



12 July 2024

Principal Message

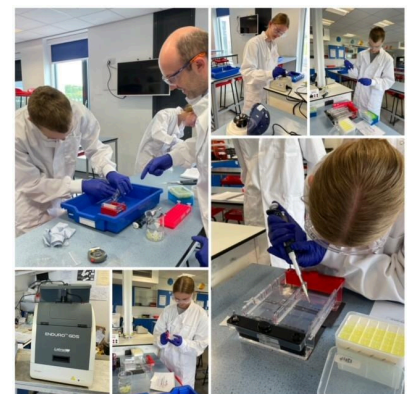
At Junior Sports day earlier, this week everyone showed amazing sporting attitudes. Well done to all of our pupils who took part with such great enthusiasm, house colours made this a spectacular colourful sporting event.

Our golf team represented Etonbury on Wednesday, playing 18 holes at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, representing Bedfordshire in the National Golf Event. They came 2nd place! This is an amazing achievement. It started with 580 schools (1780 students) across England and finished today with 27 schools (81 students). Congratulations to our golfers pictured left.



We are proud to partner with the Brilliant Club, a charity that introduces students to university-style learning with a PhD tutor. This year's cohort have studied literary theory and all passed their final assignments with the equivalent of a 2:1 and above, which is a fantastic achievement. Last Thursday they went to Nottingham University for their graduation and to learn more about life at a Russell Group university. They were very impressed with the university campus and what life as a university student could consist of. They were also well deserving of the round of applause given to them by the other schools present when they collected their certificates. Thank you to Mrs Harbour-Cooper.

This year we have been able, once again, to offer DNA Gel electrophoresis biotechnology sessions to some of our students. This gives our students hands-on practical experience and a chance to use cutting-edge equipment that is now commonplace in research and industry. Last week was the turn of our A-level Biology students and this week the BTEC Forensic class will get to experience it too. [click here](#) for the full details of this amazing experience for our sixth form and A level students.



Lovely seeing the Juniors taking part in their Bikeability this week, all wearing helmets. Please ensure if your child bikes to school they wear a helmet, the safety of our pupils is vitally important to us and we have noticed a number of older students who aren't wearing helmets.

Please also remember, if you choose to drop your child at school in your car, please note the reduced speed limit of 20 mph outside the school and 5 mph on the school site. Zig zag lines indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle. To minimise congestion outside the school, we recommend that you drop your child off and allow them to walk the last part of their journey to school. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Miss Hilsden has kindly shared her account of this year's Duke of Edinburgh awards, please [click here](#) for further details.

As we come to the end of another academic year we reflect on the past academic year and value parental/guardian feedback as part of this process. Your feedback is important to us as we strive to drive the school forward into the new year. We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to participate in our questionnaire - please [click here](#) to do so. The deadline for completion is Friday 19th July 3pm.

Finally, 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 next week. 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**

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Together we care

Always aim higher

The ETA way

WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



Etonbury Academy Parent/Carer Survey

Throughout the academic year we seek the views of the pupils on a number of aspects of school life. We also value feedback from our parents/carers. If you are able to take a moment to complete this end of year feedback form it would be greatly appreciated. The comments box after each question are non compulsory sections of the feedback, however I have included them as I am keen to seek views on strengths of the school as well as areas for development. Please click the link below to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Friday 19th July 3pm is the completion deadline.

[ETA Parent/Carer Survey](#)

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 uniforms 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 shop opening times.

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.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Did you know that you can get access to 16 days of free summer holiday clubs if your student receives free school meals? It is open to all children aged 5-16, offers a wide variety of activities and clubs, and includes a hot meal every day. You cash in vouchers to claim each day so you don't need to do all 16 days in a row or at the same place. You can find out more at https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/200/holiday_activities_and_food_haf_programme - or just go to Central Beds Council's website and search for HAF.

ETONBURY ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING

Save the Date

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Visit us to find out more about our school and speak to staff and students about academy life. Explore the facilities available to help enhance the quality of education we can provide your child from Year 5 all the way through to A Level.

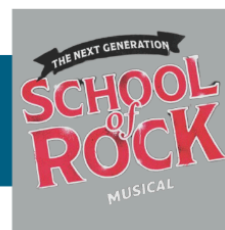
Booking details to follow and feeder school times to be confirmed in September.

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etaoffice@bestacademies.org.uk



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/4bnzXdj

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 Fellows

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

BEST BEDFORDSHIRE

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.

Band Rehearsals dates are as follows:

Sunday 14th 9am to 3pm

Monday 15th July 3:15 pm to 7pm (In costume - and bring a funky hat for the professional

photographer!!)

Tuesday 16th July - all - 8:40 am - to end of normal working day all day off TT finish normal school day

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



We finished the week with our fabulous ETA Juniors Sports Day! and are looking forward to the Secondary Sports Day on Monday!

Also, this week we have celebrated some amazing sporting achievements

- Etonbury Golf Team 2nd place in the English National Schools Event
- Hannah Crone came 9th in Prague competing for England
- Year 10 Rounders Team 1st in the District were unbeaten all season (see emilys email for how many schools were involved)

Please be advised we operate a strict PE uniform at Etonbury Academy and after the summer break we will be ensuring everyone meets these requirements. Please note the following items are not permitted:

NO Shorts can be branded Nike etc and must be Etonbury shorts. Joggers cannot be grey.
NO School jumpers, fleeces must be purchased.

PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

Compulsory includes:

PE T-shirt
Either Etonbury Shorts **OR**
black/navy Skort
Football Socks
Trainers, Football Boots, Shin
Pads, Gumshield



SHORTS



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Please [click here](#) to view full details of the ETA P.E. kit.

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.

Please follow us on X for updates and reminders - [@ETAJuniors](https://twitter.com/ETAJuniors)

Year 5

End of Term Movie

Year 5 will be watching "The Greatest Showman", on Friday 19 July, the last day of term. This film is rated as a PG, should you wish to exclude your child from viewing it, kindly communicate your request to the class teacher via email. Thank you.



Year 6

End of Term Movie

On Friday 19 July, we will be sharing the film 'Wonka' with our pupils. The film is rated PG. If you DO NOT wish your child to participate, please email your child's class teacher. Thank 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 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

Ice pops

The Year 12s will be selling off their stock of ice pops at juniors and secondary break all week to raise funds for the USA trip. A pound a pop.



Weekly Maths Puzzle

Who ate all the food?

We will share the solution in next week's newsletter.



65%



80%



80%



90%

Minimum percentage that ate all 4 foods?

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.

Year 7 Science Trip:

We are immensely grateful to the numerous teachers, volunteers, and the National Space Centre staff for making our year 7 science trip possible. It was truly an out-of-this-world experience!

One of the standout features was the iconic 42-metre-high Rocket Tower, where students could view real rockets and learn about their history and mechanics. Hands-on activities reinforced classroom lessons on physics, astronomy, and engineering, making science come alive. The awe-inspiring

planetarium show was definitely one of the highlights not to be missed.

We are really pleased that we were able to provide our students with an unforgettable educational experience that will inspire them for years to come.

Thank you, year 7s for being respectful, caring and aiming higher!

Mrs Singh

Year 8

As Year 8 comes to a close, I am thrilled to reflect on the many successes our students have achieved this year. Their enthusiastic participation in the Euros Competition, organised by Mr. Bamford, has been remarkable. It has also been heart warming to see so many Year 8 students involved in the School of Rock production. Special recognition goes to Gerald, Sade, and Max for their outstanding dedication, frequently praised by others. I eagerly anticipate watching their performance!



I would like to highlight Amanda's impressive achievement with the Etonbury Golf Team, securing 2nd place out of 580 schools (1780 students) across England. Additionally, Hannah represented us on the international stage in dance, competing in the Dance World Cup in Prague and placing 11th in this prestigious competition. Several students are also on the brink of being signed by some big football teams, and I wish them the best of luck!

This year's group is full of character, and it has been a pleasure guiding them over the past two years. In Year 9, they will have the exciting opportunity to explore new subjects during the options choice evening and select those they are passionate about for their GCSE experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed being their Head of Year, and while I am on maternity leave, Mr. Sutcliffe will be taking over in Year 9.

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.

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.

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](#)

Collection of Exam Certificates

Exam certificates will be available for collection on Monday 6 January between 9-12pm, please come to the main reception. If you are collecting certificates on behalf of your child please bring along a form of photographic ID.

SIXTH FORM



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

Globe Theatre

Taming of the Shrew- trip letter and further details. [Click here](#). The trip lead is Mrs M Adcock please contact her via email with any questions - madcock@bestacademies.org.uk

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: lschumann@bestacademies.org.uk

CLUB INFORMATION



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

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

LAMDA Club

Starts Monday 23 september. If there are any students who would like to be considered for this please note this is open to KS2-5. We do have some additional spaces for the new academic year.

Please [read the letter](#) for more information

<https://www.lamda.ac.uk/lamda-exams/our-exams>

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 Musical Theatre - [click here](#).
- Library Summer Events - [Poster](#) and [Leaflet](#)
- [Tim West MBF](#) - summer football courses and offering a special discount for Etonbury pupils - 10% off code to anyone booking on from Etonbury, please use MBFETON when booking!
- Locations where kids can eat for free or a reduced price during the holidays - [click here](#)

Summer Holiday Activities for Families to Enjoy CBC

This summer, Central Bedfordshire Council wants to ensure that families know about the variety of activities taking place across Central Bedfordshire, so they can make the most of what's on offer during the summer holidays.

Activities include:

- Holiday clubs at the Council's leisure centres offer a variety of sports, games, and creative activities for children of all ages.
- Fun and interactive play sessions at the Council's children's centres to help children explore, learn, and make new friends.
- Activities at the Council's 12 libraries, including the annual Summer Reading Challenge,

storytelling sessions, and craft workshops.

- SEND swimming sessions at various pools across Central Bedfordshire, along with other activities specifically for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.
- Walking and cycling trails, and scenic circular walks in over 1,000 hectares of beautiful countryside.

Find out more about what's on offer, including zoos, wildlife parks, museums, galleries and gardens.

[Click here](#) for more details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15 July	Parliament Tour & Imperial War Museum Yr 10 & Yr 12 / Secondary Sports Day
16 / 17 / 18 July	SCHOOL OF ROCK PERFORMANCE
Wed 17/18/19 July	Geography Trip
Fri 19 July	End of Term
Thurs 22 Aug	GCSE Results
Weds 4 Sept	Start of the new academic year - students back to school

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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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