



5 July 2024

Principal Message

Today was National Step up day. Students have had a taster this week of the exciting world of the next academic year for September. We welcomed year 4 students from feeder lower schools into year 5 for transition day activities to introduce the students to our school, their tutors, peers, Head of Year, canteen and more. Our year 6 students transitioning to year 7 have experienced a special transition timetable for the day and years 8 to 10 have met their form tutor for next year too!

Over the past four weeks Etonbury students have been learning all about the election process during assembly time. They have learned about governance, political parties, political leaders, manifestos and the election process which included media coverage and hustings. The debate club also ran a husting event which saw some heated debates taking place across the represented political parties.

Yesterday, Thursday 4th July, parallel to the rest of the country, ETA students (years 7-10) voted for the local Hitchin constituency candidate they'd like to win. Results were collected at our temporary polling station, the new Sixth Form block, and some year 10 students took on the role of counters and results checking. [Click here](#) to see our results.

Last week ended with our Year 11 students attending their prom at The Broadway Hotel, Letchworth. Year 11, we are so proud of you all. What a fabulous night, the dance floor was bouncing! We have watched you all grow from young children into flourishing young adults! You have worked hard and achieved academically, emotionally and socially. You all looked so sophisticated and grown up and your behaviour throughout was impeccable. We look forward to welcoming back those that have chosen to attend our Sixth Form in September, wishing you all good luck with your future plans as you spread your wings and further your education.



Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award students completed their expeditions late last week. Last weekend twenty of our students took on the challenge of their DoE Silver to reach the summit of Mam Tor and Bamford's Edge in the Peak District, to see the incredible views this area offered. It was a true survival weekend with students putting up their own shelters and cooking all their meals on camping stoves. They were able to explore and learn about the history of Blue John stone in Treak Cliff Cavern (the only place in the

world it can be found) and had time to explore the village of Castleton. An amazing weekend was had by all completing this award.

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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes - **Mrs. J Young - Principal**



Everyone is respectful

Together we care

Always aim higher

The ETA way

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



Queries & Contacting School

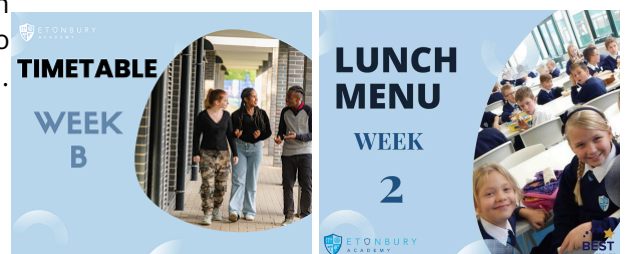
Should you wish to contact our staff regarding your child, we ask that you email the relevant member of staff in the first instance. This could be Form Tutor or Head of Year with a pastoral matter or subject teacher if the matter is related to academic issues. Our staff will respond to you in a timely 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.

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.

Hayfever & Suncream

As the summer weather continues and hay fever season peaks, please can students remember to take their allergy medication and apply sun lotion before leaving home in the morning. Can we also encourage pupils to bring a water bottle with them which they can refill at regular intervals in school.

Water Bottles

As the weather improves, please send your child in with a water bottle. This also will help towards our Eco agenda and to reduce waste.

Library books

All students in years 5-10 have been made aware that any books borrowed from the library should have been returned to Mrs Norman in the study centre by the end of **Friday 5th July**. If your child/ children have any school library books still at home, please encourage them to return them as soon as possible so we can ensure our stock is fully replenished ahead of the next academic year. Please return books by Monday at the very latest if you still have ETA books at home. Thank you.

Chinese Pop-up Menu - 11th July along with the special menu on the day pasta pots, jackets, paninis, sandwiches, baguettes and fruit will also be available. [Click here](#) to view the menu.

Street Tag Codes - for July Street Tag codes please [click here](#).

Stagecoach Bus Industrial Strikes - Please [click here](#) for further information.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE

10 & 11 JULY
2.30 - 4.30PM

VENUE The Need Project
36 High Street
Stotfold,

ETONBURY ACADEMY



We are delighted to share with you all our June Masterpieces of the Month across the different Key Stages.

Artwork is displayed in our main ETA school reception area.

Masterpiece Of The Month
KS5 Evie 11SH



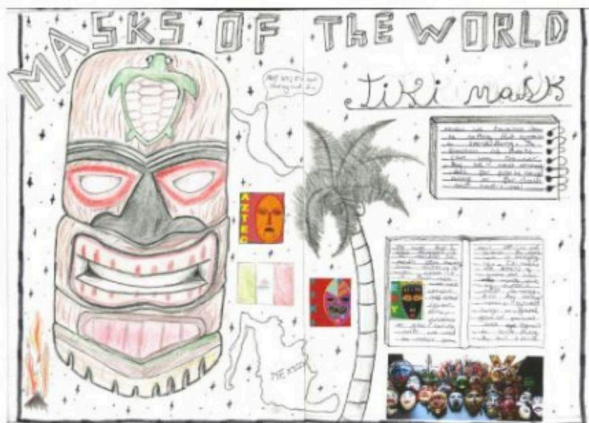
“For development of oil painting skills when working from still life compositions”
Miss Smith

Masterpiece Of The Month
KS4 Niam 10NB



“For capturing the intricacy of the architecture, in the style of Ian Murphy”
Miss Smith

Masterpiece Of The Month
KS3 Oliver 7BM

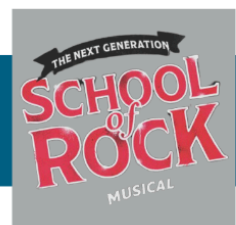


“For showing confident understanding of the Mexican tiki mask”
Miss Smith

Masterpiece Of The Month
KS2 Amber Mars



“ For her imaginative and highly detailed approach to the Harry Potter project”
Miss Nicole



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/4bnzXdl

Password: ea24



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.

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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.

BEST BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS

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](#)

Band Rehearsals dates are as follows:

- Thursday 4th July 3:30pm to 7pm HALL
- Friday 5th July 10:10am to 5pm (also step up day)
- Sunday 7th July all day 9am to 3pm
- Thursday 11th July 3:30pm to 5pm (normal time)

- Monday 15th July 3:15 pm to 7pm (In costume you will be seen so something rocky! Wear a funky hat!!)
- Show on 16th /17th and 18th - arrive no later than 5:30pm in costume no later for sound check! Make sure you arrange pick ups and drop offs.

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

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](#)

ETA 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.

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 6

Step Up into Secondary

Miss Taylor, Head of Year 7 for September has put together an introductory letter for pupils and their guardians. Please [click here](#) for more information about year 7, to meet the team and more.

KS2 SATS Results

Schools will receive the Key Stage 2 SATs results on Tuesday 9th July. We will write to you on Friday 12th July to provide you with your child's results and share some information and guidance to help you understand what that means for your child and how we use these results at Etonbury.

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 NEXT WEEK

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, MiniMilk & Calypo's
- Slush Puppies & Soft Drinks

RSE Consultation

As part of Etonbury's ongoing reviews we are currently focusing on the personal development (PD) curriculum and the Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) that runs across all the year groups for 2024/25. This review is open to parents' comments until Friday 12th July.

Etonbury's program follows the Government's statutory guidance on RSE, and covers a wide range of topics that are important in the current landscape. RSE is delivered within the Personal development (PD) curriculum, both in form & lesson time and an outline of this, along with the times of the year when RSE takes place, can be found on ETA's website.

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/site/data/files/curriculum/3C109D9C1BB65D26A684FB4520740382.pdf>

There will be opportunities for the children to discuss and ask questions during the sessions, but it is also usual that the children will want to ask more questions about specific issues when they get home, so please be prepared for any follow up discussions.

If you have any further questions about the planned RSE sessions, please contact tgant@bestacademies.org.uk

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.

Mrs. B Wood - HOY

Year 9

Year 9 SSG Activity Day

SSG will be facilitating an activity day for year 9 pupils at Etonbury on 10th of July 2024. Please [click here](#) for further details.

Opal Coast Trip - if your child is attending the Opal Coast trip please [click here](#) for further details and the full itinerary.

Year 10

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.

Opal Coast Trip - if your child is attending the Opal Coast trip please [click here](#) for further details and the full itinerary.

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](#)



Work experience reminder

Students have been participating in their work experience placements, we thought you would like to hear about some early feedback from employers:

'He has got really stuck in'

'Has been running a computer coding activity with Year 4 classes today'

'Working in a customer facing team today and tomorrow'

'Really confident, engaging well and learning lots'

Mock Exams

Our Art and Photography students will be busy on Monday and Tuesday with their mock exams - good luck to you all!

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 on how they can support their child during the application 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](#)

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: Ischumann@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.

Parents of LAMDA students please email me to confirm attendance at next year's LAMDA jbrahmacharilimb@bestacademies.org.uk If you are interested in LAMDA for your child please do send me an expression of interest by email. Please note that there is a waiting list so an early expression of interest is important at this stage to secure existing members next year. Thank you.

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.
- Laurie Scarth Muscial Theatre - [click here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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/ OPAL Coast Trip
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 / Secondary Sports Day

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