



24 May 2024

Principal Message

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. Our Year 11 pupils are now on study leave, GCSE exams will continue after the May half term and we wish them continued success in the weeks to come.

I would like to take the opportunity this week to mention the importance of excellent school attendance and thank you for your continued support. Here at Etonbury attendance is above the national average, something we work very hard to maintain. Our school Attendance Policy is available on our website, and it outlines both our expectations and the actions that we take if a child's attendance drops.

Our aim is always to work with you, our parents and families and we have invested in additional resources to support improving attendance further. As you know, school attendance is a critical factor in being both successful and happy in school. Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 9 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total. Please continue to support your child's school attendance and to make every minute in school count.

There are lots of in school enrichment opportunities, extra curricular activities and events in the diary for next half term. The summer term is always a very active and busy time in the academic year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back Monday 3 June.

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.



SEND

Individual Education Plans (IEPs): If your child is on our SEND register you will have been sent their most recent IEP via email (please check your spam folders). The email also contains a link to a Google Form where we encourage you to leave your feedback. Thank you as always for all of your engagement with students' IEPs, our staff find your comments most helpful in ensuring we implement the best possible support. The feedback form will close on the 14th June.

Student IT filtering and monitoring

From the 3rd June 2024 onwards, we will be using a new piece of software called Senso which will monitor all student activity on school computers. This will enable us to ensure that students are safe when using IT in school. For more details please see [SENSO](#) the letter sent by Mr Kirkman.

Term Dates - 2024 / 2025

Guitar Lessons

Allan Simpson BA, Guitar teacher currently has availability for student lessons at Etonbury - please [click here](#) to view more information. alsimpsontr@gmail.com

Etonbury SEND Coffee Morning

Etonbury Academy is delighted to be hosting a SEND coffee morning, led by Miss Phillips, SEND Co-ordinator. The focus of the morning is ADHD, aiming to support parents and carers of children with SEND by connecting them to the Early Intervention Team and Child Development Centre. Due to space limitations this event is only open to parents and families of young people who have a diagnosis of ADHD or are under the assessment pathway.

ADHD & how to help!

Tues 9 July 9 - 11am

eta-sen@bestacademies.org.uk

Click here to book: [Booking request - SEND Coffee Morning - Supporting ADHD - 9th July 24 \(google.com\)](#)
We will also operate a waiting list to offer places for any cancellations.



ETONBURY
ACADEMY

PRESENTS

THE NEXT GENERATION

SCHOOL of ROCK

MUSICAL



School Group Production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd
Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White

Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics by
Glenn Slater

Script by
Julian Fellows

16TH, 17TH & 18TH JULY
6PM

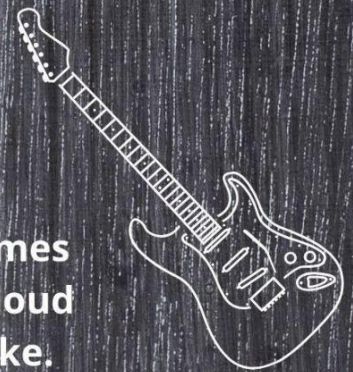
Tickets can be purchased
via Parentmail
£10 Adult

£8 Concession

If you do not have access to Parentmail and
would like to purchase a ticket, please contact
etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk



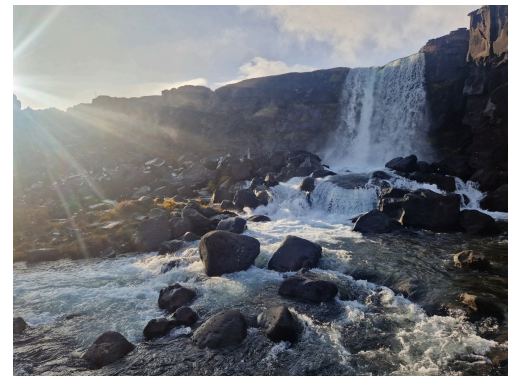
Please be aware that this show comes
with language content warning, a loud
live band, flashing lights and smoke.





Hello! I'm Mrs Harbour, Head of Geography at ETA for the last 4 years. During this time, I have overseen a revamp of the curriculum from KS3 all the way through to KS5. We are very proud of the GCSE results that our students have achieved over the last few years. I have also introduced a number of experiences for our students, such as our biannual Iceland Trip for Year 9 and 10, our 5-day residential trip to Dorset for Year 12 to collect data for their NEA and our 2-night residential trip to Sheringham with Year 10 in preparation for their Paper 3 exam. I have been teaching Geography for the past 8 years in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire schools. I love my subject, love to enthuse students about the world around them and encourage them to ask big questions! I enjoy fieldwork opportunities, getting out to see some real Geography and inspiring awe and wonder.

My name is Mrs. Hume and I have been teaching for 22 years! I went to the university of Portsmouth and studied geographical science, and I specialised in physical geography, so I studied rivers, coasts and climate. I did my dissertation on the impact of



change on mountain climates and was lucky enough to carry out my research in the Rocky Mountains. I love the outdoors and often go for walks around our local area. I love the views you get from the top of Pegsdon Hills or the fun of walking through the river at Barton Le Clay. Geography helps us to understand the world around us and I absolutely love it.



Mrs Thompson joined the Geography team in 2022. She is an Engineering Graduate from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh and has previously worked in industry for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. She completed a PGCE at De Montfort University in Design Technology and has been a teacher for 30 years, first working at Etonbury Academy from 2007-2014. She returned in 2022 and is currently teaching Food Tech, DT, Engineering, Geography and History across years 7 and 8.

If you have any questions about Geography at Etonbury, please feel free to email me on lharbour@bestacademies.org.uk





Please follow our [Facebook](#) or [X](#) (formerly Twitter) pages where you can keep up to date with our latest PE Legends of the week awards, fixtures and results, updates and notices on lessons, clubs, fixtures. Students must sign up for clubs via Epraise, this is our register platform and some clubs have a maximum limit for staff ratios.

Clubs run from 3.30-4.30, Primary students are held from 3.15-3.30 until PE staff have finished teaching. Please collect children from the 'D', not The Pendleton car park.

For fixtures, parents/carers will get an email inviting their child to participate with full details and a google form to complete.

Our P.E. club timetable will be changing after the May half term. Please check our social media channels towards the end of the first week back. The next timetable will also be published in the weekly bulletin. Please remember to sign up via ePraise, any question or messages please email the teacher responsible for the club..

If you have a question about one of the after school activities or clubs please email the teacher who coordinates the club, email addresses all follow the same pattern, initialsurname@bestacademies.org.uk Teacher details can be viewed on Epraise where you sign up for the club.

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. To ease congestion in the mornings year 5 will now be entering via the gate to the left of reception and year 6 via the gate on the right. Please ensure your child/ren arrive before the gates close at 8.25am. Thank you for your cooperation.

Orange Book Club Update

As you are aware the children are asked to read, at least, 3 times a week to an adult as part of their homework and hopefully for enjoyment. Their Orange Books are checked & marked weekly in school and if they have achieved this they receive an Orange Stamp. When they receive a total of 6 Orange

Stamps in their book, they can attend the 'Orange Book Club' which is held on Thursday lunchtimes.

When they attend the club, they get to claim a reward book, from our wide range of books, to acknowledge their effort and achievement, they also get recognised in our assemblies.

I am so pleased to be able to share with you all, that since September 2023, we have issued over **536 books** to the children.

Some of the children have been superstars and have claimed 5 books from the club already. The buzz as they all line up waiting to collect a book is fantastic and makes us smile as we watch them choose a book that they can keep or swap with a friend once they have read it.



Well done to all of the children that have received a book (or 5) and we look forward to issuing many more books before the end of the school year. Every child has the opportunity to claim a book after half term as we have 7 weeks until the school year ends! Good luck everyone!

If over half term, or at any time, you find yourselves clearing out any books suitable for us to recycle and use to present to the children, then please drop them into school for the attention of Juniors and the Orange Book Club. Thank you.

Year 5

This week year 5 had their first practical lesson in food technology. We very much enjoyed making (and eating!!) our pitta pizzas. We hope you got to taste them too!

After half term Year 5 will be studying 'Animals' in Science. As part of the statutory Science National Curriculum, they will have a lesson on puberty followed by two separate groups of girls and boys. This will be an opportunity for the children to talk about the physical changes which occur during puberty. Any questions contact your child's class teacher.



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.

Harry Potter Trip

Please [click here](#) to view the final arrangements for the Year 6 Harry Potter trip after the May half term.

Mars Class update

After half term, Mars class will be taught by Mr Thomson, a member of our secondary teaching team. This will be for most part of the half term, Miss Oldham will finish the academic year with the class before they transition to secondary. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Crockford or Mr Sale.

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

Science Trip - Monday 3 June

Please [click here](#) to view the final arrangements for the year 8 science trip, Monday 3 June.

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

Year 9 Options

After some last-minute changes for some pupils, I am happy to now be in a position to confirm your child's options for next year. A letter has been sent home with your child, confirming the 4 options that will be part of their curriculum next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate getting in touch. Mr R Baga rbaga@bestacademies.org.uk.

Key Stage 3 Mathematics Summer Assessments: Year 9

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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 subject consultation evening

We will be holding our virtual subject consultation evenings for year 10 parents on the 12th and 13th June. Please make sure you have booked your appointments, bookings close on Sunday 9th June. Book here - <https://etonburyacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

Year 11

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

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

Ann is late to a meeting in progress. After she joins the room, the average age of all people in the room increases by exactly 4 years. A few minutes later her twin sister Beth joins the meeting and the average age of all people in the room increases again by exactly 3 years. How many people were in the room before Ann entered?

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](#).



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



- **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



Parents and guardians of students taking part in this year's **School of Rock** performance please [click here](#) to view Mrs Brahmachari-Limb's letter which details rehearsal dates and important performance information. If you have any questions please email jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademes.org.uk

- **Extracurricular Clubs List** - [click here](#) to download.
- **LAMDA** - jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk dates for after half term are; 3, 10, 17, 24 June and the exam is Monday 1 July - no session after school. Please [click here](#) to view the LAMDA showcase letter and invitation to parents to view the hard work of our LAMDA students.
- **P.E.** There will be a new PE timetable after the May half term, clubs will start again week 2.

- **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.



The poster features a decorative border of green leaves and flowers. The title 'ETA's Reading Cafe' is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below the title, the text 'Bring your lunch and discuss your favourite books and characters, or simply enjoy somewhere to read while you eat!' is centered. To the left, there is an illustration of a stack of four books with the text 'SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME' on their spines, next to a pink mug with steam rising from it. To the right, the event details are listed: 'Every Thursday in D8 1:30 - 2:15'.

ETA's Reading Cafe

Bring your lunch and discuss your favourite books and characters, or simply enjoy somewhere to read while you eat!

Every Thursday in D8
1:30 - 2:15

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.
- EHCP annual review support - [click here](#)
- 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 - [12 July](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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|------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Mon 3 June | Back to School (Pupils & Staff) Year 8 Science Trip |
| 6 June | Year 6 Harry Potter Trip Group 1 |
| Mon 10 June | Year 6 Harry Potter Trip Group 2 |
| Weds 12 June | Year 10 BTEC Visit |
| Weds 12 / Thur 13 June | Year 10 Parents Consultations |
| Tues 25 June | Year 4 Parent Information Evening / Total Clothing |
| Fri 28 June | Year 11 Prom |

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