form Sports- Mr Hair Year 7 Summer Sports Club - Field	Year 7-11 Rounders- SHI Year 7-11 Cricket- JBA/Mr Young <i>Afterschool Fixtures INVITE ONLY:</i>
	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



Tadiswa (Brunel) travelled to Amsterdam this weekend to take part in a cheerleading competition and her team came first! Congratulations ★

Brooke (Brunel) and Taryn (DaVinci) performed in the Gordon Craig show 'We will Rock you' and were absolutely fantastic! Mrs Saunders, their class teacher went to watch! ★



Food Technology

Next week in Food Technology the year 5's are making pita pizza's - please send your child into school with a **named container** to take their cookery creations home in. This will be on either Thursday or Friday. Any questions, please email your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Year 6

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.

Year 7



Food Technology and MFL Day Trip to Boulogne

Next academic year when your child is in year 8 as part of our Year 8 food technology lessons and to link with MFL lessons students will be studying French bakeries and the food they make. There is the opportunity to take some students on a day trip to Boulogne in October 2024 - [please click here](#) for further information and to register your interest.

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.

Key Stage 3 Mathematics Summer Assessments: Year 7

Students will be taking their Summer assessments for Mathematics after the half term break. Year 7 will be taking their assessment in the week commencing 17th June.

Please would parents ensure that children have all the basic equipment ready for these assessments, i.e. **pen, pencil, ruler and a scientific calculator**.

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.

Key Stage 3 Mathematics Summer Assessments: Year 8

Students will be taking their Summer assessments for Mathematics after the half term break.

Year 8 will be taking their assessment in the week commencing 10th June. Students will be assigned to maths sets in Year 9, so this assessment will be used, together with teacher assessment of student performance over the course of the year, to determine classes for September.

Please would parents ensure that children have all the basic equipment ready for these assessments, i.e. **pen, pencil, ruler and a scientific calculator**.

Year 9

Key Stage 3 Mathematics Summer Assessments: Year 9

Students will be taking their Summer assessments for Mathematics after the half term break. Year 9 will be taking their assessment in the week commencing 17th June.

Please would parents ensure that children have all the basic equipment ready for these assessments, i.e. **pen, pencil, ruler and a scientific calculator**.

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>



Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

Year 11

We have had several parents contact the school to request students leave the school site after exams this week. Before study leave commences this is not something the school can facilitate. Normal absence procedures should be followed, if your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please notify absence as per normal guidelines. If your child is feeling unwell after an exam and needs to go home, they need to attend the medical office where they will be seen by our medical officer. You will be contacted if it is deemed necessary for your child to go home. Any questions, please contact Mr Pullinger or Mr Sutcliffe. The last day of school remains Thursday 23rd May, after this students will only be required to attend school for their exams. 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.

[Year 11 JIT Timetable](#)

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

Year 11: Tuesday maths revision sessions

On Tuesday 14th May, we ran our final after-school revision session for Year 11.

I am delighted to let you know that over the course of the year, we have delivered **over 1050 hours of free, dedicated GCSE revision** to our students, who have turned up reliably every week since September. I am confident that this will help many students to achieve the best possible result in their GCSE Mathematics. Best wishes Mr Vanner.

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

Every student at Ranmore College selected one language (French or Mandarin) and one science subject (Chemistry or Physics).

60 students chose Physics and Mandarin. 100 students chose Chemistry.

Twice as many students chose French as chose Mandarin.

120 students selected either Physics or Mandarin but not both.

	French	Mandarin	Total
Chemistry			100
Physics		60	
Total			?

How many students are at Ranmore College?

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](#).

SIXTH FORM



Driving Lesson / Test - Permission Form

We encourage our students in learning how to drive and support this by allowing students to book lessons during their study periods. However, students must avoid booking a driving lesson or test during a timetabled lesson.

By completing the google form below, you are giving permission for your child to leave school in order to attend their driving lesson and/or test.

<https://forms.gle/YqL1RvP336UgnC838>

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.

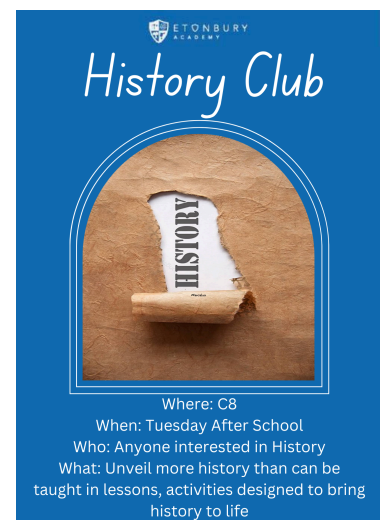
We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

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
- **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



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)

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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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