



7 June 2024

## Principal Message

This week we welcomed students and staff back after the May half term. It's been a very active first week with trips, workshops, GCSE's and various sporting activities.

We began the week taking every Year 8 who wanted to go to the Natural History Museum in London; we were delighted that virtually the entire year group signed up for this trip and they enjoyed a wonderful experience and day out in the museum, bringing their science lessons and learning to life. Being able to offer pupils the opportunity to experience learning outside of the classroom is very much our curriculum vision as we seek to 'develop the learner, develop the person.'

Our first group of Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a day trip to the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio, walking in the footsteps of Harry Potter at Hogwarts. Treading the original stone floor of the Hogwarts' iconic Great Hall and wandering down Diagon Alley. The Studio Tour offered the unique opportunity to explore two soundstages, as well as a back lot that's filled with original sets, animatronic creatures, and breathtaking special effects. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their post SATs treat exploring the wonders of the Wizarding World and sharing the magic of the studio tour. Group 2 are off to the wizarding world next week!

Please keep an eye on the bulletin and any emails from the school, as we have a large number of trips and visits planned for the rest of this term and into early next school year. Our aim is to offer a wide variety of trips that span each year group, both whole year group and subject specific experiences.

Earlier in the week our sixth form BTEC Forensic Science students were presented with a mystery as part of the crime scene forensics module of the qualification. Since beginning their studies with us in September 2023, the students have learned about various aspects of chemistry and biology that form the framework of techniques used by Crime Scene technicians to both build a case for the prosecution of a perpetrator but also eliminate suspects from Police enquiries [click here](#) to read the full write up from Mrs Webster.



We are thrilled to be celebrating the first year of our ETA Sixth Form! This milestone represents not just the hard work and dedication of our students, but also the unwavering support of the whole school community to include staff, parents and our colleagues at Bedfordshire Schools Trust.



Over the past year our Sixth Form students have demonstrated remarkable academic achievements, innovative thinking and a strong sense of community. As we celebrate our success we look forward to a future of further growth, new courses and extracurricular opportunities. Please do take the time to read the press release from BEST - [click here](#) to view.

Look out for our new photos on the website and across our different marketing channels. We had our school photographer in this week to update our stock of images.

We also opened our staff wellbeing garden this week, for a relaxing peaceful sanctuary for staff to enjoy their lunch or even a meeting in an outside space!



Please be advised, next week, a major agricultural show near Newnham and Bygrave, Baldock, may cause road congestion and disruptions along the A1 and A507 from Mon 10 to Weds 12. Plan for possible delays affecting school travel.

Have a relaxing 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.

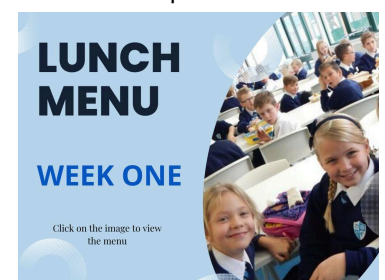


### Staff Car Park

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.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## Student IT filtering and monitoring

We are now 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](#) / [2025/2026](#)

## Summer Uniform

We have recently updated our uniform policy for the summer term - please [click here](#) to view the letter and further details.

## Recruitment

Etonbury Academy is looking for a RE Lead & Humanities Teacher to join the team! Interested? Find out more and apply via the My New Term website [Click here to view](#).

## Water Safety

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety please [click here](#) to read.

## THE PATHWAYSTILL

FREE six-week anxiety group workshop offers you the chance to break free from anxiety and embrace a brighter future for children and adults - [click here](#) for more information.



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.

**BEST** logo

## 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](mailto: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.



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.

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

### **P.E. clubs will not be running after school this half term.**

Any questions please email [shilton@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Year 5**

#### **Food Tech Reminder**

Year 5 will need a named, watertight container for food technology next week please!

## 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](mailto:customerservices@totalclothing.co.uk) who will be happy to advise you.**



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH @ ETA



We are looking forward to the DofE Bronze Expedition on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June! (More info for Silver's will come out shortly)

Please fill out the consent to camp form: <https://forms.gle/ZUjpTW2MLWdenxnC7>

Please [click here](#) to view the full itinerary for the weekend.

Elissa & The DofE Team [ehilsden@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ehilsden@bestacademies.org.uk)

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and the remaining 2 forms (7BM and 7KP) on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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 **10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rbaga@bestacademies.org.uk).

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## Year 10

### **Year 10 subject consultation evening**

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

### **Maths**

Students have been set an online task to complete at the Mathswatch website.

This must be completed by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, for **either** the Foundation tier **or** the Higher tier.

This is part of the extensive package of support that the Mathematics team offer our students, in addition to the work covered in our lessons.

Parents will receive an email with the score achieved, in the week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We will follow up on students who do not complete the work to a good standard during lunchtimes from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Year 10 GCSE History students**

I am offering extra catch up sessions on Thursday lunchtimes. Students are able to bring their lunch. Here is the programme for the rest of this half term and we will continue into year 1. Many thanks Ms W Young.



History lunchtime revision  
Thursday  
C7 – 1.45-2.15

Congratulations to all our Year 10s on completing their work experience placements before half term. We have received some incredible feedback from their employers and they have represented themselves and Etonbury wonderfully. All have left with invaluable experiences and some students have even left with offers of apprenticeships and Saturday jobs!

Date	
13th June	Early cold war
20th June	Development of the cold war
27th June	Cuba
11th July	Berlin

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

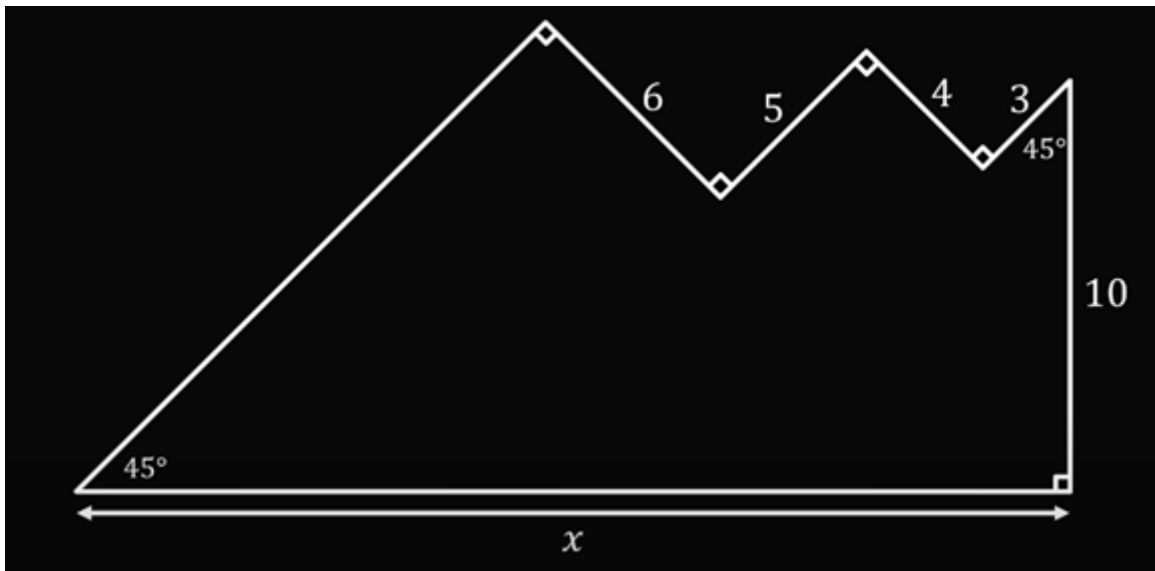
### **GCSE Maths Revision Schedules**

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**

What is the length of the base?



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

### Summer Exams

Written examinations commence on [Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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



### Exams Update

Year 12 mocks will be taking place between Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All students will now have received an electronic personalised timetable. A printed copy which will indicate rooming and seat allocations will be handed out in due course. During mock exam week students will be attending school for exams only. They are to study from home in-between lessons.

Exams are run in accordance with JCQ regulations. It is important that students are familiar with these guidelines.

Please see the below links:

[Information for Candidate - Preparing to sit your exams](#)

[Information for Candidates - Written Examinations](#)

[Information for Candidates - Social Media](#)

### **Work Experience (WEX) Week - July 1st to 5th**

A small number of students still need to secure a WEX placement. Please encourage your child to find a placement this week.

### **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.

[Driving Lesson/Test Form](#)

### **Sixth Form Taster Day - June 26th**

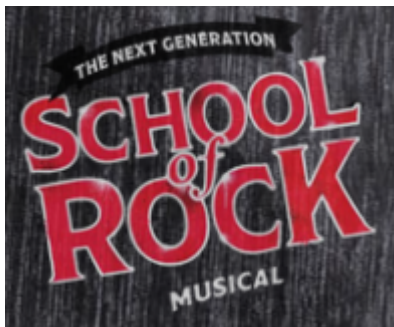
Year 11 students who have been issued a conditional offer letter will be attending a Taster Day on June 26th. This a great opportunity to experience lessons in their subjects of choice, discover the enrichment opportunities available and enjoy our new Sixth Form centre, please put this date in your diary.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademes.org.uk)

**Sunday 7th July there will be a dress rehearsal for School of Rock! Please register your child to attend by completing the google form below:**

[School of Rock Sunday Rehearsal Form](#)

**Extracurricular Clubs List** - [click here](#) to download.

**LAMDA** - [jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Homework timetable** - [click here to view](#).

**Homework Club** runs every Monday and Tuesday after school with Miss Nicole.

## 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](#)
- CBC local transport plan and student survey - [click here](#)
- Age 14-18 yrs - could you be a library volunteer? [click here](#) for more information....
- SEND Health Focus Week - click here for more information - link to book below  
[SEND Health Focus Week 24](#)

**SEND Health Focus Week**  
June 2024

A week of talks and workshops for professionals, parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) living in Luton and Bedfordshire.

**TALKS INCLUDING**

- How to support your teenager with SEND
- The Positives of Neurodiversity
- Tics & Tourettes
- SEND & Dietetics: Making Mealtimes Manageable

**Educate Empower Encourage**

Find out more - [www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/shfw24](http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/shfw24)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## What's Happening?

Mon 10 June	Year 6 Harry Potter Trip Group 2
Weds 12 June	Year 10 BTEC Visit - Everyone is Talking About Jamie
Weds 12 / Thur 13 June	Year 10 Parents Consultations
Fri 14 / Sat 15 June	D of E Bronze
Mon 17 / Fri 21 June	Year 12 Geography Trip
Mon 24 June	LAMDA Parent Showcase 5 - 7pm
Tues 25 June	Year 4 Parent Information Evening / Total Clothing
Weds 26 June	Sixth Form Induction Day

Thurs 27 / Fri 28 June

D of E Silver

Fri 28 June

Year 11 Prom & SEND Primary Step up morning

Mon 1 July

Year 12 Criminology Workshop & LAMDA exams

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