



28 June 2024

Principal Message



We have focused our tutor time on *Wellbeing* this week! As part of the Bedfordshire Schools Trust *Wellbeing Week Initiative*. Our wellbeing tree is now in full bloom with beautiful messages on the branches.

Some year 10 students were treated to an open day at Wadham College, Oxford, this week as part of the Wadham Project, one of the university's outreach programmes. They learned about university life and had a tour of the college. They participated in a chemistry mystery in which they had to discover the antidote for a chemical that had poisoned a university professor: well done to Izzy, Kim and Olivia for winning that by some margin! They were also lucky enough to be shown around the Pitt Rivers Museum and to handle some of the exhibits (dead and alive!). Thanks so much to Wadham College for a fantastic day.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from Ex- England Netball Captain Pamela Cooney on Tuesday , students across Y5-10 have been selected to be part of this day. The schedule included an assembly in the main hall, Pamela Cooney's presence was nothing short of inspirational. The coaching session that followed was a highlight for many. Pamela demonstrated various drills and techniques, offering personal tips and encouragement to each student. After the coaching session, there was a flurry of activity as students lined up for pictures and autographs. The day concluded with a focused session with the GCSE and BTEC students. Overall, the visit was a tremendous success, leaving a lasting impression on everyone involved.



ETA's very own Euros draws to a close today, Mr Bamford has put in so much time and a great deal of effort over the past two weeks running this in school event across the year groups. The students have shown immense enthusiasm and sportsmanship, making the tournament a resounding success. Supporters on the sidelines have been amazing, the banners and flags have lined the pitches as the different year groups have played. Thank you to everyone, especially the PE department, with special thanks to Mr Bamford.

It has been a busy week of transition events for our new year 5 students as well as Sixth Form students. We welcomed all Sixth Form applicants to our Induction Day this week where they had the opportunity to experience Sixth Form, have breakfast and taster sessions in their chosen subjects and also meet their new cohort, staff and Miss Dowden our Head of Sixth Form. If you have any questions about Sixth Form please get in touch with Miss Dowden via email cdowden@bestacademies.org.uk

Please remember to purchase your tickets for our *School of Rock* production, tickets are available for parents/guardians and the wider local community too. We would love to see as many people there supporting this event as possible. Parents/guardians can purchase tickets via ParentMail and anyone

else may do so by email etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk or by calling 01462 730391.

Finally Year 11 have their prom this evening, we hope they have a magical evening celebrating the end of their GCSE learning journey at Etonbury.

Best wishes

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.

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What's in the shop?



Shop opens to students
July 1 @ 5.00pm

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.

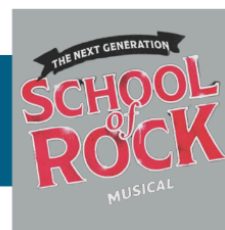
Term Dates

2024 / 2025 / [2025/2026](#)



Uniform Orders - Uniform orders - If you are looking to purchase new uniform from Total Clothing for September, these orders will need to have been placed by 14 August. Please use this link <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/etonbury> to place your order and find out the shops opening times.

SCHOOL OF ROCK



We are very excited to inform you that we will be asking Splatt Media to take professional photographs of the event- **School of Rock** this year. [Click here](#) to read more about this.

You can pre-register for the gallery now, meaning you will be notified via email as soon as images are ready to view.

Link: bit.ly/4bnzXdI

Password: ea24



Splatt
PHOTO

Any orders placed by Sunday 4th August will automatically receive 25% off their order.

SPLAT leaflet - [click here](#)

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

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

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

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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

PE DEPARTMENT



We successfully appointed Year 10 House Captains. All students had to do an application for the PE Department. The following students have been successful in their applications and are now 'Head of House! If you see them around please congratulate them.

Forresters

Cydney P
Chloe F
Liam P
Toby K

Saddlers

Kim L
Fe C
Harry C
Noah P

Carters

Izzy W
Anae B
Alfie N
Billy M

Thatchers

Olivia C
Madison F
Fin G
Marcus P



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](#)

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.

Bikeability

This year Bikeability takes place 8th - 11th July. Please find attached the [checklist for parents](#) whose children are attending the Bikeability course this half term.



Please check your child's cycle before the start of the course. If the cycle is not roadworthy, pupils won't be able to participate in the course. Faults are often easily fixed but occasionally a new part from a bike shop is required so please check your child's cycle well in advance. Helmets are also required.

Children have been informed in class via their teachers if they have a place on the Bikeability course and parents should have received an email this week too. Any question please contact dbeckwith@bestacademies.org.uk

Children should read [Tales of The Road](#) before they start on the course on the 8th July Also, your child needs a roadworthy bike and a helmet which meets safety standards. The course consists of one day on the playground and three days on the road. Children will be split into groups and complete the course either at am or pm over the four days.

If your child gets a bus, then bikes can be dropped off on Monday 8th July.

No Parents at Primary Sports Day please:

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the event (location and numbers involved) parents are NOT able to be invited to watch our primary sports events at ETA Juniors. We believe this would pose a serious safeguarding risk not only for our primary pupils but also for other pupils around the school. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 5

Food Tech Reminder

Year 5 will need a named container for food technology next week please! This is the last week and they will be making shortbread..

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 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 offers 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.

Year 10 History Trip

Please bring passport and E/GHIC cards to Ms Young in C7 from Monday - thank you. wyoung@bestacademies.org.uk

Parliament Tour & Imperial War Museum Trip: Years 10 and 12

This is a combined year 10 and 12 trip, and open to all year 10 and 12 Sociology and Criminology students, and year 12 History students. Parents/carers should now have received a letter containing all of the trip details. The deadline for completing the consent form and making payments is the 8th July. Thank you Ms W Young.

Mrs. S Bailey - HOY

Year 11

GCSE Results Day

This year, GCSE results day will be held on Thursday the 22nd of August. Students can arrive between 8:30 and 11am to collect their results. Please enter the school via the new reception and collect results from the new sixth form block. Parents are able to wait for students in the sixth form garden.

Students will be asked to sign for their results and sign consent for their scripts. Exam scripts are gained for departments to use as teaching and learning professional development as well as to help advise on reviews of marking.



If students cannot come into school to collect their results, the following may be arranged:

- A nominated person can collect them on your behalf but they must have a letter of authorisation from the student. To authorise this please email our exams officer Mrs Williams at: gwilliams@bestacademies.org.uk. Please note that this nominated person may be asked for a photographic ID before results are given out.
- Results can be posted home but you must supply a stamped self-addressed envelope to the exams office no later than 17th July 2024.
- A PDF of results can be emailed to the students' school email address, which will be emailed by midday, this must be requested by the student no later than 17th July 2024.

Please [click here](#) for this weeks letter emailed home to parent/guardians - End of Year 11 Info. If you have any questions regarding this process please email Mr Sutcliffe at: dsutcliffe@bestacademies.org.uk

If you have applied to Etonbury Sixth Form, you will receive a letter in your results pack, informing you of your acceptance, or if a discussion is required with Mrs Dowden. You will also need to confirm or decline your place in the Sixth Form by completing the slip and returning it to us before you leave. If you need an appointment with Mrs Dowden because you would like to discuss/change your options, you will be able to book these on the day once you have collected your results. These will take place in the afternoon from 12pm.

Post Results Services

Please find information about post results services in the link below. To apply for a review of marking or other services your child will need to complete the appropriate form which will be available on the day. Please do note that there is also information regarding the collection of GCSE certificates at the end of the document.

[Post Results](#)

SIXTH FORM



Sixth Form Induction for current Year 11s

On Wednesday we welcomed around 100 prospective ETA Sixth Formers, to gain an insight into what life looks like in Etonbury Sixth Form. Students went to taster lessons for their chosen subjects and got to experience firsthand what subjects are like in KS5. There was a real buzz amongst the students and everyone commented on how engaged they were in their lessons. Students were able to enjoy the Sixth Form garden and appreciated the air-conditioned classrooms on a very warm day. Our café, The Book and Latté, provided lots of delicious sample food to keep the students going throughout the day and students also found out about the enrichment opportunities on offer. We hope the students enjoyed their day with us and we really appreciated the positive feedback:

"All the staff are lovely and the subjects are interesting"

"A very good facility with very welcoming teachers"

"A really nice environment with lots of opportunities"

"Made me feel a lot more comfortable about joining the Sixth Form"

"Lots of thought and effort had been put into the day"

"Very helpful and informative- I definitely want to come!"

"My lessons were all interesting and the teachers were welcoming"

"Good food, great teachers"

Mocks

This week our Year 12s have been sitting their mock exams, the results of which will count towards their predicted grades for university and employment applications next year. We have been very impressed with the maturity shown by the students and how well they have prepared for the tests, which will undoubtedly be reflected in their results. Teachers are also currently writing their references ready for their application forms, which will be extremely positive and showcase all their achievements in their subjects.

Work experience reminder

1st - 5th July sees our Year 12s enjoying their first Work Experience week and we hope they really enjoy the experience. Students have secured their own placements in fields they are interested in. The insights and transferable skills they gain will set them apart in their applications, as well as making contacts that may assist them gaining future employment. Those who have not secured an in-person placement will be expected to attend school at the normal time, where they will follow an online programme of virtual work experience delivered by ICAEW chartered accountants, Tesco, Get into teaching, NHS and BBC

UCAS evening

We would like to invite Year 12 parents to a UCAS information evening on Wednesday 10th July 6-7pm in the school hall. The purpose of the evening is to explain the university application system to parents and advise parents in how they can support their child during the applications process.

Personal statements

Students have started to write their personal statements in preparation for applying to university or apprenticeships. They were given a [presentation](#) on Wednesday about what to include and how to structure their statements and these can be found on their Google Classrooms. Students are writing their statements on Unifrog, where there is also plenty of support and example personal statements. Please remember that students' work should be their own- any forms of plagiarism are caught by UCAS and this can result in applications being rejected

Dress code reminder

As the weather is getting warmer, please can students and parents remind themselves of our [dress code](#) expectations. Whilst we have a smart casual policy, we do expect students to wear clothing that is appropriate for a professional working environment. Clothing should not be see-through and should cover shoulders, chest, midriff and thighs. Footwear should be appropriate for the school and learning community (no flip flops/sliders)

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](#)

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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; 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.
- STOTFEST - this weekend - [click here](#) for more details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Mon 1 July	Year 12 Criminology Workshop & LAMDA exams / Start of Sixth Form Work Experience Week / Year 7 Activity Day
Tues 2 - 4 July	Yr 10 History Trip / Year 8 Activity Day
Tues 9	HPV Vaccine Yr 8 / ADHD Coffee Morning
Weds 10	UCAS Info Evening Sixth Form 6pm
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 in the cycling workshop.
Tues 9 July	Yr 8 HPV Vaccines
Wed 10 July	Yr 7 Science Trip / Sixth Form UCAS Info Evening
Thurs 11 July	Canteen Pop up Event - Chinese

Fri 12 July

Junior Sports Day

Mon 15 July

Parliament Tour & Imperial War Museum Yr 10 & Yr 12 /

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SCHOOL OF ROCK PERFORMANCE

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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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