

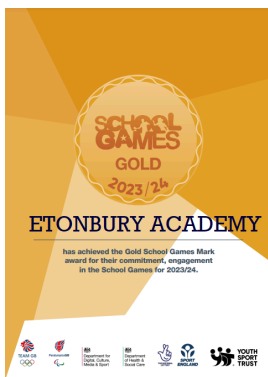


14 June 2024

Principal Message

This week our GCSE's students sat their final core exams, next week we have the final music, food and language exams, please do keep an eye out for further information about results day and then GCSE certificate collection later in the year. This will be published in our weekly bulletin and sent to the students' school email accounts too.

On Monday we had Helen McCord senior lecturer from UCL Centre for Holocaust Education come in to deliver a specialist talk about the historiography of the Holocaust with year 12 to further develop their understanding. Students created a timeline to identify turning points for the Holocaust and explored historians' beliefs about the origins of the Holocaust supported by personal stories. Students were also given a copy of the UCL textbook to further their understanding in preparation for them to write their coursework.



We are delighted to share with you all that this week we have achieved SPORTS MARK GOLD! This is the fourth year running we have achieved this prestigious award!

As a school, we have been awarded this for commitment to the development of sport across the school and into the local community. We are exceptionally proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of sport, including volunteers, leaders and officials through PE clubs within our local community.

A true testament to the dedicated staff and students at Etonbury - thank you to everyone involved, very special thanks to Miss Hilton, our PE department and all those who make a contribution to the sporting clubs and opportunities at school

We are exceptionally proud of our year 9 and 10 girls who played in the District Cup Final against Samuel Whitbread Academy earlier this week, an amazing game to watch and a very valiant effort, fabulous football and the most fantastic teamwork on the pitch - well done!

Year 10, GCSE students have been making great progress with their Hospitality & Catering practical work, most recently they have been developing their piping techniques with meringues and vegan cupcakes and also perfecting the art of using a blowtorch for their creme brulees.

The UK-wide celebration for all school staff is back again this year, National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on 19 June! This year is all about gratitude, recognising the long-lasting impact that education has on individuals and throughout society. So if you know a special teacher, teaching assistant, librarian or even a whole school team, anyone who works in an education setting, make their day and let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card at www.thankateacher.co.uk



Have a relaxing weekend.

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.



Please [click here](#) to view.




Attendance Matters

Please be advised there has been an update to the policy with regards to absence and holidays in term time. As a school we have tried to support families during the cost-of-living crisis and would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that a new government policy is coming into effect as of the 19th August 2024. After the policy amends come into place families will be issued with a fine from CBC for any holiday taken during term time.

If you have any questions, please see the guidance [here](#) to make it easier for you. click to view [Attendance Matters image](#).



Term Dates - [2024 / 2025](#) / [2025/2026](#)

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.




You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school




Summer Uniform

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


ETONBURY ACADEMY PRESENTS

THE SCHOOL OF ROCK

16th, 17th & 18th JULY
6pm - 8.30pm approx.




Tickets can be purchased via Parentmail
£10 Adult
£8 Concession

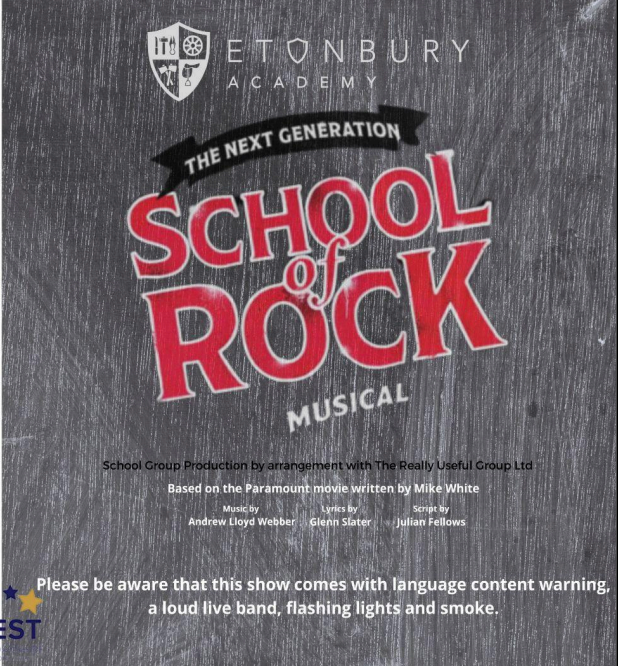


If you are not a parent or guardian please email or call the school office for tickets.

01462 730391 etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk



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



ETONBURY ACADEMY
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 Fellowes

PE DEPARTMENT



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.

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](#)



I'm delighted to introduce myself, Mrs Ogunseitan, the new Head of Languages at Etonbury Academy. I'm pleased to join the team and will be teaching French and Spanish from September onwards.

With over 16 years of experience teaching French and Spanish in schools in London and Bedfordshire, I will make use of my experience and knowledge to ensure students have an enjoyable experience in learning a language while achieving their full potential. I am confident that with your support, our students will become confident linguists.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work in making sure our students thrive in their learning at Etonbury academy.

Please [click here](#) to read more about our fabulous department.

ETA JUNIORS



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JUNIORS

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.

Primary PE Lessons

Next week in our Primary PE lessons we will be focusing on the EUROS! From Monday 17 all Primary pupils will need football boots and shin pads for both their PE lessons

Don't forget your banners!

Ice Pops on Sale Next Week - Years 5 & 6

Our Sixth Form students will be selling multi coloured ice pops to years 5 and 6 students on **Wednesday 19th June** during breaktime -10:50 am to 11:10 am. The ice pops are **cash only** purchases and will be on sale for **50p each**. The proceeds of the sale will be shared between future junior school activities and also a LGBTQIA+ registered charity Stonewall.org.uk. The charity provides a wide range of support and information to the LGBTQIA+ community, including helplines for both parents and children.

ETONBURY ACADEMY

YEAR 4 TRANSITION EVENTS

Friday 21 June Yr 4 Feeder Lower Sch Sports Event

Tuesday 25 June Welcome Information Evening

Friday 5th July Step-up Day at ETA

MORE INFO :

☎ 01462 730391 ✉ etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk

🌐 www.etonburyacademy.org.uk



Year 5

Food Tech Reminder

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

All classes have enjoyed practicing their knife skills in the kitchen this week when they made a delicious fruit salad as part of their food technology lessons.



Art & Textiles

Year 5 students will be creating 'ETA FEST' t-shirts as part of their textiles/graphics project this half term. Please can I ask that they bring in an old (or new) white cotton t-shirt to use.

If you have any difficulty in being able to supply one, please email stsmith@bestacademies.org.uk so we can support where possible. If they could bring them into their art lessons by the week beginning the 17th June, then we can start tie-dyeing them.

Year 6

Youth Sports Trust Swimming Survey

We are gathering Data for the Youth Sports Trust through a questionnaire regarding our Etonbury Academy students' swimming ability. The data is being gathered to get an understanding of how many students can swim competently, confidently and proficiently and perform safe self-rescue should they need to.

Please complete the following Questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/DZCNxpVMYVR3PvUT8>

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.

Secondary PE Lessons

PE lessons we will be focusing on the EUROS from next week, please ensure football boots and shin pads are in school.

Secondary Sports Day - Monday 15th July

Students will have the opportunity to buy a well-deserved frozen treat or drink from the Ice Cream Van that will be on site from 1.40pm. The prices start at £2 to £4. If your child would like to purchase an item from the Ice Cream Van on this day, they will need to bring in cash or make payment on their card - this purchase will not be available through Parentmail.



CLASSIC ICE CREAM & ICE LOLLIES

We sell a variety of classic, popular ice creams and ice lollies including...

- Freshly made Freshwhip vanilla ice cream
- Cola, Cider, Lemonade, Orange & Cherry ice lollies
- FAB, Rocket, Shandy, MiniMilk & Calypo's
- Slush Puppies & Soft Drinks

DUKE OF EDINBURGH @ ETA



The **Silver Expedition** is this month - 27-29th June [click here](#) for further details. Thank you.

Year 7

Year 7 Activity Day Monday 1st of July

Our ambition is for all students in the year group to take part in the day, run by SSG on site here at ETA . Please [click here](#) for further information. If you wish your child to take part in the event please can you complete the Google Consent Form via the link below no later than Friday 21st of June 2024.

[Activity Day Consent Form](#)

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 next week - from 17th June onwards.

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 Activity Day Tuesday 2nd July

Our ambition is for all students in the year group to take part in the day, run by SSG on site here at ETA . Please [click here](#) for further information. If you wish your child to take part in the event please can you complete the Google Consent Form via the link below no later than Friday 21st of June 2024.

[Activity Day Consent Form](#)

Mrs Wright has kindly shared her experience at The Natural History Museum London, please [click here](#) to read more about the day.



Year 9

Macbeth Text

Our current Year 9 students will begin studying for their English Literature GCSE in September, beginning with William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' Please [click here](#) for further information and how to purchase a copy via ParentMail.

Key Stage 3 Mathematics Summer Assessments: Year 9

Students will be taking their Summer assessments for Mathematics next week from Monday 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

Maths

Students have been set an online task to complete at the Mathswatch website. This must be completed by Friday 28th 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 1st July. We will follow up on students who do not complete the work to a good standard during lunchtimes from Monday 1st July.

Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

Year 11

Sixth Form Taster Day

Year 11 students who have been issued with a conditional offer letter will be attending a Taster Day on **June 26th**. This is a great opportunity to experience lessons in their subjects of choice, discover the enrichment opportunities available and enjoy our new Sixth Form centre. Please add the date to your diary and complete this google form to let us know if you will be attending or not: [Sixth Form Induction Day - Attendance Form ...](#)

Exam 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 24th and Friday 28th June. All students will now have received an electronic personalised timetable. 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](#)

Chemistry Dropdown Days

Our year 12 chemists had a very rewarding yet intensive couple of days tackling organic and quantitative chemistry on the run up to their end of year exams! The students were fantastic, engaging in a range of tasks and questioning including code cracking puzzles. The focus of the two days was on linking ideas across the course as well as focusing on those key exam skills! The students successfully enhanced their understanding in using and identifying formulae, stereoisomerism, reactions mechanisms, explaining the properties of organic molecules, reactions with alcohols, and all the different moles calculations including their use in titration calculations - all linked with improving their A level exam skills! As a department we are excited to see what they will achieve in year 13 as well as where their hard work and resilience in a challenging yet rewarding subject takes them with their future careers!

Geography Field Trip

Year 12 Geographers are off to Dorset next week to collect data for their Non-Examined Assessments. Students will be investigating erosional and depositional processes, local and tourist perceptions, carbon storage, water infiltration rates and sand dune succession. We will be visiting Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Chesil Beach and Studland to increase our learning outside of the classroom as well as practising primary data collection techniques. **June 17th to June 21st**

Celebrating PRIDE - LGBTQIA+

Pride month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honour the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. Our Sixth Form community will be raising awareness through a range of activities throughout the week commencing **June 17th to June 21st**. The activities taking place will be:

- Vibrantly decorating the Sixth Form common room with PRIDE flags. If you would like to know more about the different flags, click on this link <https://www.hrc.org/resources/lgbtq-pride-flags>
- Creating flyers to celebrate and communicate what PRIDE month represents, alongside sharing information on support available. [Click here](#) for a copy of the flyers created by the Sixth Form equality and diversity ambassadors, which will be disseminated across the school.
- Selling multi coloured ice pops to years 5 and 6 students on **Wednesday 19th June**

Year 12 Virtual Work Experience

All students who have not secured a work experience placement will be required to attend school each day from 8:40am to 3:00pm - to participate in a virtual work experience. Please [click here](#) for details of what will be happening on each day. **July 1st to July 5th 2024**

University Open Days

When completing UCAS applications students will have the option to list several universities, with this in mind our students have been enthusiastically visiting their chosen universities and building a picture

of what their next destination might be. If a student wishes to visit a university open day they must complete a 'green form', which is available from Ms Schumann. This will make sure they do not miss out on vital information/lessons material.

UCAS Events

The University of Bedfordshire will be hosting a UCAS Discovery event [UCAS Discovery Bedford](#). This is a great opportunity for your child to explore their university options. If your child would like to attend please do inform Ms Schumann who can arrange a ticket for them. **17th June 2024**

UCAS information Evening

We would like to invite parents to our UCAS information evening where we will provide you with information about the upcoming university applications process. Please do come along if your child is considering university so we can work together in supporting them. **July 10th - 6.00 -7.00pm**

Personal Statements

We have a great system called Unifrog which allows students to record all of their achievements. This clever piece of kit simplifies and guides students through the process of recording relevant information which will eventually assist them when completing any application form. Parents are encouraged to spend some time with their child to understand the Unifrog system and work with them to identify any gaps which they may wish to close by completing extracurricular activities, such as short online courses or perhaps even subscribing to our Common Lit platform where students can read several books and be awarded with a recognised certificate. Please also note that UCAS applications will be submitted in the coming months and by preparing now, students will have a range of skills and achievements, which sit alongside their academic grades, all of which will enable them to secure a place at their chosen university.

A BEST Success Story Etonbury Sixth Form

A recent publication has highlighted our success to date. We are extremely proud of how the students are growing in maturity and reaching their full potential. We have attached a copy for you to read, just in case you missed it. [ETA - Best Success!](#)

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 Permission Form](#)

Attendance

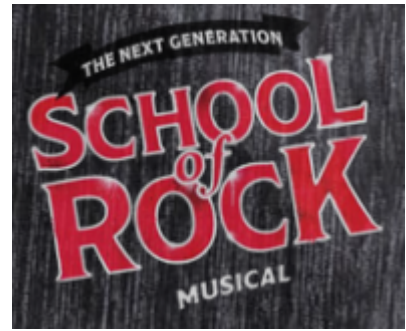
Our expectation is that students are here for 95% of the time. It is proven that the higher the attendance the higher the grades. We would urge that holidays were not booked during term time. If your child is unwell, please encourage them to attend and we will endeavour to support them here. If a student will not be attending school, please contact the Sixth Form team by phone or email: lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk

CLUB INFORMATION



LAMDA - jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk dates for after half term are; 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.

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.



All students must prioritise the school production, ensuring that they meet all rehearsals on schedule. If your child is involved in the tech production day, they must prioritise the school production. The schedule is tight and challenging to work round, so we appreciate your support.

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.

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](#)

If you have any questions please email jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademes.org.uk

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](#)
- Hitchin Film Makers Club - [click here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 17 / Fri 21 June	Year 12 Geography Trip
Fri 21 June	Yr 4 PE Transition Event
Mon 24 June	LAMDA Parent Showcase 5 - 7pm / Wadham Project
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 / Start of Sixth Form Work Experience Week
Tues 2 - 4 July	Yr 10 History Trip
Thurs 4 July	Brilliant Club Graduation
Fri 5 July	Step up day
Mon 8 July	Year 7 Science Trip / Start of Bikeability week for Yr 5 and 6 who have a place on the cycling workshop.
Tues 9 July	Yr 8 HPV Vaccines
Wed 10 July	Yr 7 Science Trip / Sixth Form UCAS Info Evening

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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