

# PARENT BULLETIN

## ETONBURY ACADEMY



## PRINCIPAL WELCOME

Once again this term has been a very busy affair and I am always very excited to begin the second half term of Autumn as routines are well established and we can see the pupils flourish in their lessons.

We began the half term taking time to reflect and remember. Remembrance Day was a poignant occasion made all the more so by the entire school coming together on the playground to fall silent to 'remember.' The last post was played by a parent and a poem read by a respected member of our local community. It was the first time we had brought the school together for this solemn occasion and many pupils commented how moved they were by the occasion.

This half term staff have been offering 68 clubs across the junior and secondary school at lunchtimes and after school and the variety of opportunities on offer is wonderful. They include microbit and python coding club, French and Spanish club, debate club, LAMDA, creative writing club, a firm favourite tabletopia club, along with a wealth of sports clubs and fixtures across all the age groups.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is now a well established event that marks the time of the year when Year 11 pupils begin to think about their 'next steps' and consider their choices post 16. We offer over 20 A Levels and Level 3 BTEC subjects that provide a pathway from GCSE studies. Lots of our work in form times in this term is based around supporting pupils to make these exciting decisions about their future. Also, we are thrilled to officially announce we have achieved the BEST GCSE results in Central Bedfordshire for the second consecutive year here at Etonbury.

Well done to our Year 11s who have completed their Mock examinations; they have been exemplary students throughout these two weeks. These are important weeks ahead as they approach the real examinations, so please encourage your children to remain focused and ask for support when they need it. The extra revision sessions have started, more details are in this bulletin.

On Wednesday, we had our Christmas dinner, and this was coupled with Christmas Jumper Day; it certainly made for a festive atmosphere around school. We took the opportunity to raise money for Save the Children and a local charity that was chosen by the student council - Haven First. Thank you all who kindly donated towards these charities and to all the catering team.

It would not be Christmas without an art competition and this year we have been able to offer two. The annual BEST Christmas card competition where Year 6 pupil Kate was the winning entry for Years 5-8. Pictured above. Also, the Harriet Kelshaw festive bauble competition where Florence Yr 5 and Taryn Yr 6 were awarded runners up (pictured left).

Our 'Around the world at Christmas' showcase was a celebration of the depth of talent we have at Etonbury and it was wonderful to see so many talented performers on the stage and having the opportunity to perform to a live audience.

Each Head of Year has delivered their achievement celebration assemblies, and it has been a real pleasure to see so many students receiving these awards for amazing achievements, going above and beyond, not just for learning. Congratulations to all our award winners and enjoy your celebrations.

All that is left is for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Mrs J Young - Principal



*Merry Christmas*

# Year 5



## Message from Head of Year 5

As an exciting culmination to our cross curricular theme 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' based in and around the classic Roald Dahl book - we were delighted to take all of our Year 5 pupils to visit the museum in Great Missenden, where Roald Dahl lived.

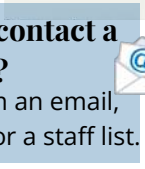
The Roald Dahl Museum affords our pupils an opportunity to see the creative genius of the famous writer and walk in his footsteps on a tour of the village. enriching their study of creative writing and literature. They had the opportunity to visit the shed where the legendary author crafted his most beloved children's books, discovered the locations in the village that inspired his tales, and even brainstormed some of their own story ideas!

As well as studying Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, the children have been developing their persuasive writing skills along with character descriptions and poetry.

In maths the focus has been on multiplication and fractions which will continue into the new year with the addition of decimals and percentages too.

Did you see our science experiments on Facebook and X recently? Each class had alfresco lessons learning about water, reversible and non-reversible changes, what happens when materials are mixed! It was a wonderful experience!

After Christmas we move onto a new theme - Island Invaders (Vikings), we will all be reading Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and a great deal more. Wishing you all a joyful and restful holiday season. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Merry Christmas Mrs Beckwith & The Year 5 Team 🎄



**ACCELERATED READER AWARDS**

**Word Millionaires:**

- Laila - Da Vinci
- Jackson - Brunel

**praise points celebrations**

- Gold** - Jackson (B)
- Silver** - James (E)
- Bronze** - Jacob (B)

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### Masterpiece Of The Month KS2 Brooke Da Vinci



**Equipment list**

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**Year 5 Curriculum Plan**

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**P.E. Kit**

Please remember PE kit.  
If forgotten pupils can wear spares on the day.

**Club Reminder**

No after school clubs the first week back - only ETA Extra

**Need to contact a teacher?**

Drop them an email, [click here](#) for a staff list.



## Message from Head of Year

In year 6 we have enjoyed our two themed topics this term, the first based on the Stormbreaker spy series by Antony Horowitz, followed by a focus on the Victorian Era.

As a compliment and finale to our Victorian topic we have enjoyed a visit to the Hitchin Schools Museum. This gave the children the opportunity to explore and experience the vibrant history of education at this time locally to our school. The museum boasts an array of fascinating artifacts and exhibits, featuring everything from old school uniforms to vintage textbooks and classroom tools. We were especially drawn to the interactive displays that provided insight into the everyday lives of students from years gone by. Following our Victorian theme, English has featured the book *Street Child* and students have written letters, diaries, narratives and we have seen some beautiful poetry too. Maths has been focussed on the four operations, fractions and converting units. This year we have sets for Maths, which has proved a resounding success. The children move between classrooms sensibly and learn with those of similar abilities.

The year 6 team have been very proud of how all the students approached their mock SATs, fully embracing the challenges they presented. Each student brought their unique strengths and worked diligently, reflecting on the hard work they've put into their studies. It is important for the children to remember that they are simply demonstrating what they know and they should not have any concerns about them.

Many pupils have taken the opportunity to represent the school across a number of sports, with lots of pupils attending a variety of our extra-curricular clubs. Our Year 6 boys have really enjoyed their football fixtures this half term (pictured below). Abi in Titan has been very successful with her swimming out of school and we wish her well for her County Swimming in January.

In the new year we look forward to our next topic of World War 2, We Will Never Surrender, finishing our learning with a trip to The Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Our classes will move to reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom.'

Finally, I am proud to say that we have a very supportive team who equally care about the emotional challenges year 6's are presented with in their final year of primary, as well as the academic challenges. We know that the supportive environment created by the teachers, staff and parents plays a crucial role in nurturing children through their time in year 6. The team are incredibly proud of the children's determination and perseverance in learning this term and we look forward to seeing pupils make even more progress in the new year.

Last reminder, SATS books are now available for you to order via Parentmail.

Enjoy your festive holidays and look forward to seeing you in the new year!



*Merry Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



praise points  
celebrations

Gold - Jasmine (M)

Silver - Sophie (T)

Bronze - Levi (P)



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ACCELERATED READER  
AWARDS

Word Millionaire  
& Multi-  
Millionaire:  
Ben - Jupiter  
Jasmine - Mars



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Plan

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Timetables

Can all be found on  
the eprasia app.

Contacting a teacher?

If you need to contact a teacher  
please send an email.



# Year 7



## Message from Head of Year

Year 7 have had another excellent half term, building on the positive relationships they have developed since September, classes are making good progress and are acquiring new knowledge and skills. Feedback across the school is very positive, its lovely to hear how well behaved and polite the Year 7's are, we are extremely proud of them all. Epraise points are demonstrating this positive attitude with a total of 18,495 positive points handed out to students so far! I have had the pleasure of congratulating students with Bronze and Silver certificates over the last two weeks.

Year 7 have had some brilliant extra-curricular achievements such as football, basketball and netball fixtures which have been played with a fantastic attitude whether there have been wins or losses. They have been busy making a range of recipes such as hot pot and mince pies, as well as constructing key rings and pen holders in DT. Their creativity is shining through!

We are very proud of Molly E who entered the BEST Christmas card competition and was commended runner up for her festive giraffe card - congratulations Molly, your design is just wonderful.

We thank you for your support at home with the transition period they have been through and ensuring they are well equipped, have excellent uniforms and are reminded of our expectations of their conduct.

We wish you all a happy and safe festive period and look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

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MERRY  
*Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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epraise points  
celebrations

Gold - Harry 7TR

Silver - Ezra 7TR

Bronze - Matilda 7ES



*Merry Christmas*

# Year 8

## Message from Head of Year

Year 8 has accumulated over 15,000 Epraise points this term which is phenomenal. Beyond the classroom the students have demonstrated responsibility by serving the school in the role of student receptionists & the feedback from this highlights the dedication and helpfulness of our Year 8 students in this role. This includes an extra special thank you to Rhi & Daisy for their help with setting up the Etonbury Christmas tree as pictured below.

Furthermore, Year 8 have actively engaged in a variety of extracurricular activities with our 'boys basketball team', 'girls netball team', 'girls basketball team', 'girls football team' & 'boys football team' all representing our school excellently. Pictured below are some of the amazing year 8 teams as well as the year 8 winners of PE legend of the week; extra big shout out to Samrath & Albert who have both won it twice this term!

Alongside this pictured below are our year 8 historians who have the opportunity to collaborate with wall to wall media & meet Bernie from 'My family, the Holocaust & Me', as well as our debate team including our year 8's who have assisted in multiple debates including most recently an international debate.

Some of our year 8's have been participating in LAMDA & helping performing arts with Around the World at Christmas showing dedications across all aspects of the school. We have had 2 masterpieces of the month with both Sam & Imogen achieving these for their exceptional art work. Both Sam & Joseph have submitted lovely remembrance work for our year 8 remembrance focus sharing the stories of those they remember & thank for their service. We have 7 word millionaires showcasing their amazing accelerated reader work with both Lucy & Thomas becoming word multi-millionaires. We also have 6 students who have achieved their gold Epraise certificates for their hard work across the board.

Outside of their school commitments we have students continuing to work hard & representing the ETA way in swimming competitions, diving competitions, dance competitions, boxing matches, partaking in pantomimes, gymnastics competitions, golf awards, musical achievements & representing groups at remembrance parades last month. As a year group we are exceptionally proud of Jayden for his diving competitions, Lucy for her grade 3 saxophone, Armani for her gymnastics achievements, Amelia for her golf awards, Isabelle & Olivia for their work in the theatre, Alice for her dance competition, Eliza for her swimming & Sam for being flag bearer at a remembrance parade.

Year 8 have actively engaged in form time studies focusing on careers with a view to selecting their options next year & discussions have begun about options & subjects that Etonbury offers. The year 8's have been enthused discussing their ambitions for the future & we look forward to supporting them on this journey.

Year 8 are an amazing year group, their consistent hard work & dedication to demonstrating the ETA way in all they do really shows as above. As a team we are proud of every student in year 8, the year has such great character & are a pleasure to work with. Myself & the year team are very proud of each & every one of our students and wish you all a restful break & a Merry Christmas.

Mrs B Wood, Mrs J Smith, Ms L Dilley, Miss K Potter, Mr R Gould & Miss E Kay

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**Legends P.E.**

**Masterpiece Of The Month**

**KS3 Sam 8RG**

**epraise points celebrations**

**Gold** - Jacob 8LD

**Silver** - Lucy 8EK

**Bronze** - Isbaelle 8JS





# Year 9



## Message from Head of Year

Year 9 have managed to achieve over 8000 merits as a year group so far with there being fierce competition between each of our four forms to be the top on the leaderboard. It has been fantastic to see the students putting in so much effort to impress their teachers and the competition between forms that this has fostered.

I am truly impressed by the number of students who have chosen to participate in our Duke of Edinburgh program. Their enthusiasm and commitment to personal development are truly commendable. This program not only encourages students to develop essential life skills but also fosters a sense of adventure and teamwork. It's inspiring to see young individuals stepping out of their comfort zones, embracing challenges, and working towards achieving their goals.

During form time we have been pleased to see how students have already started to engage with our option process. Students have had the opportunity to look at last year's option prospectus which is available on our website. This has given the opportunity to have a look at all the courses we offer. As we move closer to options evening on the 27th of February, we will be providing the students with opportunities to experience content that links directly with the year 10 curriculum.

Year 9 have already had the opportunity to listen to a talk about World War One which they will then have the opportunity to study further in year 10 should they take history as one of their options!

I have been impressed with year 9's effort and dedication to their studies shown over the course of this half term and I am sure they will continue to show this effort throughout the new year.

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Everyone is respectful. Together we care. Always aim high!



## WORLD WAR WORKSHOP

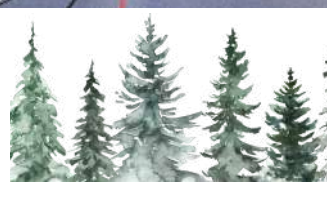
The history department has had a busy term. Mrs Wood's History club has been taking part in a nationwide Holocaust programme as well as looking at myths and legends by creating their own cryptids.



Debate team is currently taking part in an international debate competition. Last week our Key Stage three team debated a school in Dubai on the topic of the use of AI in education.

Some year 9 students had the opportunity to have a hands on artefact experience with objects from the First World War, led by Great War Workshops. We found out about the experience of a local man who is buried in Stotfold cemetery, really bringing the history to life for our students.

  
 epraise celebrations  
**Gold** - Kira 9CC  
**Silver** - William 9SO  
**Bronze** - Fia 9GR



# Year 10



## Message from Head of Year

I am extremely proud of how hard year 10 have worked over their first term of their GCSEs. They have settled into the core and option subjects really well and are working hard. Their dedication and determination have not gone unnoticed, and it's clear that they are laying a strong foundation for their future studies. Teachers have been particularly impressed with their enthusiasm in class discussions and the thoughtful questions they bring to the table. As they continue to navigate through the challenges and opportunities of their GCSE journey, we encourage them to maintain this positive momentum.

All the students successfully completed their English-speaking exam, and despite feeling nervous, they performed exceptionally well and made themselves and us very proud. In geography we have been studying climate change and extreme weather, which has been very topical. In history GCSE students have been learning about superpower relations.

In hospitality and catering they made amazing gingerbread houses and went on a trip to Borough market and got to see, smell and taste all the wonderful food and ingredients. Ella & Ellie entered the BEST Christmas card competition and were highly commended runners up! Congratulations girls on your super festive designs, featured below.

In tutor time students have been learning how to write letters and emails to prospective work experience placements. They have also been shown how to enter in their work experience placements into the Unifrog tool. [Click here](#) to view the work experience letter.

Once students have entered in their placement details Unifrog sends the business an email which prompts them to complete the paperwork for the student. Then an email is sent to you, the parents, to give your permission and then to me to sign it off. I am pleased to say that we have several students all signed up and ready for work experience and lots getting their placement details into Unifrog.

As we move into the next term, I am confident that Year 10 will continue to excel and take on new challenges with the same determination and passion they have shown thus far. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

Merry Christmas - Mrs Hume and the Year 10 Team 🎄

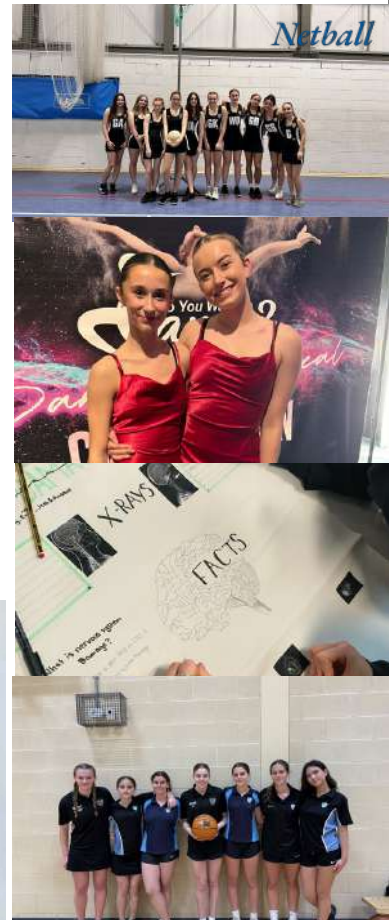
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Our Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students ventured to London on the train this week for a tour of Borough Market as part of their GCSE work on street food. The students were able to explore a diverse range of foods, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, some they never knew existed!



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**celebrations**

**Gold** - Sophie 10RR  
**Silver** - Amelia 10RR  
**Bronze** - Ella 10RR

# Year 11



## Message from Head of Year

Year 11 have made an incredible start to their final year. I would like to start by saying how proud I am of them all for the maturity and resilience they have shown during their mock exams. Despite it being an extremely stressful time, they have stepped up to the challenge and shown themselves to be exceptional young people. The hard work and effort all of them have shown has not gone unnoticed. They have collectively attended almost 800 revision sessions across all subjects in the lead up to mocks as well as attending morning intervention sessions in core subject areas. As we continue into the spring term our intervention cycle will continue and I will be in touch with an updated timetable detailing the sessions the students can attend to boost their grades as we head towards their final exams in the summer.

As we look towards what's next for our year 11s, they have been attending 1:1 careers sessions with 4YP, had the chance to take part in our sixth form taster week and attend our sixth form open evening. North Herts College have also been in to speak with them about how to apply for college and what college life would be like and we look forward to the opportunity to take some students there for the day in the Spring Term. This term they have also had the opportunity to attend a study skills day where students will have the opportunity to listen to an external company discuss how to make the most of their remaining time at school and how to maximise their productivity in the run up to the exams.

As well as academic achievements there have been some exciting sporting achievements outside of school this term. A special mention has to go to Abigail C who has been to Salou playing for Arsenal Ladies U16 in a exciting international football tournament - congratulations Abi on your achievements. Also congratulations to Amelia Williams for her success in Aladdin this year's pantomime at The Gordon Craig Theatre. Spenser has created some beautiful art which he's sold at Hitchin market - we are very proud of him!

Students have also had the opportunity to join our leavers committee this term and so far have been very busy organising Prom, leavers hoodies and their yearbook. A date has been set for prom of the 27th June 2025 and more details on this will be coming out in the new year. The committee has also organised their leavers hoodies and year book which can be purchased in the online shop <https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/> - unique ID: 30281YR11 A separate letter has come out on these but I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Year 11 team who have worked so hard to get this organised in such a short space of time.

Congratulations to our football team who won the District Cup Final this month! So proud of you all.

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HOY - Mrs Bailey - [sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:sbailey@bestacademies.org.uk)



*Merry Christmas*

**praise celebrations**

**Gold** - Samuel 11MA  
**Silver** - Fletcher 11SM  
**Bronze** - Kurtis 11SW



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**Masterpiece Of The Month**  
KS4 Evie 11SM



# Sixth Form



## Message from Head of Sixth Form

We have been so impressed with how quickly the Year 12s have settled into Sixth Form life and the way they have grasped every opportunity that has been given to them, including the new table tennis tables! Equally the Year 13s have started to think about life after Etonbury and have been applying to a range of exciting university courses and apprenticeships. I am proud to say that we have had Etonbury's first ever Cambridge interview and all our students have been receiving offers from a variety of universities.

This has been an extremely busy term, with so many opportunities for the students to enjoy. This year has seen the introduction of PE lessons and this has been well received by the students. We have also seen a variety of trips, such as the travel & tourism visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park, the criminology trip to the National Mock Bar Trial in London and the business revision conference in London. We have been visited by iCash, who delivered an assembly to our students about safe relationships, and who we continue to work closely with as a registered iCash centre.

Students are well into their research for their Extended Project Qualifications and have selected a diverse range of topics. Sixth Formers all have access the wider reading programme CommonLit, and this is a fantastic way to boost literacy skills, as well as having access to a range of super curricular academic articles to support their studies and university applications.

Our fundraising committee have been hard at work thinking of various ways to raise money for charity and have decided to support the British Heart Foundation their first fundraising event went extremely well, thank you to all who purchased hot chocolate in years 5 & 6, we appreciate your support.

When we return in January, the Year 13s will be completing their mock exams, as well as real exams for some of the BTEC courses. Students need to revise well so they can get the maximum benefit from the feedback their teachers will be giving them. Completing past papers, reading examiners reports and asking their teachers about areas they do not understand are the best ways to prepare and we wish them all the best of luck.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a successful 2025.

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**EXAM Reminder**  
Please remember to read exam info & guidelines in our Sixth Form bulletin - [here](#)

**CELEBRATIONS**  
We celebrate outstanding achievements, contributions, successes and beyond weekly in our [bulletin](#).



In October, ETA 6th form made our first trip trans Atlantic trip to the USA. This was a cross curricular trip involving students who study history, business studies and product design.

We spent an amazing few days in New York, seeing sights such as the 9/11 memorial, MET, Statue of liberty and Ellis Island, Time Square, Central Park and the view from the Empire State building.

We then moved on to Washington and visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust museum and all the landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. This was an amazing experience for all involved and we are looking forward to next year already.

### U.S.A Trip



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# Sixth Form



In November, Sixth Form students participated in the Young Citizens UK National Bar Mock Trial Competition, at Inner Temple, London. Inner Temple is one of the four inns of court, to which all barristers must belong. The students tried two cases, R v Speed and R v Hinton. They were lucky enough to compete in front of three judges who regularly try cases at courts including the Old Bailey. The judges were most helpful, giving constructive feedback and chairing a Q&A at the end of the day. Unfortunately Etonbury did not win the top spot to be able to go through to the national final, but nonetheless the students gained an enormous amount of knowledge about the law and the skills involved in being a barrister. #mocktrials

## Sport



By Hayden T



Masterpiece Of The Month  
KS5 Joshua WYO



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# Important Dates



- **Mon 6 - INSET DAY - staff only.**
- **Tues 7th Jan 2025 - pupils back to school**
- Thurs 9th Jan - Year 9 RAF visit @ school / Year 10 Art Henlow Aquatics
- Thurs 16 Jan - Year 11 Parents evening
- Mon 27 Jan - debate @ SWA
- Weds 29 Jan - Year 5/6 parents evening
- Weds 29 Jan - Yr 10/12 Holocaust event @ ETA
- 4th Feb - Year 6 Height & weight measurements
- Weds 5 Feb - Young Voices O2 Arena
- Thurs 6 Feb - Parents evening for years 5/6/7/8/9
- 6 / 7 Feb - Viking day year 5
- Fri 7 Feb - Yr 12/13 Parliament trip
- Tues 11 Feb - Year 6 Duxford trip
- Thurs 13 Feb - Junior valentine disco
- 15-21 Feb - Yr 12 Ski Trip
- Fri 14 Feb - break for half term
- Mon 24 Feb - Back to school staff and pupils

[Click here](#) to view the 2024 / 2025 term dates

# Community Information

At Etonbury the safety and welfare of our students is at the centre of all of what we do. On our Parental Support/Safeguarding page you will find a list of websites and agencies in the local area who provide support services in the local community.

Please remember if you need any further help please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance with any pastoral matters.

We know that being a parent/carer isn't always easy. If you're worried about your child or young person's emotional well being, please find a list of both local and national resources in the Family Information leaflet.



## #togetherwecare

Take a look at our website for information and details of helplines and agencies when you are most in need.

[www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support](http://www.etonbury.org.uk/parents-area/parental/-/student-support)

# Club Information

Full list of extra curricular clubs - [click here](#)

Sign up to clubs via epraise please.

LAMDA - all details on epraise, ETA contact is Mrs Brahmachari-Limb.

P.E. Clubs - please be advised that P.E. clubs change each half term. They will be published the first week back on Facebook and X. Students must sign up via Epraise.

**Sports clubs/extracurricular clubs normally commence second week back.**

**ETA Extra in the study centre will run as normal first week back.**



# General News & Info



## PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET



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## New WINTER MENU



## EXTRACURRICULAR

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## Homework TIMETABLES



## LAMDA

LAMDA centre has now expanded to both a Senior and Junior acting school and we now train 30 students from KS2-5 who are working hard to prepare for their acting exams.

For further info please email Mrs Bramachari-limb



## STUDENT VOICE Performing Arts

The student voice leadership team have already met three times and are planning how they will support their school community 'being the change they want to see in the world'.

This term, they have been active in celebrating Black History Month creating an assembly and collaborated with the art department. As a result of this, our students have created an amazing piece of artwork that will be displayed in school as a lasting celebration for Black History Month.

Please look out for more exciting celebratory pop up exhibitions around the school

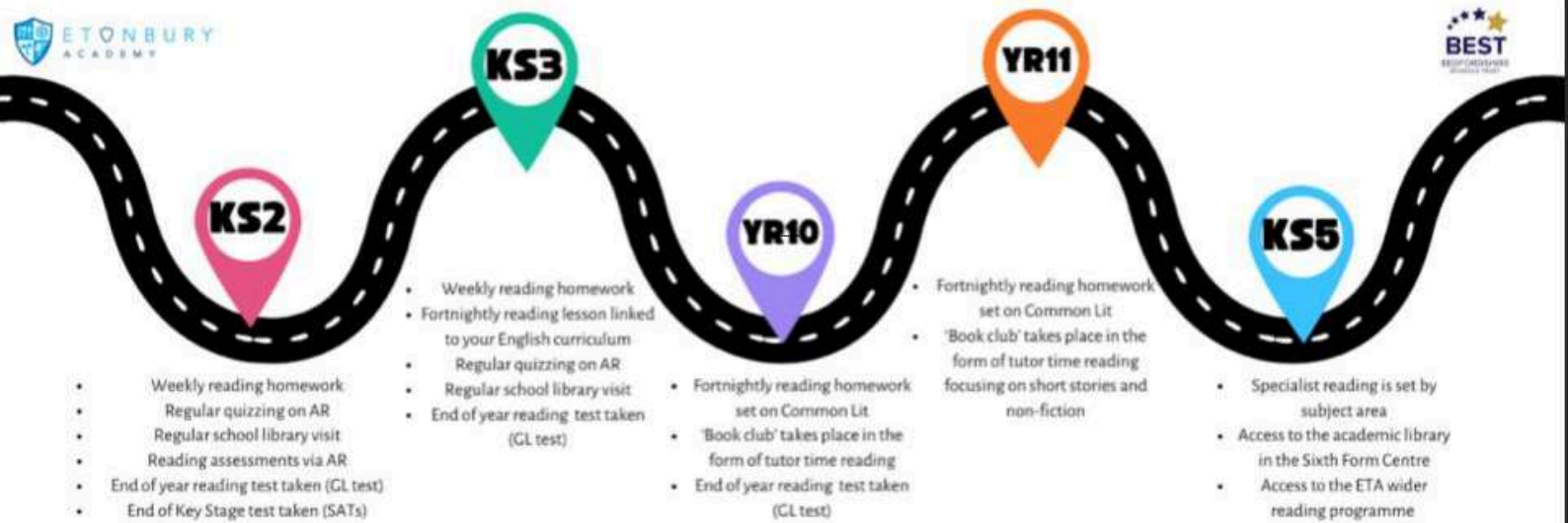
Our Performing Arts program has seen significant success this year, with students performing in professional theatres and productions like Aladdin and Six.

A recent Christmas Production showcased student talents in dance, drama, and music, creating a festive atmosphere. The evening included a mini Christmas market where students sold handmade items. Special thanks to all contributors, especially Mrs. Bramachari-Limb for her coordination.



# ETA'S READING JOURNEY

Access to our extensive library and e-platform audiobook library is given to all students.



Need support? You may be invited to interventions:

**KS2:** Toe by Toe (phonics: reading and spelling)  
Word Wasp (phonics: reading)  
Phonic Books (book level)

**KS3 - 5:** Lexia (phonics)  
Reading Plus (reading comprehension)  
HfL Fluency Project (reading fluency)

# Important Reminders



## Reminder

Please ensure your child/ren arrive at school each day with all their necessary belongings for the day ahead. This includes, a bag, lunch, water bottle, PE kit, homework, glasses, stationery, coat, locker keys and mobile phone where applicable.



We are encouraging the children to be independent and organised and would appreciate full support from home to ensure all items arrive with the children at drop off times in the morning and not via the school office.

## 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.

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 interests of your child.

CONTACT US

## Orange Book Club

The 'Orange Book Club' encourages Juniors to read to an adult at least three times a week. Books are checked weekly, earning students an Orange Stamp for completion; six stamps allow them to join the club on Thursdays and claim a reward book. Since September 2024, over 350 books have been distributed, with some children receiving two books already. The initiative will continue until the school year ends. Donations of suitable reading books for recycling are welcome. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!



## SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

Please [CLICK](#) to view the Sixth Form Admissions [letter](#) and [policy](#) regarding the Sixth Form Admission Arrangements Consultation for Etonbury September 2026.

We intend to commence the 6-week admissions consultation from 12 noon on Tuesday 17th December 2024 and conclude at 12 noon on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

Should you wish to comment on the above please email [admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:admissionsconsultation@bestacademies.org.uk)

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## Attendance Procedures

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the Academy before 8.40am on (01462) 730391 leaving a message with the details or email [eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk) to advise us of the reason for absence and when you expect them to return to school.

If children have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time please communicate this to our Attendance Officer in the same way.

When reporting an absence:

- We require a specific reason or symptom
- Please notify the school daily of any absence
- Medical Appointment cards and records should also be sent by email in advance so we can inform the staff prior to collection.



Thank you for your assistance.

## Drop off & collection

Please can we remind all parents dropping children off to school to do this at the turning circle at the front of school. Pupils can then walk down to the Primary or Secondary gates.

Please also do not park on the zig-zag lines.

Many thanks for your support in with this.



ETA-PE@bestacademies.org.uk

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There will be No PE Clubs the first week of January. The PE Department would like to thank you for your ongoing support this term.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A reminder for any PE related queries and notices to go directly to [eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:eta-pe@bestacademies.org.uk)

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